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"THE GATEWAY TO THE EVERGLADES"

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## A "BACK TO BROWARD" LEAGUE FORMED IN FORT LAUDERDALE LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A "Back to Broward League" was organized last Saturday for the purpose of acquainting the state with the status of everglades drainage matters.

The people of Florida have not been advised of the rights and wrongs of the everglades question, I am sure, said W. O. Evans, secretary of the new organization when interviewed by a Herald representative.

No individual can truly prosper with a record of broken promises. No business house nor corporation could continue to do business for any length of time unless they dealt fairly with their customers and kept their ordinary business promises.

I am sorry to have to say it but the fact remains that on account of the state's delay in draining the everglades, Florida as a state is being condemned by millions of people in the other states of the union.

This is not only injuring every part of Florida to a degree that can hardly be measured in dollars and cents. In the slackening of the stream of immigration into the state, but it is also becoming a personal reproach to every honest man in the state. The failure to drain land that was sold five and six or more years ago under what we cannot deny to be a state drainage project, with widely heralded promises comes dangerously close to "repudiation." Repudiation of the most binding pledges.

This league is going to convey to the people of Florida the real facts of the everglades situation, the pledges that have been made of drainage by the people of Florida through the election of Governor Broward on a drainage platform are binding upon us yet. Our representatives have passed laws calculated to drain the everglades, still further pledging us to the work. Our state officers have made and permitted to be made the most binding promises of drainage. We, as honest men must see that their promises of drainage are carried out or stand condemned before the world as a people of honor. We are satisfied, said Mr. Evans, when the people of Florida are posted as the obligations of drainage we have made as a state that they will insist that these promises be kept and we keep faith with the thousands of people who invested their savings on account of Florida's drainage promises.

The Back to Broward League, Mr. Evans continued, will endeavor to convey to the people of Florida some idea of how the failure to drain the land sold to small buyers is injuring the entire state.

Our proposition is unanswerable, the state should make good and every candidate for state office should definitely declare himself on this most important question.

So far are we from working for any individual candidate or candidates that we hope that all candidates for state offices, both the administrative and legislative officers, will subscribe to our platform.

It is so evidently the right and honest thing to do that I do not see how any candidate can refuse to endorse this move.

Mr. Evans handed to the representative a copy of the constitution of the new organization, which we quote in part:

Section 3. To place before the people of Florida the real facts with regard to the everglades, its history, its present states and its future possibilities.

Section 4. To inform the people of the state of Florida of the obligations and duties incurred and assumed by them with reference to the drainage of the everglades and the manner in which the obligations and duties have been treated by the several state administrations.

Section 5. To urge the immediate redemption of all pledges made by the state and its officials with a view of saving the honor and reputation and the fair name of Florida.

Section 6. To urge that future state administrations avoid the mistakes of those in office since the death of Napoleon Broward and "Going back to Broward", adopt and carry out in its essentials the drainage plan of this greatest of Florida's sons.

The names of the officers chosen to transact the business of the league are among the most prominent citizens of Broward and the list as furnished to the representative by Mr. Evans are as follows:

A. B. Lowe, president; Robert J. Reed, vice-president; W. L. Evans, secretary-treasurer. These three gentlemen with F. A. Barrett and W. C. Kyle constituting the executive committee.

The painters are busy painting the Christian church this week.

Grub up the palmettos.