

Tampa, Fla. December 7, 1914

My dear Mrs. Jennings:

Your letter received and I certainly do approve of the proposition submitted. I regret so much that business affairs will prevent me from going to Tallahassee with you. I have never visited Tallahassee and to go with one so well and favorably known as yourself would indeed be a great pleasure; but alas! I must forego this for the present.

The State owes something to The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs for the work done and being done by it along civic lines. See what the women's clubs are accomplishing for health and sanitation, for moral uplift and beautiful home surroundings.

I think it would be only just for Florida to grant this park to the Federation and I know you will have gone a long way towards accomplishing this great object when you have enlisted the approval and support of Governor Trammell and his charming wife.

With the generous endowment offered by Mrs. Flagler we could soon make this park the show place for the East Coast and bring glory and honor to Florida and to The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

Wishing you Godspeed in this good work,

I am yours cordially,

Tampa, Florida

November 14, 1914.

To The Honorable Board of Public Works

Tampa, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Early last summer, before turning over the grounds of my residence at 821 South Rome Avenue to a landscape architect to be rearranged and beautified, I looked up the proposed location of the sewer to which I would have to connect when the City's new sewerage system will have been completed. I then laid the sewer on my property ready for connection in order to avoid interfering with the new arrangement of my yard when I should be able to use the city sewer. This I found was to be laid on Packwood Avenue from near Bristol to Morrison Avenues as my lots fronting on South Rome run continuously through to Packwood Avenues.

In remodeling my home I had the sewer grade on Packwood Avenue locked up in order to be certain of having drainage from the cellar floor to the city sewer.

This investigation at the City Engineer's office revealed the fact that the proposed sewer above described had been abandoned, this action leaving me the only property owner on South Rome Avenue without available sewer connection.

The exact location of my home and the formerly proposed sewer to which I would connect can be given you by Mr. Martin the City Engineer from whom I got the information that the project had been abandoned.

Respectfully submitting this matter to your kind consideration,
I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

Tampa, Florida,

October 29th 1914.

My Dear Mrs. Green:

Mrs. F. E. Jennings has sent me these pamphlets and requested me to send you one, asking you to take it to some obliging lawyer of your acquaintance and request him to look it over and answer the following questions:

1. What are a woman's priviledges under the Florida law?
2. What are a woman's disabilities under the Florida law?
3. Is a married woman protected or hampered by her inability to make legal contract?

Mrs. Jennings would like to have the lawyer sign these opinions; but if they will not do that, take an anonymous opinion. She is anxious to get these opinions at once so that she can make up her legislative report.

Hoping to see you at the Convention,

I am yours cordially,

Copy of letter from
Judge Charles B. Parkhill to Miss Kate V. Jackson
November 12, 1914.

Dear Miss Jackson:-

Complying with your request, I take pleasure in answering the following questions:

First: What are a woman's privileges and disabilities under the Florida law?

Second: Is a married woman protected or hampered by her inability to make a legal contract?

First: She may own property, both real and personal. All property, real and personal, of a wife owned by her before marriage, or lawfully acquired after marriage, shall be her separate property, and the same shall not be liable for the debts of her husband without her consent given by some instrument in writing.

An unmarried woman may own property, contract and be contracted with just as a man may.

A married woman of full age may hold stock in building and loan associations, and as such stockholder she may have all the rights and privileges of other members, including the right to borrow money from the association, and the right and power to secure such loans by transferring her said stock to the association, or by executing a note or bond secured by a mortgage upon a separate real estate, in the execution of which her husband must join.

A married woman owning real or personal property in her own right, whose husband is ~~insane~~, and is so adjudged, and who has continued in such condition for one year, may let, lease, rent, mortgage, sell and convey any part, or all, of such property and receive the consideration or proceeds for same.

Any married woman owning real property may sell, convey or mortgage it as she might do if she were not married, provided her husband joins therein.

Husband is not liable for ante-nuptial debts.

Any married woman residing in this state may become a freeholder in every respect, by petition to the judge of the circuit court, proof of her capacity to take charge of and manage her own estate and property, and after she shall have published a copy of the order or decree granting the license, she shall be authorized to take charge of and control real estate, to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, and to bind herself in all respects as fully as if she were unmarried. As a freeholder she may convey her real estate without her husband joining in the execution of the deed.

A married woman may prosecute any action concerning her land in her own name, and without joining her husband.

A married woman's wages and earnings, acquired by her, in any employment, separate from her husband, shall be her separate property, and subject to her own disposal, and she shall be entitled to sue for and

recover the same as though she were a single woman.

A married woman may dispose of her property, both real and personal, by a last will and testament in the same manner as if she were not married, even though she be a minor.

The Supreme Court of this state has said: "In the absence of constitutional or statutory provisions governing the subject, an adult unmarried woman, who is a citizen and resident of this state, and who has not become disqualified under the laws of the State to hold office, may be appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county treasurer."

A woman may not become a qualified elector at elections under the Constitution,

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) C.B.Parkhill.

CBP/s

[APRIL 14, 1914]

read *club room!*
Please print this in next issue

HEALTH HINT.

H. G. Wells, in his "World Set Free", paints an alluring picture of war a thing abandoned, the whole earth governed amicably by a Common Council of all nations, and all the bad things gradually done away with. Among these bad things flies and mosquitos are utterly vanquished, and blotted out.

It makes us sigh to live in that good day, but it is not here yet. Do not let us forget that flies and mosquitos are still very troublesome and dangerous facts. Think of the things just these two insects are guilty of carrying about with them and spreading among us unsuspecting human-beings! Typhoid fever, infant diarrheas, ~~diseases~~, tuberculosis, infantile paralysis, - any one or more than one of these may be on the legs and wings and in the droppings of the fly that is crawling at this moment over your food, or over your baby's lips or milk bottle in the yard. Malaria, yellow fever, and probably dengue are entirely the work of the mosquito.

This is the time to destroy their breeding places. If we will see to it: That every tin can, bit of broken crockery, or other refuse article that will hold rain, is removed or buried;

That no water is allowed to stand on our own places uncovered in tubs or barrels, or in any other vessel, for wiggler to breed in; and

That the attention of the city official, whose business it is, is called to any standing water in the town, that it be drained away or covered with kerosene, ~~these things done~~, we will have gone far to stop the breeding of mosquitos.

The breeding of flies will be stopped at once by the careful screening or tight boxing of all places where manure is stored, so that no flies can lay eggs in it;

By not allowing the manure to lie exposed to flies before storing;

By keeping all garbage covered, and burning it or carting it away. ~~at once~~.

Public Health Department,
Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

TAMPA CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Feb. 8, 1914

Mr. H. S. Bratcher
Sec. Playground and Recreation Ass'n. of America
New York City.

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the Tampa Civic Association it was voted to offer to the National Playground Association the grateful thanks of its members for the services of Mr. I. S. Settle the field secretary who was so generously sent here to help in the playground movement in our city.

All who had the good fortune to meet Mr. Settle were charmed. His pleasing personality, his great tact, his thorough knowledge of his subject as well as his uncommon common sense, prove that the National Playground Association uses good judgment in the selection of its field secretaries.

Mr. Settle was untiring in his efforts to bring about a happy solution of the playground movement in Tampa.

Although much had been done by the Tampa Civic Association in agitating, educating, and securing the purchase of land for the establishment of playgrounds, we felt the great need of expert advice. Financially we were not in a position to secure this, so Mr. Settle's coming was most happy.

Owing to the city charter it was difficult to discover the proper method of handling the situation, but after weeks of endeavor this was accomplished — and the contract has been awarded for the building of a pavilion and the grading, etc., of one playground.

The Tampa Civic Association will furnish the equipment. The Board of Public Works has promised to employ a supervisor selected by the committee working with Mr. Settle, as soon as the grounds are in shape. They have also promised to make provision in the next budget for the opening of several other places.

We feel that we are much better informed on the subject and in a much better position to foster and forward the movement — thanks to Mr. Settle's advice.

I personally desire to thank you for your kindness, and the Tampa Civic Association desires to be enrolled as a member of the National Playground Association, and adding its mite, to help others as it has been helped. Enclosed please find check for membership.

With best wishes,
Yours gratefully,

President.

P. S. It is said that a woman must always add a P.S., and this I add to remark that perhaps not a little of Mr. Settle's success is due to the intuition and co-operation of his charming wife.

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211-17 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 7, 1914

Miss Kate Jackson,
Tampa, Fla.

My dear Miss Jackson:-

I am taking advantage of this, my first spare moment, to let you know that Mrs. Settle and I are still alive and hearty and thinking of you and the other charming Tampa people, with whom we spent such a pleasant month.

What wonderful things Lorraine and I have been telling those charming sisters about our stay in Tampa, and the nicest thing about is that everything we have told is true. Our descriptions of the luncheons, chats and automobile rides around the city in your swell car, or better known as the "Old Gray Mule", has made those attractive sisters hope that when matrimony does overtake them the man will be a Field Secretary, and will be kept working in such cities as Tampa.

Upon my return to Birmingham I had to plunge into a vigorous campaign to get the City Commission to appoint a Supt. of Recreation. They had created this office in the fall but as the city was going in debt a thousand dollars a day the appointment had been postponed as long as possible. After several conferences, however, they have just agreed to appropriate \$2500.00 for this position, and appointed a committee to nominate a trained man.

There is plenty of hard work connected with the position of a Field Secretary, but there are also many remunerations, especially good treatment and successful results.

Please keep us informed about the Tampa situation. If flying machines were in more general use we would like to swoop down at the opening of your model playground and see the two teams in action. Please remember us to the members of the committee at your next meeting.

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#2 - Miss Kate Jackson.

Again thanking you for your many courtesies to us and the earnest cordial support you gave the work, and with best wishes for the success of the Tampa Recreation System, and kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

T. S. Settle

Field Secretary.

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Jan 29th '14.

My dear Miss Jackson-

Will it be possible for you to do a little

investigation for me-? I am one of a committee to appear before the State Board of Health- and I want to know, if it possible- what the precentage of tubercular people there are working in the Cigar Factories? If you do not care to ask- will you kindly give me the names of the different firms- that I may write and have an answer before the 10th of Feb.?

Also, I want to know

if the Child labor law- going into effect Jan 1st 1914- has been carried out or observed in these factories.? How many children are employed under the age limit- and any information that you can gather- This information is for use at the State Charities and Corrections that meets in Gainesville Feb 13-15-and where I hope to see you as a delagate from your club.

This is all work along the lines of your activites- and I hope you will have opportunity to do this for me- as one, on the ground, can do so much better than one can do by writing.

Very sincerely-

M. E. Randall.

JOSEPH P. REMINGTON, PH. M.

No. 1832 PINE STREET

PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1914.

Miss Kate V. Jackson,
Tampa Civic Association,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Miss Jackson,

I know that you are interested in foods. I have just received the enclosed advertising matter. It bears out my statement made before the women's organization in Tampa at the Tampa Bay Hotel.

I have sometimes thought that I offended some delicate and supersensitive women by alluding to things which some women regard as "taboo", but I hope that you agree with me that matters relating to food and the ordinary affairs of life should be spoken of frankly, but always in the proper spirit. It is the spirit that counts most; it should be serious but no necessarily uncheerful. Dr. Wiley's work in stopping the bad habit of floating oysters will save thousands of lives; yet how few people in the United States know this!

Wishing you success in your efforts to elevate humanity,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,

(Enclosure).

Joseph P. Remington

1513 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA

January 24, 1914.

Miss Kate V. Jackson,

Pres., Tampa Civic Association,
821 So. Rome Ave.,
Tampa, Florida.

My dear Miss Jackson:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 13th instant, on my return home.

I have had a session with Dr. Aronovici. He will leave for Tampa, on January 31st. I am giving him a letter of introduction to you. It is a very solid satisfaction that your Association has laid such a foundation upon which to build a public sentiment in the matter of beautifying Tampa. Anything that lies in my power ^{to assist} will not be a duty, it will be a pleasure.

You will find Dr. Aronovici a cultured gentleman of high professional attainment in town planning, and a man of fine grain. His European travels in the line of his profession have been a liberal education in themselves.

Yours truly,

