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OUR TICKET IN 1912

For President
WOODROW WILSON, of New Jersey
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EDEN

E. H. LeTourneau spent Sunday with his Walton friends.

Work on our store is progressing fast considering the lack of help.

Mrs. F. G. McMullen was a visitor to the county seat on Monday.

Miss Mary Hainlin came up from Miami Wednesday, to visit her friend Mrs. LeTourneau.

John Miller came up from the home-stead Sunday, to spend the day, making the trip by train.

Miss Barbara Miller was a week-end visitor in Jupiter where she went to inspect the new school building.

The Rondo made a brief stop on her way north to "cojole a refractory piano into making good music once more.

Mrs. C. A. Robinson accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. F. O. Williams, and the children, returned home on Tuesday evening.

The folks up the ridge are all lamenting the fact that Miss McCormick will soon leave them to seek her home elsewhere, but the down ridge people are mighty glad for she will be with them.

We are glad to see telephone repair wagon down this way as the telephone has been far too sociable since the storm; five lines entangled means a serious mix-up in conversation occasionally.

Mrs. John Miller spent Sunday and Monday in Fort Pierce, nursing her sister who was very ill and also assisting in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Schrader who are old friends of Mrs. Miller's from Michigan, where they all resided before coming to the sunny south.

It seems too good to be true that we are going at last to have hard surface roads. Let us hope the river road will be made wide enough its entire length to be safe. It is too narrow in many places for two wagons to pass, to say nothing of an auto and a frightened horse.

Last week was the stormiest week of the season. Friday the wind blew with such severity that it was thought best to close the schools, both here and at Jensen. The high water has killed out some of the gardens. We hope soon to see some more real Florida weather.

Henry Phillips drove to Fort Pierce last Monday with the Jensen school wagon and road home horse back. He found the trip very pleasant and enjoyed it very much and contrary to expectation did not feel at all tired or stiff from the unusual experience, which is good evidence that he has completely recovered his health.

The high water flooded the mangrove swamps across the river and has brought us a big dose of mosquitoes. It would not cost a fortune to dig canals into these swamps so that tide water could get in and this country would be rid of its worst pest, for that is the breeding place. They are never seen in our fresh water lakes. Hutchinson's Island is a beautiful spot but the mosquitoes make it impossible for residence.

CAREER OF BILLY BOWLEGS

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followers to believe Billy had the power to make himself invisible. At one time he secretly led a party of his braves on a sixty-mile march away from their Everglades stronghold to Lake Kissimmee, where at daylight he fell upon the fort there and well-nigh carried it by storm before the large garrison was fairly awake. Beaten back at last by superior numbers, he retreated in good order.

Captain Clarke, commandant of the fort, led a party of soldiers in pursuit of the retreating Indians. This suited Billy Bowlegs perfectly. He entrenched his men around a little hill, and poured forth such a galling, deadly fire that the troops were beaten back with heavy loss. Reinforcements were hurried to the spot by General Harney, who hoped to catch the Seminoles before they could get back to the safety of the Everglades. But Billy Bowlegs was too clever for him. The whole party had vanished by the time the government reinforcements came up.

The war department, angry at the Seminole leader's audacious raids, sent a big expedition under Colonel Loomis to crush him. Loomis divided his force and attacked the Everglades from many different points. One command was so fortunate as to come upon a

party of Indians who were carrying their wives and children to a place of safety. Billy Bowlegs was leading the fugitives. The troops galloped down upon the Indians, shooting, slashing, and capturing. But when the smoke of the battle cleared away it was found that Billy Bowlegs had escaped—as usual.

Force, diplomacy, trickery bribery, were all tried against him in vain. Billy could not be caught.

At length, little by little, his best followers were killed or imprisoned, and the brave old chief was shorn of all his power. He was obliged, for the sake of the Seminoles who remained, to sue for peace. With 165 of his people he was sent to Indian Territory. But the surrender broke his proud heart. Within a few months after his removal from the Everglades he died.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

Louis M. Raulerson, of Tantie, was a business visitor in Fort Pierce Tuesday.

Geo. A. Godfrey, merchant, of Hobe Sound, transacted business in our city Tuesday.

Geo. W. Collins, of Stuart, a former resident of St. Lucie, spent Wednesday in Fort Pierce.

Mrs. Harriet Halliday returned Wednesday from a visit of two weeks with relatives and friends in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Saeger, and G. S. Saylor, of Ankona, were among the down river visitors in our city Tuesday.

C. H. Racey, of Jensen, and H. L. Phillips, of Eden, were among the good roads enthusiasts in our city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tims, of Virginia, arrived in our city last Friday, and are comfortably located at the Spring Cottage for the winter.

N. O. Penny, the Ford agent, of Vero, has been making daily trips to the county seat in his Ford in the interests of this car and good roads.

B. F. Hardesty, of Sebastian, and J. F. Bell, of White City, were in town Monday and Tuesday attending to their duties on the county school board.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smiley arrived Tuesday from Clarksburg, W. Va., and will spend the winter in their beautiful winter bungalow at St. Lucie.

There will be Episcopal services at Fort Pierce next Sunday, the 12th, at 11 a. m. and at Jensen-Waveland at 3 p. m., the Rev. Stephen F. Reade officiating.

Mrs. C. N. Foster moved her bakery Tuesday from the Hogg building on North Pine street to the Carlton building recently occupied by The Superior Meat Market.

E. A. Holt, of Wabasso, D. E. Austin, of Jensen, and Peter Raulerson, of Tantie, were in town the first of the week attending to their duties as county commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Armstrong and two children arrived Monday morning from Washington, D. C., and are comfortably located at Spring Cottage, in our city.

Presbyterian services in the Improvement club hall next Sunday as follows: Bible school at 9:45; morning service at 11, subject: "The Holy Day." Special music. All welcome.

O. O. Helseth, Elias Helseth, and Andrew Helseth, and Andrew Erickson, of Oslo, and John Helseth of Viking, spent Tuesday in our city coming down in O. O. Helseth's Ford car.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "State Missions." Evening theme, "The Call of Matthew." Special interest in the Sunday school as we are having a very pleasant trip to the Holy Land.

A Pierce-Arrow 40-horsepower truck arrived in Fort Pierce Monday and has been on demonstration this week. It was brought here under agreement with the county commissioners, and if it proves satisfactory in transporting read materials will be purchased for use in constructing our good roads.

Regular services at the Methodist church as follows: Sunday school at 10, preaching at 11 a. m. subject: "Improved Opportunities." Epworth League at 6:45, and preaching at 7:30, subject: "The Language of Youth." All are cordially invited to our services. Seats free. Conference meets at Gainesville, Fla., December 13th. J. C. Jones, Pastor.

Harry L. Brown, editor of the St. Augustine Record, and E. K. Barrett, of St. Augustine, and Cornelius Christiancy, of Port Orange, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Fort Pierce on a mission that may prove of immense value to this section. They were accompanied by a sugar mill man of Porto Rico who represents large sugar interests, and they are making a thorough investigation of our back country.

The Board of County Commissioners were still in session when our forms closed last night, and it has been impossible to get their proceedings for publication in time for this issue. The most important business transacted was the appointment of trustees of the funds of the bond issue, who are: Calvin Reams, of Vero, C. F. Raulerson, of Fort Pierce, and W. D. Edwards, of Jensen. They are required to give bonds in the sum of \$10,000 each. The Bank of Fort Pierce and the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, the purchasers of the bonds, were instructed to have bonds printed and present them at a special meeting of the board to be held some time this month for signature.

THE PEOPLES' FORUM

Stuart, Fla., Nov. 8, 1911.

Editor TRIBUNE:

I have read with interest all of your articles on good roads in which I am much interested. I have read Mr. Racey's items in your paper, also in the Times-Union, and with reference to same, will state that Mr. Racey is mistaken. He certainly has been misinformed as to the distance between Jensen and the Port Sewall route, the real distance between the two points being less than a mile, in favor of the Sewalls Point route.

I also notice that one article states that the citizens of Jensen and Stuart are not on speaking terms. This is wrong. A large number of our citizens attended the entertainment at Jensen October 31st, and were loud in their praises of the hospitality tendered them by the Jensenites. We have always regretted that the two towns could not be bound close together, such as the case will be when we have a good bridge and St. Lucie county hard surfaces her roads.

St. Lucie county has a vast domain on both sides of the St. Lucie river extending from Stuart to White City. Here is where the future prosperity of St. Lucie county lies south of Fort Pierce. Don't forget to look into the future.

Another misunderstanding of Mr. Racey's is that the waters of Sewalls Point are always passable and that the Stuart route will be frequently interfered with by winds and low tides. We all know that the nearer the mouth of the river or ocean the stronger the tide is. However I do not care to argue these points; I merely want to throw some light on the subject. The largest part of Sewalls Point is in Palm Beach county, and the largest number of citizens of St. Lucie county south of the Jensen-Waveland church, where the road branches off, live on the north side of the St. Lucie river, and the road as it is laid out now runs along the rear of the farms of these citizens.

The articles in the papers tend to make the people believe that there is a bitter fight going on between Jensen and Stuart but, this is not the case as Jensen cannot be left out of the main line any more than Fort Pierce can.

A few more words about the county lines. The county line comes across the Indian river at Bakers Point on the east side of the Indian river, then it crosses Sewalls Point close to the property of Geo. Baker, then it crosses the St. Lucie river and cuts off a few acres on the south side of the river, then it continues through the middle of the St. Lucie river till it crosses the point on the north side of the river at WaWa. All of the shore line from the Baker place on the north side of the river is in St. Lucie county till it reaches a point about 125 feet east of the East Coast Railway bridge. The present ferry landing is in St. Lucie county. We have a hard surface road in our county from the south line to the shore of the St. Lucie on the southern side.

Stuart has two good hotels, four general stores, one meat market, two real estate offices, two boat building shops, two churches, a large camp, "Pineapple Camp Woodmen of the World," one bakery, two fishing firms, is the shipping point for pineapples in Florida. We have the best concrete school house in the state for the size of the town, with sanitary improvements and where we teach up to the 9th grade. We have two livery stables and one public automobile garage (in course of construction). We have a large Commercial club and a large list of winter residents who are property owners and tax payers.

We don't want to dictate to our friends in St. Lucie county. Far from it, but we do want to be understood as to our situation in the building of good roads, operating ferries and building bridges in the vicinity of Stuart.

FOR SALE—Two valuable adjoining lots on corner of South River Street and Lee Avenue. Cottage on each lot. For particulars address, Box 343, Fort Pierce, Fla.

John Nicholson, of the Fee & Stewart Co., of Melbourne, spent the week end with his brother, T. C. Nicholson, in our city.

H. H. Racey, and J. E. Seery, of Jensen, were visitors in our city, Wednesday.

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