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The Times-Union of last Sunday told of its purity in gushing words, and Tuesday it is deep in its work of trying to deceive the public.

The Times-Union of Tuesday prints a long article on its first page, under a large display heading, what purports to be a dispatch from Tusla, Indian Territory, but which bears the stamp of having been written in Jacksonville.

It is an oil boom story, intended to attract people to investment.

Under the guise of news it is an advertisement of the Tusla Development Company.

The question is not concerning this company.

That is not the point at issue.

Nobody outside of the promoters of the company cares anything about it.

Nobody would object to publication of such "dispatch" if it were labeled as an advertisement, and nobody cares whether it is paid for or not, though it is not likely to occupy such prominent position in the Times-Union without recompense of some kind for somebody connected with the publication.

Again is the public deceived by the corporation bible of Florida printing stuff for news that is not news.

This is an old trick of the Times-Union. Its owners insist that the paper peon do this work.

The owners of the Times-Union—Oh, yes—

The Times-Union is owned by the Atlantic Coast Line, the Florida East Coast and the Seaboard Air Line Railway Companies.

The Times-Union is NOT a newspaper—it IS a chattel.

And the Chattel of a Republican who contributed \$2,000 to elect a Republican Governor of New York.

HERE'S IMPUDENCE FOR YOU.

This language I am about to use is not parliamentary, but, thank heaven, I don't have to be parliamentary.

So, the question recurring upon the report (printed in this issue) of the committee appointed to investigate the Joint Committee appointed to investigate the acts and records of the Trustees of the I. I. Fund: Speaking to the question of the report of the second investigation committee I rise to say—

Who in the hell are Haskins and Sells?

They seem to be the whole cheese when it comes to this investigation.

But, who are they?

The interrogatories of the special committee and the answers of Mr. Martin present a phase of Legislative inquiry new to the people. Governor Broward sent a special message to the Legislature the second day of its session, asking that a full investigation be made of the acts of the Trustees and of the charges made against them. He based his request upon the charge that had been made by certain newspapers.

Other people thought that an investigation should be held, but they differed with the Governor, in that they thought that the investigation should be confined to the Trustees. The House and the Senate did not agree with those who differed with the Governor. Both houses passed the resolution drawn up in line with the Governor's message.

Now this investigation put on foot at the request of the Governor and by a practically unanimous vote of both houses, has never been an investigation by the people of Florida through its Legislative committee, but has, from the very start, been an investigation conducted by Haskins and Sells, whoever they may be.

Read Mr. Martin's answer, and then take a trip to New York, proceed immediately to No. 30 Broad St., and get acquainted with Haskins and Sells, because they are greater than the State of Florida, and the Governor and the Legislature thereof. They are incidentally greater than the people, because they have assumed charge of the people's investigation of the people's business.

But do not blame Haskins and Sells.

They are laborers ready to be hired. It is the Joint Investigating Committee, or, to put it more correctly, the majority of the Joint Investigating Committee, who are responsible for this outrage upon the people of Florida.

Representative Carter, member of the committee, cannot be blamed for the way this committee has conducted this investigation, because he said on the floor of the House that he did not know what was going on.

Mr. Reese, member of the committee, cannot be blamed for the way the investigation has been conducted, nor for Haskins and Sells, because he voted for a resolution opening the doors of the Investigating Committee, so that

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