The people who make this a sovereign State and who voluntarily give part of their substance for its support are entitled to more than a biennial thank you or two about their thrift.

They should have men thinking about them ALL THE TIME, men who are PAID TO THINK, and to do nothing else but that.

A Board of Thinkers is needed in Florida, in order that its people shall have the best there is in governmental policy, made perfect by the wisest laws, constitutionally administered.

Let us have a Board of Thinkers, and let us pay them well.

As a suggestion I offer—

Former Governors as a Board of Thinkers, with commensurate salary.

It’s Different Among Friends.

In a three line paragraph the Times-Union asks if Broward is traveling on railroad passes, or is using the money belonging to the L. I. Fund.

This paper does not ask this for information, because it can get the facts about the passes direct from headquarters by asking its owners, the three principal railway systems in this State, and a demand on the secretary of the L. I. Board would bring forth an itemized statement of the expenditures.

The Times-Union asks the question because it seeks to poach the minds of the people against the present Governor, by raising a suspicion about his integrity.

Such questions as this are not only libellous, but scandalous and cowardly in the extreme, in that they assume the guile of safeguarding the public, to conceal the venom they carry.

This question reminds me of another one that was asked by a New York newspaper during the American-Spanish war, which met with the scornful rebuke it deserved.

I remember how the just indignation of all decent people was directed against the New York Journal which printed the question, “Did The Senator Steal The Bacon?”

I remember also how the Times-Union emptied the vials of its wrath on the head of the conscientious Holland whose lying affidavit for which he recited his thirty pieces of silver, was a fool’s answer on the character of one of our honest public servants holding a high and honorable position of trust.

And, then I remember that the Times-Union asked that question about the Governor, and remembering all things about the Times-Union, I wonder how long the people will stand it, how many people believe it, how many respect it.

“We,” the editor of the Live Oak Democrat, in an editorial—In style sneaking of Huston Baker Bonnie—takes to task the editor of the Madison New Enterprise by the presentation of his brother editor to the public as a member of the “obfuscated class.”

This because the editor of the New Enterprise “frankly says that the more he reads about the drainage scheme the less he knows about it,” and the Democrat editorial then facetiously calls for “light, more light!”

That is the point “LIGHT.”

Let the editor get light or let him get out.

The editor who is “obfuscated” on a question that interests the common people has no business in the editorial chair or at the editorial desk or at the end of the editorial pencil.

Let the publication have some one honest who does know facts, conditions and situations, especially on a question of great importance to the people, whether it be relative to good roads, drainage of the Everglades or any other subject.

The editor must not only practically know about things that interest the people generally, but he must hunt up and study them so as to give his readers correct and thorough information.

I hope the “obfuscated” class of editors in Florida will grow less.