

INTRODUCTION
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Mr. J. C. Chase,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Josh;

I have enclosed in an envelope carbon copy of letter I wrote to Mr. Landis regarding the BREVARD COUNTY ROAD matter; and also carbon copy of letter I wrote him regarding the KuKlux demonstration in Sanford last night. There were all sorts of rumors floating around yesterday morning about what was going to happen to the party who wrote the circular stating that booze element was behind Lake, and was dead against Stevens. The plain truth hurt the feelings of the booze artists, and they intimated Sunday that the Ku Klux would be here Monday evening, and proposed to ride Mr. C.D. Leffler round the city in a yellow Mother Hubbard. However before night time they decided a performance of that kind would not be wise, and dropped it. But the KuKlux convened O.K., - 138 strong - at 10th St. and Sanford Avenue, marched down Sanford Ave. to First Street, out First to Oak, up Oak past our office to Ninth, then to the point of beginning.

They had all sorts of banners that they were displaying, and ~~when~~ the Stevens campaign party were holding a meeting at our office, and when the KuKlux hove in sight somebody wanted to "douse the glim", but instead of putting the lights out we went out on the pavement.

The satchel that I wrote Mr. Landis about divulged some very interesting facts. The man, Barber, who owned the satchel, lived at Bunnell, and had driven 75 miles to attend this demonstration. Members of the K.K.K. were here from Orlando and others from Tampa. Our organization only amounts to 44.

I learned to-day, on very good authority that Mr. Lake feared there would be a strong negro vote at this election, and arranged with the KuKlux to give this demonstration for the purpose of intimidating the negro vote.

I'm going to tell Mr. Lake this afternoon at the polls that the next time he arranges for a KuKlux demonstration in Sanford to ~~keep~~ his head Cyclops sober, so he will not deposit his grip with all the Klan secrets in it so that the public will know who arranged for the visitation, as well as learn the organization's secrets. He will sure gasp for breath. He knows I had possession of the grip for three or four hours and he also knows that it was thoroughly investigated - in order to learn the owner's name. I know he will attempt to deny any connection with this visit, but we have the goods on him.

The voting is very heavy. At one o'clock there were nearly 500 votes cast, - more than they generally have during an entire day at the city elections. The chances are there will be 1,000 votes polled before sundown.

Sydney will remain over and go down on #82, and take breakfast with you. We will advise you of this later. He is interested in the campaign and wants to remain over and learn the results. He has been a big help in taking in 40 or 50 voters, mostly ladies. He specializes on ladies.

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J.C.C. #2

12/6/21

Regarding the MOVEMENT of ISLEWORTH FRUIT. The rotten weather we had last week prevented us from processing and moving as much fruit as we would have been able to do otherwise. We had less than three days' picking last week; some days picked nothing. As we are processing everything there is always a break in our operations, waiting on color.

We have some 64 straps tangerines over the car shipped to-day. I have old Magnuson to load these in with oranges and roll them to-morrow.

If the weather will not prevent we will roll more than a car a day. Last week, in spite of the weather, we shipped 1930 boxes, 993 of which were tangerines. It takes double the labor to ship tangerines that it does round oranges. We have 30 pickers at work to-day.

Williams came in to-day to correct some little mechanical troubles at the Sanford house.

I have instructed him, as soon as he gets back to Orlando, which will probably be Thursday, to run out to Isleworth and inspect the processing rooms there, then go over to Tildenville and Winter Garden and inspect the processing rooms in the houses at those points, take measurements and notes of any special methods of construction.

Just as soon as we are through packing at Geneva I think it would be well to put in a couple process rooms at that point, and systematically equip every packing house we operate with process rooms, so they can be used when it is necessary to use them. We can make false sides that can be removed, which will, I think, in most instances, make it unnecessary to build new additions to the houses in order to provide space for these coloring rooms.

If we had had these rooms at Wiley Avenue this year we could have moved all the fruit full-colored, and would have been able to make a killing. We must also have a coloring space at Heamathla.

Since the government approves of this method of coloring we do not look for any state or national interference.

Yours truly,

