

THE MORNING SUN

"If It's Right We Are For It." Owned by the People of the State of Florida, Edited by CLAUDE L'ENGLE.

Volume 2
Number 41

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1909.

Five Cents a Copy
30c for the session

HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CROSS-CUTTING OF SALARIES

Remarkable Wave of Economy Strikes the Senate Broadside — Everybody Loses, Nobody Wins.

Strict economy is the slogan, and the fight on the appropriation bill in the Senate is on. Commander-in-chief Johnson is leading the fray with amendments, and small indeed is that office which escapes his sword.

His first amendment was aimed at the Governor's private secretary, who he seemed to think was going to become a bloated bondholder on a salary of \$2,000 a year, and his amendment looks to cutting this down to \$1800. He stated chief clerks in other departments were only getting \$1800, and they were EXPERT bookkeepers. His knowledge of the varied and diverse matters that a private secretary must be "expert" on seems to be meager.

The Secretary of State next received the attention of the Senate, and the chief clerk of that department was cut from \$900 to \$750 a year.

The Comptroller, in the opinion of a majority of the Senate, not only was paying too much for salaries, but had too many clerks. The office of special clerk was dispensed with, and the clerk in the tax redemption department was lowered from \$750 a year to \$600, and the stenographer from \$600 to \$500.

The State Treasurer was not overlooked in the general waive of economy, and his contingent fund was changed from \$500 to \$250.

The salary of the assistant chief clerk in the Superintendent of Public Instruction's office was cut from \$750 to \$600, and in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, the chief clerk was cut from \$900 to \$750.

The State Chemist, who receives a salary of \$2,500 a year was cut, and his traveling expenses were reduced.

The only amendment for an increase of any kind was made by Senator Buckman, providing for the appropriation of \$10,000 for the building of warehouses, barns, stables, rifle range, etc., as per the committee recommendation. This opened the way for a eulogistic speech concerning the Adjutant General by Senator Flournoy, who said there was "no better man in the State of Florida."

Senator Cone told what he knew about encampments, and while he may not have changed many votes, he kept the Senate and gallery in a gale of laughter at his description of the kind of boys that went to encampment.

JOHN P. STOKES

One man called him the young Lochinvar, coming out of the West, mounted on the steed of high enterprise and with the lance of high purpose, couched to ride down the enemies of good government; another called him a youthful prodigy, and by recalling the things he had accomplished at his present age, wondered if he had ever been a child; but, I call him a man—every inch a man—physically, mentally and morally.

It is to John P. Stokes of Escambia County that reference is made, and about whom this writing shall be. He came to the Legislature of 1909 as a member of the House of Representatives from Escambia County. He had al-



JOHN P. STOKES of Escambia,

ready made his mark in Pensacola and had written his name high on the memory shaft erected to point out good work well done by those who recognized worthy deeds. At an age when most young men are cultivating a taste for fancy neckties and are looking carefully to the crease in their trousers, in that period of life that most young men devoted to the solving and making of german figures, and to the listening to the tinkling of the ice in the social glass, this young man started in to do the real work of the world.

Before he came to the Legislature he had been Circuit

[Continued on 4th page.]

THE PRIMARY BILL AWAITS THE SENATE'S FAVORABLE ACTION

The Most Important Bill Now On the Calendar—Shall It Become a Law.

But one day remains for the Senate of the State of Florida to give to the poor people of this State an opportunity to go into primary as candidates for nominations of the Democratic party with something like an equal chance with men who have money of their own, or men who have money of other persons, firms or corporations behind them.

This chance for the poor man lies in the primary bill now before the Senate for its consideration, and this chance should not be withheld from the poor people of this State.

This is the most important bill on the Senate calendar. Most of the bills on this calendar must die there for want of time to consider them.

There is time to save the life of this bill, and Senators would be doing a conspicuous act of public service if they would pass this bill.

It is so general in its nature that it affects every person of this State—the nearest approach to a free, uninfluenced and uncontrolled expression of the people's will, the only way that the will of the people can be expressed, by purifying the ballot.

The first object, the last object, the ONLY object of this bill is to purify the ballot. It provides for the publication of campaign expenses; it penalizes crimes against the ballot, and prohibits, with proper penalties, corrupt practices in primary elections.

It is the last opportunity that the Senate will have to answer a demand for an improvement of the primary law that is State-wide and almost universal. For this reason the Senate could do no act that would meet with so universal and enthusiastic response of approval from the public as passing of this bill.

The House has done its duty; it is now up to Senate to perform its duty for the general good of all the people.

The primary bill should become a law.

Wigwag (trying to think of insomnia)—When you haven't been able to sleep for about a week what do you call it?

Youngpop—What is it, a boy or girl?—Philadelphia Record.

IF YOU WANT IT, ORDER IT TODAY ONLY FIFTY COMPLETE FILES

COMPLETE FILE of the SUN for THREE DOLLARS
LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1909

TRUTH unvarnished, told in plain words, fearlessly, without trimmings

Editorial expressions, untainted by the impress of the dollar-mark

Reliable record of work, good and bad, that ate into the time of the session of 1909

Only Fifty Complete Files - Order Yours Now