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Hillsborough "stands pat."

The Tampa Bay bar is saved!

Better campaigning won the fight.

The Dresden is the flea of the sea.

Hillsborough went "wet" two ways.

It's all over—forget the fight and get to work.

Somebody evidently put the "rough" in Hillsborough.

Hyde Park votes for saloons—but for other parts of town.

The "drys" held their best ammunition until it was too late.

All that fight of the Plant City saloonists counted for naught.

It would take a microscope to find "dry" spots in old Hillsborough.

We may congratulate ourselves that the election was so free of disorder.

Those two "dry" voters in Precinct 35 certainly had the courage of their convictions.

The liquor men could have saved all this trouble by paying more heed to public sentiment.

Our steady boosters will not be forced to a necessity of getting their Christmas supplies in advance.

Bryan refused to be kissed. This is likely to bring forth a vigorous criticism from Richard F. Hobson. By the way, where is Hobson?

Tampa is not asking for two customs districts in Florida. Tampa has made its fight and won it and has no desire to precipitate another.

Republican candidate for Governor of Texas spent \$40 in his campaign. There's one fellow who certainly doesn't care how he throws away his money.

Hillsborough gave the State an example in conducting a local option campaign in a decent and respectable manner. This was largely due to the neutrality of the press.

"It" is a despised word in explaining an election result, but if the "dry" managers had had those interviews before the day of election, they might have gained some votes.

Magdalena may be accounted the "driest" precinct of the county. The vote there was twenty-eight to none, and it is the only precinct in the county which didn't cast a wet ballot.

New Jersey man suggests a new member of the Cabinet—Secretary of Ethics and Morals. Permit us to suggest Hon. Josephus Daniels, whose brilliant work in eliminating the red and song from the Navy merits a wider opportunity.

It is reported that two of the saloons which have been voted out of business at Plant City are seeking new locations in Hyde Park, a majority of the residents of that section have expressed a desire for them. The saloonists have their eyes on the Suburb Beautiful and Hyde Park Avenue as promising openings for their business.

At the point on Parker Street where the Tampa Electric Company's track enters the grounds of the power station, there is an ugly hole, caused by the grade of the track being much lower than the street or sidewalk. This causes much annoyance in wet weather and could be fixed with very little trouble. Residents of that section are making loud complaint about it.

Alabama's Plight

The State of Alabama is in such financial plight that it cannot pay the salaries of its school teachers. Just at the Christmas season when the teachers need their money more than at any other time of the year, the State has no money to pay them. They must be dependent upon the kindness of merchants or others who will cash their checks and hold them indefinitely.

No such conditions prevail in Florida and we may be pardoned for citing the incident as another positive indication that our State is in better shape than its neighbors.

The Florida Press

The Tribune regrets that the name of the Dade City Star was omitted in the list of Florida newspapers printed in the Christmas number. However, the Star is such a live wire that everybody who knows newspapers knows that it is in existence and that the omission was unintentional. Editor Bowden is making the Star more readable and interesting than ever.

The Brooksville Argus brought out a colorful cover Christmas Number that was full of interesting matter. It was a "Christmas Shopping Edition," and carried attractive advertisements for the merchants of its own town of Tampa as well.

The Plant City Courier is to be congratulated. It was the only paper in the county that openly advocated prohibition and Plant City went "dry" by a large majority. Evidently the Courier is of influence in its community.

After The Battle,

Hillsborough County has passed through a disagreeable incident, with a remarkable record for orderliness and dignity—something rarely evident in similar contests. The fight is over, the result determined beyond a question of doubt and we may get back to our wonted activities without bitterness or ill-feeling.

There are, of course, many comments that might be made on the election—why one side won and why the other lost—but, what's the use? All the "ifs" and "ands" will not alter a single vote, now that they are all cast and counted. Both sides conducted their campaigns with sincerity and earnestness. There was little disorder and no open charge of fraud.

Both sides appear to be equally pleased with the result so far as Plant City is concerned. It was the attempt of the saloon men to force themselves upon a community where they were not wanted that precipitated the election upon the whole county. Plant City has declared with all the emphasis of its vote that it is opposed to the sale of liquor within its limits—and the wishes of the people there ought to be respected—and will be, if the officers do their duty.

Local conditions in this city made it extremely difficult to conduct a prohibition campaign to a successful issue. We have a population, large elements of which resist prohibition upon the principle that it is an invasion of their personal rights. We also have a leading industry which claims—whether justly or unjustly—that it is dependent, to a large extent, upon the sale of liquor. We also have a neighbor county that is "wet" and our only competitor for the distinction of principal city of the State is likewise "wet." We also have unusually high city taxes, which makes the taxpayer consider carefully before voting for a proposition that will, even temporarily, increase the present burden. Besides, we are just now passing through a period of worldwide uncertainty and depression, due to European war, which caused a disinclination to disturb the existing order of things and venture into the untried.

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Invading This Country

When a history of the great war as it affected the United States is written fifty years hence the hysteria of the organizers of safety leagues to prevent our being invaded by the victors in the European struggle will doubtless afford one of the most entertaining chapters.

The New York Post asserts that no nation could possibly land 100,000 men here save after weeks and months of preparation. Probably only England, with her great sea power, could accomplish this at all. It was known by a prominent British writer in the war scare of 1909 that to move a force of 200,000 German soldiers to England, with all their guns, ammunition, horses, forage, transport wagons and food supplies for three weeks, would take every ship in the German merchant marine, including all those in service in Asian and Australian waters and that the speed of this impossible fleet could not be much over twelve miles an hour. What such an undertaking would be across 3,000 miles of water any one can figure out from the weeks it took the Japanese to transport their army to Manchuria and for us to send a few thousand men to the Philippines.

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From Florida Sanctums

Also More Cents—Arcadia News: There is more good sense than there is sentiment in the "Made in America" idea.

Clark Vindicated—Sanford Herald: Congressman Clark seems to be winner in the Everglades land cases and his supporters are satisfied.

Good Supply Left—DeLand Record: Seven thousand cars, or about a third of the present citrus crop of the State, have been sent to market.

The Trusty Typewriter—Live Oak Democrat: The warrior who writes the Times-Union editorials is having a tough time whipping the Germans and their friends, but have patience. His typewriter is good for several years.

A Good Resolution—Dade City Star: Let every citizen of Pasco County form a January first resolution and stick to it, that the county shall build more roads during 1915 than any previous year. One thing is certain, we must build a road to our Gulf Coast.

The Foe of the Fakir—Arcadia News: At least it very forcibly appears that the advertising fakir is doomed in Florida. No sooner does one of that tribe start something than Willis Powell, of the Clearwater Sun, rises and remarks, and the scheme is immediately discarded.

Buy Good Toys—Miami Metropolis: Children who have sensible relatives will not be overwhelmed with a lot of cheap toys that go to pieces the first time they are handled by little folks. Two or three good toys are a far more enjoyable pleasure than a large assortment of poorly constructed stuff.

The Small and the Great—DeLand Record: A man steals fifty dollars worth of goods, goes to the neighborhood for five years; Henry Siegel, head of a fifty million dollar department store, wrecks the business, wrecks a number of banks, brings want and financial ruin to homes of thousands of the employees, is convicted of a misdemeanor and is assessed a small fine. Such is justice that you frequently read about.

Associated Press Didn't Use It—Lakeland Telegram: Champ Clark took a drop too much of the other night in a Western town just before confronting his audience to deliver his lecture, and the stuff "flew to his head" to an extent that compelled him to cut short his address. Considerate Journalism might well have kept silent on the subject, but with wanton cruelty the news of the brief creation of the Speaker of the House was spread all over the country to the unspeakable shame and sorrow of his wife and daughter and no good whatever to anybody. Had Mr. Clark done something notably good and praiseworthy that same night there would have been nothing said about it in the press.

As Other Editors See It

TALKING ABOUT BEAMS Miami Herald: It is hardly necessary again to refer to the resolutions of an insignificant handful of ministers in an interior town who have declared a war on the present day's newspapers, except as an illustration of what seems to be a fact that there is always a certain amount of antagonism displayed by certain classes of ministers against the newspaper, as such.

In the case to which reference is made, the ministers found three very unimportant matters which they called vital defects, and upon which they propose to start a campaign for the creation of at least one paper in the State that will build up the home, the family and every good thing in the land.

Aside from the purity of the complaints made against Florida newspapers, the action raises the legitimate question as to whether the newspapers of Florida and everywhere else, for that matter, are not contributing as much for the upbuilding of the home and of society as are the ministers represented by those who criticize them? It brings up another matter. Are not the men who are building up newspapers in this State, and in this country, just as active in all good works, just as effective in advancing the kingdom of righteousness, just as personally pure and honest and upright as the class of pulpitiaries who are constantly fulminating against newspapers?

A careful comparison of their work must convince the unprejudiced that the editor is rather telling his clerical brother in the number of people he reaches, in the amount and character of work he does for righteousness, both in religious and civic life, and in affording examples of right living to all peoples. Statistics regarding general institutions show that the newspaper man either is careful to obey the laws of his country or he is too acute to be detected, while they show that his clerical brother is neither, to a very large extent. No newspaper man or editor has been convicted of a scandalous crime, such as a minister in New Hampshire was convicted of only a day or two ago; no newspaper man has been convicted of sending scurrilous letters, such as sent a minister to the Federal Prison from Jacksonville only just the other day; no newspaper man has been convicted of using the mails to defraud in the sale of Everglades lands, as was a minister in Kansas City a week or two ago.

These are but sporadic incidents, it is true, and the great body of ministers is not to be held responsible for those who go astray among their own profession, but before they hold up another profession which is doing similar work in the best way it knows, a profession that does not contribute to the criminal classes, it ought first to pluck the beam out of its own eye.

Taken as a whole, the profession of newspaper men in Florida will compare very favorably with any of the other professions. The men who compose the profession in this State are working unceasingly for the State in every line of uplift, and the great prospect of an advanced position on good morals and civic righteousness must in a very large degree be attributed to them, for they work every day and every hour with hundreds of thousands of readers in the eyes of the State and for the improvement of society.

THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT

If all the oceans evaporated tomorrow they would yield 4,000,000 cubic miles of salt.

Said About The Tribune

The Judge is Right—Orlando Citizen: Tampa people are afraid to say what they believe, says Judge Gordon. This has been true in a great many recent instances.—Tampa Tribune. Well, what do they believe?

Boosting For All—Clearwater Sun: The Tribune issued some Christmas edition yesterday. It was a development number as well—and when some of the towns read what the Tribune said about them, their civic breasts will swell almost to bursting point. The Tribune issued some ninety-two pages of text, pictures and advertisements. The spirit of the thing was shown in boosting a little for all South Florida.

"Refutes Hard Times Idea"—Ocala Star: The Tampa Tribune showed up Sunday in a big and well-conceived Christmas edition, one of the best special issues that superb paper has published. The edition is a direct refutation of the idea that hard times prevail in the Tribune's territory, for while it had write-ups of only fifty-two towns last Christmas, it has sixty-four this year. The paper has many special features and like all Sunday issues of the Tribune is a complete magazine of information and entertainment.

Quality and Quantity—As we have remarked on previous occasions, the Tampa Tribune is a thoroughbred concern that does things on a big scale, and on special occasions it pulls off stunts of colossal dimensions. Its Christmas edition, published yesterday, was one of those huge affairs and it was executed in quality and as vast in quantity. Those people who seek information about South Florida, its various counties, leading towns and cities, and wonderful wealth and variety of resources ought to get this issue of the Tribune for it is an encyclopedia of information and a great and easy-to-read knowledge of a great subject. We congratulate South Florida's big morning daily upon the unqualified success of its Christmas edition.

That Was a "Monday Editorial"—Lakeland Telegram: In discussing the Leo Frank case the Tampa Tribune declares against the use of circumstantial evidence to convict for any capital offense. And yet circumstantial evidence, which we are constantly using in the daily affairs of life, is as a rule the best of all evidence, causing it to be impossible, and its value is not to be impeached or diminished because at very rare intervals it has been found to point to the wrong conclusion. It is truthful in nearly all cases—untruthful in very few, and if we discard it because of these latter we make ourselves responsible in many heinous crimes when there is no reasonable doubt, from the circumstances of the case, of the guilt of a particular party. Only at the Final Judgment can there be infallible precision in weighing the evidence; until then we must do the best we can with our finite intelligence and not kick circumstantial evidence out of court as a fraud and a failure, per se, in every case.

Remarks By Our Readers

A ROAD ACROSS THE STATE Editor: The writer reads with considerable interest the article of Geo. T. Hedges, on the desirability of a public highway across the State of Florida. I have planned to spend the winter in this most interesting State, having visited every town and city on the East Coast. I have recently built an extension from one day to a week in each place. Having enjoyed this trip immensely carrying a five by seven Graflex camera, I have secured a most interesting collection of pictures of rare interest. Having learned of the East Coast Road, I have recently built an extension as far as Okeechobee. I secured the services of an auto and driver, and journeyed across thirty-eight miles from Fort Pierce through a most picturesque part of Southern Florida, an entirely new undeveloped territory which bids a fair future for cattle, grazing, fruit and trucking and, in my opinion, this route will be the most logical route across the State for some years to come. We drove for several miles through swamp land and creeks, water up to the hubs of the auto in a number of places, but we got through in good shape. They are now building a road which, from present indications, should be completed within the next sixty days and will be greatly used, saving a long journey north. From Okeechobee City, a town just now being put on the map by the removal of the old "Big Hole" industry of the lake, it is only forty-five miles over to the town of Sebring, from there twenty-five miles to Wauchula, from which point roads could be built to Punta Gorda, Fort Myers in the south, and in a northerly course to Lakeland, thence to Tampa and St. Petersburg. In these improved highways there no doubt will be more travel by auto in this State than possibly any other State in this great land, causing people to make purchases along on these roadways which should lead to a wonderful development of the land. I am sure that there will be a shorter route established across the southern part of the State in the near future, and that there will be more public auto establishing routes of daily trips at popular prices. With good roads and short cuts will save the traveling public both time and money. At the present time it's a common thing for auto drivers to charge from \$5 to \$18 and \$25 per passenger for these hard drives. Sometimes it's worth the money, but more frequently it is not. Hoping the good roads movement and shorter routes will soon be established, this wonderfully interesting State that all travelers as well as the residents here will be benefited by this economic development.

Yours for short cuts and improved highways. A. O. KRAEMER, St. Petersburg.

HISTORY OF WAR TERMS

(St. Augustine Record) Many a quaint bit of history is embalmed in the words used in war. For instance, the terms, "lieutenant" and "janissary" arose from the fact that in the old days the holders of those ranks carried a lance instead of a halberd, round the head of which was twisted a slow match. Just before a battle took place, they went round the ranks with these torchlike lances and gave fire to the matchlock men.

"Colonel" comes from the Italian "colonna," a column, the "campagna colonella" having been the first company of an infantry regiment, the little column which the "colonel" led. The little "lieutenant" comes from a word signifying "holding the place"—i. e., a lieutenant-colonel is a sort of understudy for a colonel, a lieutenant looks after a company in the absence of the captain, and so on.

The word dragoon was first used of a regiment of mounted infantry so called from the "dragon," or short muskets with which they were armed; the well known cavalry call of "boot and saddle" is really a corruption of the old French signal "Bout-selle" or "Put on your saddles."

Admiral comes from the Arabic "Emir of Bagh," meaning "lord of the sea"; "commander" comes from the Italian "commandatore"; "mate" is from the Icelandic, and means an equal; and the term "giving quarter," is believed to have originated in the agreement which existed in the old fighting days, that the ransom of a foot soldier should be one-quarter of his pay for one year.

THIS IS A TRUE ONE "George, dear," said Mrs. Brideling, "please bring a mouse trap home with you