



EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

apt. Platts Writes of the Recent Meeting in Louisville.

INTERESTING SESSIONS

Early Thirty Florida School Superintendents Arrive at Destination in Howling Snow Storm.

When State Superintendent Holloway announced that the regular annual convention of county superintendents of Florida would be held in Louisville, Ky., in connection with the annual session of the National Educational Association, he feared that the number of Florida superintendents would be small and the effort to broaden our outlook by association with great men at this meeting would be a failure. We might have saved ourselves the worry.

When we met at our train at Jacksonville on the night of Sunday, February 25th, we found our car well filled with a jolly crowd of about thirty Floridians, mostly superintendents, anxious to hear how the rest of the world was doing things.

While we were greeting old friends and making new ones, the train pulled out and soon we left the Land of Flowers far behind. We had the whole car to ourselves, and as there is no law against talking shop, far into the night enthusiasts could be heard discussing special tax, "State aid," etc. At quiet reign in our car, and we spoke finally in Atlanta; a brief stop on we went through the farming, then the mining country of Georgia, then Tennessee and Kentucky.

Due in Louisville at an early hour, we finally reached there about 2 a. m., even or eight hours late. The last six or eight hours by special without any eat on the train and nothing to eat after dinner. We were "awfully" glad to get there, but when we were turned out of the car into a howling blizzard with several inches of snow under foot well, for Florida crackers who were used to different things we considered sufficiently strenuous. After chasing our hats all over the lower part of the car and getting our shoes full of snow, we managed to reach the welcome shelter of the lunch room, where we soon had everyone awake, coffee boiling and preparations for a lunch under way. After sandwiches, dough-nuts and hot coffee, twenty-five of us piled (hotly) into one bus, and at last reached our hotel, warm baths and good beds.

Tuesday morning, after registration at the association headquarters at the Seebach hotel, where we were given our badges, credentials, etc., we proceeded to the beautiful Warren Memorial church, where the general sessions of the convention were held.

Addresses of welcome and responses took up the morning and it was not until afternoon that the real business of the meeting was reached. The first topic discussed was "Means Afforded by the Public Schools for Moral and Religious Training." The thought of the writer endeavored to bring out was the possibility of the teacher so influencing the child's moral nature that he does not, not on account of any fear of punishment nor any hope of reward, but simply for that higher reason that right is right and the right course is the only one to take because it is the only rational one.

The next paper, "The Effect of Moral Education in the Public Schools upon the Civic Life of the Community," touched us very closely as a subject of most vital interest and we were not disappointed in the speaker's able handling of it nor the discussion following. A proper regard for the rights and feelings of others, a disposition to consider the good of the majority rather than that of the individual; in this way leading to an intelligent understanding of the laws of our land and obedience to it because it is law, but because it is reason and right. This training in early years must surely raise the standard of citizenship as our boys and girls become the men and women of affairs of the future.

Another very interesting paper on Tuesday was entitled "The Superintendent's Authority and the Teacher's Freedom," emphasizing the desirability of the most friendly relations between the superintendent and teacher, for only so can the best results be obtained in the school room; and the necessity of the superintendents being absolutely free to procure and retain such teachers as are competent without regard to the prayers, threats or recommendations of constituents who wish to pay political debts or assist needy relatives or friends by placing them on the puny pay-roll as teachers, be they competent or not.

With a superintendent sympathetic, honest and impartial the teacher must be loyal and faithful—sure of his support in so far as they are right and of a kindly help and advice in case they make mistakes.

At the Round Table for county superintendents some very interesting papers were read and discussed. Notably the

minimum salary law and how it operates by Superintendent Cotton, of Indiana. After listening to the methods adopted and in use in the states where they have such laws, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, etc., we felt justly proud of our own state where without any such law the average salaries paid would compare favorably with any in the country (the average in this, St. Lucie county being \$43.20 per month).

Another paper dealt with the vexed question, "The Basis for the Promotion of Teachers." Good, faithful, efficient work, not the grade taught was held to be the true basis for promotion and increase of pay. Require more of the teaching force, weed out those who are merely putting in time, compel efficiency and reward accordingly.

The examination of the eyes of school children we considered a very important topic and the able discussion of it by Jno. C. Eberhardt, of Dayton, Ohio, was very enlightening, emphasizing, as it did, the fact that so often the dull, disobedient or nervous, sickly child could be easily handled by the proper treatment of some defect of vision.

May people we hear complaining of the taxation for schools. Perhaps it will silence them if they know that we, as a nation, are expending \$29.00 per annum for each man, woman and child for intoxicants and tobacco, while only \$3.00 per annum is expended for education for each child of school age. (continued on page 5)

COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Among the political announcements we give a list of those who seek election as members of the board of county commissioners. These all important offices should be filled with good and competent men, as upon their actions rests much of the future of our county.

P. Kroegel announces for commissioner from the first district, which position he has held by appointment since the formation of the county. He is an old-time resident of the county and has been faithful in the discharge of his duties.

C. H. Edwards announces for member for the second district. Mr. Edwards has been a resident of Fort Pierce for a number of years, and has a pineapple plantation at White City. His connection with mercantile interests in Fort Pierce has won for him many friends, who have insisted on him making the race.

J. F. Bell announces for member from the third district. Mr. Bell has been a resident of this section for 34 years. Has served the people as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board, and has been continuously a member of the board of county commissioners since July 1901.

J. H. Baker announces for member from the fourth district. Mr. Baker has been a resident of Florida for eleven years and of this county for five years. He is now a justice of the peace for the Jensen district. Mr. Baker is the proprietor of the Jensen livery stables, which is a guarantee that he is interested in good roads.

R. D. Holmes announces for member from the fifth district. Mr. Holmes is now a member of the board by appointment. Has been a resident of this county all of his life, and is a man of good business qualifications.

A full list of candidates for commissioners have announced, one from each district, although no opposition has appeared against either of them. Rumor, however, says there will be many.

ASSESSMENTS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE

The respective candidates will be assessed as follows, said assessment must be paid to the chairman of this committee before the 26th day of April, 1906: Each candidate for the office of Member of House of representatives \$20.00 Clerk of Circuit Court 65.00 Sheriff 65.00 Tax Collector 55.00 Tax Assessor 55.00 Treasurer 35.00 Supt. of Public Instruction 30.00 County Judge 15.00 County Surveyor 5.00 Superintendent Registration 5.00 Members Board Public Instruction 2.00 County Commissioners 2.00

Each candidate shall file with the amount of his assessment his application to have his name placed on the official ballot.

Commissioners Limited to \$100.

The State auditor has recently ruled that all county commissioners who during their term of office have received more than \$100 per year for per diem, more than \$100 per year for bridges mileage, inspecting roads and bridges or other perquisites, must refund to the counties all received in excess of that amount. In Escambia county the governor has ordered the present board to refund, and also the members of the preceding board. Now it is up to the commissioners of the various counties to "cast up accounts" and come across to "cast up accounts" in excess of \$100 per year.—Madison New Enterprise.

HOMESEEEKERS' OPPORTUNITY

Settlers Along East Coast Will Receive Encouragement

FLORIDA A SANITARIUM

Offers More Inducements to Farmers Than Other Sections. The East Coast Best Part of State.

We reproduce the following article, written by E. P. Simpson for the Melbourne Times. It applies to St. Lucie county and our immediate section as well as to Melbourne and vicinity. Mr. Simpson says:

"Melbourne is a progressive and thriving town. The hotels and boarding houses and private cottages are all filled with winter visitors. New homes of permanent residences are employing all the carpenters, and other prospective cottages are standing in line waiting for the mechanics. But what of the farmer who supports the town? We have good soil. Rich hammocks lie behind us back from Indian River. All that is necessary to produce good farm crops is intelligent cultivation, proper seeding, judicious selection of the crops that will grow in our soil and climate, and energy to work for a profit rather than be satisfied with a bare existence. Agriculture will give us a permanent and steady growth. One real farmer is worth more than a car load of tourists on their way through to Cuba or the Isle of Pines. We need home-seekers, winter visitors who like us and will stay down here with us and marry into our families, increase the population and grow up with our developing country. Florida is a national sanitarium. We furnish free climate to invalids. People can thrive here in eternal sunshine with palms and pines and flowers in a climate that is perpetual summer to dwellers from the frozen north. Every track farmer is a taxpayer, every builder on a vacant lot is a home-seeker, every permanent dweller here is a citizen and has a voice in the primaries and a vote in law-making and regulating our prosperity. We don't hanker after knockers and pessimists. We want friends, live fellowship, and newspaper readers. Subscribers to the local papers keep up to the times and lead the public thinkers in uplifting and upbuilding. Stingy in pocket, narrow in ideas, and poor in heart are the kickers who thrive on gossip, the faults of their neighbors, and their own disappointments. They are jealous of good luck or prosperity, selfish to the verge of dishonesty and mad with the world. Visiting prospectors from our polar neighbors of the great Lake region are invited to take of their winter caps and stay awhile. They will like us soon as the icicles thaw out of their hair. They are welcome to a share in what we have and we will give them all the advice necessary about climate, soil, weather, laws, customs and local conditions.

"We want people to come down into Sunny Florida where the northern birds come to sing their winter songs and laugh with us, to enjoy life and its happy opportunities. We must all get back to the soil, to Garden of Eden conditions. An Italian proverb says that "a man who owns land has property reaching from far beneath the earth up to the firmament." Ours is a land of natural growth—vegetation in all its variety of kind, color, size and shape is here seen in its tropical grandeur. Our market gardener R. A. Conkling supplies Melbourne and Eau Gallie and the country between. This shows what can be done, and he—with only one arm, is making a fortune. Welcome to Florida and its unlimited possibilities for homes and happiness. Snow and sleet are words not familiar in Florida weather talk, and yet we are not off the earth. Some one said the other day, "If it were the leastest bit nicer here I should die of joy." This nicer here is just this side of paradise and a pleasure shared is a pleasure doubled.

"New people are coming in, property is changing hands and there is a tendency to push prices up. The man who buys town lots or farm lands now is sure of a profit even if he buys to sell, but much greater if he purchases as a settler, for the day of the educated farmer is dawning in Florida and there is little that he cannot raise, and nearly everything suitable to climate and season does well if conditions and treatment are properly interpreted."

including sheephead, muttonfish, red snapper, ladyfish, sea trout, oysterfish, kingfish, pompano, crevalle, grouper, bluefish, stingaree, shark and sawfish. The three sawfish by actual measurement were as follows: 16 feet, 8 inches; 15 feet, 8 inches and 15 feet, 7 inches, excluding the saws, the measure of which was 3 feet, 8 inches, 3 feet, 6 inches and 3 feet, 4 inches, respectively. The weight was estimated by experts at eighteen hundred pounds for the three.

Deckhand Seidel has to his credit on this one day's fishing ten different varieties and wants to know if anyone can beat it. This is no fish story as they have the goods, and can produce actual photographs of the sawfish for the benefit of doubting Thomases.

He's a Scrub.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the editor, then he created the liberal advertiser—which was all good. The next day it snowed and he created the man who does not believe in advertising, another who does not take the home paper and then he rested. And then the devil got into a moulding room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it. After he had completed that sorry job and having a few lumps left, he created that excuse of a man who settles his subscription by informing the postmaster to mark his paper "refused."

CANDIDATES COMING OUT RAPIDLY LATELY

We present in our columns today an additional list of candidates for county officers who are seeking the support of the voters at the coming primaries. The list is not yet complete, as there are several yet who have political bees in their hats, and will announce later.

Claude F. Olmstead announces for representative in the legislature, which position he held during the last term. Mr. Olmstead has been a resident of Indian river for 20 years and thoroughly familiar with the wants of our people along the legislative lines. He received the support of the people in this part of old Brevard county, at the last election, upon the pledge that he would support a measure creating a new county out of the territory composed of the southern half of Brevard. How well he performed that pledge we all are well aware. Mr. Olmstead is a man of the people, and would faithfully represent the will of the majority if elected to again represent us at Tallahassee.

Fred Fee announces for county judge. Mr. Fee is the younger son of F. H. Fee, president of the Bank of Fort Pierce, and is a young man of much promise. He is a graduate of the law department of Stetson University and was admitted to practice before the courts of this circuit since the creation of St. Lucie county.

R. L. Goodwin announces for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Goodwin has resided in Fort Pierce for several years, and is one of our prosperous pineapple growers. He is among our young men, and has a large circle of friends.

Ed Edge announces for supervisor of registration, which position he has held since the formation of the county. Mr. Edge is a member of the board of aldermen of the town of Fort Pierce and is making a valuable officer. He is one of the most popular young men of Fort Pierce, and as he will probably not have opposition his election is assured.

COMMISSIONERS ASK FOR NEW JAIL BIDS

The board of county commissioners of St. Lucie county met in special session at Fort Pierce, Saturday, March 17th. Present, W. R. Hardee, chairman; P. Kroegel, J. F. Bell and R. D. Holmes, with R. W. Lennard, sheriff, and J. E. Faltz, clerk.

Bids for jail building submitted March 5th were discussed, and the board not being satisfied with any, rejects all, and will advertise for sealed bids to be handed in not later than Monday, May 7th, 1906. Plans and specifications to be seen at the clerk's office.

On motion the supervisor of registration is instructed to secure from the tax collector of Brevard county a list of all voters in St. Lucie county who have voted poll taxes for the year 1904. Board adjourned to meet in regular session Monday, April 2, 1906.

THE FLORIDA BOULEVARD

Proposed to Build Road from Jacksonville to Miami

AUTOMOBILE PARADISE

The Road Now Built Through Dade and Other Counties are Aiding Plan for Automobile Boulevard.

The Florida East Coast has the good roads fever in the most virulent form as shown by the continual opening of new roads, such as new roads from Ormond to New Smyrna, the route following the beach from Ormond to Daytona or taking the Halifax river road on the mainland, connecting with the new shell road of some twelve miles from Daytona to New Smyrna. This was built by Volusia county, aided by private subscriptions, through the efforts of the F. E. C. A. A.

Mr. Harrington, the leading Boston real estate operator, recently arrived at Ormond and with Mr. John Anderson, who is the owner of much property at Ormond, got to work and a big real estate deal was put through. Mr. Harrington taking hold of the Ormond property of several hundred acres which it is proposed will be laid out into attractive building spaces for elegant winter residences. This will make Ormond still more attractive for automobilists.

The opening of the new road from Palm Beach to Miami, 66 miles in length to be doubled in width the coming summer by Dade county and H. M. Flagler, is other evidence of the active interest in the good roads movement. All this is only an indication of what will be done on the Florida East Coast as Mr. Flagler has laid his hands to the good roads' plow, and as Mr. Flagler is not in the habit of looking backward but always forward the automobilists can also look forward to an ideal touring place for the winter.

The dream of a road 400 miles in length along the Florida East Coast, Jacksonville to Miami, is likely to be a reality inside of two or three years, as the counties through which the proposed roads will run are employing convicts in road building, and as the beaches can be used at least one-third of the way the trip from Jacksonville to Miami by an automobile will be one of the most important of automobile touring in the United States.

Fine residences will undoubtedly spring up at the most attractive spots along the road as wealthy northerners are now always looking for winter playgrounds and the big automobile toy calls for just such a place to enjoy it as will be found in Florida when the great East Coast boulevard is built.

Cross roads will undoubtedly be built connecting with the main road and this will act as a feeder for the Florida East Coast railroad and give the fruit growers and others an opportunity of getting their produce to the markets as well as get their goods hauled over a good road.

By the time the road is built the freight automobile will be with us and that means that the horse will take a rest and the road will be less expensive to maintain.

George W. Perkins, the well known junior partner of J. P. Morgan, who has recently bought the highest priced touring car ever sold in the market the sum of it is said, being \$23,000, will arrive at Ormond in a few days with his family for a long stay. Mr. Perkins has been an annual winter visitor at Ormond for many years and knows its automobile driving attraction.

The 400 mile road alluded to above will probably be used for a national endurance test of 700 miles. The distance and stopping places could be something as follows:

Jacksonville to St. Augustine for lunch, 37 miles.

St. Augustine to Ormond for dinner and night, 59 miles. Total 87 miles.

Second day Ormond to Titusville for lunch, 50 miles. Titusville to Rockledge 20 miles for dinner and night. Total 70 miles.

Third day Rockledge to Fort Pierce for lunch, 67 miles. Fort Pierce to Royal Poinciana, Palm Beach, 59 miles, total, 125 miles for dinner and night.

Fourth day Palm Beach to Fort Lauderdale for lunch, 42 miles. Fort Lauderdale to the Royal Palms, Miami, for dinner and night, 25 miles, total 67 miles.

This would give an ideal four days endurance run. The third day being the longest distance. The return run could be made a total of 700 miles.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to return thanks to the many kind friends who rendered assistance to us on the occasion of the accident to Mrs. Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. FAULKNER.

Notice to Stockholders.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Indian River & Lake Worth Fish Company will be held at their office in Fort Pierce, Fla., on April 9, 1906.

A. M. SAMPLE, President.

FISHING AT ST. LUCIE FURNISHING SPORT

That there is good fishing to be had at St. Lucie, the home of the late Senator M. S. Quay, was proven to the satisfaction of anyone on March 14 when the boat Kilcarie, with Captains Jennings and Sooy and deckhands G. C. Jennings and Julius Pfleging, of Philadelphia, and I. A. Sweigard, of Atlantic City, weighed anchor and proceeded to the fishing grounds. Within five hours the crew had made the very remarkable catch of fourteen different varieties,

Miami Building Street Railway.

At the first annual meeting of the Miami Electric Railway Company held last Friday, Commodore H. C. Roome of New York was elected president, J. H. Tatum, of Miami, vice president, W. M. Brown, of Miami, secretary and treasurer; these with A. A. Gerry, of Reeling, Pa., B. B. Tatum and S. M. Tatum to be directors. It is understood the directors decided for the present to build the street car line from the passenger depot to Twelfth street and through Twelfth across the Miami river through Riverside addition, and to have this much in operation within ninety days.