

April 24, 1916.

To The Editor;

The statement has been made by people supposed to know that the Everglades Bonds have been sold. This statement has been systematically circulated throughout Florida.

It is not true.

The Everglades Bonds have not been sold. There is no binding agreement upon the part of anybody to purchase any of them. The story that they have been sold was given out, in my opinion, for political purposes and for campaign consumption.

The statement that they have been sold, whether given out either by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or by their Counsel, Ex-Governor William Tecumseh Sherman Jennings, is not true. And if any of them gave it out, they know when they did so, that it was not true. I concede fully the great ability, both deep and subtle, of Governor Jennings.

If the bonds have been sold and there is a binding agreement upon the part of anybody to purchase them, I shall be glad to know it; but I shall not believe it until the Trustees take the public sufficiently into their confidence to make public a copy of the agreement itself.

The people of Florida have been fooled enough about these bonds already. Let us hope that the Trustees and their
Ex-Counsel will be men enough to tell the truth about this transaction before and not after the June Primary.

Yours very truly,

JHC:AC.