

Okeechobee

(Special to The Herald.)

Okeechobee, July 20.—The dry forces are thoroughly organized and are doing effective work. Organizers have been appointed for the different districts and sub-divisions as follows:

Bassenger—G. F. Parker.

Fort Drum—R. E. Hamrick.

Potters—D. R. McNeill.

Eagle Bay—Wm. Collins.

Southwest Side—T. W. Hux.

Utopia—J. E. Lovvorn.

East Side—H. H. Hancock.

Pavilion Beach—T. B. Owens.

Okeechobee City—G. T. Bennett.

The women are organized into a campaign committee, and a music committee has been appointed consisting of H. H. Hancock, H. F. Evernden, Ed. Scharfschwerdt, P. P. Fletcher and Edgar Lovvorn among the men and Mesdames Parker, Mobley, O. O. Davis, Misses Hazel Bennet and Beryl Lovvorn among the women.

Several district meetings have been held and the main drive was launched at a great open air meeting in Flagler Park Saturday night. Hon. W. L. Coats opened the fireworks by delivering a genuine prohibition speech, straight from the shoulder, to a large audience. His speech was well received and heartily applauded. Supt. C. W. Crooke of the Anti-Saloon League followed Mr. Coats with an excellent speech which was well delivered and well received.

Mr. Crooke also addressed several smaller gatherings Sunday at the building, East Side church, and Lake Pavilion.

The citizens of Okeechobee, who had appealed to the State Anti-Saloon League, to help out in this campaign, paid Mr. Crooke's expenses out of their own pockets rather than permit him to follow his usual custom of taking up collections at the meetings to defray his expenses, because they had resolved that no collection should be taken at any of the meetings.

The music committee is arranging for a number of campaign rally songs and yells. Judge E. B. Donnell will spend Saturday and Sunday in Okeechobee county, speaking at several points, and will address an open-air meeting in Okeechobee Saturday night.

Governor Sidney J. Catts has accepted an invitation to speak during the campaign and will be in Okeechobee Saturday, July 28. Those who have heard the governor uncork the demijohn of his eloquence will certainly turn out to hear him again without any urging. And those who have not heard him are not going to miss this opportunity of hearing the most unique character that has appeared in Florida's political history in a generation.