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County Court Cases Were Tried This Week

County Court convened on Monday with Judge Jas. E. Andrews presiding. This session was called for the purpose of trying several cases which were sent back from the Circuit Court in September.

The first case was, State of Florida vs. Chas. O'Donnell, charged with trespassing. Defendant was discharged for want of prosecution on motion of Otis R. Parker, attorney for W. C. Rawinson, the complaining witness. C. T. McCarty appeared for the defense.

The case of State of Florida vs. W. R. Hardee, charged with assault and battery was by far the most interesting one on the docket, and brought many visitors to town. At the opening of the case Attorney R. E. Bray, the complaining witness moved for a continuance of the trial. The motion was argued by the counsel and was denied by the court. A jury was impaneled composed of A. E. Trowell, foreman, W. P. Lassiter, R. R. Gladwin, C. C. Boykin, A. B. Lowry and Paul Watkins. Testimony was taken Tuesday afternoon, and arguments by the attorneys began late in the afternoon. C. T. McCarty and Otis R. Parker, represented the defendant, while R. E. Bray represented the prosecution, he being the complaining witness. The case went to the jury at 9.30 p. m., and they failed to reach a decision and called for further instructions from the

court. They were sent back and Attorney McCarty moved to recall them and instruct them to find a verdict of not guilty, arguing that if the testimony was not sufficient to justify a verdict of guilty the defendant was entitled to acquittal. The motion was sustained and the jury under instructions from the court returned a verdict of not guilty. The defense claimed self defense in his acts of assault upon the complainant.

In the case of State of Florida vs. Will Robinson, colored, charged with trespassing the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Attorney Otis R. Parker defended.

Last Saturday in the judges' office a case was tried in which Ed Johnson, Charles Brant, Frank Billings and Otis Swamberg were charged with unlawful fishing. The defendants had been using seines in Indian river around Eden, and were brought up by Sheriff Lennard and Deputy Sheriff Tyler. Judge Otis R. Parker appeared for the State and Col. C. T. McCarty for the defendants. The Judge fined each of them \$50.00 and costs, remitting \$10.00 to each during good behaviour, and ordered the fish and game warden to confiscate the nets used by them in this fishing. This being their first offense of the kind the court was lenient and let them off with a light fine and a good lecture on the damage of such acts to the fishing of our section.

JACK FROST'S EARLY VISIT

Mantle of White Does Little Damage to Pineapples.

This section was visited this week by an unusually cold snap for this time of the year. Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 35 degrees and frost was visible at several points until after six o'clock.

It is reported that there was frost as far south as Delray, but we have heard no reports of damage done to vegetables or pineapples. At White City no damage was apparent, and down the pineapple ridge the crowns of the pines were nipped slightly, but the fruit was in perfect condition.

These cold snaps, coming so unexpectedly, often do great damage to the tender vegetation, even though we are so far south, but fortunately this was not so severe as to result in any financial loss. A great saving could be made to the farmers and others if we had weather signals that could be hoisted and give warning of the approach of a cold wave, hurricane or other disastrous weather condition. T. J. O'Brien, government weather observer at this point, has been working for an appropriation for a flag pole of sufficient height and strength to hold the necessary weather flags, but so far his efforts have been in vain, although Director Mitchell, of Jacksonville, has promised to look into the matter. We respectfully recommend this matter to the Board of Trade and suggest that they take up the cause with the proper officials and see if they cannot assist Mr. O'Brien in securing means for a precaution against the repetition of the disastrous losses experienced at various times in our section. Weather signals displayed will give notice, and preparations can be made to meet the change when it arrives.

Looking Over Our Country.

Harry L. Brown, editor and business manager of the St. Augustine Record, arrived in town Wednesday evening, accompanied by Herr N. Kaumanns, of Berlin, Germany, who is Imperial Agricultural Attache of the German legation to the United States, and who is studying the agricultural conditions of our country. The above gentlemen, with A. K. Wilson, of the Tribune, and Fred Fee, drove out west of town yesterday morning to view that section. In the afternoon Col. C. T. McCarty accompanied them on a drive down through the famous pineapple belt as far south as Jensen, where they expect to board the southbound train for points

in Dade county. Mr. Kaumanns could not have found a better companion to pilot him down the East Coast than the genial Mr. Brown, of the Record, and it is generally conceded that his report of St. Lucie county will be favorable.

CITY NOMINATIONS ARE MADE

Caucus Held Saturday Night To Name Town Officers.

Pursuant to the call published last week a mass meeting of the citizens of Fort Pierce was held in the Improvement Club hall Saturday for the purpose of nominating officers to be voted for at town election in December.

The caucus was called to order by Mayor F. H. Fee, who stated the object of the meeting and read the call. A temporary organization was affected by electing Jas. E. Andrews chairman and F. L. Hemmings secretary.

The following resolution was introduced by F. L. Hemmings and passed: "Resolved, that this caucus shall certify to two names as its nominees for the offices of Mayor, Clerk and Marshal, provided there shall be two nominations made. If there are more than two nominations then a secret ballot shall be taken and the two persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees of this caucus. In the case of Aldermen, if there are more than six nominations then each member of the caucus may vote by ballot for not more than three names and the six receiving the highest number shall be the nominees of this caucus."

The offices to be filled at the coming election are mayor, marshal, clerk and three members of the city council. The officers whose terms expire this year are Mayor F. H. Fee, Marshal L. Alderman, Clerk F. M. Tyler and

Alderman Ed Edge, John H. Wynn, and W. R. Jackson.

The following nominations were made by the caucus:

For Mayor—F. H. Fee, W. H. Tubbs.
For Clerk—F. M. Tyler.
For Marshal—R. W. Lennard.
For Aldermen—Ed Edge, W. R. Jackson, Dan T. McCarty, N. J. Cooper, W. B. Cross.

THE NEWS hopes to see a big vote polled for the candidates and some enthusiasm shown in the election. Nearly all of them are now serving in the office for which they are nominated and the others are of a known quality and would make excellent officials.

BASEBALL ON THANKSGIVING

Arrangements Have Been Made for Two Good Games.

Arrangements have been made for an afternoon of sport for Thanksgiving day. The Woodmen of the World and Odd Fellows lodges have arranged for a game of baseball between the two orders and the contest will be pulled off at one o'clock so as to allow time for another game which has been announced.

What will probably be the last game of the season will be played between the Jensen and Fort Pierce teams and it promises to be one of the best we have had yet. These two clubs always put up a hard fight for the honors of the day, and always draw good crowds to see the games. Thanksgiving being a holiday, it is hoped a larger crowd than usual will be out to witness the contest and the boys promise a game worth seeing. The line-up for the team are as follows:

Jensen	Fort Pierce
Trice	Killer
Tucker	Hendrix
Munch	Justice
Mosier	1st VanLandingham
Baker	2nd Brown
Cox	3rd McLendon
Racey	lf Cook
Schuyler	rf Snellgrove
Stanley	cf Budd

The game between the Woodmen and Odd Fellows will also be an interesting contest and while they do not promise an errorless game, some brilliant plays will be made that will no doubt bring down the grand stand. We are unable to procure a line-up for this game yet.

Entertainment at Jensen.

An entertainment will be given at Jensen this evening for the benefit of the Union Christmas tree. The faculty of the Jensen high school has the management and arrangements in charge, and that is assurance that each number will be of excellent quality. They extend a cordial and pressing invitation to the people of Fort Pierce to be present. A small admission will be charged. The following is the program to be rendered:

Trio—Misses McClinton, Racey and Schuyler.
Recitation—Laura Bray.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Gilmore.
Duet Mrs. Hoke and Miss Gary.
Recitation—Maude Miller.
Piano Solo—Miss Schuyler.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Hardee.
Duet—Misses Gary and Jessie Miller.
Recitation—Eleanora Fredrickson.
Duet—Messrs. Hellier.
Farce—The Country School.
Refreshments and dancing.
Parties desiring to attend from Fort Pierce may leave on the six o'clock train and return at 11:55. There will be a number from here who will attend and help the ladies and gentlemen of Jensen in their laudable undertaking of

Motoring Morgan Wants More Roads

W. J. Morgan, of New York, better known as "Motoring Morgan," who is the promoter of the automobile races at Daytona-Ormond beach, is also interested in the good roads movement, to the extent of promoting motoring in Florida, aside from the races. Mr. Morgan has written the Times-Union in regard to Florida roads and his letter will be of interest to St. Lucie county residents just now that we are on the eve of a good roads campaign. Mr. Morgan says:

"I trust that the good roads enthusiasm in Florida is not confined to the winter months, and that good progress has been made the last summer in a good roads way.

"I am in receipt of many letters written during the past few weeks asking for particulars in regard to Florida roads, and if it was advisable to bring automobiles here this winter. The letters are from no one particular locality, as yesterday I received letters from Atlanta, Ga., Rochester, N. Y., Boston, Mass., as well as from Duluth, Minn. All of the writers want to know what is the mileage and location of the best roads in Florida.

"I am only familiar with what had been done on the east coast up to last winter and would be glad to learn from the county commissioners what has been done on the east coast last winter. If the west coast people will also give me what information they can, I will see that it is used to the best advantage.

"The Atlanta writer wished to know if he can drive from Orlando to Deland and if the road from the latter point is passable for an automobile to

preparing a treat for the children of that neighborhood in the shape of a Christmas Tree. Those who attend are assured that they will spend an enjoyable evening.

PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR.

November 29th Designated as the Day of Thanks.

In accordance with a custom sacred in the memory of the people of Florida, I hereby appoint Thursday, the 29th of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.

And I recommend to all the people of this state that on that day, in devout assemblies in their respective places of worship, and in glad gatherings around family firesides, they give thanks to Almighty God for the prosperity which fills our land with plenty, and for a civilization which endears and consecrates associations of home.

And I further recommend that the people make ready for this festival with love, which binds all hearts and brightens all homes; and with charity, that blesses alike both the giver and the receiver, so broad that it shall reach its end in the state.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 8th day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first year.

[SEAL] N. B. BROWARD,
By the Governor; Governor.
Attest: H. CLAY CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

Daytona.
"A Rochester physician wishes to know if he can make the trip in his automobile from Jacksonville to Miami. I have written him that it might be done, but that he would know that he had been on a trip before he got through with it.

"I am sending out to newspapers a short story on the possibility of an endurance test from Jacksonville to Miami this winter. The result of such a test would, I think, do much to show the people of Florida that they are missing a good deal each year in the way of travel and consequent revenue, because of the lack of a passable road the entire length of the peninsula.

"It is the writer's conviction that Florida could be made very attractive to automobilists if a fair system of roads prevailed. I feel sure that it would result in the bringing to Florida of a host of men of means who would build winter homes between Jacksonville and Miami.

"There is no reason why this would not be done, as the nearest winter resort and the means of getting there is good at the present time, and possibly in a few years we will see a trunk road from New York to Jacksonville, over which automobilists can drive, if they want to.

"Of course, when people get to Florida they are well entertained, but it is the getting of them there, and I feel sure that good roads would materially assist that laudable endeavor.

"I would like to hear from everybody interested in good roads, especially in charge of the roads of the state.

"W. J. MORGAN."

FLORIDA ORANGES

Being Well Received in the New York Market.

Florida oranges are doing better than at any time this season and the trade is learning that the quality is such that it can take them safely. The receipts this week showed good colored fruit very sweet and brought \$2.40 to \$3. This was for both russets and brights.

There is a feeling that the orange movement from Florida is not going to be as heavy as has been predicted by the press generally. One of the heavy receivers said that when the papers talked of a crop of 3,000,000 from Florida that the quantity was nearer 3,000,000. Up to the present time there has been from three to four times as many oranges marketed as at the same time last year. The distribution has been very fine and both growers and shippers have made excellent money.

The shipments are more satisfactory this season than they have been for any season for some time. The quality is all that could be expected, and from now until after the holidays the trade will be good. Buyers in the South have realized that they must pay \$1 or more for the fruit on the trees, and this is being done. Florida and Porto Rico ought to dominate the market until after the holidays. The quality is such that they will both discount the green oranges which are usually shipped out of California early in the season.

Grapefruit from Florida is in better condition, higher colored, and fancy, good sizes bring \$4 and \$4.50. The range of the bulk of the stock is \$2 to \$3. There has been a tendency on the part of shippers of grapefruit to hold back and some dealers think this is a mistake. The market is in such condition that grapefruit if nice will sell readily, and it would be a mistake to hold it any longer. The grapefruit product of Florida will be 100 per cent greater than last year. In keeping the records of the shipments of citrus fruit out of Florida last year, the grapefruit and oranges were not separated. It is understood that these are to be separated this year. The total of the two will probably exceed last year's crop, but there will be less oranges and more grapefruit.—New York Fruit and Produce News.

P. P. COBB—THE DEPARTMENT STORE

Years ago when Fort Pierce was only a name and when the country round about was little less than a wilderness, the Florida Canning Company started what purported to be a factory for the canning of Indian River oysters. This, however, did not prove a successful venture and P. P. Cobb bought the stock of merchandise and continued business in that line, and as the years rolled on the country settled up and Fort Pierce grew to a thriving town. Mr. Cobb's business grew in a like manner and today the floor space

covered by his immense stock is equal to any store on the East Coast.

Starting with a modest one-room building he has added to it at various times until now it consists of a two-story building, fronting on the river seventy-five feet, and one hundred feet on Palmetto avenue, with two smaller buildings to the rear of the big store containing two departments, while a third is used as a warehouse for surplus stock. An addition is now being made which will connect all these buildings, thus making one big store of immense

proportions. A barn and stables complete the list of buildings.

He employs a force of 15 clerks and deliverymen, and his wagons cover this territory like the dew. His slogan is "Everything to eat, wear and use is found in this store." This explains the character of his stock, for he carries a full line in all departments.

Mr. Cobb is also postmaster and the postoffice occupies one room of the big building, and is fitted up equal to any office in the State doing the same volume of business.