

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ocala, Fla., March 2, 1909. The board of county commissioners for Marion county, Florida, met in regular session on the above date.

Present: Hon. George MacKay, chairman, and N. A. Fort, J. M. Mathers, M. M. Proctor and W. J. Crosby, commissioners.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Hon. H. W. Long appeared before the board and asked change of a former resolution wherein the county agreed that when citizens would build any portion of a hard road that the county would build an equal amount, requesting that the county adopt a resolution agreeing to build twice as much as built by citizens.

Mr. J. W. Coulter and W. J. Willis each appeared before the board and requested reduction in assessments on account of shortage in the acreage on lands in sec 6, tp 14, r 20, e. The gentlemen were referred to Tax Assessor Ayer, and that in the event the tax assessor had made an error in the valuation of their property by assessing on acreage that he correct the valuation and make proper return to collector, and that the tax collector is hereby authorized to collect in accordance with the amended assessment.

Road petition was filed asking the county to abrogate part of the Old Town road, beginning at a point in northeast quarter of sec 24, tp 14, r 20, running thence southeast to the Turnipseed place in sec 24, tp 14, r 21, east, or Ocala and Flemington road, then commencing about the center of northeast quarter, sec 24, tp 14, r 20, east, thence southeast to southeast corner of northeast quarter of southeast quarter, sec 30, tp 14, r 21, east, thence south on section line dividing sections 29 and 30, 31 and 32, to connect with Ocala and Blichton road. Petition laid over until April meeting.

Chairman MacKay, having examined the steel bridges constructed at Sharp's Ferry and at Moss Bluff, and reported (verbally) to the board that they each had been constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and were good bridges, it was ordered that a warrant be drawn payable to Austin Bros., contractors, for \$3730, payment in full for said bridges, and that the contractors be allowed \$10 for five barrels of cement left over, to be used in the construction of culverts on the causeway.

A verbal agreement was had with Mr. J. L. Minton for the care of the bridge and opening of the draw so allow boats to pass for fifty cents an opening. Commissioner MacKay was instructed to have prepared and posted at the bridges proper warning notices, and he was also instructed to have the Dunnellon bridge properly scraped and painted.

Mr. E. H. McIlvaine was present and proposed to the board that he would act as ferryman and keep in good repair at his own expense the flat at Grahamville for \$20 per month from January 1, 1909 to January 1, 1910. Accepted and warrant for \$4 was ordered drawn, balance of payment due him to date.

Upon motion Mr. McIlvaine was awarded the contract to transfer flat from Sharp's ferry to Eureka for \$6. The matter of transferring flat from Moss Bluff to Stark's ferry, and keeping up abutments was referred to Commissioner Proctor.

The petition referred to Commissioner Proctor for investigation at last meeting of the board, viz: Beginning at the southwest corner of section 4 in tp 16, r 22, and running east along said section line to where it intersects the Ocala and Belleview hard road, Mr. Proctor recommended that the petition be not granted. The report was adopted.

The bill of McIver & MacKay for the repair of the jail and construction of a porch for \$207 last November was ordered paid.

Bonds to carry firearms were approved and licenses ordered issued for the following persons, viz: H. T. Jones, B. F. Morrison, Arthur Hall, James Wilson, M. C. Jones, W. H. Morrison, G. E. Krider, George D. Earl, H. T. Jones, W. B. Malphurs, T. H. Griggs, E. H. Hopkins, Chas. W. Willard, A. J. Ellis.

S. L. Hitting came before the board and asked a reduction of valuation on tax rolls for lands described as follows: Com 19.54 chs s of nw cor of ne 1-4, sec 19, tp 15, r 22, east, thence s 420 ft, e 210 ft, n 420 ft, w 210 ft—2 acres, from \$300 to \$200. Request was granted.

The board then adjourned until Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk.

FIT PUNISHMENTS

If I had my way with the trusts, Oh, fitting the fates they'd meet. The crockery trust I'd send to smash, And the egg trust I would beat.

I would make the watch trust go. To the flour trust give the sack; I'd wipe the towel trust out, and put The book trust on the rack.

I would soak the sponge trust good, Send the rocket trust sky high. The umbrella trust shut up, and punch The needle trust in the eye.

The coal trust I would fire. I would freeze the ice trust out; The stone trust I would crush to bits, And the milk trust put to route.

I would lick the label trust; The whiskey trust put down; And the auto trust, with the honk-like yell, I would drive clean out of town. —Boston Transcript.

A MOTHER'S DAY

We celebrate all kinds of days and many people get real satisfaction from the celebration, but one is now suggested in which every human being should find special delight. It is Mother's Day.

It will be observed the second Sunday in May.

Of this day the Jacksonville Times-Union says:

"Wear a white flower on the second Sunday in May, preferably a white carnation, but be sure to wear a white flower. That day has been selected as 'Mother's Day,' and such a flower as a means of observance. There is no holier sentiment in mankind than the self-sacrificing love of a mother for her child. Every man is ennobled for cherishing love for the mother who bore him or her. No relation in life is more tender than that of a mother to her children, of grateful children to their mother. Motherhood means more danger to life than the battlefield, it means countless sacrifices, even at the cost of health itself. None but an ingrate would refuse to observe the day set apart for paying respect to the mothers of the land. It only needs that every person who honors his or her mother, or her memory, shall wear a white flower on that day, the second Sunday in May. In public schools it will be the Friday before."

Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is to retire from the British navy March 24. He has been identified with the navy for fifty years. After remaining on the active list two more years he will retire finally on full pay.

GROWTH OF THE FLORIDA LIFE

The third annual statement of the Florida Life Insurance Company will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Banner. The information contained therein is of material interest to the insuring public of Florida.

Splendid gains in all essential items is the Florida Life's record for 1908. The figures contained in this statement are more eloquent than words, and need no comment to show the steady growth of this excellent home company. Its record has been one of steady progress and continued growth. The results obtained last year should be as pleasing to policy-holders as they are complimentary to the officers of the company and their management. The record made is certainly a flattering one.

The statement shows the conservative increase in business and a good surplus to policy-holders. Its income above disbursements is \$37,241.72, which is a strong feature in favor of its administration. Over \$3,000,000.00 insurance is carried in force and there are \$3.30 assets for every dollar of liability to policy-holders. The company's promptness in settling its obligations has been one of its strongest and best features.

At the close of the year the company took over the business of the Southern Home Insurance Company of Bartow, Florida, and on January 1, opened an accident branch under the management of C. H. Baker.

The Florida Life has become well established and the people of the state now realize that they can obtain from this company as good insurance as can be bought anywhere.

A careful consideration of the statement clearly shows that the Florida Life is conserving every interest of the policy-holders, and that its affairs are in good and competent hands. In Ocala the company has an able representative in our well known citizen, Mr. B. R. Stripling, who is manager of this district.

The house of representatives fixes the president's salary at \$75,000, and no allowance for traveling expenses.

The Seaboard Air Line railroad has let the contract for another mammoth warehouse in Jacksonville, which is to cost not less than \$40,000.

KILLED A MAMMOTH ALLIGATOR

Party of New Residents Have An Exciting Experience

Messrs. R. G. Thask of Petosky, Mich., George Lemaux of Indianapolis, Ind., Harry Ward of Decatur, Ind., J. F. Rock of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mr. Fish of Chicago, embarked on a launch one day this week to go up the river on a fishing trip. They had their trolls out and succeeded in yanking out a good string of fish, and were engaged in this pleasant pastime when they ran athwart of a monster alligator, lazily amusing himself and enjoying a siesta. The sight of this mighty leviathan was too much for Mr. Lemaux, and he ordered the guide to face the enemy while he unlimbered the heavy artillery, which consisted of a shotgun loaded with buckshot. The guide carried out the instructions to the letter, and shutting off the power allowed the boat to drift to within a few feet of the gator. The rest of the party were scared speechless, and Harry Ward hastily scribbled a note to his family telling them how he died.

Lemaux, however, with the courage of his French ancestors surging through his veins (and gradually oozing out at his finger tips) followed the guide's instructions, and aimed the mountain howitzer just behind the foreleg. Shutting both eyes and breathing a prayer for his salvation, he pulled the trigger and the mighty saurian sprang convulsively into the air with his heart cleft in twain. The rest of the crew were brought to by dashing celery tonic into their faces, and the carcass was towed to shore and afterwards brought to the city. The gator measured 12 1/2 feet, and the hide will be prepared at once and the gentlemen propose to have it made up into satchels in which they will carry back the money made from their Sanford celery farms, recently purchased.—Sanford Herald.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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FAILS TO CATCH ON

No wonder at all that the politics of the south is based upon prejudice and passion in the light of the following which we clip from the Ocala Banner, of Ocala, Florida. The Banner publishes the comments on Emerson of other southern papers under the head of "All About Emerson." Emerson called Poe the "jingle man." Let's see—who was Emerson? —Tampa Tribune. And such is fame. Why, man, Billy Emerson was the greatest nigger-singer this country ever produced, and as a popular favorite in his day Poe wasn't in it with him a minute. Billy could well afford to look down on the Raven rhymer as a mere "jingle man"—although the latter didn't jingle near as much coin in his pocket for the little pieces he wrote as honest Billy did for his nigger-singing.—Live Oak Democrat.

Cut it out, boys. Get into the band wagon of progress. Let the dead past bury its dead, douse memories and turn to the future. It is today and not yesterday which concerns us. Get busy on the right thing and that best calculated for present day interests. The "nigger" is a dead issue. Vote for the democrat, if he's right; or vote for the republican if he is more right. Don't vote for either from prejudice.—End (Okla.) Events.

We don't believe that the Events man has any acquaintance with Keen Satire or Broad Humor, and would not recognize them face to face in the public road.

TALIAFERRO MAKING BIG FIGHT

Senator Taliaferro of Florida, in the senate Friday, spoke at length upon his bill to prevent the manufacture, sale, or transportation of adulterated, misbranded or falsely graded naval stores, having especial reference to rosin and turpentine.

Senator Taliaferro claimed that the adulteration in naval stores had become so general as to drive out of business many firms dealing in the genuine article.

Senator Taliaferro charged parties to so-called trust with having practiced various offenses, such as false grading and giving short weight, the manipulation of the market for turpentine and rosin below the cost of production, and "about every other reprehensible practice adopted by those who prey upon the trade."

It should not be forgotten that Compers, Morrison and Mitchell are to be sent to jail, not for violation of any law, but for ignoring the order of a judge. These three men have never been convicted of violating any law.—Bryan's Commoner.

Fresh Seeds IN BULK For Truck Farmers and Gardeners Beans, Cabbage, Cucumber, Lettuce, Cantaloupe, Water Melon, Spuash Tomato, Turnip, Rutabaga, Etc. These Seeds are Absolutely Fresh If you get your Seeds from us and have favorable conditions for crops, you cannot fail O.K. GROCERY CLARK BROS., Proprietors OCALA, FLORIDA

REV. IGNACIO A. RIERA

I wish to introduce our missionary to the Methodist people of the Ocala district. The preachers at the Institute decided to keep up our district special this year, and on the recommendation of Dr. W. R. Lambuth and Bro. W. G. Fletcher, we take Brother Riera as our missionary. His salary is \$700, and we are going to pay it as a free-will offering.

Brother Riera was reared a Roman Catholic, but God opened up to him a more excellent way. He was converted in Tampa and attended schools in Florida for several years. After the Spanish-American war he returned to Cuba. During Brother Baker's successful ministry at Matanzas, one of his most faithful helpers was Brother Riera. He spent two years in Brother Baker's home, pursuing his studies and learning by experience the many duties of a Methodist itinerant.

For seven years he has served various charges in Cuba and his labors have been wonderfully blessed of God. During one of these years he received more than 150 members into the church. Brother Riera was ordained deacon by Bishop Candler at Santa Clara in 1903, and elder at Cienfuegos in January of this year. He was married to Miss Rosaria Acosta, in Matanzas, in 1901, and they have an interesting family of four children. For the present year our missionary is laboring at Baracoa, one of the most needy fields in Cuba. Let us remember to pray for him and his people.—T. J. Nixon, in Methodist Advocate.

Jacksonville is to give a public demonstration of what happens in a railroad wreck when two engines come together in a head-on collision, moving at the rate of fifty or sixty miles an hour. At the exposition grounds a track seven-eighths of a mile in length has been laid, and starting from each end of this track the engines will speed toward each other, meeting in the center with a crash and roar. Both will be entirely demolished and only fit for the scrap heap. This event is to take place on February 28, and special excursion trains are to be run to Jacksonville on that day to enable everybody to witness the great event.

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A LOST SCHOONER FOUND

A special from Mobile says that a long distance message received here this afternoon from Pensacola, Fla., states that the missing schooner, Dependent, from Mobile, February 7, for Port Inglis, Fla., with a cargo of coal, that had been given up for lost was beached near Cedar Keys, Fla., out that the crew were safe, and there was some hope of getting the vessel off.

Among the policies of interest to the state that are being advocated by Hon. Park Trammell, the new attorney general, is that when state lands are to be sold in large quantities, public advertisement should be made through the press, in order that the public generally will be put on notice. If this plan is adopted the state will have opportunity to get in communication with all prospective purchasers. All citizens will have an equal opportunity to purchase, and this plan will doubtless result in obtaining better prices for the lands than otherwise would be received.—True Democrat.

The St. Petersburg Independent comes forth with a 44-page souvenir edition in commemoration of Washington's birthday and in celebration of itself and the wonderful growth and development of St. Petersburg. The Independent has a concrete building of its own, and it claims to have the best fitted-up printing establishment in south Florida. The edition it sends out seems to confirm all it says about itself. The Independent is an excellent publication and its souvenir edition is one that any printing establishment may well be proud of. In no other department of human endeavor is there more improvement in Florida than in her newspapers.

The \$29,000,000 fine against the Standard Oil Company is again before the courts. The government has summoned fifty witnesses. It is the biggest play to the galleries the country has ever seen.

Congressman Sulzer of New York says that "good roads make a good country and mean progress and prosperity." This paper agrees with him.