

YARNELL'S BACK FROM CALIFORNIA TALKS OF CONDITIONS IN STATE

Irvin A. Yarnell of Lake Wales, who has just returned from an extended trip to California, where he went to observe effects of the recent freeze there, believes that Florida citrus production will receive a large impetus because of the smaller California crops of the future.

In Mr. Yarnell's opinion the freeze has been a real calamity to California and will greatly decrease the size of the citrus industry in that state. In holding and expanding the position of Mr. Yarnell is not knocking California in order to boost Florida, as he believes that California will profit greatly by what now seems to be a calamity, for it will turn the attention of the California growers into other channels and result in building up new and even more important industries, just as the "big freeze" in 1891 in Florida resulted in the creation of the trucking industry in this state.

"I saw eight, ten or twelve-year-old groves frozen to the roots," said Mr. Yarnell. "There was a temperature of 30 degrees for five days and it hit the trees right in the heart. In a while there would be a grove which, for some unexplainable reason, did not seem to be hurt, but all sections were struck. None that I know of escaped and there were few groves that were not harmed so far as I could see and hear."

"Grove owners and men of standing and information in the citrus business are talking about a loss of 40 per cent and in my judgment it is likely to run more than that. Many owners, discouraged at what they deem to be a knockout blow, will sell their property at almost any price, and there is a great deal of interest in Florida groves. I found a great many people who were looking about for something else to go into, feeling that the cold weather was likely to come again and that there was no use of staying in the citrus game. Many will turn to black walnuts, raisins, prunes and other things; why shouldn't they, when they are holding three-year-old black walnut groves at \$5,000 an acre?"

"I do not set up as a prophet, but I predict that the number of people who will get out of the citrus industry and into other things—their course determined by the belief that this freeze is to be but one of many—will be such as to be a serious factor in the citrus industry in that state, and, of course, it must be a great factor in the growth of the industry in Florida."

Japanese Current Deflected
"Why do many believe that this freeze will be but one of many? You know that California's climate has been tempered by the Japanese current, just as Florida's has been tempered by the Gulf stream. Well, there is a strong opinion that the great earthquake, by shaking reefs or bars in the ocean bed, has deflected the Japanese current off shore. As for myself, I know nothing at all about the scientific end of this and express no opinion about that. It may or it may not be true—I do not know. I do know, however, that the opinion is very widely held and that a great many people believe it is the reason they have had this past cold and will have recurrences in the future. It is the reason they are getting out of the citrus game, believing that in their situation it is too much of an uncertainty."

"As to climate, I have always felt that Florida had it on anything California has to show me. My experience this trip confirms me in that idea. We found overcoats and wraps mighty comfortable every day we were there. In my opinion the Florida climate is far ahead of the California brand."

"On one or two days when we were told that it was 'wonderfully fine weather,' our own private reaction was that we'd think such days mighty chilly in the course of a Florida winter and wouldn't be disposed to brag of them at all."

"However, I don't want to seem to be knocking California. It has many things Florida does not possess. If it should prove that the citrus industry has had a serious blow there are many other things to which the growers can turn their attention and even with greater profit. There is the wonderful mountain scenery. There is the great tourist industry, there is the wonderful tourist crop and last, but by no means least, there is the wonderful spirit of the people."

"Though I believe with all my heart that nature has done more for Florida than it has for California, yet man, in California, has done infinitely more than man has done in Florida. Our best developments are as nothing compared with what has been done there. Civic spirit with us simply does not exist, as compared with the way the sons of the Golden West exemplify it. A look at the way they have beautified their state makes us ashamed of the little we have done here in comparison with the opportunities we have had. We have a tremendous work to do before we can measure up with California."

"However, our natural resources are here. We have the land, the climate, all the natural surroundings to make this the finest citrus spot in the world, right here on the Ridge. After seeing California I am convinced that any man who sells raw land suitable for citrus culture on the Ridge for less than \$500 an acre, is making a present of the difference to the man he deals with."

"We must develop teamwork to take full advantage of our opportunities, but we have the location. Of that I have never felt sure."

"I am thoroughly convinced that something must be started in a large way through some well organized effort before we can hope or expect to compete successfully with Southern California in a civic way."

"WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER"

A very interesting program has been arranged for those who will attend the gospel tent meetings next week at Avon Park. Sunday night Mr. Walker will speak on "Why I Believe the Second Coming of Christ Will Take Place in This Generation." Beginning Monday night there will

be three lectures on the subjects of Hell and Death as follows: Monday night—"What Comes the Next Minute After Death? It is Either Hell, Heaven or Sleep. Which Is It?"

Wednesday night—"When Hell Freezes Over."

Thursday night—"Can the Dead Talk to the Living?"

Friday night—"The Mystery 666 Man." Rev. 13:18.

Friday night of this week "The Harmony and Unity of Law and Grace" will be considered.

WOODROW WILSON'S OPINION OF JOHN WESLEY

"The church was dead and Wesley awakened it; the future neglected, and Wesley sought men out; the gospel was shrunken into formalism, and Wesley flung it fresh upon the air once more in the speech of common men; the air was stagnant and fetid, he cleared and purified it by speaking always and everywhere the word of God, and men's spirits responded. Wesley's language, and were made wholesome as they comprehended it. It was a voice for which they had waited, though they knew it not. It would not have been heard had it come tardily. It was the voice of the century's longing heard in the mouth of this one man more perfectly, more potently, than in the mouths of any other—and this man a master of other men, a leader in the church, a man whose hand he found them in the practical means of salvation."

And so everything that made for the regeneration of the century seemed to link itself with Methodism. The great impulse of humane feeling which marked the closing years of the century seemed in no small measure to spring from the reform of prisons; the agitation for the abolition of slavery; the establishment of missionary societies and Bible societies; the introduction into life, and even into life of pity for the poor; the impulse of humane feeling for the noble philanthropies and reforms which brighten the annals of the nineteenth century had their birth in the eighteenth. Wesley had carried Christianity to the masses of the people, had renewed the mission of Christ himself, and all things began to take color from what he had done. Men to whom Methodism meant nothing, yet, in fact, followed this man to whom Methodism owed its establishment."

No doubt he played no small part in saving England from the madness which fell upon France ere the century ended.—Our Young People.

A SERMON

A bright-eyed shabby little fellow was making his way through a crowded car, offering his papers in every direction, in a way that showed him well used to the business and of a temperament not easily daunted.

The car started while he was making change, and the conductor, passing him, laughed.

"You'll have to run to Fourteenth street."

"Don't care," laughed Joe, in return. "I can sell all the way back again."

A white-haired old gentleman seemed interested in the boy, and questioned him concerning his way of living and his earnings. There was a younger brother to be supported, it appeared. "Jimmy was lame, and couldn't earn much himself."

"Ah, I see. That makes it hard; you could do better alone."

The shabby little figure was erect in a moment and the denial was prompt and somewhat dignified.

"No, I couldn't! Jim's somebody go home to, he's got a lot of help. What would be the good of having luck if nobody was glad. Or of getting things if there was nobody to divide it with?"

"Fourteenth street!" called the conductor, and as the news boy jumped out into the gathering dusk, the old gentleman, remarked to nobody in particular: "I've heard many a poorer sermon than that."—Forward Magazine.

STATE DIVISION SEEMS THE ONLY SOLUTION

[Tampa Times]

The state of Florida is in that unpleasant condition which we describe in speaking of animals as "hide-bound." It is trying to operate under an archaic constitution, adopted nearly fifty years ago, which might have been well enough at that time but which has been long since outgrown, and now is an insufferable hindrance to progress. It serves as

a shield behind which the non-productive element can hide when it suits their purpose, or which they can ignore when it does not. It judges the power in the northern counties, which were about all there was of Florida at the time, and by a series of castron restrictions made it possible for them to hold it indefinitely, against the protests of the younger and more progressive counties. The legislators whom they send up to Tallahassee have persistently ignored the plain mandate of the constitution in the matter of reapportionment, and in doing so have violated and violated their oaths of office. What is the constitution to them when it stands in their way? Merely a "scrap of paper," as their actions plainly show. It may be useful at times to block the wheels of progress, and at such times they have a very tender regard for it.

They stick to an antiquated system of taxation, discarding the experience of older and more advanced states, as well as the teachings of those who have made a life-long study of the subject. Their main ambition seems to be to get hold of more than their due portion of the taxes raised by the whole state for the expenditure of their own counties. It has been said that 70 per cent of the money raised by taxation comes from the northern counties, while only 5 per cent is expended there. The rank injustice of such a situation never seems to appeal to the citizens of the northern counties. Their motto is to get all they can, and keep all they get.

They have plodded along through their sand roads for years rather than bond themselves for better ones, but now they are hankering after more than their proportion of state and federal aid. They have secured the majority of the state institutions, including the state capital, and propose to hold them as long as possible, and all indications seem to be that it will be a long time before their grip can be loosened. The state presents the anomalous spectacle of its most progressive element working down and hooked by its non-progressives, by people who hate progress as the devil hates holy water. How long shall this state of things be allowed to continue? How long shall South Florida be obliged to beg for its rights, only to be greeted with a contemptuous refusal? Better a separation, much as we would dislike to see it, than a longer continuance of the present deplorable situation.

Try Him With Hash

Mrs. Jones was entertaining some of her son's little friends. "Willie," she said, addressing a six-year-old who was enjoying a plate of cold beef, "are you sure you can cut your own meat?"

The child, who was making desperate efforts with his knife and fork, replied: "Yes, thanks. I've often had it as tough as this at home."—The Christian Evangelist.

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REV. MR. TAYLOR AND THE PRESS

Humorously stated, Rev. John A. Taylor's attack on the state press Saturday night at Avon Park is simply a case of another "good man gone wrong." That he should have felt the need of dealing with the newspapers in such a manner, simply because of what we believe is an honest difference of opinion, is to be regretted, but unfortunately for him, in most cases it will be resented as well. Personally, we were respectful at first, but after more serious consideration we have attributed the unwarranted reflections upon the profession as being simply outbursts of the exaggerated oratory of which Rev. Mr. Taylor is eminently capable at times, and we are willing to let it go at that.

The people listening to Rev. Mr. Taylor Saturday night did not take the accusations as seriously as we do not expect them to. The news is conceded to be one of the most important in the state and it will take more than Phillips' classics of the sort handed down by him to cast any reflections upon its integrity in the minds of the people. They are aware of the fact that over 200 newspapers were working overtime for the best interests of the state long before he came to Florida, and we really believe that Rev. Mr. Taylor himself would be as resentful as the mass of the people if he had the attack proceeded from his opponent instead of himself, in regard to any other matter.

We do not care to attack Rev. Taylor's sincerity at all. In fact we believe that his object was to be conscientiously taken. Some of his objections, to our mind, are neither logical nor well taken, but that is largely a matter of personal opinion. That he is temperamentally disposed to see what he considers wrong in an exaggerated light is to say the least a personal infirmity and one which is likely to clarify him in the minds of the voters as to much of an extremist.

We shall give the bills as much publicity as possible between now and election time, and we do not think that they should be made a campaign issue. Rev. Mr. Taylor seems determined that this should be, and there is no one to gain him the privilege of carrying out that determination. If the people are reading the provisions of the bills carefully, believe them to be for or against the best interests of the state, large, they may or may not agree with him that they should be made an issue. We do not care to volunteer any advice as to how their votes should be cast in this matter.

Personally, we have had our "say" for this time in regard to the attack on the press and we believe that future utterances will be along the dignified lines of an honest difference with one of Florida's institutions should be. In that event, we shall not have occasion to censure him in the least, for we are the sons of an honest opinion. To be sure, such accusations as "reactionaries," "backsliders," "traitors," "would-be leaders of the state treasury," are fine and good to send, but for this time at least we shall assume the attitude of the little boy kicked by the donkey—we shall simply consider the source.

A MISREPRESENTATION

In the last issue of the Sebring White Way, both Dr. E. J. Etheridge, democratic nominee for senator from this district, and Rev. John A. Taylor, candidate for legislature, were quoted as being in favor of the bills sponsored by the state press that are to come up for passage or rejection at the next session of the state legislature. In the issue headed "Sebring's Senator and Representatives O. K.," Dr. Etheridge is declared to be in favor of the bills with a slight comment on one of them, while Rev. Taylor is quoted as being "heartily in favor of them both just as they stand."

To those who know both men, the article appeared not only absurd, but perfectly ridiculous, and in the opinion of those who listened to Rev. Mr. Taylor's attack on the state press Saturday night, somebody has simply lied. Dr. Etheridge, on the other hand, does commit himself to a definite favor of the bills with "mental reservations," but in view of boasts made by certain of his friends, it is not the honor of having defeated practically the same measures at the last session of the legislature. Both gentlemen are likely to cut some figure at the next session. Dr. Etheridge has stated since the article was published, however, that his action at the coming session of the legislature will be largely governed by what the people decide on the bills between now and that time.

Not only was the article itself misleading, but the very heading must have been obnoxious to the gentlemen quoted. Since when has Sebring been given the privilege of naming a senator and representative? Both gentlemen have publicly declared their intention to serve the people of the sections they represent and for a Sebring newspaper to refer to them in a denigrated way as being the property of this particular municipality is bad taste, at least, and also a challenge to the rest of the towns and villages to support their own particular candidates.

The Messenger has no quarrel to pick with candidates who are opposed to measures advocated by the organization of which it is a member as long as they are candidly and conscientiously

disagreeing with us will be shown every consideration that they can give. But we do not intend to mislead the other papers of the state into thinking that the particular candidates are in favor of the measures when in fact they are not. We want it understood that we do not yield to the White Way in our treatment of these bills. Dr. Etheridge or Rev. Taylor, and we have received at least the same amount of abuse from both candidates for our support as has our own organization. We regret that they cannot support the bills in their entirety, and we gladly commend both gentlemen to the state press as being men of unshakable integrity and ability. But we do not think that either cares for the misleading publicity that the White Way seeks unscrupulously to gain for them.

GILCHRIST VS. TRANMELL

That Albert W. Gilchrist and Park Trammell, candidates for the United States senate, cannot meet in joint debate in this county is very unfortunate in our opinion, for all the parties concerned. Of the two candidates, however, Mr. Trammell will probably be the loser, in this particular county, even though the entire electorate by voting for Mr. Gilchrist could not vote for Florida's senator, that he is certain to receive elsewhere in the state.

In view of the many arguments being advanced by local men of both prominence and esteem, in behalf of Mr. Gilchrist, it is with reluctance that we would say anything against the man who is attempting to unseat Senator Trammell. The two men met in joint debate here, we believe that it would have been unnecessary for us to have done so, further than we have already. Mr. Gilchrist probably realizes that fact as well as we do, and it is obvious that he thinks his interests safer in the hands of his lieutenants than they would be were he to make a personal appearance on a Highlands county platform.

Of course, there are reasons, apparently of sentiment, why Highlands county should vote for Mr. Gilchrist. His supporters are going over town admitting them. They point out the fact that he is a native of this county, that he has been a resident here since he made possible the separation of Highlands county from the old DeSoto county, and that he has been a resident here since he made possible the separation of Highlands county from the old DeSoto county, and that he has been a resident here since he made possible the separation of Highlands county from the old DeSoto county.

At any rate, it seems that they are centered there. And it might be stated that his entire holdings in Florida are far less than the property that he has devoted his time to developing in the state of Georgia. But country so important as to believe that Mr. Gilchrist's property in Charlotte county divided into two parts, a particular motive of love or self-interest, is a matter of conjecture. Was it not to his financial interests to have a new county and a county seat to establish his property? Had that been Mr. Gilchrist's sole motive in striving for county division, the voters of Highlands county might by some flight of imagination consider themselves indebted to him, for county division was actually accomplished and Mr. Gilchrist's friends were modestly proud that he accomplished it, even though it was for his own interests. But a striking revelation of Mr. Gilchrist's actual character is being brought to light by others who claim that his efforts in behalf of county division were inspired by a personal desire to gain certain persons and interests at Arcadia, the county seat of old DeSoto. Certainly a man who would allow himself to be prompted by any such motives as are a disgrace to him in regard to this would make anything but an ideal United States senator, representing the state at large. But we will say all that up.

In Mr. Gilchrist's published statement he declares that "no Mall's Food senator can claim a second term who defeated an able senator for a second term." It is evident that he would have us entirely forget the fact that he himself was in the race attempting to become a senator. In fact, Mr. Gilchrist seems rather reticent about the details of that particular campaign, inasmuch as he himself is concerned. Had he stayed out of that race and campaigned for that able senator, it is barely possible that Mr. Trammell's majority would not have been so overwhelming. But even at that, of Mr. Gilchrist's votes, together with those of Mr. Trammell, would have been insufficient to have defeated Mr. Trammell. We do not remember exactly how Mr. Trammell was defeated, but we do recall that Mr. Gilchrist's showing was pitifully small.

Mr. Gilchrist modestly declares that he made good as governor and with records abundantly add that he will make good as senator. Perhaps he might, had he any show of being elected. We even grant that he would make as good a senator as he did governor. History oftentimes repeats itself in the old saying goes. But even granting that Mr. Gilchrist did make us a good governor, he cannot commensurately speak of Mr. Trammell's record in the same office in any other light. If the people themselves were competent judges between the two, the election returns in 1916, if taken by Mr. Gilchrist to indicate his past services as positive "good" might be aptly constructed to classify Mr. Trammell's superlatively best. At any rate the people liked

Mr. Trammell at the time better than they did Mr. Gilchrist, and the latter is bound to find out that their affections have not been alienated.

There are several statements in Mr. Gilchrist's statement of late that indicate him as hedging on a number of national issues, but the one issue that he is strangely quiet on is that of prohibition. His supporters claim that this is no longer an issue. Such claims, however, do not take very well in this particular county. Mr. Gilchrist is remembered as one of the most powerful antagonists of statewide prohibition that Florida ever had. He used the then prevalent "gag" of personal liberty being best represented by "local option." Just how he stands at the present time in regard to national prohibition, we are not informed, but so far we have heard of no intimation coming from him to the effect that he is willing to pledge himself after the constitutionally clean lines of Mr. Trammell, viz., that Trammell voted for and was heartily in favor of the eighteenth amendment and is strong for the enforcement of its provisions, further that he is as strong as any measure that would nullify its workings or increase the alcoholic content of light beverages.

Perhaps, as the Gilchrist men are saying, Mr. Trammell is not a native of this county, and it is obvious that he has been on the job at all times, and while he is as good as a native, he has attracted a great amount of attention by reason of superior statesmanship, neither has he attracted any notoriety on account of inferior or radical policies. Senators do not attract national prominence overnight, and a senator's influence grows with his successful accomplishment of routine committee work.

As we see it, the voters of Highlands county will make a serious mistake if they give Mr. Gilchrist even a complimentary vote. Not that the vote will hurt Mr. Trammell's chances of winning, for it won't. But we do dislike to see a faithful public servant like Park Trammell, stirred up by our own county for a man of such inferior ability and unworthy motives as Albert W. Gilchrist.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Tampa Tribune of last Sunday carried an announcement to the effect that Gilbert E. Freeman, news editor of that paper, had purchased a controlling interest from George W. Adams in the Avon Park Printing Company, publisher of both the Highlands County Pilot and the Highlands County Messenger. It was stated in the announcement that Mr. Freeman would assume charge of the Pilot immediately, while the Messenger would remain under the control of the present editor.

It has been our privilege to know Mr. Freeman intimately for a number of years and we can assure the people of Avon Park and the entire county that they will find him an invaluable asset to the community. A paper man he has good equals in the state. It was our good fortune to be acquainted with him when he was in the employ of the Tribune, and we secured no small part of our continuing interest in the struggling young "cul," that we then were. We look forward to his coming to Highlands county with a large degree of pleasure, and we warmly welcome him as a new member in the best section of the community.

NO MORE WORK

"A laborless world, in which electricity and machinery will be combined to do every conceivable kind of work except thinking, looks as if it is not far off. The household of the future may sit at her secretary and press a few buttons, thus letting electricity do her work, and thus solving the servant problem. The man in the office and the factory probably will be indirectly reaping the fruits of a laborless world. Strides will be made in transportation and in communication of which the wisest of us 'little dream'." This is the prophesy of Charles P. Steinmetz, the celebrated electrician. It sounds fine, and to those who have seen the evolution of the laundry process from the tub in the backyard to the plumbed-in electric machine which washes and dries and requires a pair of hands only for the closing of clamps, the throwing of clothes and the removal of clothing to the electric iron or mangle, it seems not at all far-fetched. The distance from the day when the New England housewife baked her beans on Saturday because she had to keep her oven going all that day anyhow for bread and pies and cakes, to the present day when she bakes beans the day of her bridge club, because she can set the thermostat and go to work leaving the burners to turn themselves off and the beans to cook themselves, is a long one. The back-breaking drudgery of the old, but it

requires far more brain work. The finer the machinery, the more care it takes, the greater the delicacy of operation. The gain is great. The hours required are fewer and more interesting. The new processes leave more time for mental development, for enjoying the life of the home and of the outdoor world.

Dr. Steinmetz's "laborless world" will not be a idle wish. It will be one in which mental work takes the place of physical to a large extent, and growth of mind and vigor will count in the long run of the race.—Tampa Tribune.

Saloniki City of Refugees
It is said that more refugees have gathered in Saloniki, the Greek city at the head of the gulf of the same name, than in any other city of the world. Approachable by water from several countries which have been in a constant state of upheaval since the beginning of the war it has received 40,000 Greeks, 20,000 Russians and large numbers from Armenia, Caucasus and other oppressed lands. Normally a city of 100,000, its population has been more than doubled, and the laborable conditions have resulted. A fire in 1917 left no hotels and almost nothing of the sewer and water systems. The refugees have to live in tents and huts, and most of them get little more than black bread and thin soup in spite of the best efforts of the American Red Cross, which has saved thousands from starvation. Yet the port has become the busiest one in the east, and while there are many poor there are also many rich.

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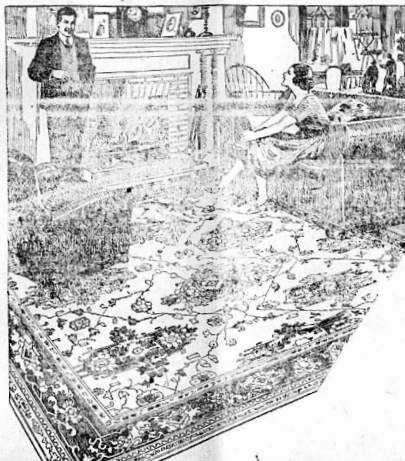
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Miss Thelma Irvin, attractive Sebring girl whose photograph has been entered in the Tampa Times "Beauty Contest." In the opinion of her friends here, she is certainly a winner.

All the Sebring young folks will be coming home from school soon.

Mrs. A. P. Butts returned Sunday night from a week-end visit to her mother in Bartow.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brier have been spending the past week visiting in Miami and other places of interest on the East Coast.

E. L. Greene and P. J. Rippberger spent last Sunday in Kico, visiting the Horseshoe Ranch there.

Miss Vesta Lee returned Tuesday to her home in Winter Haven after a week's visit in Sebring with her sister, Mrs. F. T. Hopkins.

Das Banahan left for Chicago Tuesday morning, called there by urgent business. It is expected that his stay will be a short one.

Mrs. A. R. McDermis and children left Sebring Tuesday for Taylorsville, Ga., their former home, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Mary Moody of Riverview was the attractive guest of Miss Orell McLeod during a part of the past week. Miss Moody returned to her home Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Manley has as her guests of the summer her twin nieces, Larrist and Sarah Cox of Gadsden, Ala. The girls arrived last Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Manley met them in Haines City.

William Stump and grandson, James Stump, of Romney, W. Va., Wednesday, where they were joined in Sebring, stopping at the Arrowhead hotel. Mr. Stump has business interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Sebring and daughter Leila drove to Plant City Wednesday, where they were joined to Tampa for a few days. Junior has by H. O. Sebring, Jr., and went on past completed his first year's work at the university at Gainesville and will enjoy a short vacation here before going north for the summer.

Louis Catagni, John Catagni, Eugene Sebring and J. Hill left in the Catagni Ford for Roanoke, Va., last Tuesday. All expect to spend the summer there and return to Sebring in the fall.

Mrs. Hart and her granddaughters, Faith and Hattie Catagni, left Sebring Saturday evening for Richmond, Va., where they will visit relatives for a while before returning to their home in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Dobbe and Mrs. Rohde's mother, Mrs. Ludwig, left Monday for Germany, where they will spend the summer. They spent all of last summer in Europe, but business and friends called them again.

Miss Leila Welch, beauty specialist, representing the United Drug Company of Boston, spent the past week in Sebring, stopping at the Arrowhead hotel. She visited many homes in Sebring, giving facial massages and talks on the care of the skin.

Mrs. John P. Hyman, with her two sons, Fulton and Tom, left Sebring Friday after a week's visit here with her sister, Mrs. A. P. Butts. Mrs. Butts and little daughter accompanied them to Bartow, where Mrs. Butts spent a few days with her mother.

Dr. E. B. Quick of Atlanta arrived in Sebring Wednesday and stayed until Thursday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rogers. This was his first visit to Sebring and he expressed his pleasure in all that he saw and did here and hoped for an opportunity to return.

Mrs. J. P. Harbaugh and daughter Catherine returned Saturday from Hartsville, S. C., where they have been for the past nine months. They brought with them a little niece who will spend the summer here. Miss Elizabeth Harbaugh remained in Hartsville to take the summer term in the school she has been attending. Mr. Harbaugh and W. I. Scott drove to Haines City last Saturday to meet the newcomers.

Among the visitors in town last Thursday night at the Eastern Star meeting were the following: from Arvon Park, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rock, Mr. and Mrs. O. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Gutteridge and daughter, Miss Myrtle Jack, Miss Annie Ginn, Miss Mrs. Henry Stetson, Mrs. T. H. Landers, Mrs. McKee Ewell, Mrs. Stobina, Miss T. Anderson and Mrs. G. W. Adams.

Miss Mary Patrick, who has been in Sebring since last September, will leave next Thursday for St. Louis, where she will visit relatives for a few weeks before going on to Chicago. There she will enter the American Conservatory of Music to continue her study of public school music and vicariously Mrs. Patrick has done very good work in the Sebring school in her teaching of the rudiments of music and has left an impression that will long remain. She is a most talented young woman and with her desire to study and her ability to work a successful future can be readily prophesied for her. Since the close of school Miss Patrick has been assisting in the Highlands Bank and has shown herself most proficient there.

Mrs. William Mitchell and daughter, Stella left Sunday for Mrs. Mitchell's former home in Princeton, Ky. Mrs. Mitchell has been ill for many weeks and it is hoped that the change will be of benefit to her health. Mr. Mitchell went as far as Haines City with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Amy, Mrs. Wilcox and Miss Charlotte, arrived drove to Winter Park Monday to attend a recital given by the music department of Rollins College. Miss Ruth Amy took part in the program and she was the attraction for the Sebring visitors. Miss Amy is very talented and this opportunity to hear her was a most enjoyable one.

STATE PRESS WILL BACK TWO BILLS AT NEXT LEGISLATURE

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ally paid for by bona fide subscribers; and

(c) That such newspaper is not primarily published as the particular organ of any limited society, class, association or organization, either by designation or otherwise. And such petition shall also contain a prayer that the newspaper herein mentioned be designated by an order of the court as an official newspaper under the act.

Section 4. On the date of the filing of such petition a true copy thereof shall be posted at the court house door, and if within ten days any person shall file in writing in said clerk's office, a traverse or denial of any of the substantial allegations of such petition, the judge of such circuit court shall, at such time and place as he may in his order designate, hear or cause to be heard the parties to the traverse or denial, and the burden of proof shall be on the petitioner. If the allegation so traversed or denied be not proven to be true, the judge shall enter his order denying the prayer of the petition.

Section 5. After the expiration of the ten-day period above mentioned, when no traverse or denial is filed, or, in the event of a traverse or denial, after the matters in issue have been determined in favor of petitioner, the judge shall enter his order, which shall be recorded in the circuit court minute book, granting the prayer of the petition and designating such newspaper by name as an official newspaper for the publication of all legal advertisements and notices.

Section 6. At any time, not less than six months after the granting of the prayer of such petition, any person may in writing file in the clerk's office, a traverse or denial of the qualifications mentioned above in Section 5, and thereupon such traverse or denial shall be tried in the manner above provided for in Section 4, and the judge shall enter such order, either continuing the designation of such newspaper as official or revoking and discontinuing such designation, as the evidence may justify.

Section 7. An appeal, within thirty days, shall lie to the supreme court from the order of the circuit court of either the petitioner or the person filing the traverse or denial, from any order entered under the provisions of this act.

Section 8. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to invalidate any legal publication, advertisement

or notice in any newspaper during any period of its designation as official, but all publications in such newspapers during such period shall in all respects be deemed and taken as good and effectual, although on subsequent contest under Section 5, or on appeal the designation of such newspaper as official may be revoked.

Section 9. The publisher of any such official newspaper publishing any official notice or legal advertisement or notice shall not charge more than \$1.00 per inch for the first insertion, and 50 cents per inch for each subsequent insertion in single column; non-pariel type; and when any official notice or legal advertisement or notice is received by law to be published more than two months the charge shall not exceed one-half of the above rates for all the excess of time, above two months, of said publication.

Section 10. Sections 2242, 2243 and 2244 of the revised general statutes of Florida, and all other laws in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This act shall take effect thirty days after its passage and approval by the governor, but it shall be lawful for petitions to be filed and orders to be entered hereunder at any time after this act is passed and approved by the governor.

Taylor's Statement

Rev. John A. Taylor, who attacked the bills along with the press Saturday night, has given the Messenger the following statement for publication:

"Sebring, Fla., May 25, 1922. To the Editor Highlands County Messenger.

"Dear Mr. McLeod: You request me to state exactly my objection to the proposed publicity bill, which you say, you intend to publish in this issue. For identification I shall refer to the bills as No. 1 and No. 2.

"I am heartily in favor of sections

1 and 2 of bill No. 1. I should amend section 3, as to read as follows: Section 3. 'Within ten days after the first day of each month each board mentioned in section 1 of this act, shall cause to be published by posting at public places in the county or district which is served by such board, by mailing to any taxpayer requesting it within the county or district which is served by such board, or by publishing in a newspaper published in the county or district which is served by such board, a full, complete and correct copy of the record of the disbursement of funds by the said board during the preceding month.'

"The undersigned would constitute the amendment. Section 4 of this bill should be written to conform to section 3, as amended.

"Bill No. 2, whether so designed or not, would create a complete monopoly of the public press business in the state of Florida, and is a measure of restraint of trade, and as such is repugnant to democratic principles. It should not be enacted.

"Thanking you for the space allowed me in an expression of my views in your paper, I am

"Yours truly,
"JOHN A. TAYLOR."

Etheredge's Statement

Following is a letter from Dr. E. J. Etheredge, democratic nominee for state senator from this district, regarding the press publicity bills:

DeSoto City, May 22, 1922.
Editor The Messenger.

Sebring, Fla.
Dear Sir: I have your favor dated the 11th instant, enclosing a copy of two proposed bills, known as "Publicity for Funds Paid Out by Tax-Expenditure Bodies in Florida," and a bill to define a legal newspaper, as prepared by the Florida State Press Association, together with the Associated Dailies of Florida.

I understand that I have been

quoted as being in favor of those two proposed bills, also have been quoted as being opposed to them.

I am not responsible for what other parties might say my position is in the matter, but since these rumors have gone the rounds, I feel it just to myself and the public in general that I should make my position clear, and I take this opportunity and will thank you to publish this letter in your valuable paper.

First I would state that I am highly in favor of some of the provisions in said bills, but I must reserve the right for some actual considerations.

What these reservations will be will be determined after giving the bills a close study, for it shall be my purpose to legislate for the good of the entire state, regardless of party or of the narrow lines of a single district. It is my desire that the public interest be served in every respect, but in doing so I feel that conservative as well as economic methods should be considered first and this is what I propose to do when I consider these bills.

I will state further that since these bills were gotten up by the Florida press, and in that the public is greatly concerned that these bills should have been given publicity through the newspapers of the state, so that the general public might know what is contemplated at the next session of the legislature, and thereby giving the taxpayers an opportunity to either approve or reject said bills.

I trust that you and the other papers of the twenty-seventh senatorial district will publish these bills and ask the people to study the same so that they will be able to discuss them more intelligently, for my final vote will be governed greatly by what I feel the people most desire in this district.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) E. J. ETHEREDGE.

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If the community would condemn itself for intolerance, a scandal-mongering and a baseless charge, it would be more to the point. Strange that a minister of the gospel, with his years of experience, could not realize that those who condemned him without evidence were out of their own minds; that when people believe evil without proof, it is because under similar circumstances they would themselves have been evil—Tampa Times.

One hundred million dollars a year is spent by the people of the United States for buttons made in this country. Would it this \$10,000,000 worth were sold abroad since the beginning of the war.

Another thing Conan Doyle has failed to tell the people is whether there are political campaigns in the spirit world.—Indianapolis News.

Clug ye not and ye'll not be jugged.—Wayside Tales.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Judge of Highlands County as Administrator of the estate of J. H. Lopp, deceased. All creditors of said estate, legatees or distributees, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to send their claims to said administrator within two years from the date hereof. L. H. LOPP, Administrator.

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Federal financial assistance to aid Florida farmers; a freight rate reduction of \$50 a car on Florida fruits, vegetables and other products; reasonably prompt freight service for the war during the war; appropriations to better marketing conditions; federal aid for good roads; larger exemption from income tax; obtaining government merchant ships for all Florida ports; better freight rates on citrus cargoes to Florida ports; the defeat of a tax on articles of food; the location of a number of ship building plants; army camps and flying fields in Florida during the war; the defeat of a proposed increase in freight rates that would have discriminated against Tampa and all South Florida; the defeat of a certain proposed increase in express rates on strawberries; several appropriations for the naval air station at Pensacola; the location of the submarine base at Key West; the \$50 bonus paid soldiers upon being discharged after the war.

Many other results obtained by him could be mentioned if space would permit.

Park Trammell will work for the following: Further freight and express rate reduction; the sale of mileage books by railroads; federal assistance for drainage; leasing of Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford—spoke in the senate favoring this months ago; more funds for loans to farmers; the Smith-Townsend bill, which will aid public schools but leaves to the state full control over all school affairs; a better marketing system; the best of care for disabled soldiers; a larger exemption for each person from income tax; a law requiring prompt settlement of claims against railroads.

Park Trammell has measures in the senate covering a number of these subjects.

Park Trammell is opposed to the anti-lynch bill; the high tariff on potatoes; a sales tax; the merchant marine subsidy; any change in the law that would bring back the liquor traffic—the saloon—by the installment plan or otherwise.

Trammell asks for re-election on his own record and his own merits. He has made no attack on his opponent, although his opponent has spent considerable time and space in frivolous and absurd criticism and attacks on him. The ridiculous criticisms and knocks of his opponent show how hard up he is for something to base his own candidacy upon.

His opponent has not given even one good reason why Trammell should not be elected to a second term in the senate.

Certainly Trammell's experience and training in the senate for one term will enable him to render even a better service during a second term.

Every indication is that the voters are going to re-elect Trammell by a large majority.

His opponent, according to reports, seems no stronger than six years ago when he did not carry a county in the state.

Park Trammell is profoundly grateful to his supporters and will sincerely appreciate every vote cast for him on Tuesday, June 6.

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For County Judge
To the Voters of Highlands County: At the request of a number of representative citizens, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Judge of Highlands County, subject to the decision of the voters at the democratic primary election of June 6, 1932. Should I be the choice of the voters at the polls, I will devote to the performance of the duties of that office the same care and energy that I should apply to the dispatch of my own business. A. M. LAWRENCE.

For Commissioner District No. 2
I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of District No. 2 (Sebring), Highlands County. I am a good roads advocate and promise that should I be elected I will use every effort to obtain better roads for the entire county in general and District No. 2 in particular.
G. G. ALBRITTON.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Commissioner District No. 2
I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of District No. 2, Highlands County, subject to the will of the voters in the primary election to be held Tuesday, June 6, 1932. J. LEE JOHNSON.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Representative
I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination as representative of Highlands County in the state legislature, subject to the will of the majority of the voters in the primary election to be held June 6. If elected to this position I shall advocate such measures as will result in the best interests of the people of Highlands County as a whole.
G. W. ADAMS.
[Political Advertisement]

For State Senator Twenty-Seventh Senatorial District
I announce my candidacy for the office of state senator for the Twenty-seventh senatorial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Frank Cooper. I will appreciate the support of the voters in the coming primary election in June and if elected to the position will serve the entire district to the best of my ability.
J. J. ETHEREDGE.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For State Attorney
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of State Attorney for the twenty circuit of Florida, and I will appreciate your support. I thank my friends for past favors and assure them that I will do all in my power to merit your support.
S. W. LAWLER, JR.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff
To the Voters of Highlands County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for Highlands County subject to the primary of June 6, 1932. If elected I promise my best efforts in the performance of the duties of the office and I assure you I will try to serve the whole people faithfully to the very best of my ability. I will appreciate the vote and support of every one. Respectfully,
H. HANCOCK.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff, subject to the will of the democratic voters of Highlands County at the coming primary, assuring them that if elected I will fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
L. C. CASE.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff
I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Highlands County, subject to the decision of the voters in the primary election, to be held June 6, 1932. If elected I pledge myself to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability and without fear or favor. Your support will be appreciated.
W. B. ZACHARY.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Circuit Judge
I hereby announce as a candidate to succeed myself to the judgeship of this circuit, and I will appreciate the consideration of all electors in this respect. Respectfully,
GEO. W. WHITEHURST.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Clerk of the Circuit Court
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County and will appreciate the support of all voters, and if elected, promise to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
GEO. L. CREWS.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Clerk of the Circuit Court
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, subject to the will of the democratic voters in the June primary election. I promise to attend to the duties of the office in the efficient manner I have endeavored to conduct them as a representative officer, making improvements wherever possible, and showing partiality toward none.
C. F. SAUNDERS.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Tax Assessor
To the Voters of Highlands County: I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor for Highlands County in the coming primary, and I will appreciate your support. I thank my friends for past favors, assuring each of you that I will do all in my power to merit your support.
Respectfully,
CYRIL BALDWIN.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Tax Collector
To the Voters of Highlands County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as County Tax Collector, subject to the will of the voters of the primary and election of 1932.

I would state that since this office has been created I have tried, by using my entire time and energy to accommodate all the property owners, resident and non-resident, and assist them in every manner and assure you that with the file and index systems I have inaugurated that this office will be able to render a much more prompt and efficient service. I will appreciate your support and would add that if I am elected to serve you I will continue to give you my personal attention to this important office.
Yours to serve,
D. J. FIELD.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For County Tax Collector
To the Voters and Citizens of Highlands County:

I am a candidate to announce that I am a candidate for Tax Collector of Highlands County, subject to the vote of the primary and election of 1932, in this county and this, together with my experience, enables me to assure the people of efficient service. If elected I shall attend to the duties of the office faithfully to the best of my ability. Will appreciate your support.
W. A. ROBERTS.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Commissioner District No. 2
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 2, Highlands County, subject to the vote of the people in the democratic primary, to be held Tuesday, June 6, 1932.
A. I. YOUNG.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Membership in the House of Representatives
At the request of representative citizens from every precinct in the county, I announce my candidacy for membership in the House of Representatives, from Highlands County, in the Legislature of Florida, subject to the election of the democratic voters in the primary election to be held June 6, 1932. I solicit the generous support of the electorate, and if elected, I promise to do whatever ability may possess to the furtherance of the interests of Highlands County and of the state of Florida, using all diligence in the performance of the duties the trust imposes.
JOHN A. TAYLOR.

For County Judge
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of county judge of Highlands County, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held June 6, 1932.
D. V. VOUSE.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

County School Board
I offer my services to the county to succeed myself as a member of the County Board of Public Instruction for District No. 2 (Sebring), subject to the will of the democratic voters in the June primary.

The strict business administration of school affairs, together with a keen desire that each child of the county shall receive the very best educational training possible, has been my aim in services rendered thus far. If elected I shall discontinue no voter in a continuation of these policies.
IRA RIGDON.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Member County School Board
Through earnest solicitation of many of the Sebring school patrons, A. Binger announces as candidate for member County Board of Instruction for District No. 2. In connection with which please see letter under date of May 4, 1932, addressed to citizens of Highlands County, in the news columns of this paper.

For County Superintendent of Schools
To the Voters of Highlands County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, subject to the democratic primary of June 6, 1932. I promise faithful and efficient service, giving the whole of my time to the duties of the office. I am well qualified to hold this very important position, as I have had several years' successful experience as a teacher, have a thorough business training, and am a high school and college graduate. I will greatly appreciate your generous support.
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