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Fruit and Vegetables In St. Lucie County

North End in a Flourishing Condition.

The New York Packer of last Saturday has an interesting letter from its staff correspondent who visited the north end of St. Lucie county as follows:

Quay, Fla., Nov. 30—Every town one goes to in Florida has some noticeable attraction, sometimes within sight of the station but more often away back out of sight. Quay has both. The first one the writer ran up against was W. R. Copeland's beautiful home one mile out in the sticks. Did I say sticks? I mean among the palms. This place is so hidden by huge palms and live oak trees that one has to be within a few rods to see the house and then hunt for hours among orange and grapefruit groves to find the owner, but it pays to find him for more than one reason. Here in a plot of fifty acres is a wilderness of the finest fruit trees that Florida can produce so loaded with fruit that one wonders how the trees can hold it. Back of this grove is the vegetable farm of tomatoes, egg-plants and beans, which are being shipped daily. Oranges and grapefruit are seldom shipped from this section until late in winter or early spring as there is no danger of freezing here and the fruit in this grove as well as others is allowed to remain on the trees until thoroughly ripe, which is no doubt the main cause of Indian River oranges superior quality.

The second noticeable attraction mentioned is E. C. Walker's 137 acre plantation right here in town, with a beautiful home site on a Florida mountain.

A Florida mountain is merely a hill but as there are so few hills here when one sees a hill it looks like a mountain. This place has acres of fine orange land and grapefruit groves and is one of the most desirable places in the State, especially for one who wishes a home for beauty as well as future profit.

J. M. Morgan & Co., general merchants, are doing a fine business here in all kinds of supplies—crate materials, etc.

J. M. McCullers is one of the early shippers of beans. He is already receiving returns for shipments which are netting good profits.

Going from here across the Indian River two miles to John's Island one finds some beautiful homes and hospitable people. When upon first landing one is not allowed to go further without first taking dinner, it is quite natural that we fall in love with both the country and the people. This was the case at F. C. Poppell's beautiful home on the banks of the east shore of Indian River. Here one finds beautiful scenery fresh ocean air and plenty to eat. Mr. Poppell is one of the many winter vegetable growers here and is shipping beans in plenty, but the most attractive part of his place is the fine young orange and grapefruit grove back in the center of the island. This grove is but from three to five years old yet there are hundreds of boxes of the finest quality of the golden fruit among the dark green foliage of perfectly healthy trees, which goes to prove that this island country is as good for fruit growing as vegetables.

E. S. W. Holland is another large grower of beans having nine acres for winter shipping, with ten acres to plant for a later crop; ten acres of young orange grove, guavas and other tropical fruits.

Among the other growers who are making daily shipments of beans from this place are B. B. Whiddon, W. R. Kemp, J. L. Chambers, Charles Harris, C. J. Reams and J. T. Jenkins.

On the island at Orchid A. B. Michael has forty acres in all, principally in beans.

Frank Forster has the largest orange and grapefruit grove on this island, 24 acres and of the finest quality.

W. T. Jones is another grower here with five acres for winter and ten acres for spring—beans and tomatoes.

T. H. Jackson is shipping beans, tomatoes and peppers.

Toledo is another good point on this line two miles south of Quay. Here W. H. Wigfield has a fine orange grove and nursery. E. V. Walker has a fine grove here and some of the best vegetable land in the State.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

County Dads Transacted Public Business This Week.

County Commissioners met in regular session December 3, 1906, present full board with sheriff and clerk.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

The following bonds were approved. Fred Fee, county judge, with Wm. Fee and Erank H. Fee as sureties in the sum of \$1000.00 each.

D. S. Carlton, sheriff, with Ruben Carlton and L. L. Carlton as sureties, in the sum of \$1000.00 each.

H. H. Hancock, justice of the peace for district No. 6, with L. M. Raulerson and L. H. Walker as sureties in the sum of \$500.00 each.

John F. Parker, justice of the peace for district No. 5, with H. A. Holmes and M. W. Knight as sureties in the sum of \$500.00 each.

F. C. Poppell, assessor, with F. H. Fee and L. L. Carlton as sureties in the sum of \$1000.00 each.

J. E. Fultz, clerk circuit court, with F. H. Fee and P. P. Cobb as sureties in the sum of \$1000.00 each.

Jno. H. Wynn, treasurer, with sureties as follows, F. H. Fee, \$4000.00, A. C. Dittmar \$4000.00, Daniel T. McCarty \$4000.00, P. P. Cobb \$4000.00, C. M. Horton \$3000.00, Wm. Fee \$1000.00.

Frank M. Tyler, justice of the peace for district No. 2, with P. P. Cobb and H. B. Paxton as sureties in the sum of \$500.00 each.

Pension application of Lafayette D. Meets, approved.

Reports of cattle inspectors, D. L. Alderman, T. D. Summerlin and Dan Sloan, received and filed.

Bond of C. P. Platts, superintendent of public instruction, with P. P. Cobb and W. H. Robison as sureties in the sum of \$1000.00 each approved.

Board adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Tuesday and convened promptly at said hour.

Reports of G. E. Dutton, tax collector and E. C. Summerlin fish and game warden received and filed.

Reports of J. E. Andrews, county judge and J. H. Baker justice of the peace, for the month of November, 1906, received and filed.

In the matter of the claim presented by E. C. Summerlin through his attorney Fred Fee, for back salary for the sum of \$352.00 as an amount due the said Summerlin, as a result of salary having been reduced from \$40.00 to \$1.00 per month by commissioners, for the service of fish and game warden it is after a full consideration, and acting upon the legal advice of F. L. Hemmings, attorney for the board, the conclusion of the board that the claim is not a legal one, and is therefore denied and the bill presented by Attorney Fee ordered filed.

Resignation of D. L. Alderman, cattle inspector for cattle district No. 2 received, and on motion is accepted.

On motion R. W. Lennard is appointed cattle inspector of marks and brands of live and slaughtered cattle and hogs for cattle district No. 2.

On motion the order of Wagner & Dobson, directing that one thousand dollars be paid to the Bank of Fort Pierce out of the cash payment due said Wagner & Dobson, upon completion and acceptance of jail, was received and filed.

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D. E. Austin having tendered a check for \$187.75 in settlement of the liability of the complainants on the temporary injunction bond, in the case of Ricou et al vs. county commissioners, the same was received in full satisfaction thereof.

Bond of F. E. Baker for justice of the peace for district No. 4 with G. E. Coon, James Neal, Warren C. Sneden and R. D. Hoke, sureties in the sum of \$500.00 each, is approved.

Bond of G. E. Dutton, tax collector, with the following sureties:

Harry Jennings in the sum of	\$3000.00
G. A. Saeger in the sum of	2000.00
F. H. Fee in the sum of	3000.00
C. M. Horton in the sum of	2000.00
A. C. Dittmar in the sum of	2000.00
P. P. Cobb in the sum of	3000.00
Reuben Carlton in the sum of	2000.00
R. Whyte in the sum of	2000.00
Benjamin Hogg in the sum of	2000.00
A. N. Hoofnagle in the sum of	2000.00
Daniel T. McCarty in the sum of	2000.00

is approved.

Board adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Wednesday and convened at said hour, all present.

An motion F. M. Tyler is authorized to secure and place in position ready for use, a tank, tower pump and necessary connections for supplying water to jail.

On motion the fish and game warden is allowed as fees in lieu of all other salary, one half of all money received from licenses issued to non-residents for permission to hunt in the county.

Annual report and summary of G. E. Dutton tax collector for the year ending September 30, 1906, received and filed.

Insolvency list of tax collector, D. C. Dutton, 1906 amounting to \$104.81 county, and \$28.26 state taxes approved.

In the matter of an exchange of legal blank case, owned by J. E. Andrews, for filing case owned by the county, after investigation, it is thought, to be to the interest of county to make such exchange, and it is so ordered.

A number of bills were audited and warrants ordered drawn for same, and Board adjourned to meet January 7th.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Lennard Elected Marshal With- out Opposition.

The city election passed off quietly in Fort Pierce Tuesday. The officers voted for were mayor, marshal, clerk and three aldermen, and as there was very little opposition on the ticket a small vote was polled, there being only seventy-five ballots cast, with the following result:

For Mayor—F. H. Fee, 45; W. H. Tubs, 26.

For Marshal—R. W. Lennard, 63.

For Clerk—F. M. Tyler, 55.

For Aldermen—Ed Edge, 25; W. R. Jackson, 64; D. T. McCarty, 59; W. B. Cross, 27.

After the canvass of the vote the city council held its regular meeting and all the new officers were sworn in, except Alderman McCarty, who was not present.

Chairman Whyte, of the council, announced the following appointments for the standing committees:

Streets—Tucker, Edge, McCarty.

Finance—Edge, Tucker, Jackson.

Rules and Ordinances—McCarty, Jackson, Edge.

Charities—Jackson, Edge, Tucker.

A special meeting of the new council was called for last night, when they opened the work for the ensuing year. It is now up to the citizens to assist them in every way in putting the town in good condition.

Celebrated Post Case Has Ended at Last

DESCRIPTION OF FORT PIERCE.

January Homeseeker Will Have Something About Us.

E. V. Blackman of Miami, editor of the East Coast Homeseeker, and L. Gardner, advertising manager of the St. Augustine Record and special representative of the Homeseeker, spent a couple of days in Fort Pierce this week in the interest of that excellent magazine. The January issue of the Homeseeker will contain an interesting and extended write up of Fort Pierce and surrounding country, and these gentlemen were here gathering data and photographs for the article. Editor Blackman visited the famous pineapple section and the drainage operations and took a good look at the excellent vegetable and orange lands immediately adjoining the city.

The resources of this section will be fully described and the article will tell what has already been accomplished by enterprising men as well as what can be done by others who are willing to work.

Mr. Blackman is a forceful writer and it goes without saying that the subject will be well handled and will no doubt be the means of bringing settlers to our fair county of St. Lucie, as the Homeseeker circulates among the people who are looking for desirable locations in which to settle.

Mr. Gardner returned to St. Augustine Tuesday morning, talking with him about eighteen views of Fort Pierce and vicinity, which will be used in connection with the article. Mr. Blackman remained a day longer to gather more material for his part of the work.

The Culppeppers in Fort Pierce.

The noted evangelist, Rev. John B. Culppepper, and his son Burke, arrived in Fort Pierce, Tuesday evening at six o'clock for the purpose of holding a revival meeting. Tuesday evening a short service was held and since that time three services have been held daily, at 10 a. m., and 3 and 7 p. m., the afternoon service being for children.

Rev. Culppepper is one of the best known evangelists in the country as well as a pulpit orator of note. He and his son were holding a meeting in Jacksonville when he received an invitation from Rev. Tomkies to come to Fort Pierce. The Jacksonville meeting was brought to a close and they came here.

The meeting will continue for a week or ten days and we predict that much good will result from the services.

Exhibits Failed to Arrive.

Mrs. W. J. Nesbitt, who visited the fair at Tampa last week, is very much disappointed in the express service. On November 11 she sent several articles by express to the woman's department of the fair for exhibition but up to the time of the closing of the big show, they had not reached their destination. She feels sure some of them would have won diplomas had they reached there, but the failure of the company in proper transportation not only prevented this but the articles a evidently lost.

Jail Sentence Remitted And \$500 Fine Paid.

The cases of the United States against Helen Wilmans Post, C. C. Post, her husband, and Charles F. Burgman, her son-in-law, have at last been ended, after having been up in the United States court in one form or another for the past six years. The termination of the case came Saturday, when Judge Locke made an order granting the petition amending the sentence passed upon Mrs. Post by Judge Aleck Boardman, on February 3, 1906, by remitting the sentence of thirty days' imprisonment, the fine of \$500 being paid.

The petition and order in substance are as follows:

First—That Helen W. Post is now over 75 years of age.

Second—That she is now, and for some time past has been, afflicted with acute inflammatory rheumatism in her limbs.

Third—That said Helen W. Post has finally and definitely decided and determined, regardless of the events or results of the indictments now pending against her in said court, to cease to use the mails of the Postoffice Department in carrying on or conducting the business of Mental Science, and to cease doing anything connected with or related thereto or under color thereof which can be regarded as an infringement or violation of any Federal statute.

Fourth—That prosecution under the indictments now pending in the said court, and other indictments which have been disposed of—several in number—have been conducted against the said Helen W. Post by the Federal Government; that the amount your petitioners have already paid out for attorneys' fees, court expenses, etc., exceed the sum of \$25,000 and its payment has in a large degree embarrassed your petitioners in their advanced years and are still considerably indebted for unpaid counsel fees thus incurred, which at present they are unable to pay.

Fifth—That if the prayer of this petition is granted, or granted to the extent of remitting the imprisonment imposed by the sentiment of said court and dismissing all pending indictments, your petitioner, Helen W. Post, hereby promises the court to cease doing all of those things elsewhere referred to wherein it is alleged she has determined to cease doing.

Judge Locke's order was to the effect that it be so modified as to remit therefrom the imprisonment of thirty days in jail. The fine being paid, the United States district attorney made a motion to nolle prosequere the cases against C. C. Post and Charles F. Burgman, and the same was granted.

In connection with the Post case the strong showing by the government was due to a large degree to the efforts of F. D. Pegg, as postoffice inspector, who worked up the evidence, secured witnesses and was specially retained by the government in the last trial. There was nothing left undone that would tend toward proving the guilt of the defendant.

The following is a brief history of the case of the United States vs. Helen Wilmans Post, and a short story of her remarkable life:

Mrs. Helen Wilmans, who is the wife of Col. C. C. Post and lives at Seabreeze, Fla., and according to contentions of the postoffice department, was the head of one of the most gigantic frauds ever operated in America; a scheme which had the entire world for its field, and had brought more than a million dollars to her—in ever increasing golden stream from those afflicted in mind and body. The money has made a spot in the Florida wilderness bloom like a will kept garden and created a town that is one of the prettiest in the whole state.

Mrs. Wilmans was the high priestess of the Mental Scientist in this country whose members include many earnest

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HENDRY & PENNEY—THE GENTS' FURNISHERS AND CLOTHIERS

One of the most substantial business houses in Fort Pierce is the clothing store so long known as Hendry & Goldsmith, but now under the firm name of Hendry & Penney.

In 1901 W. N. Hendry and Maurice F. Goldsmith formed a partnership and opened business in Fort Pierce, carrying a line of clothing and gents' furnishings. From the start it proved a successful venture and, both being experienced men in the business, they soon built up an excellent trade, and as business increased they added to their

stock until now it is one of the most complete stores on the East Coast.

Their stock consists of custom and tailor made clothing, hats, gents' furnishings, ladies' and gentlemen's shoes, trunks, valises and everything that is found in a first class furnishing store.

The firm of Hendry & Goldsmith was continued until this week, when it was announced as Hendry & Penney. M. F. Goldsmith, the junior member of the original firm died on November 4th of this year and A. D. Penney has purchased the interest of the deceased.

Both Messrs. Hendry and Penney are well known up and down the East Coast and their business qualities added to wide acquaintance insures a continuance of the success, established by hard work on the part of Messrs. Hendry & Goldsmith.

One of the strong features of the business is a mail order department, to which special attention is given, and as a result they enjoy an extensive business with this class of trade all over the East Coast. They guarantee first class service and satisfaction.