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A CHANGE OF RATE

Florida Railroad Commissioners to Meet May 1

MAKE NEW CLASSIFICATION

Different Roads Notified to Have Representatives Present.

Chairman H. E. Day has sent out notice to all railroad companies and common carriers doing business in the State of Florida, that a meeting of the Railroad Commission will be held in chambers in Tallahassee on Thursday, the first day of May, at 4 o'clock p. m., when it is proposed to amend and revise Classification No. 1, of the Railroad Commission of the State.

At this meeting the commossioners will consider any arguments, suggestions, objections and amendments, representatives of the various railroads may wish to make in reference to he proposed change in classification.

The proposed change is in regard to the weight of lumber. Under the old classification in estimating the weight of seasoned yellow pine lumber to be shipped, the rate was 4,000 pounds per 1,000 feet. Under the proposed change the estimate is 3,000 pounds per 1,000 feet. In other words, under the old rating, if the car is marked 40,000 pounds capacity, the shipper is only allowed to put on 10,000 feet of lumber. Under the proposed change he will be allowed to put on a fraction over 13,000 feet, a gain of 33 per cent.

This ruling will be of great advantage to lumber shippers in Florida, as it will mean a large saving in freight rates. It is not to be supposed, however, that the railroads will let this ruling be enforced without entering a vigorous protest. It will mean a loss to them, and it is quite likely that every road doing business in Florida will have representatives here to oppose the proposed change.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

The usual number of notaries public have been appointed by the governor during the past week. The following appointments have been made and commissions forwarded:

Notaries public State at large—Miss Willie M. Otwell, Jacksonville; Clinton Johnson, Altoona; W. A. Woodruff, Century; Jacob Godwin, Godwin; Vallie J. Randolph, Tallahassee.

John Brown, R. A. Alfred, John L. Inglis, John P. W[illegible], W. C. Bruce, all of Port Inglis, to be Pilot Commissioners of Port Inglis.

N. L. Connell, of Wewahitchka, to be county commissioner of District No. 1, of Calhoun county, vice R. V. Teat, deceased.

C. A. Stephens, of Jasper, to be justice of the peace for District No. [illegible], of Hamilton county.

J. Emmett Wolfe, to be justice of the peace in and for the second justice district of Escambia county, vice James R. Landrum, suspended.

Dr. H. K. DuBois, of Port Orange, to be member of the Board of Medical Examiners for the 7th district.

L. E. Nobles, of Pensacola, to be timber and lumber inspector for Escambia county.

J. H. Heeseman, of Jacksonville, inspector of naval stores for the port of Jacksonville.

Charles O. Hall, Baltimore, Md., to be commissioner of deeds for the State of Florida.

Dr. N. D. Howard, of Sanford, to be member of the board of medical examiners for the 7th district.

IT DAZZLES THE WORLD.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It's severest tests have been on hopeless victims of Consumption, Pneumonia, Hemorrhage, Pleurisy and Bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup, Hay Fever, Hoarseness and Whooping Cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by all druggists, who guarantee satisfaction or refund the money. Large bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

The attraction at the Lyceum course Tuesday night, the Parker Concert Co., drew a good crowd to Munro's opera house, and all who attended were well pleased with the entertainment. The program consisted of excellent music and well delivered recitations. "The only drawback to the concert was the large hats worn by the ladies, which obstructed the view of those who were compelled to sit behind them. In many cities it is against the law to wear hats of such size as will prevent people from getting a good view. People who pay for admission to entertainments are entitled to some consideration, and ladies should be very careful about wearing such hats," remarked one of the victims in speaking of the concert.

STRIKES A RICH FIND.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

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"After using a few bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure my wife received perfect and permanent relief from a severe and chronic case of stomach trouble," says J. R. Holly, real estate, insurance and loan agent, of Macomb, Ill. "Before using Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she could not eat an ordinary meal without intense suffering. She is now entirely cured. Several physicians and many remedies had failed to give relief." You don't have to diet. Eat any good food you want, but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will always digest it for you.

THE MARKETS.

The telegraphic market quotations yesterday were:

Long cotton, 21 to 23 cents.
Short cotton, 7¾ to 8⅝ cents.
Flour, $4 to $5.
Meal, sack, $1.65.
Corn, 80 to 83 cents per bushel.
Rice, 3½ to 6 cents per pound.
Rough rice, 75c to $1 per bushel.
Oats, 58 to 62 cents per bushel.
Hay, 90 to $1 per 100.
Bacon, 9¼ to 10¼ cents per pound.
Hams, 8¾ to 12 cents per pound.
Lard, 10½ to 10¾ cents per pound.
Syrup, 25 to 27½ cents per gallon.
Honey, strained, 50c per gallon.

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

Three boxes of books and Easter carols were packed at the residence of Mrs. R. H. Gamble during the past week—one to E. Lee Hughes, Dutton Postoffice, Fla., 150 prisoners; one to W. A. Brown, Holden Postoffice, Fla., 100 prisoners, and one to B. B. King, Holder Postoffice, 120 prisoners. Mrs. Gamble will be glad to have contributions of books, magazines and papers left at her residence on Clinton street to be sent to the jail here, and to the different convict camps.

EASTER SERVICE.

Easter Day will be appropriately observed at Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The church will be decorated with palms and flowers and the following program will be rendered:

Organ voluntary; anthem; "Now is Christ Risen;" hymn; prayer; solo and chorus, "My Redeemer Lives;" scripture lesson; hymn; offertory, violin solo; sermon, Rev. W. E. H. Mabry; contralto solo; hymn; prayer; doxology.

The King's Daughters have not, so far as we have heard, made any special appeal to the public for aid in building their hospital, but should they do so, they will no doubt meet with a hearty response. The building will be located on South Monroe street, and will be quite an improvement to that part of the city. The plans have been drawn up, and Gilmore & Davis will do the work.

NOT A MINUTE TO LOSE

if you are wet and feel chilled to the bone, after a tramp through a storm. Get into dry clothes at once and warm your insides with a teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Painkiller, in hot water with a little sugar. Thus you will avoid a cold, and, possibly, a long sickness. The precaution is worth while. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

Ex-President Cleveland was expected to arrive in Jacksonville last night for a short visit. Mr. Cleveland is respectfully invited to come over to the State Capital. He will find the richest soil, the finest scenery, and the most hospitable people in the State. The ex-President will miss the opportunity of his life if he does not come to historic old Tallahassee. This invitation is also extended to Admiral Dewey, who is spending a season in Florida.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Consipation and Sick Headache. Only 25c at all drug stores.

The Tallahassee baseball team will go out to practice this afternoon, at Camp Henderson. Nearly enough money has been raised to put a fence around the ground. Their first game will probably be with a team from the Florida Agricultural College at Lake City.

Miss Ellen Apthorp, whose school closed recently at Luten's school house, has opened up a private school at County Comimssioner Johnson's place. Miss Apthorp taught there last summer, and gave such satisfaction that she has been engaged for the coming summer.

Rev. Edward P. Crane and wife, of Pennsylvania, are visiting in the city, the guests of his brother-in-law, Chief Justice Taylor.

THE MOONSHINERS

Case Against Taylor County People for Illicit Distilling

FEW COUNTERFEITING CASES

United States Court Adjourned at Noon Thursday.

The spring term of the United States court for the Northern District of Florida, was a business term. Convened and organized for business at 3 o,clock Monday. Judge Swayne went right to work. Uncle Sam's interests were looked after by U. S. District Attorney Eagan.

The grand jury returned a total of fourteen true bills, and four "no true bills", and the members were discharged Wednesday. On Thursday the docket was cleared, and court adjourned at noon. The following cases were disposed of:

The United States against J. L. Murphy and Martha Ann Hall, his mother, charged with counterfeiting. Verdict guilty. Murphy was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. On account of the extreme age of Mrs. Hall, she being 75 years old, the judge suspended her sentence. E. M. Hopkins and J. J. Hodges were attorneys for defendants.

The United States against Hush Walker, of Jefferson county, charged with having aguidenti (Cuban rum) in his possession that had been smuggled. Verdict guilty. Fined $100. F. T. Myers attorney for defendant.

The United States against Marshall Haines, having smuggled aguidenti in his possession. Verdict guilty. Fined $25.

The United States against L. B. Parrish, robbing the mails. Nolle prossed. E. M. Hopkins for defendant.

The United States against Frank P. Williams, making liquor. Plea guilty. Sentenced to thirteen months in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

The United States against H. W. Mathis, operating illicit distillery. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to thirteen months imprisonment in the penitentiary at Atlanta.

The United States against Wm. Gamble, operating illicit distillery. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to serve an imprisonment of thirteen months in the Federal penitentiary.

The United States vs. N. R. L. Bowden, having an illicit still in his possession. Plea guilty. Sentenced suspended.

The United States against J. B. Parker, operating an illicit distillery. Plea guilty. Sentence suspended until November term of court, on account of illness of defendant.

The United States against J. H. Morgan, operating an illicit distillery. Plea guilty. Sentence suspended until November term, on account of the serious illness of defendant's wife.

The United States vs. John Grantham, operating illicit distillery. Plea guilty. Sentenced to thirteen months imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The United States against Everett Bowie, operating illicit distillery. Plea guilty. Sentenced to thirteen months in the Federal prison at Atlanta. T. L. Clarke, of Monticello, attorney for defendant.

The United States against O. P. Williams, stealing lumber. Nolle prossed.

The United States against J. M. D. Russ, cutting timber. Nolle prossed.

The United States against Lucy Mattox, operating illicit distillery. Plea guilty. Sentence suspended.

The United States against S. M. Clyatt, of Tifton, Ga., charged with peonage, or holding to labor. Verdict guilty. Sentenced to four pears in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, without fine. Henderson & Henderson, of Tallahassee, and Fuller, of Georgia, attorneys for defendant.

The case of the United States against Joel E. Smith, late editor of the Monticello Constitution, charged with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, was continued. Bond fixed at $5,000.

If you have bargains to offer make them known to the public. Publicity is what you are after, and if your goods are meritorious the people will do the rest. The Tallahasseean is the best advertising medium in this section, because it reaches the people.

Regular services at the Wesleyan meeting-house next Sunday.

GIVEN FOUR YEARS

S. M. Clyatt, of Tifton, Ga., Sentenced by Judge Swayne

WAS CONVICTED OF PEONAGE

Will Appeal to Supreme Court of the United States.

The United States Court for the Northern District of Florida convened in the government building in this city Monday, with Judge Swayne, of Pensacola, on the bench. The judge did not arrive in the city until 1:38 p. m., and court was not organized for business until 3 o'clock.

The grand jury took up considerable of its time during the week investigating the Taylor county moonshiners, of whom a large number had been brought in. The counterfeiting cases from Levy and Franklin counties also received attention from the court.

On Tuesday the grand jury returned fourteen true bills against moonshiners, Cuban rum smugglers and counterfeiters. The most important case of the day was that of the United States against S. M. Clyatt, of Tifton, Ga., charged with peonage. For the benefit of our readers who may not thoroughly understand the charge, we will explain that "peonage" is a form of servitude existing in Spanish America, and especially in Mexico. It is from the word "peon," a day laborer, or species of serf, compeleld to work for his creditor until his debts are paid.

Clyatt had a couple of negroes in his employ near Tifton, Ga. They left him and found work in Levy county, Fla. Clyatt and a gang of men came down from Georgia, with warrants, claiming that they wanted the negroes for gaming. He stated to Mr. Dean, for whom the men were working, that they owed him money, and when the latter offered to pay him the amount alleged to be due he said he did not want the money, but wanted the negroes for gaming. With the assistance of the sheriff and deputy sheriff, Clyatt succeeded in taking the negroes back to Georgia, without legal process.

The trial elicited considerable interest, as this method is extensively employed in Georgia. In charging the jury, Judge Swayne said: "No contract, either voluntary or involuntary, for labor, can be enforced by criminal prosecution, and any attempt to do so makes the party so attempting guilty of peonage."

The case went to the jury at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and about 10 o'clock a verdict of guilty was returned.

On Thursday morning Col. Henderson made a motion for a new trial. In overruling this motion, Judge Swayne stated that a jury of twelve impartial men, after listening to the testimony, had found the prisoner guilty of peonage. He read the statutes of the United States on the subject, which showed conclusively that it is a violation of the law to bargain or contract with a man to work out a debt, or to in any manner force any person in any state or territory of the United States to so work out a debt.

Before sentence was passed, Mr. Clyatt stated to the court that he had acted in good faith, and had no intention of violating the laws of Georgia, Florida or the United States. He had come down to Florida with warrants for the negroes, and had consulted with the sheriff of the county in regard to the matter. He was innocent of any wilful violation of the law.

The judge, in passing sentence, said that he could not see why Mr. Clyatt and his men, not being officers of the law, should come into Florida in the night time, armed with guns and revolvers, and forcibly carry off citizens of this State, without due process of the law. He said that as the law in regard to the crime of peonage was very strict, he was determined that the practice should be abolished in Florida at least. That as this was the first case of a similar character ever tried in the United States the court would be as lenient as possible under the circumstances.

The sentence of the court was that Clyatt be confined in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for a term of four years. Judge Swayne stated that in his thirteen years on the bench he had only on three occasions granted a supersedeas, but inasmuch as the counsel for the defense had contended that there was no law on the statute books of the United States covering the charge against Clyatt, he was willing to grant a supersedeas in order to give the prisoner bond until the question is decided by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Notice of appeal was given, and Clyatt's bond was placed at $2,500.

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COUPON CONTEST.

Up to going to press the standing of the candidates was as follows:

Miss Pearl McCord	951
Miss Octavia Lavender	502
Miss Bessie Chandler	161
Miss Florence Lewis	144
Miss Fannie Shutan	123
Miss Bershe Meginniss	76
Miss Gussie Chittenden	42
Miss Nellie Costa	27
Miss Mamie Andrews	27

It will be the fad at Easter to send a plant to some church, your own if you are partial to a certain one, and to any other church if you are not, but be sure to send a plant pot yith a bunch of green stuff in it if you would have the universal gladness of the Easter time permeate you. A cluster of violets or other spring flowers with your Easter greetings attached to the handle will be universally adopted this year, instead of the old idea of sending Easter cards with stereotyped phrases on them.

Have you anything to sell? Are you in the market for the purchase of anything? If so, your attention is called to the card of Capt. R. A. Shine, commission merchant and auctioneer, in this issue of The Tallahasseean. Capt. Shine is an old business man of Tallahassee, and is well known to everybody in this section.

When Tallahassee gets her new fire apparatus and horses, and an efficient fire department is organized, steps should be taken to extend the corporate limits of the city. Many of our citizens are in favor of expansion, but before this is accomplished we should be in a position to give the new territory ample fire protection.

Rev. L. B. Warren, of Macon, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Ocala, and has already assumed charge of his duties. Mr. Warren is the son of the late E. W. Warren, pastor for many years of the First Baptist Church in Macon, and one of the most beloved men who ever lived there.

Few cities in the entire country are freer from violations of the law than Tallahassee. Drunks are of rare occurrence, and disturbances of any kind seldom occur. Even on Saturdays, when hundreds of negroes come to town the police rarely have an arrest to make.

The social season has about ended in Tallahassee, and few parties, receptions or dances have been given in the past few weeks. Spring is here, however, in all her beauty, and excursions, picnics, baseball and other outdoor sports will attract the attention of the public.

Leon Superior Court is the next legal attraction on the docket. At present the outlook is that there will not be much business to transact. The term is a few weeks off, however, and there is no telling what may transpire in the meantime.

Good advertising, instead of being a dead expense in business, helps to build up that business. Economy in advertising means good advertising, and good advertising pays every time. Try it in The Tallahasseean, and you will get resuls.

The ladies of Lloyd gave a supper at Mrs. Miller's residence in that town last Wednesday. The supper was given for the purpose of raising funds to repair the church, and it is understood that they realized quite a handsome sum.

The "Sunshine" exercises given by the Junior Endeavor Society during the recent convention will be repeated on next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The children hope to have a large audience.

In a short time J. R. Dowd will have his large saw mill near Gainesville in operation. It will have a daily capacity of about 75,000 feet of lumber. The engines are expected soon, and will be put in position at once.

Mr. J. M. Henry, a leading business man of Monticello, made a business trip to the Capital City this week. Mr. Henry is proprietor of a large saw mill, and runs the electric light plant in that city.

Convict Camp Inspetor R. F. Rogers, of Lake City, was in the city Monday, en route to Marianna, on business. Mr. Rogers was formerly a member of the State Senate from Suwannee county.

It is reported that the young negro who killed Quitman Rawls at Alachua, and who was sentenced o the State Reformatory, has escaped from that institution and is now at large.

On account of the damage wrought by the storm, and owing to the fact that the walls of the southern extension to the State Capitol had to be torn down, the completion of the building will be delayed considerably.

The Gainesville Guards at a recent meeting decided to abandon the trip to Charleston, owing to the fact that a sufficient number of the members could not be interested.

Hon. John R. Willis, editor of the Cedar Key Hustler, was here this week en route to the editorial meeting in Pensacola. He was accompanied by his wife.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Convention will be Held in Gainesville April 8 to 10

A BIG TIME IS ANTICIPATED

Superintendent Sheats Working Hard to Make it a Success.

The State Sunday School Convention meets in Gainesville April 8th to 10th, inclusive. President W. N. Sheats has been working hard to make the meeting a success and he is meeting with great encouragement.

The railroads have offered low excursion rates to delegates, and the prospects are that a large crowd will be in attendance. Each Sunday school in the State is entitled to one delegate to each fifty members, or fraction over twenty-five, including teachers and pupils. Ministers and superintendents are ex-officio delegates.

Last Sunday the Methodist Sunday school elected delegates to the convention, as follows: L. M. Evans, J. C. Neeley, Frank Blackburn, P. A. Dickerson, Mrs. W. N. Sheats, Mrs. T. B. Byrd, Mrs. W. L. Moor, Miss Jessie Edmondson, Miss Lizzie Tarver, W. B. Crawford, G. I. Davis and [illegible] Demilly.

Superintendent Sheats has sent out the following instructions to the different Sunday schools throughout the State:

1. The railroads have granted a returning rate of one-third full fare to all who purchase first-class tickets to Gainesville at the regular tariff rates, and procure from the selling agent a certificate (receipt) on the standard form See your ticket agent in advance, so that if by chance he has not been supplied with these standard form certificates and instructions about rates he may secure them in time.

2. Every Evangelical Sunday School (white) in Florida is entitled to one delegate for each fifty members, or fraction over twenty-five, of its enrollment, counting teachers and pupils. All Ministers and Superintendents in charge of such Sunday Schools are ex officio delegates.

3. All delegates who present properly certified credentials that they are authorized representatives of White Evangelical Sunday Schools will receive free entertainment.

4. All Sunday School workers, whether delegates or not, are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Convention.

5. Every Sunday School entitled to representation [illegible] delegates immediately, and prepare a statistical report to [illegible] them.

6. The names of the delegates, whether elected or ex officio, who will attend the convention should be reported at once by each Superintendent to Rev. W. J. Carpenter, Chairman of Entertainment Committee, at Gainesville.

7. Every Sunday School worker is urged to see that not only his own Sunday School, but every one in town and country is represented. The lack of a complete organization makes it impossible to send circulars direct to every Sunday School.

8. Bring your Bibles and come prepared to take notes and report on returning to your Sunday School.

Mr. H. L. Dozier, who has been spending the past month at Cuthbert, Ga., on account of the fatal illness of his father, is expected here tomorrow to resume his duties at Mr. W. L. Malkcom's drug store.

Leave your orders at Malkcom's drug store for ice cream for next Sunday. Delivered to any part of the city in quart pails, and any quantity desired. It is delicious, made from pure cream.

Mr. E. R. Bruton arrived in the city a day or two since from Bainbridge, Ga., on business connected with the Georgia, Florida and Alabama railroad, of which road he is superintendent of construction.

The "Industrial Sick and Accident Association," with headquarters in Tampa, has been granted a charter by the goveronor. The capital stock is $5,000, divided into one hundred shares of $50 each.

Governor W. S. Jennings and a number of his cabinet will leave next Wednesday for St. Augustine to attend the grand military ball to be given in that city Thursday night.

At the next meeting of the city council the mayor's appointments will be acted upon. It is more than likely that the present police force will be retained in its entirety.

James E. Bowman, formerly sheriff of Brevard county, was transferred to the State Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee last week on account of aberration of his mind.

All nature is donning her spring attire and it is a pretty sight. Now to take a drive through the country, and see the trees in full bloom.

Dr. J. G. Fuller, who has been spending several days in the Capital City on business, left yesterday for his home at Chipley.

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