

# Okeechobee

(Special to The Herald)

Okeechobee, June 12.—Okeechobee county's first primary was held on June 4th, but the returns have just been compiled and the result announced by the canvassing board. The delay was caused by the failure of the inspectors and clerks of country districts to make out their returns. Every district in the county except Okeechobee was late in this regard, and the matter was worse "gummed up" by the tally books being locked and sealed in the ballot boxes, while none of the watchers kept any record of the count and no two seemed to remember the figures alike.

The inspectors themselves dispersed and it was necessary to send for them to reconvene and finish their work, which they succeeded in doing only Saturday afternoon. Some of them were cattle men and were finally located forty miles away in another county while one left the state immediately after the primary, and of course, could not be reached.

The irregularity caused intense anxiety and for a time it threatened to void the election in those districts, but it is generally thought that the lapse was purely unintentional, and caused by lack of familiarity with such matters, hence there is a disposition to overlook it and accept the returns as made in good faith.

Representative—W. L. Coats, nominated over H. H. Hancock.

Sheriff—Wm. Collins over S. J. Drawdy.

Tax collector—C. R. Alderman over V. W. Surrency.

Tax assessor—J. H. Walker over W. E. Holmes.

Superintendent Public Instruction—R. E. Hamrick over Cliff J. Clements.

For supervisor registration—M. S. Holmes over J. Franklin.

State Democratic Executive Committee—Thos. B. Owens over C. Y. Crawford.

County commissioner, district No. 1.—D. E. Austin over D. S. Hilliard.

County Judge—G. C. Durrance over J. A. McCollum.

Clerk Circuit Court—R. P. Fletcher over C. E. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tumlin of Lokosce passed through Okeechobee Saturday enroute to their new home near Jupiter, where Mr. Tumlin has an important position with the Tenant farms.

Miss Minnie Floyd of the poultry division of the state agricultural department came from Tallahassee this week and spent a few days with our home demonstration agent, Miss Marie Benedict, going over the work in Okeechobee county.

F. A. Tanner of Wauchula is spending some time here looking after the

shipment of produce from his farm on the south side of the lake.

Mrs. C. L. Smith of Baldwin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Eams, of this city.

The potato market has been off considerably the past few weeks and seems to advance very little as the season progresses. There are about 3,000 acres in potatoes here and the lack of a stable market has been a severe blow to our farmers. There are also lots of corn, beans, peanuts, eggplants, peppers and tomatoes and these are bringing good prices.