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THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST POSSESSIONS AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE BALLOT SHOULD BE SACREDLY GUARDED.



COL. CROMWELL GIBBONS,
CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA

The voters of Florida are called upon to decide many grave questions at the spring primaries. It is my desire that every man shall know how I stand on these issues. I hope I shall be able to address gatherings in all the principal communities. Those whom I cannot reach personally must be touched through the columns of the local newspapers. Those whom I will meet personally will be in better position to judge for themselves from having read and considered my platform. With this in view, I have prepared a short synopsis of the sixteen cardinal reforms and principles embodied in my platform for publication in every newspaper in the state. I ask the people of Florida to make me their governor as the measure of their approval of my stand on these measures.

PLATFORM.
First. Extended and increased powers of the Railroad Commission, which will insure the utmost rights for the shippers and which will guarantee proper and equitable rates.
Second. The Convict Lease system of Florida is a brutalizing one. I am in favor of its abolition and the placing of the convicts on the public highways of the state. Florida needs more good roads and I believe that they can best be secured by working our convicts thereon; also, the state has no right to profit by the misfortunes of its citizens. The actual labor to maintain the support of the convict is all the state is entitled. Any profit should be set aside for the benefit of the family of the convict; because we should punish the criminal is no reason why his family should suffer. On the contrary, they should be protected and supported by the labor of the convict and thus the state will be relieved of the possibility of the family being a

public charge.
Third. To re-establish the rights of the people and to meet conditions that confront us today, I am in favor of the initiative, referendum and recall. The initiative means that the people shall, by petition or otherwise, make their desires known to the law-making bodies. The referendum means that all laws passed by the law-making bodies shall be referred direct to the people before they become operative. At an election called for that purpose the people can vote for or against laws passed by their representatives and a majority vote for or against a law adopts it or rejects it. The recall means that at any election, special or regular, the people may, by ballot, determine whether or not a public servant whose term has not expired is still acceptable to them, and a majority vote for or against him determine whether or not that servant shall stay in office or be recalled.
Fourth. I favor additional laws for the control of the trusts.
Fifth. There should be stringent laws governing all corporations authorized to do business in Florida, thus protecting purchasers of securities offered by such corporations.
Sixth. Florida has suffered greatly through the operations of irresponsible land companies. I, therefore, favor strict laws governing land and colonization companies in order to protect alike the investors and settlers and the reliable dealers.
Seventh. The drainage of the lands known as the Everglades by the state on a safe, scientific and business basis that will insure drainage and reclamation, and that the same shall be drained and saved for its people, and not permitted to go into the hands of speculators. If the state is to be responsible for the drain-

age and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands, purchasers of unreclaimed lands should be fully advised at the time and should not be sold to prospective settlers until the same have been made permanently inhabitable and tillable.

The establishment of an information bureau for the purpose of developing impartially all sections of the state. Florida possesses a vast territory of inhabitable lands, distributed throughout the state and I believe it should establish and determine to have an immigration bureau that will aid and assist all sections for the development and colonization of these properties. We should lend our efforts impartially to all sections and protect every honest investor and settler by providing that he receives what is represented when sold to him.

Ninth. The organization of a State Tax Equalization Board by which taxes of the people shall be uniformly regulated and the state shall receive justly its proper returns from all property holders.

Tenth. Amendment of the primary election laws of the state. We should provide for a more thorough publicity of campaign contributions and expenditures, and regulate and limit the amount that legally shall be expended by candidates for office, state and county, and for what purpose said expenditures shall be authorized.

Eleventh. Legislation that will improve and extend our free public school system, providing every opportunity throughout the state for the education of our children.

Twelfth. Continuation of local option and a strict enforcement in every county of the local option laws of the state.

Thirteenth. The increased efficiency of the National Guard and Naval Militias of Florida by state and municipal aid.

Fourteenth. Legislation extending and increasing the powers of municipal and county governments, thus giving the people absolutely home government.

Fifteenth. The conservation of our natural resources under the control of the state.

Sixteenth. A conservative and progressive business administration of the state, giving complete publicity at all times of its affairs.

These declarations cover the issues which are of most interest and importance to our people at this time. My record as a public servant should be sufficient to insure the justice and wisdom of my stand on any question of importance which shall arise later. I have always and consistently been on the side of the people, as a whole, as my record will show. I stand for a conservative, business administration of the affairs of the state of Florida.

If elected, I shall undertake to perform my part of a great work as thoroughly and patiently as if engaged in the management of a vast business enterprise of my own. Under such an administration Florida should move rapidly forward in all lines of progress and the full measures of prosperity, which our diversified resources promise, should be realized.

CROMWELL GIBBONS.

Minutes School Board. April 3d, 1912

Board met promptly at 10 a. m. Full board present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. Lammons reported that he had investigated Higdon school house and, finding that same needed a new roof, had let the contract for this work, all of which was approved by the board.

The ramp at Lee having been approved by Mr. Whitty and Mr. Lammons, was ordered paid for. The Oakland school house was ordered sealed. The following bids for the erection of Fitzaller school building were then opened:

W. E. Sirey, \$227. W. C. Arline, \$337 and D. D. Lanier \$287. The contract was awarded to D. D. Lanier.

The following bids for erection of Home school building were then opened: W. E. Sirey, \$344. W. C. Arline, \$329 and D. D. Lanier \$259. Contract was awarded to D. D. Lanier. Mr. Sloan was ordered to investigate conditions and ascertain if a suitable site can be secured for building near Mt. Hareb and report at next meeting.

Settlement was had with treasurer and all bills paid. Board adjourned. Z. McLeod, Chair. G. W. FELDER, Sec.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APRIL 3, 1912.		
RECEIPTS:		
April 1, S. J. Ellison, Co. Levy	\$2418.92, polls \$623	\$3041.92
April 1, S. J. Ellison, Greenville sub-district		376.63
April 1, S. J. Ellison, Simons sub-district		58.16
Total		\$3475.11
EXPENDITURES:		
No. 1637, J. F. Townsend, bldg.	\$ 877.50	
No. 1638, Christine Floyd, teaching	25.00	
No. 1639, Mrs. Hattie Williams, teaching	35.00	
No. 1640, Josephine A. R. L. teaching	40.00	
No. 1641, J. W. Wheeler, pump	78.00	
No. 1643, W. B. Cate, teaching	475.00	
No. 1646, Mrs. R. W. Gray, teaching	40.00	
No. 1648, K. D. Wilson, teaching	12.50	
No. 1649, H. C. Harper, teaching	155.00	
No. 1650, Belle Flowers, teaching	40.00	
No. 1651, Mabel Cooksey, teaching	40.00	
No. 1652, T. W. Swent, teaching	45.00	
No. 1653, W. D. Gray, teaching	45.00	
No. 1654, Mrs. Mabel McMullen, teaching	40.00	
No. 1655, W. N. Blair, teaching	45.00	
No. 1656, Nita Law, teaching	35.00	
No. 1657, Mamie Morrow, teaching	35.00	
No. 1658, Eva Caulk, teaching	40.00	
No. 1659, J. H. Tuten, teaching	40.00	
No. 1660, Mary Murphy, teaching	25.00	
No. 1661, Geo. W. Hill, teaching	12.50	
No. 1662, J. D. Moore, teaching	40.00	
No. 1663, Lillian Barnett, teaching	25.00	
No. 1664, R. H. Houston, teaching	25.00	
No. 1665, E. L. Alexander, teaching	28.00	
No. 1666, R. M. Alexander, teaching	25.00	
No. 1667, Nonie Harrison, teaching	20.00	
No. 1668, Karl Klaus & Company, rubber bands	75.00	
No. 1669, Enterprise-Recorder, printing	16.65	
No. 1670, Citizens' Bank, interest	89.30	
No. 1671, T. Z. Martin, recording	9.00	
No. 1672, J. T. Gainey, work on desks	12.00	
No. 1673, W. M. Goodman, wood	1.25	
No. 1674, W. C. Loper, wood	1.00	
No. 1675, J. H. Lammons, board member	17.00	
No. 1676, Z. M. McLeod, board member	7.00	
No. 1677, S. H. Sloan, board member	4.80	
No. 1678, American Seating Co., blackboards	44.39	
No. 1679, W. B. Cate, wood and janitor	13.50	
No. 1680, Livingston & Morrow,		

UNDERWOOD THE ONLY SOUTHERNER.

He is Underwood of Alabama and Wilson of New Jersey.

Say what you will, but politicians talk themselves into the face of the Great Embroider of Alabama, and it is Underwood of New Jersey. You cannot rub that out. Underwood represents Alabama in the halls of Congress. Wilson represents the sovereign state of New Jersey in the Executive Hall. It is not a question of Kentucky, it is not a question of Missouri, it is not a question of Wisconsin, it is not a question of Virginia, it is not a question of South Carolina, it is not a question of Georgia. It is not a question of Alabama, it is not a question of New Jersey. It is a question of the people of the United States.

But the people of the United States are not political chickens. They know that Oscar Underwood is an Alabama and William Wilson is a New Jersey. When the voters do not give their leaders credit for at least as much sense as he has, he is making a great mistake. The people who do not give the ruling on their own account are not the unwarranted, designing, specious, unprincipled, unscrupulous, traitors. Mr. Underwood is a man who should be proud to hold up his hands. Such people as this is a reflection on the moral sense of the state. Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

UNDERWOOD AND THE ISSUES

PLAIN WORDS ON BIG QUESTIONS.

[Extracts from interview of Oscar W. Underwood, reported in staff correspondence of the New York World, editorial section, Dec. 3, 1911.]

"There has been no attempt on the part of the manufacturers to give labor its share of the benefits derived from the tariff. They have kept all the profits."

"To protect profits is to protect inefficiency and to strangle life rather than develop industry."

"I prefer to lower the tariff wall by taking blocks off the top of the wall rather than by demolishing the structure at the bottom."

"The people have not faith in the Republican party because it has not kept faith with them."

"If it (the Sherman law) is enforced as a criminal statute it is an efficient instrument for preventing and punishing monopoly and restraint of trade."

Notice.

Commencing on May 1st, the undersigned Banks will open for business at 8:00 o'clock A. M., and close at 3:00 P. M.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MADISON

CITIZENS BANK OF MADISON

insurance	21.75
No. 1681, Mark & Sheftall, plans	35.00
No. 1682, W. C. Arline, work on desks	18.50
No. 1683, W. W. Corbett, work on desks	8.00
No. 1684, J. R. Wilson, wood	1.00
No. 1685, Pope Webb, wood	1.50
No. 1686, W. H. Perrott, repairs	70.00
No. 1687, H. Lovett, repairs	11.62
No. 1688, Pinetta Supply Co., incidentals	40.75
No. 1689, G. W. Tedder, salary	100.00
No. 1690, J. W. Davis, treasurer	67.00
No. 1693, Hudson Jarman, tching.	95.00
No. 33, Pinetta Drug Co., books	6.25
Total	\$3035.78

I certify that the report is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Z. M. McLeod, Chair.
Attest—G. W. FELDER, Secy.