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The distinguished gentlemen composing the Florida delegation at Washington are working as one man, with the utmost harmony, in the protection and furtherance of all our interests, and the statement made by an exchange that the whole state should rejoice is quite a fitting remark.

Forty years ago Gov. Bloxham entered upon the political arena in this state, and has been there ever since. It is unnecessary for us to add that he could remain there the balance of his life if he wanted to. Few have held old friends and made so many new ones as he has during this period. Were it not for the constitutional provision that forbids a governor succeeding himself he could continue right on in the office he is now holding.

An inspection of the new county road along the river bank shows up what will soon become a fine driveway and public thoroughfare when connected with the river road at City Point. This connection should be made at the earliest date possible, and we hope that the means will be forthcoming to make it. The importance of this road, constructed as intended, cannot be over-estimated by this road district, for it will not only make a pleasant drive to City Point, Cocoa and Rockledge, but will, in a few months hence, complete a fine public thoroughfare from the north end of the county as far south as Melbourne.

While civil service laws give everyone an equal chance to become public officers, their literal application inflicts a hardship upon some. Fourteen employees of New York municipal district courts have been working since last July without salary, and it is improbable now that they will ever receive any. They were appointed temporarily, but when the new rules were promulgated their pay ceased upon the preparation of eligible lists who had passed examinations for these places. Most of the temporary appointees are court attendants, and while all took examinations some failed to pass and others did not receive sufficiently high percentages to entitle them to re-appointment. The judges refrained from appointing their successors in the hope that a means would be devised by which they could retain office, but the state civil service commissioners promise no relief.

RARELY has a more interesting game of politics been played than that now in progress between the present tenant of New York's capitol and the occupant of the White house. McKinley is a candidate for re-election, and it is his wish—or rather Senator Hanna desires in his behalf—that Gov. Roosevelt shall be his running mate. Senator Platt is apparently quiescent on the subject, but Gov. Roosevelt realizes that should he fall into the trap set for him he might become vice-president of the United States. He would be buried politically afterward. He sees that Hanna's position to Woodruff is extended for the purpose of inducing Republican leaders in New York to support him upon the Roosevelt ticket. He says he will not permit himself to be used in this way, and believes that if he were elected he would not only be a great help to the country, but also a great help to the people. He is a man of high character and high ability, and his election would be a great benefit to the country. He is a man of high character and high ability, and his election would be a great benefit to the country.

does not regard Gov. Roosevelt's ambition to be president with any degree of danger to his prestige, he has forebodings of evil should Roosevelt remain governor for another term.

The Way Open for the Canal.

It is said that Great Britain has asked nothing in return for consenting to such a modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as will permit the Nicaragua canal to be wholly within the control of the United States. The suggestion is thrown out that this show of generosity was made for the purpose of gaining sympathy in this country in the South African war. It is hardly probable, however, that Great Britain was influenced by any such consideration. It might have occurred to her ministers that the granting of the concession asked for would have a good effect in this country, by showing that the desire of the British people was to throw no obstruction in the way of the construction of the canal. As a matter of fact, however, there is no very good reason why Great Britain should want to obstruct the building of the canal by insisting upon the out-of-date canal provision of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

It is quite apparent that Great Britain is anxious to have this canal built, as it would be of great benefit to her shipping interests. While it is probable that the real reason she consents to the modification of the treaty is because she will be largely benefited by the canal, she may insist that this country shall not fortify the entrances thereto, and it is hardly probable that this government wants to do anything of this kind. The waterway will be for the use of all nations and it will be kept open under any and all circumstances.

Senator Morgan is quoted as saying that the canal bill will pass congress within a month. It will hardly get through as soon as that, but there are pretty good reasons for its being passed at this session. Now that the treaty is out of the way there is no obstacle in the way of getting a vote on the bill, except that which is to be expected from those who claim to own the right-of-way across Nicaragua.

Russia and Japan.

The cable dispatches recently brought the news that Li Hung Chang had been "promoted" to the viceroyalty of Kwang-Tung (Canton), and that the Japanese minister at Peking had been appointed an adviser of the Chinese government and given the button of a high mandarin, and had gone to Tokio for instructions. To the average occidental mind these statements convey but little information and no suggestion of the deep political purposes behind them, which are apparent to students of the situation in the far east. A writer on the subject for the Baltimore Sun sees in the changes noted a striking evidence of the ascendancy of Japanese influences in China, a waning of Russian influences, and a general trend of events likely to culminate in war between Russia and Japan at almost any time.

Li Hung Chang has been the strong friend and ally of Russia, and most of the concessions from China secured of late years by the czar have come through his influence. He has had the ear and the confidence of the Empress Dowager, and the two of them have ordered the affairs of the empire according to their pleasure, largely. Now the powerful Prince Li has been ordered away from the capitol, to take an office which is the least important he has held since the Tai-Ping rebellion. And practically to take Li's place as a close personal adviser of the head of the government comes the Japanese minister, the interests of whose country lie diametrically opposite to the interests of Russia, which has been the ally of the czar for many years. If the Trans-Siberian railway is completed, it will afford as a direct line of communication between Russia and Japan, and will be a great benefit to the country.

or both. And it is possible that it is Japan's purpose to draw China as her ally into the war with Russia that it is believed to be impending.

In a nutshell, according to the expert quoted, Russia is as ready to fight as she can be in a year or such a matter, but she does not desire to fight now; Japan, on the other hand, is anxious to fight now, but is not quite ready. A year or a little more hence the great Russian railroad will be completed. It will be a highway over which hundreds of thousands of the czar's troops can be quickly placed in the territory which Japan covets and which she must have for her national expansion. Japan therefore does not wish to wait a year for the fighting to begin. She is running her powder mills day and night in manufacturing smokeless powder; her navy is in splendid shape, armed with modern high-power guns and manned by excellent seamen; her army is being constantly strengthened and drilled, and its equipment is equal to that of any army in Europe. She would like a few months' delay, however, for the purpose of putting into commission the war vessels that are under construction for her in foreign countries and which are now receiving their finishing touches. With these ships in service, the Japanese navy would be equally as effective as that of Russia available for service against it, if not indeed a little better. It is believed, therefore, that Japan is playing for just time enough to get her new ships, while Russia is playing for time enough to complete her railroad. It seems to be almost a foregone conclusion that there will be fighting.

Beautiful Rockledge.

Hotel Indian River, Rockledge, with its array of beautiful flowers and tropical plants, keeps one in mind of what a delightful tourist resort Rockledge is. Many of the orange trees still have oranges on them, which add to the beauty of the place, and the hotels supply the guests with oranges from their own groves. The news stand at the above hotel is now open and all the latest New York papers, books, periodicals, candies, etc., may be obtained there. Manager S. Proskoy is winning golden opinions from his many guests by the manner in which he conducts every department of this hostelry; while his chief room clerk, Mr. C. A. Creighton, also comes in for a due share of praise. The hotel orchestra is composed of four pieces—piano, first and second violin and clarinet. Going north or south, you should not fail to stop off at one of the prettiest spots on Indian river—Rockledge.

To Be Prepared.

For war is the surest way for this nation to maintain peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It is equally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is sure to be loaded with impurities and to be weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, expels all disease germs, creates a good appetite, gives strength and energy and puts the whole system in a healthy condition, preventing pneumonia, fevers and other dangerous diseases which are liable to attack a weakened system.

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JOHN McLEAN, Administrator of the estate of James D. Andrews, deceased. Jensen, Fla., Feb. 9th, 1900.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Official Account of Their Proceedings in Session This Week.

The board of county commissioners met Tuesday, Feb. 6th, pursuant to adjournment. Present, J. R. Walker, chairman; J. Menzel, W. H. Sharpe, J. Houston and J. N. Waller, A. A. Stewart, clerk, and J. P. Brown, sheriff.

The following business was transacted, to-wit:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The county treasurer made his monthly report of the finances of the county, and delivered the warrants paid by him during the month of January, 1900, which was examined and found correct. Attached to his report was a certificate of the cashier of the Indian River State bank, showing that the balance, as per his report, with the cash presented, as in the safe, was correct and accounted for. J. N. Waller and John Houston were appointed to burn and destroy the cancelled warrants, which was done, and so reported to the board.

The report of E. W. Hall of the polls paid in January was received and approved and ordered filed.

The report of D. L. Gaudlen, county judge, for licenses collected in January was received and approved and ordered filed.

The report of A. A. Stewart, clerk of the court, showing the hunting permits issued by him for January, was received and approved and ordered filed. The permits issued were as follows: S. C. Graham, L. D. Mitchell, W. S. White, S. T. Westcott, T. M. Nelson and W. D. Wallace. The amount received for said permits was turned into the county treasury as per receipts of the treasurer.

The report of the county treasurer for the fine and forfeiture fund for January was received and approved and ordered filed.

The bond of Chas. N. Hatch for carrying a repeating rifle was presented and approved, and a permit was issued to him to carry a Winchester rifle No. 14570 of 30 calibre.

The bond of J. E. Andrews, as notary public for the state at large, was examined and approved.

In the matter of a public road across the lands of Samuel Childs, on Merritts Island, it was referred to the superintendent of public roads for adjustment.

The public road as now established across Dr. Wm. Witfield's land, on Merritts Island, was declared a public road.

The annual financial statement of the board for Brevard county for year 1899, as required by section 579 of the revised statutes of Florida, as approved by the clerk, was examined and approved by the board.

On petition the boundaries of Eden precinct, No. 10, is hereby changed to read as follows: To begin at northwest corner of section 30, township 35 south, range 41 east, running east to Atlantic ocean, thence southeasterly along the shore to south boundary of Brevard county, thence west to southwest corner of township 37 south, range 41 east, thence north to beginning; and that the voting place be moved from Eden to Jensen; and that the same be published according to law.

On petitions it was ordered that Sarah M. Saunders and Charles C. Mast be allowed to catch one manatee each for scientific purposes in accordance with chapter 4298 of the laws of Florida.

The boundaries of Ankona precinct, No. 18, is hereby, upon petition, changed to read as follows: To begin at northwest corner of section 35, township 35 south, range 40 east, and run east to Indian river, thence southeasterly along the river to the point where the south boundary of section 20, township 35 south, range 40 east, strikes Indian river, thence west to range line between ranges 40 and 41, thence north to southeast corner of section 12, thence west to southwest corner of section 12, thence north to northwest corner of section 1, thence west to northwest corner of section 2, thence north to point of beginning; and that the same be published according to law.

The following bills were audited and ordered paid: W. R. Sharpe, county commissioner, \$ 3.00 J. N. Waller, " " 49.00 J. Houston, " " 1.00 J. Menzel, " " 2.00 M. C. Gaudlen, prosecuting attorney, 33.75 Times of Florida, Lighter, " 9.50 J. O. Jones, compiling Co. maps to date, 30.00 J. P. Menzel, copying minutes, " 5.00

Table listing names and amounts for County Commissioners' Meeting, including D. L. Gaudlen, salary county judge 25.00, T. T. Wetmore, ice 1.35, T. A. Johnson, wood for court house 2.00, T. A. Johnson, wood for Clk. and tax col. 2.00, C. H. Walton, advertising 11.00, T. J. Cockshutt, registration officer 10.41, A. A. Stewart, accountant 15.00, " " making annual report 35.00, John M. Sanders, holding inquest 3.00, E. H. Covar, Cons't. costs at inquest 1.80, W. E. Booth, juror inquest .70, Theo Demro, " " .70, Sam'l. Childs, " " .70, J. E. Spearman, " " .70, Alfred Harrison, " " .70, J. A. Paine, " " .70, W. T. Hutson, witness at inquest .50, B. R. Wilson & Son, medicine for pris. .95, " " mdse. for jail .40, J. P. Brown, waiting on board 4.00, " " feeding dog 2.00, " " jailor 30.00, " " janitor 5.00, " " planting trees in ch yard 12.00, E. L. Brady & Bro., mdse. for jail .50, Bond Lumber Co., lumber for ch yard 3.16, J. Pritchard & Son, mdse. for jail 2.49, John R. Walker, " " 5.11, " " mdse. for clerk's office 2.19, N. Downey, medicine for pauper 3.50, B. R. Wilson & Son, " " .50, B. R. Wilson, med. attendance, paupers 12.00, Pauper acct. 118.00, Bond Lumber Co., coffin for pauper 8.18, J. Pritchard & Son, acct. of repairs to ch 48.80, " " " 6.90, J. O. Fries, Supt. roads and surveying 63.60, C. H. Flood, acct. contract 3, Dis No 1 50.00, C. B. Saunders, ex. road w'k. " 2 22.00, E. E. Swinson, " " " 2 13.00, H. S. Williams, road work " 3 2.00, A. L. Hatch, " " " 3 2.00, E. E. Swinson, " " extra " 3 18.00, C. B. Saunders, " " con. " 3 65.00, E. E. Swinson, acct. con. 7, " 3 10.00, C. B. Saunders, " " " 3 25.00, R. J. LaRoche, draining pond 50.00, John Houston, road work Dis No 4 2.00, S. F. Gibbs, " " " 4 3.00, G. C. Houston, balance on lighter 79.00, S. F. Gibbs, road work, contract, Dis 4 50.00, W. Frantz, acct. contract 5, Dis No. 5 50.00, " " " 14, " 5 100.00, S. J. Norton, acct. contract 18 100.00, G. T. Collins, road work, Dis No. 5 56.10, W. Frantz, ex. road work, " 5 46.34, E. Glutch, acct. contract 33, Dis No. 5 50.00, A. A. Ford, game and fish warden 40.00, J. P. Brown, feeding prisoners January 64.40, J. P. Brown, con. on fines and costs col 1.80

COURTESY.

J. D. Sams returned to Banyan Sunday.

Superintendent Sams is visiting the down river schools.

R. J. and R. B. LaRoche are ditching the road at Merritt.

Franklin Sams flew over to Cocoa and left a portion of his grinders there.

Two very nice young ladies took Joseph Field to ride up here Sunday in his buggy.

F. W. LaRoche is picking oranges for T. H. Sanders, who is fast recovering from his recent accident.

Miss McElroy, Miss Madge Whitlock and E. W. LaRoche were calling on Banana River people Saturday.

The Harper line run a special train Saturday night to enable young Mr. Tiffin to catch the F. E. C. express at Cocoa.

The Boer-English war seems a travesty on religious opinion, as the Boers win all the battles, while the Lord's commands are on the English side.

C. Lester Tiffin, Major H. J. Tiffin's nephew, of Montreal, Can., made a few hours' stop-over here Saturday, but was too severely chaperoned to find out the ins-and-outs of his vast and valuable estate here.

The Bible trust should be a warning, if nothing else, to congress to remove the tariff to enable us to purchase our own goods as cheap as other countries do, if we are to be able to become agnostics as well as paupers and slaves, dependent on the monies of a few diabolical plutocrats.

Although the road supervisor is one of our sort of men that believes little folks should have just as good roads as big ones, we are able to have him present, because the moment Bartus drove him by with his fleet north last Thursday morning we flew over to our beam patch and found it as black as the bog but he wears. He passed through so quickly that those near the river and all trees and bushes did not feel his icy breath.

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