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PROHIBITION DEFEATED

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MET ITS WATERLOO IN THE HOUSE

THE DRAINAGE AMENDMENT

Crane's Drainage Amendment Passed the Senate—Legislature Down to Business—Extra Session Possible

Tallahassee, May 25.—By a vote of almost two to one, more than enough to submit a constitutional amendment, the senate of Florida yesterday afternoon passed the Crane drainage bill, amending the present law so as to bring it within the provisions of the state and federal constitutions.

Another chapter has been added to the unbroken series of drainage victories in the legislature this year, and the passage of the bill by the house of representatives is regarded as certain. That Governor Broward will approve the act seeking to make constitutional the methods in vogue for carrying out the scheme which has haunted his dreams and received the deepest consideration of his waking thoughts ever since he entered the race for governor goes without saying. The passage of this act comes at an opportune time for the trustees, since Federal Judge Swayne, who was impeached by the national house of representatives some months ago and acquitted by the senate on that was almost a strict party vote, has sustained the contentions in the last day or two of one of the suits against the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and while Swayne's court is not the tribunal of last resort, its decisions necessarily embarrass the trustees to a certain extent in executing what they conceive as their duties in regard to the swamp and overflowed lands owned by the United States government. The Crane bill, if enacted into law, it probably will be, and if sustained by the courts, which no human being can know, but for which the ends of the reclamation project devoutly hope, it will enable the trustees to collect an acreage tax of five cents in the drainage district, for drainage purposes.

Mr. Crane, of the eleventh, introduction of the bill, made a good fight for it, as is best shown by the results. Assisted by Senator Trammell, he defeated it yesterday from the attacks of Senators Beard, Buckman, Henderson, Humphries, Johnston, West of the Fourth, and Mr. Crane himself did very little talking, but what he said went to the gentlemen on the other side, and the house of oratory spent the remainder of the day in a determined one of the palmy days of the drainage campaign of 1906, were prevailing against the determined opposition made by the senator from the eleventh, who was a member of the committee, which recently insisted the drainage operations for the legislature, and could speak from experience as well as faith. Another warm supporter of the bill was Mr. Hudson of the thirteenth, whose district comprises three of the six counties of the old drainage district, Dade, Monroe and Brevard.

The senate spent a large portion of the morning discussing the bill referred by the committee on finance for the assessment and collection of revenue. About the only thing worthy of note was the effort of Senator Trammell to get in a franchise tax provision, which was lost by a viva voce vote. As before mentioned, the Massey bill now before the legislature is in some essential respects a virtually a franchise tax. The senate finished consideration of the appropriation bill on second reading, and with a few amendments, passed it to the engrossing committee. The house voted down the Crane drainage amendment, and on May 10, for while the vote was more than three to one in favor of the resolution, it required seven votes of having a sufficient number under the constitution.

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ON THE LID!



—Doyle in Philadelphia Press.

PENSACOLA GRAFT CASE.

Trial of Cary L. Fulton Was Begun Yesterday.

Pensacola, May 24.—Another of the alleged county grafting cases was placed on trial in the criminal court this morning, when Cary L. Fulton was arraigned upon the charge of obtaining money by false representations. Several witnesses were examined after a jury had been selected, these principal state witnesses being Will Kelly, who had been placed on the payrolls as receiving \$35 for ten days' work, when he did not receive such a sum. The case will not be completed before tomorrow night.

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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS TODAY.

Child Labor Bill Passes and Internal Improvement Fund Investigation Will Be Continued.

(Special to the Democrat.)

Tallahassee, May 25.—2 p. m.—The house this morning passed the Harris Child Labor bill, which had been previously passed by the senate. Mr. Griggs, of Franklin, succeeded in getting an amendment attached on making the age limit twelve years. Under suspension of the rules the house this morning railroaded through the bill, which authorizes a continuance of the Internal Improvement Fund investigation, appropriating therefor the sum of \$5,000, and for a commission to carry on the work. An attempt to have the Massey railroad tax bill reconsidered in the senate was turned down. Mr. Decker got his bank bill through the senate with some amendments tacked on to it which the house will have to concur in if the measure passes.

Senator Willis had a bill in providing for the marking of ballots by illiterates, which was killed by a vote of 18 to 12. The general revenue bill has been the "casus belli" in the senate today and the fights made on it by the opponents of the bill is so strong that it is very evident some amendments will have to be accepted or they will defeat the measure thereby, making an extra session unavoidable. Both houses will probably hold afternoon sessions. Senate and house have got down to hard work at night sessions and work from now until the closing day will be dispatched at a 2:40 gait.

SHIPPING CANTALOUPE.

First Car Went Forward from Red-dick Yesterday.

Ocala, May 24.—The first carload of cantaloupes from Florida this season were shipped today to New York by S. C. Mayo, of Reddick. He is now loading second car. Mr. Mayo has 200 acres in cantaloupes and expects to ship forty cars this season.

Fast Time from Gainesville.

Capt. W. J. Hillman, of Live Oak, and E. J. L'Engle, Esq., of Jacksonville, passed through Starke Thursday morning. They were driving Capt. Hillman's handsome 20-horse power "Reo" touring car. They had just made the drive from Gainesville the running time, despite the sandy roads, being only about one and half hours.—Starke Telegraph.

ADDITIONAL RURAL ROUTES.

Two New Rural Routes Have Been Established for Live Oak Postoffice.

Commencing June 17, 1907, additional rural route service has been authorized from the Live Oak, Florida, postoffice, and all parties living adjacent to the proposed routes that wish to take advantage of the service will please provide themselves with approved letter boxes and have same erected by the roadside on or before this date. Below is a sketch of the routes as will be followed by the carrier in making his trips.

Route Number Five.

Beginning at the postoffice, the carrier will go southerly out Ohio avenue and on Troy road to Fewox corner, 8.8 miles, thence westerly to Wm. Rye's corner, 3.6 miles, north-easterly past Rye's, D. L. High's, Christmas Hemmings', Reese's farm, Hawkins' corner and Tom Carroll's to Live Oak postoffice.

Service on this route will be tri-weekly, viz: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Route Number Six.

Beginning at the postoffice, the carrier will go westerly to Turner, Cooper's corner, 4.3 miles, thence northerly to J. C. Crawley's corner, 2.5 miles; northwesterly to Sam Lott's corner, 1.9 miles; southerly to Mitchell's corner, 2.1 miles; west and northwesterly to A. Cammon's corner, 3.3 miles; southerly to Mrs. Goff's, 2.3 miles; easterly via Tom Carroll's to postoffice.

Service on this route will be tri-weekly, viz: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Killed by Lightning.

Gainesville, Ga., May 24.—John White, a 12-year-old boy, was struck and killed by lightning near Lowery Branch last night, and his two sisters were rendered unconscious and may not recover. The children were taking clothes from a line when a bolt of lightning struck it, resulting in the death of the boy and the serious injury of the two girls.

Ben Bardin, Tom Surrency and Bloxham Gardner were a trio of jolly knights of the grip who swooped down on Perry a few days ago, and who we are pleased to know, were treated royally by our merchants, who gave them liberal orders. They are clever worthy young men, work for liberal houses and we are glad to know are doing well.—Perry Herald.

SOLD PHOSPHATE LAND

CAPT. W. J. HILLMAN, OF THIS CITY, SOLD POLK COUNTY PROPERTY

CONSIDERATION WAS \$600,000

Twelve Thousand Acres of Rich Phosphate Land Sold by Capt. Hillman to Fertilizer Company

Capt. W. J. Hillman, of this city, has sold to the Bradley Fertilizer Company, of Boston, Mass., what is said to be the finest body of phosphate lands in the state. There are 12,000 acres of the land in the tract, and the consideration was \$600,000. The land is situated in what is known as the Chicora section of Polk county, and contains a large number of rich deposits of high-grade phosphate.

About one year ago Capt. Hillman bought this property from the Consolidated Land Company, of Jacksonville. After prospecting it to some extent and finding several good deposits of phosphate, he sold the Bradley Fertilizer Company on option, and after thoroughly prospecting the property they decided to buy it and the transfer of the property was made the first of the week. This tract of land heretofore has been considered of value only for the timbers—and it was very poorly timbered—until Capt. Hillman had it prospected when it was found to be rich in phosphate. Then it became a valuable property and the price realized is about the greatest ever received for a piece of Florida phosphate property.

What profit Captain Hillman made by developing the property is not known, but it is safe to say that it was a handsome sum.

Duncan—Thomason.

Mr. Duncan, of Jasper, Fla., is the name of a young man who was recently confined in the Macon hospital for the period of a week and half, but who last Thursday was sufficiently recovered from his sickness to vacate the hospital. No sooner had this young man tasted the freedom of the outside than his thoughts from the natural tendency that lovers have, began to turn to her, who was the choice of his heart. Being just recovered from a long sickness and confinement, and enjoying to the fullest the freshness of renewed energy and wanting nothing in this freedom but her, Mr. Duncan could not bear the idea of separation and accordingly sought the long distance telephone and soon got connection with Rockmart, Ga., where he had a long conversation with one Miss Millie Thomason, and without more ado, for this conversation was only intended for two, the result of the whole matter was that Miss Thomason hurriedly caught the next train for Macon, arriving in this city at 4 o'clock on Friday evening, where she met her eager lover, and arrangements were soon begun for the marriage ceremony, which had to follow such a determined action. Consequently, at the 1st Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. H. Budd, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, united the happy young couple in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. Duncan, who is 18 years of age, is an enterprising young stenographer of Jasper, Fla. Mrs. Duncan was formerly of Carrollton, Ga., and up until Friday was attending school at Rockmart, Ga. She is also 18 years of age.

The young couple met each other two years ago at Live Oak, Fla., where Mr. Duncan was working as stenographer, while Miss Thomason was attending school. The two have been contemplating marriage for some time, but it was finally decided last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan will go to Jasper, Fla., tomorrow, where they will make their home. The happy young couple have the good wishes of all as they enter upon the matrimonial journey.—Macon Telegraph, May 19.