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The Eitel Friedrich is ours
Our Cubs are winning two a day. Keep it up, lads.
Wormout Gags: "Jess Willard told me personally," etc.

Gold is said to be very cheap at present, but we hadn't noticed any difference.
We glean from the Chicago returns that the women voted largely for the best-looking man.

As yet we haven't encountered a single returning fight-fan who lost money on the battle.
Some of the prize-fight tourists are said to be interned at Havana, due to "too much Johnson."

Philadelphia has a curfew law—just as though anybody would stay out after dark in Philadelphia.
Jack says he was "burned out," thus confirming the old saying that where there's smoke there's fire.

It must be "real" disappointing to those light-film magnates to discover that they can't bring them into the States.
Why not give the Council the right to buy ad. lib. and sell ad. lib. and thus relegate Old Man People further into the shades of innocuous obscurity?

It may be urged that the Port Commission will not be able to spend more than it has on hand, but it is also to be given absolute authority to provide the "on hand."
Chicago reports the only rioting over the prize-fight results. Johnson is a greater man in the Chl. "black belt" than either of the Washingtons, George or Booker T.

Columbia, S. C., has started a zoo with a half-dozen tailless ostriches. Of course, Bob Jonstales will contend in this connection that "fine feathers don't make fine birds."
Illinois young man, student of phrenology, is looking for a wife with just the right bumps on her head. Probably his choice will not be so discriminating in placing bumps on his cranium.

Now that we have laid away the Easter bonnet joke for another year, we must needs dig the safe and sane Fourth chestnuts out of their hiding-places and brush them up for 1915 use.
The Tribune does not believe that Governor Trammell will sign a bill conferring such unprecedented and excessive powers upon a municipal body as are contemplated in the Port Commission legislation.

No sensible citizen can read the tendency manifested in Tuesday's proceedings of the Port Commission without coming to the conclusion that Tampa needs that commission charter and needs it now.
Senator Himes has been honored with the chairmanship of the most important committee of the Senate and is evidently going to be one of the leaders of that body. He could become a really great leader and a popular representative of the people by championing the commission charter.

A Bad Start
It is regrettable that Senator Farris' plan for the simplification of legislative proceedings by reducing the number of committees, and designating them by number rather than by name met such early defeat. The plan had everything to commend it. The Florida Legislature has nearly as many committees as it has members—a ridiculous situation, tending to cumber, delay and confuse legislation.

The Senate defeated the plan, by the overwhelming vote of thirty to two. Undoubtedly, the Senatorial craving for influential position had much to do with the rejection of the proposition. Every Senator wants to be chairman of some committee or other, and the reduction of the number of committees to six seriously limited the gratification of that ambition. So, every member who had his eye on a committee chairmanship, naturally voted against Farris' plan. The same situation will confront the measure in the House—if it ever gets there.

Mr. Farris' idea was in the line of genuine reform and it is indeed unfortunate that the members of the Senate could not look upon it in a broad and patriotic way, without reference to their personal ambitions.
The Women Voted
For the first time since woman suffrage became a political factor in certain parts of this country, women exercised, in large proportion, the right of the vote in the municipal election at Chicago Tuesday.

Of 282,483 women registered, 248,797 voted. This is a larger percentage than has voted in any election in this country to date.
The fact that such a large percentage of women voted may or may not bear a direct relation to the fact that Chicago went Republican or to the other fact that the prohibition territory in Illinois was largely increased as a result of the election.

Piling It On Mr. A. Citizen
The Average Citizen has been, for several years, under the impression that municipal taxes are about as high as the Average Citizen can stand.
The Average Citizen has not complained about the increase made necessary by great and needed public improvements, like the City Hall, the bridge and the sewer system. He has regarded these items as essential to Tampa's growth and to meet the demands of a bigger and better city.

Now the Average Citizen learns with considerable amazement that he will have to take care of an additional indebtedness of \$250,000, ascribed to "miscalculation" in estimating the cost of the sewer system. Although we employed high-class experts and they were supposed to figure the cost of the system down to the uttermost "jitney," we discover that they missed the correct figures by a little matter of a quarter of a million. We must either pay this excess of cost or leave the system uncompleted and partly unpaid for. This is a case of "have to"—there is no escape. So, with an expressed or implied opinion of that sort of expert estimating which shoots \$250,000 wide of the mark, the Average Citizen realizes that there is no other way out and he "digs" for more taxes.

So far, so good. The Average Citizen's equanimity has not been seriously disturbed. He knows he lives in a good town and he isn't disposed to grumble at the price he has to pay for that privilege.
But he is very likely to begin "hollering" when on top of these little quarters of a million "raises," he notes movements tending in the direction of further increasing his burden.

He notes that a municipal body is to be empowered to levy upon him and his four-mill tax, whenever it feels like it, to create a fund to be expended in whatever manner said body may choose, without reserving to him the privilege of approving or disapproving such expenditure.

He notes, further, that he is to be taxed to support another official—the harbor-master—now employed by the State and paid by fees collected from foreign vessels. This burden is to be shifted to his aching shoulders, already bending under the weight of officials and sub-officials without number.

He has heard also of a proposition to impose upon him a new bond-issue of \$400,000, to purchase something the city doesn't want and which will be of no earthly use or benefit to him as a citizen or to the great majority of his fellow-citizens. He has even heard it whispered that this bond-issue is to be forced upon him by legislative enactment without giving him the opportunity of saying whether he wants it or not.

So, Mr. Average Citizen begins to grow uneasy and to groan a bit under his load. He has been patient and uncomplaining up to a certain point, but he feels there is a limit to his endurance. He is willing to stand for even a \$250,000 "miscalculation" because it is something that can't be avoided now—but he's beginning to feel like jumping in the marketplace, cracking his heels together and swearing "by all the gods at once" that he doesn't propose to have it "rubbed in."

Can anybody blame him?
No Flight Pictures
It is possible that the purchasers of the motion picture concessions for the recent Willard-Johnson fight were unaware of the existence of a Federal law prohibiting the importation or interstate shipment of such films?

It does not seem reasonable that these concessionaries would have paid such a high price for the privilege or gone to such expense to take these pictures, knowing that the United States would be prohibited territory for their exhibition.
Shortly after the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Reno, when a negro became the champion of the world and much racial feeling was engendered in consequence, Congress deemed it wise to pass an act prohibiting the interstate handling of motion picture films depicting a prize-fight. It was feared that the exhibition of pictures of a white man and a negro in the ring would precipitate race riots. The act became a law and is still a law. Under its provisions, the films taken in Cuba cannot be brought into this country.

This act will knock out about nine-tenths of the profits expected from this source. People of foreign countries, outside of Cuba, where the fight took place, and probably France, where Johnson is known, will not flock in any enthusiastic numbers to see the flaccid cut at Havana thrown upon the screen. It appears that the gentlemen who were so eager to get this picture privilege had not been fully advised. They should have consulted a lawyer.

A Live Organization
The Tribune congratulates the Tampa Merchants' Association on the election of Fred Wolf as its president.
Mr. Wolf has been identified with the retail trade of the city for many years and his business has kept pace with the general growth of the city. He is an alert and progressive citizen, devoted to Tampa and its welfare, and so well-poised on local business conditions that he will be enabled to give the association an unusually capable administration.

The Tampa Merchants' Association has been a valuable organization in this city and much of its efficiency has been due to the personnel of the officers it has placed at its head—and largely to Hafford Jones, the diligent secretary, who has been constantly watchful in the interest of the members of the association.
Fort Meade Wins
Fort Meade voters have taken commendable action in authorizing a bond issue for the building of another brick school building.

Fort Meade has already a fine school building but another is needed, for high school purposes. This has now been provided for and will be ready for use by the opening of the next school term. Good for Fort Meade!
The "Jitney"
Jitney—the word of mystery.
The meteoric growth of the five-cent auto buses, which have been dubbed "jitneys" has not been any greater than the country-wide discussion as to the genesis of the word.

Each section of the country which has been invaded by the jitneys has laid claim to the origin of the word, says the Wall Street Journal. In California the college professors have indulged in many verbal battles, and the word has received as many origins as there are combatants. To California was awarded the verdict on the claim that jitney is Mexican for a five-cent piece. In Kansas, the home of the circus, the claim is made that P. T. Barnum's saying, "One born every minute," was used in reference to separating the public from its small change, of jitneys. When the fad reached Louisville, however, the Kentucky Colonels embraced both the California and Kansas claim and said the word belonged in the "nigger" language, being used by the darkeys in their game of craps, the phrase being "shoot a jit," meaning five cents.

Public utility companies are not so much interested in the origin of the word as they are in exterminating the fad. As one official tersely put it, to him jitney meant "hell."
Remarks By Our Readers
HOMES FOR SEMINOLES
Editor Tribune: The subject of homes for the Seminoles is reverberating all over Florida. How the Seminole has been driven before the white man's march since those tragic days of warfare, every Floridian knows. His canoe year after year wrested from him, game is scarce, and reluctantly the Seminole admits that "sometimes the Indians go hungry." The Seminole is too honorable to beg, yet clings with a desperate effort to his beloved Florida. He will never take up arms against the white man because his pledge to Colonel Worth "to abstain from all aggressions upon his white neighbors," is held inviolate, but like Micanopy, when he is pushed beyond the borders of Okeechobee, "the place of the big waters," rather than submit to emigration, he will say, "Kill me here, then; kill me quickly!"

Today these patient Seminoles straggling remnant of a once powerful nation, have been pushed a little farther and yet a little farther and with swelling hearts say "We have done nothing to disgrace the lands of our birth, nor the honor of an Indian."
In a barren way of Florida, about thirty-five miles from Jupiter, one may meet today with shy frightened faces, the Tallahassee band of Seminoles, hiding, as it were, in the wilderness. They have named their camp "Hungry Land." Its significance is plain.

In one of the eloquent speeches of Chief George of the Ocala tribe, he was speaking of things "I buried my father in the beautiful valley of 'Winding Waters.' I love that land more than all the rest of the world. A man who would not love his father's grave is worse than a wild animal."
The Seminoles of the Everglades have the same instinctive reverence for the homes and graves of their fathers.

This small remnant whose ancestors battled for 200 years against European and American intrusion to preserve the land they loved, are with us today as a part of Florida. Shall we let the last one pass on to his "Happy Hunting Ground" without giving them a permanent home?
Kissimmee, MINNIE MOORE-WILLSON.
THE YEAR BOOK
Editor Tribune: Find enclosed fifteen cents in stamps to pay for your new 1915 Year Book. It is up-to-date, and I have read it about a dozen times. It is a sharp and shrewd and all have an eye to the main chance.

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Speaking Senatorially
Lucky—
Ocala Banner: Senator Fletcher no doubt feels glad that he was opposed by a Jacksonville and not a South Florida candidate.
A Reality—
Tampa Sunrise: Hon. Perry G. Wall, evidently has Nat. Bryan's number, and looks at the present writing like "The Senator from Tampa" will not be a cherished hope, but a stern reality. Oh you Perry—you are not running, no you are flying. Good morning, Senator Wall.
Stamped to His Banner—
Palatka News: The recent announcement of Perry G. Wall, a young and vigorous business man of Tampa; that he would be a candidate for United States Senator in 1916 to succeed Senator N. P. Bryan; has caused more than the usual comment which naturally follows the announced candidacy of a prominent Floridian for high office. And more, these comments of the State press have been in the main favorable to a realization of Mr. Wall's ambition. The new candidate is a member of the wholesale hardware firm of Knight & Wall, a man of fine business ability and character, clean, clear-headed and winning. That he has caused a veritable stampede to his banner from the people of South Florida is apparent. Mr. Bryan will have something to worry over from now till the close of the primaries next spring.

Characteristic of Carter—
Arcadia Enterprise: Wherever the newspaper men gather there will be found the candidate also. A few members of the Florida press gathered at a Rotary dinner at Tampa recently, and at the opportune moment the candidacy of Perry Wall for the United States Senate was sprung on them. Now Perry may be just the lad to substitute in the Senate for Nat. Bryan, but we are not going to accept him just because his boomlet found birth at a holy roller meeting. We want to know just what "excuse" he has to offer for wanting to sit in the Senate. And its going to take a pretty good one to win away from "Cousin Alf" the Washington Gilchrist. If Perry promises to stand tooth and toenail with Wilson and Bryan and against booze he will appeal to us in a special manner. But he can't get by merely on the strength of his high roller recommendations.

He Will Convince You—
Perry Herald: There will be no drawing of sectional lines in Middle Florida in the Senatorial race. Perry G. Wall is practically unknown in this part of the State and is thus handicapped, but if he may come among us and convince the voter of his worth, there will be none to deny his leadership. So, because he is from South Florida. As an opinion now stands, Gilchrist may expect little from Middle Florida, but as was the case in his race for the Governorship, he may develop strength during the campaign. Bryan at one time had a strong hold upon the people of this section, but his character are doubtful. So, among the announced candidates it would seem that the Tampa hardware man has an equal chance. What any of the three may expect is contingent upon Frank Clark's decision. If he runs, all other aspirants might as well leave Middle Florida out of consideration.

A Sensible View—
Lakeland Telegram: Even if Perry Wall had gone to Havana to take a little outing incidentally follow the crowd and look in on a prize-fight, it would have been nothing but what most of the rest of us would have done if opportunity had offered. But as he didn't go to see the fight and Joe Reese, of the Orlando Reporter-Star, has handsomely made him amends honorable for saying that he did, under mistaken information, the episode might as well go to the discard as a live issue in Senatorial politics. Had Perry gone over expressly to see the match it would have been no heinous sin, for a good prize-fight or a good dog fight is well worth looking at and in no way disqualifies a man from being a good Senator. Perry will have exceptional good luck as a candidate if he can pull through the campaign with no worse charge against him than that he cherished the hope that a white man would do his race and decent people everywhere a service by retiring Jack Johnson to obscurity and he was present to see the job well done.

Said About The Tribune
Nothing Less Than a Nickel—
Daytona Journal: The Tampa Tribune wants a two-cent and one-half cent coin. We want a whole jitney or nothing.
Good Town at All Times—
Tarpon Leader: The Tribune says that pessimists will look in vain to Tampa's statistical reports for evidences of bad business or hard times. That is because Tampa is a good town in all kinds of times, and because they sometimes have all kinds of times over there.

The Half-Cent Coin—
Jacksonville Times-Union: The Tampa Tribune declares that Florida needs a half-cent coin. One that is half the size of the copper cent would be lost—one that is the same size would occasion many mistakes—we move that the half-cent be double the size of the cent, so a fellow can feel something in his pocket. But the proposal to perforate both coins is bad because then they would look like cash.
Knock Out the Combine—
Estero Eagle: The Tampa Tribune is getting after the insurance companies doing business in this State, and is showing up the fact that the insurance rate charged in Florida is about double what is charged in other States, where there are laws regulating their operations. And as a consequence this great State paper wants our law-makers to take time to do something about it. It may be that the Legislature will be too busy with bizzard and other freak legislation to attend to this matter, but surely something ought to be done about it. The general idea is to put these companies under some kind of regulation; but as a farmer, the writer always found that the best way to put a stop to a greedy hog's depredations in a corn field, was to put him out and feed him one of them. These insurance companies should be treated the same way, put them out of the State by taking their business over as State business. Let the assessors and tax collectors attend to the clerical duties, with an adjuster to fix up the losses. The business may thus be done at actual cost and the money kept at home.

Flashes From Floyd
C. H. B. FLOYD
ON NOTICING A CATERPILLAR-WHEEL
Looking a moment ago at a wheel of a cannon carriage, a picture of a wheel, I thought it would be romantic thirty years from now to tell one's grandchildren of the war when the caterpillar cannon wheel made its appearance, and that one's grandchild would imagine the grandfather had certainly lived in romantic times away back there in 1915, so different from these uneventful days of 1945—wonderful grandfather!

The gold lace of romance and drama that covers so many things in childhood covers only one thing at thirty-five. From every other thing it is torn away by the horny hand of Utility, with the five fingers "What-do-I-got-out-of-it?" "How does this help me buy food and shelter and clothing?" "What am I going to do with it?" "Into how many dollars can I turn it?" "In what way will it help me make a favorable impression?"

Only one thing remains romantic viz., the profound question which the soul puts to itself, "What am I? What is the meaning of death to me?" The snow of the humdrum covers every other idea, mile deep; only this hot volcano thought, amidst the snow of the commonplace, remains, and only this thought penetrates into the sublime, and makes scarlet splendor in "the night that covers us black as the pit from pole to pole."

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Some unkind people call the members of this body lobbyists. As a matter of fact, they are veteran legislators. Some of them have served a number of terms in the branches of the Legislature, provided for by law. Some have even served in the State, or used the State, in higher capacities than that which members of the Legislature fill. They are not all wise nor are they all distinguished, but they are all sharp and shrewd and all have an eye to the main chance.

It may be surprising to some of the new members of the Legislature to know that many of these unauthorized but experienced legislators make enough money in Tallahassee in two months' session of the Legislature to last them two years. They all who go to Tallahassee to do, though of course, not all men succeed as well as they wish.
With these men lobbying, if we may use the impolite term, is a regular business. It is their chosen profession, as the law is the chosen profession of some men and medicine that of others. As compared with lawyers and doctors, however, these men can work only two weeks in two years and so they have to make money fast while they are making it.

If business is dull they know how to stimulate it. They are ready to work for anybody who will pay them regardless of what he wants their office. If he doesn't want to take any case, but if business does not develop rapidly they know what to do.
Everyone who is familiar with legislation in Florida—and we presume in other States—knows of the flood of bills that are introduced in every Legislature against this or that interest, and knows that not one in twenty—notably not one in one hundred of these bills, pass. The majority of such bills originate in the third house and are suggested by members of the third house not with a view to their passage, but for the purpose of getting the interests threatened to pay money to secure their defeat. Of course these bills have to be introduced by members of the House or Senate, but they are generally suggested by members of the third house.

It is frequently the case that the member who introduces the bill does not know that he is being used. It is frequently the case that he is acting in perfect good faith. It is no disparagement of members of the Legislature to assume that they are often deceived in this way; for the honest, well-meaning man is generally not suspicious. He need not necessarily be lacking in brain power because he is caught by such a schemer. Cunning is the lowest order of intelligence. It is even possessed by lunatics while the biggest brains rise too high for the use of such methods—too high to even always understand them.

So we suggest to members of the Legislature who wish to do their duty that they look with suspicion on any bills that may be suggested to them by members of the third house. The time of the Legislature should not be taken up with bills intended to swell the earnings of lobbyists and many bills, some of them honestly introduced by authorized members of the Legislature, owe their origin to this purpose and this purpose alone.
Imported Delicacies
Dangerous—
Macon Telegraph: The Tipperary cocktail is green. So is the gent who drinks it.
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