

MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNTY DADS

Long And Interesting Session Of Board Of Commissioners.

PAY ROLL WAS HEAVY

Nearly a Thousand Dollars Expended on Roads. But Much Good Work Being Done—Several New Notaries Public Bonds Approved.

Gainesville, August 5. The Board of County Commissioners met this day, as required by law, for the purpose of hearing and adjusting complaints of persons whose taxes had been raised by the board.

Present: John G. Dampier, chairman; W. J. Matthews, C. C. Pedrick, F. Paulling.

The meeting being called to order, the board then took up the complaints and made the adjustments, whereupon the board adjourned until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, August 6. The Board of County Commissioners met this day in regular session.

Present: John G. Dampier, chairman; W. J. Matthews, C. C. Pedrick, F. Paulling and J. F. Townsend.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved without reading.

The following bills were ordered:

- S. H. Wienges, auditor, \$40; E. Torley, guard at jail, \$25; Sherman, janitor, \$30; South Bell Telephone Co., \$7; East Bell Telephone Co., \$2; S. H. Wienges, stamps, etc., \$12.75; J. C. Moore, supervisor, \$16.67; Gainesville Electric Power Co., \$4.74; R. Peeler, treasurer, commissions, \$4; W. D. Dickinson, collector, \$4; L. A. Jernigan, care of clock, \$1; E. Fletcher, care of poor farm, \$1; H. G. Mason, examination of lunatics, \$14; J. S. Bodiford & Son, work at jail, \$1.50; J. M. Dell, professional services, \$1; Williams et al., \$94; W. M. Johnson, medicine for jail, \$10.35; H. H. Curry, publishing equalization of taxes, etc., \$50.25; services inquest of Gordon and Welch, \$58.90; W. Streep, care of Charlie Wise, \$1; John G. Dampier, money advanced on road work, \$44.30; work on bridges for roads, \$837.88; L. W. ... conveying three lunatics to asylum, \$203.80; L. W. Fennell, ... prisoners, \$66; J. D. Siford, ... on fines collected, \$6.50; Thomas, criminal fees in case of ... Roland et al, \$21.60; C. L. ... medicines bought while un- ... \$1.95.

The bonds as notary publics for following named persons be approved:

- E. Anderson, Jr., with T. W. ... and C. A. Faircloth as sureties; Joseph E. Harris, with J. L. ... and A. C. Edwards as sureties; L. Phifer, with W. B. Phifer ... A. Phifer as sureties; Furman ... with J. A. Williams and J. ... as sureties; J. C. Adkins, ... F. Hampton and E. E. Can- ... as sureties.

The bond of J. T. Stokes as ... of the peace for District No. ... E. C. Parker and W. S. Rob- ... as sureties, be approved.

Upon the board adjourned un- ... day morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, August 7.

The board met this day, pursuant ... ment of Tuesday.

Present: John G. Dampier, chair- ... C. Pedrick, W. J. Matthews, ... Paulling and J. F. Townsend.

The meeting being called to order, ... orders were made:

A reward of fifty dollars be ... the arrest and conviction of ... Roberts, who shot and killed ... on July 7, 1907.

By J. B. Curtis, his heirs or ... be permitted to place poles ... along the public high- ... Alachua county, at a distance ... feet from the center of the ... that if at any time it shall ... for the removal of such ... other places along the pub- ... same are to be removed ... owner of same.

C. Pedrick be empowered ... Thomas Hodgson to re- ... from right-of-way ... leading to Prairie Creek ... stump.

... be appropriated and

turned over to C. C. Pedrick for road hands for month of August.

That \$225 be paid to John G. Dampier for road hands for month of August.

That \$150 be paid to F. K. Paulling for road hands for month of August.

That Whereas, A. B. Hays, E. W. Hays, L. N. Martin, B. L. Lillibridge, A. Dowling, W. C. Bradshaw, J. C. Collins, G. H. Sanchez and Isaac Gray, each having complied with the law, be granted a permit to carry a pistol and G. S. Chamberlain, Jr. and F. W. Cragin, each having complied with the law, be permitted to carry a repeating rifle.

That \$30 be appropriated and paid to C. L. Thigpin each month until otherwise ordered.

That J. R. Emerson be paid \$50 as salary for July on roads.

Whereupon the board adjourned.

CAUGHT A BIG SHARK.

Orlando Fisherman Landed a Sea Monster at Daytona Beach.

Considerable excitement prevailed at Daytona Beach on Thursday, according to a private letter to relatives from parties who are sojourning at that popular seaside resort, by the landing of an immense shark, which measured eight feet and two inches.

This shark was caught by an Orlando fisherman, although the name of the gentleman could not be learned. It was landed from the head of Keating's pier, within a hundred yards of where a number of people were bathing, and it is needless to add how quickly the surf was deserted.

The shark have been frequenting the waters in the vicinity of Daytona Beach, it is said, for several days, two or three having been captured. There is no danger from the bathing, however, as the shark do not come near the shore. However, that does not prevent others than the more venturesome bathers to go too far out into the surf.

BOARD PUBLIC WORKS.

Met Friday to Receive Bids for Lateral Sewerage Work.

The Board of Public Works—at least the three who are in the city—met Friday afternoon for the purpose of receiving bids for the laying of lateral sewerage connections. There were present at this meeting H. E. Taylor, E. J. Baird and J. H. Vidal.

There were only two bids. These were opened, and were so correspondingly close that the board considered it advisable to study over the matter. The meeting adjourned until Monday, when the contract will be let.

The bids were from Contractor Beeman, who installed the sewerage system, and Mr. Cardy.

Don't Boast Too Soon.

Editor Sun: We note that correspondents in different parts of the county seem to manifest a spirit of boastfulness in writing about the condition of the cotton crop in their respective locations. Now it is not our purpose in this article to criticize or to be discourteous to anyone, but it is best to be careful, for cotton buyers are on the alert all the while and are ready to avail themselves of anything that lends a bearish tone to the market, and besides it is impossible to form even a vague conjecture right at this time as to what the output will be, for it is well known to all experienced farmers that the period embraced in the first half of August is a time of "go back," or "rust blight," which of course, would put a different phase on the prospects. "Rust" is appearing even now, but on heavy land, where it is fertile, cotton is fine, but on light soil it gives promise of a short yield in this locality.

W. N. TILLMAN. Campville, Fla., August 10.

An Irishman's Soliloquy.

An Irishman, traveling through the hills of Virginia, so the story goes, was passing a cemetery, and thought he would go in and examine the epitaphs on the tombstones.

Coming to one imposing slab, he read this inscription: "As you are now, so once was I; "As I am now, soon you must be— "Prepare for death, and follow me."

The Irishman soliloquized for a moment. "Be gorra, that fool wants me to follow him, when he does not tell which way he went."

Taking his pencil, he added the following: "Where you are now I wish you'd tell— "If up in heaven or down in hell— "To follow you I won't consent— "Until I know which way you went."

THE PEOPLE WILL BE THE SUFFERERS

By The Fine Imposed Upon The Standard Oil Company.

FEW CENTS' INCREASE IN PRICE

Of Oil Would Enable Trust to Continue Dividends and Pay the Enormous Fine—How Standard Oil is Protected by Provision in Tariff Law.

(Special Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., August 10.—After the spectacular effect of finding the Standard Oil Trust nearly thirty millions of dollars has subsided it may be well to investigate what advantage the public will gain even if the trust eventually has to pay the full amount.

John D. Rockefeller is reported to have said that "Judge Landis will be dead a long while before this fine is paid. In fact, many things will happen before that." But suppose the chief trust magnate is not a good prophet and in the course of a year the circuit and supreme courts decide that the enormous fine is legal and must be paid? Where will the money come from but from the profits on oil, and it is quite probable that a cent or two more a gallon will be charged the public, so that the trust's stockholders can still be paid their 40 per cent dividend.

The object of trust-busting is to reproduce competition which the trusts have nearly eliminated. Competition brings down the price of products to a natural level according to supply and demand, while trusts through monopoly create an artificial price. Fining trusts for receiving rebates, as in the Standard Oil case, will not reduce prices, but if our trust-busting Republican friends really mean business they can, when Congress meets, very quickly produce competition in all trust products by abolishing the tariff duty which protects them.

The Republican leaders have been constantly pointing out to those not conversant with the tariff law that all petroleum products are on the free list. That is true. But at the same time they know, or should know, that there is a reciprocity joker in the tariff pack, which they all voted for, which effectively protects the Standard Oil trust from competition from abroad.

This proviso, which is part of paragraph 626, which places "petroleum, crude or refined," on the free list, also stipulates that on petroleum, or its products "produced in any foreign country," there shall be collected, when such goods are imported, a duty equal to the duty imposed by such country.

As Russia and other important oil-producing countries levy duties on kerosene averaging about 100 per cent it follows that the Standard Oil Company is one of our most highly protected trusts. The customs officials hold that the rates of duty to be assessed are not those levied by the country from which the refined products may be imported, but those levied by the country which produces the petroleum from which the imported products were made.

That the trust is enormously protected by this stiff provision is evident from the difference in price as quoted in The New York Journal of Commerce, August 5th, the export price in bulk being 5 cents a gallon, while the local price for tank wagon delivery was 10 cents a gallon. So under this beneficent Republican tariff the foreigner is buying his kerosene at bargain prices, or about half what our trust-ridden people are forced to pay through the collusion of the Republican leaders and the trust monopolists.

About every prominent Democrat from the South that drops into Washington these days is anxious to see a Southern man named by the Democrats for President, providing the delegates to the national convention from the close and doubtful States are satisfied that such a candidate would best unite the party.

Strike May Not Spread.

New York, Aug. 10.—The strike of the telegraph operators in Chicago is regarded by the company as local in its nature and not likely to precipitate a strike here. The walk out of the telegraphers in Chicago has hampered the transmission of business both here and in Chicago, but wire chiefs and chief operators are doing all they can to move the business.

THE SUMMER NORMAL.

The Most Successful that State Ever Held—High Averages.

The Summer Normal came to a close Friday, completing the most successful term in the history of the State.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Yocum. His prayer was like the pleadings of a loving father for his children.

The school sang as the closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Then parting words by Dr. Yocum, Prof. Corr, Capt. McBeath, Dr. Russell and Capt. Lynch.

The routine work of the closing day was taken up, and as each teacher dismissed his last recitation, there were individual good-byes.

Prof. Holloway states that he has never employed a faculty that has given more earnest labor, nor better results. Of the examinees, the highest marks ever made in the State attest the thoroughness of the work done.

Mrs. F. N. Clayton of Tampa broke the State record, making a general average of 99.7. Miss Alys May Corr, a former Gainesville girl, stands second in the Gainesville examination. She has the distinction of breaking the record on the sciences, and of being the record person in all the State who ever made 100 on English literature.

Miss Elizabeth Blanding is receiving the congratulations of her friends for her magnificent work in her examination for her special work.

In the State primary department, Mrs. Hamilton surpassed herself. The examination in this department was most thorough and searching. The few failures in this department were due to a misapprehension on the part of a few of the applicants. But the work done by those applicants is not lost.

Prof. Holloway left at 2:30 Saturday for Tallahassee.

RIFLE TEAM IS HOME.

Made Excellent Record in State Shoot at St. Augustine.

The rifle team of the Gainesville Guards returned Saturday from St. Augustine, where they have been participating in the State shoot.

The team won several honors, taking fourth place, as has already been noted in The Sun.

Captain J. W. Blanding and Private C. Pinkson will go to the National shoot on the regular Florida team, while W. J. Holly and Wm. Gibbs will take position on the same shooters with the sharpshooters.

The shoot will be held at Fort Perry, Ohio, the latter part of September.

Of Interest to Teachers.

County Superintendent Dr. J. L. Kelley requests The Sun to make a correction in the article which appeared in this paper on Friday morning regarding the County Normal and examinations.

The Sun announced that all applicants to the Normal should bring a dollar, pea, ink and paper. This did not apply to the Normal, but to the examinations, which begin September 3. We trust that those interested will understand the matter clearly.

HIGH SPRINGS BOYS WERE RELEASED

Charged With Selling Liquor In Violation Of Law.

CASE WAS A BIG SENSATION

Were Arrested at Instigation of Three Ministers, and Quantity of Liquor Was Found, But Proved That It Was a "Joint Order."

Louie H. Bartlett and J. W. Williams of High Springs, who were arrested several days ago because they had in their possession more intoxicating liquors than the law allowed, were arraigned in the city court of High Springs Friday upon a charge of selling liquor without a license.

The case attracted a great deal of attention, as the parties are well known. The arrest was caused by three ministers, who preferred the charges, and the little courtroom at High Springs was filled beyond overflow, but more than half of those who came to hear the proceedings being enabled to gain admission to the room.

After hearing the evidence in the case, in which the defendants stated that a number of friends had asked in making an order for a glass and barbone to be given at High Springs, and that they had intended to use the beer and whiskey merely between themselves and their friends, Judge Knight decided to release the defendants, as the court held that there had been no evidence introduced tending to show that they, or either of them, had been attempting to sell any part of the beverage.

These cases have created a great deal of interest, and the decision was awaited with anxiety by parties at both sides.

It is understood, however, that the beverage, which consisted of several barrels of beer and a quantity of whiskey, and which was consumed by the county authorities, is still "in abeyance," hence the boys did not thoroughly enjoy themselves as they had anticipated after all.

Attorney Christopher Matthews represented the prosecution in the case, while Attorney S. A. Wheeler appeared for the defense.

A Future Soldier.

Florida has a future soldier who, if he "takes after" his father, is going to make the world better and brighter along these lines.

Captain Gen. H. Lynch received a telegram Friday evening which swelled up his whole form with joy, as the wire announced the arrival of a fine boy at his home in Japan.

Captain Lynch, who has been a member of the faculty of the State Normal here, did not intend returning home until Saturday, but he had some minutes' time when the message was received, packed his trunk and hastened to the train for Japan.

Friends in this city and throughout the State extend kindest congratulations to the proud parents.

Advertisement for E. M. Weston Pianos and Organs. Includes an illustration of a piano and text: 'ESTEY AND FANEN ORGANS.' PIANO TUNING A SPECIALTY. Dealers in All Kinds of Musical Instruments, Sheet Music, Etc.