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Apparently there is some friction between Chairman Hitchcock and Secretary Dover, of the Republican national committee, which would indicate that the old Hanna machine is hanging back in the traces.

Next month three state elections will be held, but they will not foreshadow the result of the presidential election. The states to elect officers are Maine, Arkansas and Vermont. Elections in these states will be held on the 14th.

The people of Brevard county will decide at the polls next Wednesday whether they want to saddle upon themselves a bonded indebtedness for a term of years, or a heavy special tax for at least five years for the erection of a new court house in some other part of the county.

And now it is given out that to nominate Hughes for governor of New York would cost the Taft ticket thousands of votes and that Roosevelt has accordingly called hands off and Hughes will not be nominated by acclamation or in any other manner. It looks like a split off in any event.

To Willam Randolph Hearst, greeting and a tip: If the October indications are favorable to Bryan's election you won't have enough of your independence league left in line to furnish election inspectors in November. Your hired-man party will skip like harvest hands to the dinner horn.

If $40,000 could be expended judiciously upon the public roads of Brevard county it would be of greater benefit to us as a community than ten new court houses. Give us something that will benefit every man, woman and child in the county and let the $40,000 court houses stand down for a few years until we have 10,000 or 15,000 population.

The citizens of Brevard have in sight on the part of Cocoa for the location of the county site there the sum of $5,360 and a small lot (not a square) which is merely a drop in the bucket to what the county must spend if they make the change of site to that place. Eau Gallie has made a better offer than Cocoa and a disinterested person so decides between those two places, but the people that do a little thinking for themselves must see that it is best for all the whole county to retain the site at Titusville and be prosperous.

The county site removers were too eager. They sprung that question before they found out how much the county actually lost in the fire. They did not wait for the embers to cool off. After they discovered the loss was not great they would not admit their error and endeavored to bolster up their forlorn hope with a promise made on the part of the editor of the Cocoa and Rockledge News that the people of Brevard will not be taxed one cent for county buildings if they vote to put the county seat at Cocoa. There has been no proposition made that will justify such an assertion, and if it is made in the way of a last-hour promise, remember, voter, that it is not holding, as THE STAR of July 24th cited the law that holds that such promises or even bonds for performance of same cannot be enforced in a case of this kind.

Weekly Weather Report.

JUPITER, FLA., Aug. 11, 1908.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday.

	1908		1907	
DATE.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.
Aug. 5.	84	75	86	73
" 6.	85	73	87	75
" 7.	88	76	88	78
" 8.	90	77	90	75
" 9.	87	76	90	68
" 10.	87	76	92	71
" 11.	90	72	90	74

Total rainfall for the week 1.38 inches.

Departure rainfall for the week plus .30 inches.

Departure rainfall since Jan. 1st, minus 4.22 inches.

H. P. HARDIN,
Official in Charge.

Brevard County School Board

The board of public instruction met Monday, Aug. 3rd, with full board present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for July was found correct and redeemed warrants cancelled and filed.

The tax collector filed his report with the board, showing list of poll taxes paid during the month of July, 1908, viz: $315 for 1906, and $339 for 1907.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Warrants outstanding last report	$ 3,043.05
" issued this meeting	1,900.14
	4,943.19
Warrants paid in July	363.54
Warrants now outstanding	4,579 65
Total cash on hand	77.87
Deficit in funds	4,501.78

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

County school fund.	
Teachers' salaries	$ 810 00
E. C. L. & S. Co., material for new building No. 22	300.00
Titusville Lumber Co., material for repairs, etc., for No. 16	61 21
E. C. L. & S. Co., material for Nos. 20, 25 and 103	21.94
S. A. Osteen, half exp. moving Lotus school house	30.00
W. E. Chandler, transfer furniture, etc., to No. 9	6.00
John R. Walker, salary supt. for July	75.00
E. B. Arnold, per diem and mileage	17.20
G. S. Singleton, per diem and mileage	12.20
A. J. Carter, per diem and mileage	9.80
Cocoa & Rockg. News, pub. finan. stat.	2.00
Wm. Stones, as't'g at teachers' exam.	8.00
C. Singleton, service on grading com.	8.10
Susie Gladwin, " " " "	6.00
E. E. Macey, " " " "	9 60
Brevard Co. State bank, interest	12 61
E. C. Advocate, pub. an. rpt. of supt	10.00
John Henry, typewrtg. min. for pub.	2.00
G. F. Duren, work No. 6, sup. No. 101	3.80
Cocoa & Rock. News, pub. call for bids	5.25
F. H. Boye, isolated pupil	20.00
O. K. Key, hauling lumber and trash No. 16	6.00
W. A. Hart, repairing school wagons No. 16	58.50
A. D. Baldwin, repair'g. cistern No. 16	8.75
Jesse Gilbert, cleaning S. H. grounds No. 16	4.00
W. A. Chancey, building fences, outhouses, etc., No. 16	47.65
W. Hatter, paint'g fences, etc., No. 16	15.00
R. M. Packard, hauling	1.00
John Henry, drawing deed to Lotus school house lot	1.50
E. C. L. & Sup. Co., material No. 16	5 28
P. G. Walton, fire insurance	321.75
Total	$1,900.14

Mr. R. G. Hunter appeared before the board and requested that his six children be transported to Eau Gallie the next school year, a motion prevailed that the board allow Mr. Hunter $10.00 per month for such transportation.

It is ordered that from and after this date, no duplicate warrant will be issued to replace a warrant lost, unless the party losing said warrant gives a good and sufficient bond in double the amount, Duplicate warrant was issued to Miss Margaret Carter to replace the one lost.

Resignation of Mr. J. E. M. Hodgson as supervisor of school No. 22, was received and accepted.

Mr. A. O. Frink was appointed supervisor of school No. 22, Eau Gallie, and Mr. P. L. Kyzer as supervisor of school No. 5 at Mims,

Petition from patrons of Melbourne school, No. 23, read and Mr. G. S. Snedecker was appointed supervisor of the school.

The following bids were accepted and the superintendent was instructed to prepare contracts.

$70, L. P. Allen, transporting pupils from Courtenay dock to Cocoa, touching at Wiliams' place, Indianola and Merritts.

$75, J. R. Rouse, transporting pupils from mile post 25 to Barton avenue inclusive and to Cocoa.

$45, R. A. Bobbitt, transporting pupils from Dyal's place to Cocoa.

Several letters from patrons of Courtenay regarding starting point of boat read and matter thoroughly discussed, no change will be made and the boat will start as advertised, from Courtenay dock.

The following bills were presented by Mr. Singleton, from Cocoa, for school No. 16: O. K. Key, hauling lumber and trash, $6; W. A. Hart, repairing school wagons, $58.50; A. D. Baldwin, repairing cistern, $8.75; Jesse Gilbert, cleaning school house grounds, $4; W. A. Chancey, building fence and outhouses $47.65; W. Hatter, painting, $15; R. M. Packard, hauling, $1; E. C. Lumber & Supply Co., $5.28. The superintendent was instructed to issue warrants for the above bills.

Bid of O. K. Key to deliver five cords of rock at the school house at $6 per cord accepted.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me." —J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

WHAT IT MEANS TO THE TAXPAYER

A Conservative and Logical Argument For Retaining the County Site at Titusville

Editor of THE FLORIDA STAR.

If is being argued through the press by partisans of Cocoa that there is only $10,000 worth of county property at Titusville, and that Cocoa either has or will raise $10,000, so that a change of the county site to that place would not involve any additional taxation. The statement is so wide of the facts that it will carry its own reputation in the minds of most taxpayers, but a conservative statement of the facts may be useful.

The county buildings at Titusville consist of a courthouse, the clerk's office, the county judge's office, and the foundations, cement floor and walls of the first story of the jail recently burned; also a pump-house, with engine and pump, an outhouse with plumbing, and the county's interest in the sanitary sewer leading from the jail and outbuildings to the Indian River.

The courthouse lot is well fenced and drained, and considerable county money has been expended upon it, and some outhouses are not mentioned in the above inventory.

It has been the policy of the County Commissioners to keep the valuable records of the Clerk's office and of the County Judge's office in separate buildings, so that in case the courthouse was destroyed by fire these records would be preserved. That this policy is wise is shown by the destruction of the records of the United States Court in Jacksonville when that building was burned some ten years ago; by the destruction of many valuable records in St. Augustine when the courthouse was destroyed by fire there, within the memory of all of us; by the complete wiping out of the records both of the Circuit Court and the Probate Court in the Jacksonville fire, and by other fires which will occur to the reader.

When it is known that indictments are kept in the courthouse there is always a temptation to burn it. The offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and of the County Judge, in Titusville, are both brick buildings, and the records are kept in fire-proof vaults built into these buildings. The buildings are detached from other exposures and the records are safer by far than if they were put into the courthouse building.

The present courthouse at Titusville is ample for all of the needs of the county for years to come, and there is no movement on foot at Titusville for the erection of a new building, nor could a new courthouse be erected here by increasing the taxes except in two ways—one by imposing a special building tax, and the other by issuing county bonds. A building tax could not be imposed without first advertising for 30 days that the Commissioners proposed to consider the imposition of the tax at a meeting specified in the notice, after hearing citizens and taxpayers as to the propriety of such increased taxation. Such hearing and notice is especially provided for by the last legislature of Florida, and as the Commissioners come from different districts in the county the taxpayers may rest assured that no building tax would be imposed against the wishes of the taxpayers.

To build a courthouse by the selling of county bonds would require an election, at which the bonds would have to be approved by a majority of the voters of the county. The taxpayer is therefore pretty well secured against increased taxation if the county seat remains at Titusville.

I have heard it stated on reliable authority, and the fact is confirmed by my own observation, that for some years past there has been less crime in Brevard county than in any other county in the State of Florida, so that the necessity for a new courthouse at Titusville is not apparent. The court has very little to do at its terms here.

Now as to the value of the county buildings: The courthouse is a large, two-story building, its dimensions being 32x74 feet, with an ample porch on the front. It is in a good state of preservation and is well painted, and at the present prices of lumber and labor it could not be duplicated for $4,000. It is valued for insurance at $4,500.

The office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court cost the county $4,334.85, and it is worth that amount. It is said that the vault in this building could be taken out and moved to Cocoa, but as the vault is built into the building the latter would have to be taken down to remove it, so that the building would be practically a total loss. The same is true of the vault in the County Judge's building. This vault comprises more than half of the building itself.

The County Judge's building cost $3,200, and it is worth that amount today.

The water tanks, pump house and foundation, plumbing, and the county's expenditure on the sanitary sewer from the jail and outbuildings would have to be thrown away.

The jail itself was built in 1892, and cost the county $9,720. The steel cells in the jail, which, by the way, were not injured by the fire, cost the county $6,162.00.

It is admitted that these steel cells could be taken down and moved to Cocoa, so that only the cost of their taking down, removal and setting up at Cocoa should be figured, and this, at a conservative estimate, would cost $1,000.

The jail, as originally erected, was a two-story building, the second story, at the back, being used as an armory, while the front upstairs was used as a jailor's room on the north side, and on the south side were two cells for women prisoners or for the custody of the insane who might be temporarily confined here. The walls of the first story of the jail were four bricks, or 16 inches in thickness, while the walls of the second story were but 12 inches, or three bricks, thick. The fire burned the roof and floor of the second story and leveled the walls, but the thick walls of the first story are intact, have been carefully examined by a competent builder and found to be in good condition. The floor of the jail itself is of cement, and of course is uninjured, and this is true of the steel cages, as there was very little heat in the lower part of the building at the time of the fire. A responsible contractor has offered to strengthen the present walls and restore the present jail as a one-story structure, which is all there is need for now as there is no occasion for an armory, for the sum of $2,900. The building, when restored, not counting the value of the steel cages, will serve its purpose as well as ever and will be worth, at a conservative estimate, $7,000; and as $2,250 insurance money has been collected on the sheriff's house, the restoration of the jail can be made without any additional taxation.

Adding up these items, it will be seen that the amount of county property now at Titusville is as follows, not counting the steel cells of the jail or the lands:

Jail, restored with ins. money	$7,000 00
Courthouse	4,000 00
Clerk's office	4,334 85
County Judge's office	3,200 00
Water tanks, pump house, plumbing, sewer, Courthouse fence, etc	1,500 00
Making an aggregate of	$20,034 85

To which should be added $2,500, the estimated cost of taking down and transporting to Cocoa and setting up again the steel cages in the jail and the vaults in the County Clerk's and County Judge's offices, making a grand total of $22,534.85, which the county will be out of pocket by the abandonment of Titusville as the county seat.

Now as to the county's expenditures at Cocoa, which would be involved in the establishment of the county seat at that place:

It has been proposed that the jail, courthouse and all county offices should be put in one fire-proof county building, and as the lot upon which it is proposed to put the county building at Cocoa is not large it would be necessary to make such a combination if the courthouse is erected on that lot.

At Kissimmee, in Osceola county, the same plan was carried out, the jail being put under the courthouse; but the results have been very unsatisfactory. There is always an odor from a jail no matter how cleanly the custodian may be. It sometimes happens that noisy persons are confined there. Not many years since we had a person convicted of murder in the Titusville jail who insisted on singing psalms throughout the day and most of the night, and there seemed to be no reasonable way to prevent it. But the most serious objection is from a sanitary point of view, the court and medical authorities having at times interfered in the case of the Kissimmee jail in the interest of humanity. The basement of a courthouse is not the proper place, in this climate, to confine human beings.

Another objection is that if the building should turn out not to be fire proof the valuable property and county records might be destroyed; but, waiving all of these objections, if one fire-proof building is to be put up at Cocoa capable of accommodating the court and all county officers as well as the jail, and is to be absolutely fire proof, what will be the cost of such a structure?

Is it unreasonable to say that by the time this structure was completed, and all the county officers housed in it, that the county would be out at least $25,000.00? The people of Cocoa would naturally be anxious that the building, when erected, should be a credit to their village, and there would be a considerable sentiment in the body of the county at large in favor of erecting a creditable building whenever a new courthouse is undertaken. Instead of $25,000 the taxpapers might have to face an expenditure such as other counties have made, and I do not think it unreasonable to predict that $40,000 would be nearer the figure that the taxpayers would have to meet.

Upon the present assessed valuation of Brevard county it would take a special building tax of five mills for four years to provide this money.

As taxes are a lien upon the property the taxpayer who votes for the removal of the county seat practically votes to put a mortgage upon his property for the next four years, and this is not only burdensome to the freeholders, who always find the taxes coming due when money is hard to raise or they have other uses for it, but it tends to lower values and retard sales, and thus diminish the capital of the land owners, for by far the greater part of the capital of our people is invested in their lands.

WHY THEN SHOULD YOU VOTE TO REMOVE THE COUNTY SEAT?

GEO. M. ROBBINS.

Baby Morphine Fiends

are made by all soothing syrups and baby medicines that contain opium and narcotics. McGee's Baby Elixir contains no injurious or narcotic drugs of any kind. A sure and safe cure for disordered stomachs, bowels and fretfulness—splendid for teething infants. Sold by Titusville Pharmacy and Banner Drug Store.

A Weakling

is the only way to describe the poor child that is afflicted with worms. No matter how much or how often it eats, the worms get all the nourishment from the food, the child gets practically none. White's Cream Vermifuge gets rid of the worms quickly, easily and with no bad after effects. Price 25 cents a bottle. Sold by Titusville Pharmacy and Banner Drug Store.

ALL RUN DOWN.

Miss Della Stroebe, who had Completely Lost Her Health, Found Relief from Pe-ru-na at Once.

Read What She Says:

MISS DELLA STROEBE, 710 Richmond St., Appleton, Wis., writes:

"For several years I was in a run-down condition, and I could find no relief from doctors and medicines. I could not enjoy my meals, and could not sleep at night. I had heavy, dark circles about the eyes.

"My friends were much alarmed. I was advised to give Peruna a trial, and to my joy I began to improve with the first bottle. After taking six bottles I felt completely cured. I cannot say too much for Peruna as a medicine for women in a run-down condition."

Pe-ru-na Did Wonders.

Mrs. Judge J. F. Boyer, 1421 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill., says that she became run down, could neither eat nor sleep well, and lost flesh and spirit. Peruna did wonders for her, and she thanks Peruna for new life and strength.

Man-a-lin the Ideal Laxative.

Many a man who is not a musician blows his own horn.

A Faithful Friend

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy since it was first introduced to the public in 1872, and have never found one instance where a cure was not speedily effected by its use. I have been a commercial traveler for eighteen years, and never start out on a trip without this, my faithful friend," says H. S. Nichols, of Oakland, Ind. Ter. When a man has used a remedy for thirty-five years he knows its value and is competent to speak, of it. For sale by Titusville Pharmacy.

Notice of Special Election

A petition signed by one third of the registered voters of Brevard county, Florida, praying for a change of the location of the county site, having been presented at the regular July meeting of the board of county commissioners: It is ordered that an election be held at the several precincts in Brevard county, Florida, on Wednesday, August 19th, 1908, for the location of such county site.

The election will be conducted in the usual manner prescribed by law for holding general elections in this state, except that the returns of such election shall be made to the county commissioners, or to the clerk thereof, and the said board will, on the fifth day after said election publicly canvass the same and the place receiving a majority of the number of votes cast shall be the county site of Brevard county for ten years.

Voters participating in said election must be registered and have the same qualifications and pre-requisites to voting as in general elections.

At said election the ballot used shall be a plain white piece of paper having written or printed on one side thereof:

------Against removal of county site from Titusville.

------For removal of county site to

The following inspectors and clerks of election are hereby appointed to conduct said election in their respective precincts

Precinct No. 1—LaGrange. L. K. Myers, P. L. Kyzer, Henry Carlile, inspectors; G. R. Gardner, clerk.

Precinct No. 2—Titusville. P. J. Hall, L. W. Haile, W. F. Futch, inspectors; J. P. Wilson, clerk.

Precinct No. 3—City Point. R. F. Beal, W. H. Sharpe, J. D. Hatter, inspectors; J. J. Joyner, clerk.

Precinct No. 4—Rockledge. J. P. Cooper, E. C. Johnson, J. M. Sanders, inspectors; Fred Fisher, clerk.

Precinct No. 5—Eau Gallie. P. A. McMillan, John Houston, J. R. Mathers, inspectors; W. R. Roesch, clerk.

Precinct No. 6—Melbourne. G. S. Snedecker, W. O. Wallace, S. M. Martin, inspectors; C. J. F. Campbell, clerk.

Precinct No. 7—C. W. Bolton, G. W. Washburn, F. M. Forest, inspectors; F. W. Comstock, clerk.

Precinct No. 8—Grant. Charles Christianson, John Benson, Lars Joergenson, inspectors; Adolph Benson, clerk.

Precinct No. 9—Banyan. R. B. Stewart, W. J. Ragan, C. L. Stewart, inspectors; S. A. Osteen, clerk.

Precinct No. 10—Georgiana. P. H. Wittfeld, James Tuttle, A. B. Carter, inspectors; C. D. Provost, clerk.

Precinct No. 11—Merritts. J. D. Sams, T. S. Sanders, F. G. Humphreys, inspectors; J. E. Reed, clerk.

Precinct No. 12—Haulover. J. W. Griffis, B. H. Watton, T. R. Crook, inspectors; W. Watton, clerk.

Precinct No. 13—Canaveral. Geo. Quarterman, Howard L. Holmes, W. C. Peterson, inspectors; N. N. Penny, clerk.

(Com. Seal) R. A. CONKLING,
Chairman Board of County Commissioners Brevard County, Florida.

Attest.
A. A. STEWART,
Clerk.