

# FORT PIERCE NEWS

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\$1.00 A YEAR

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

### Regular June Session of County Solons Was Short.

The county commissioners met in regular session June 7, 1909. Present, Kroegel, chairman, C. H. Edwards, N. Hoofnagle, D. E. Austin and R. McLaughlin, with J. E. Fultz, clerk and Perry Carlton, deputy sheriff. Minutes of last regular meeting and adjourned meeting of May 17, 1909, read and approved.

Communication from E. Ben Carter regarding the railroad crossing at ... received and, after consideration, the board, on motion, instructed the clerk to inform Mr. Carter that a new crossing has been established where crossing is requested to be placed since the old crossing was abolished and is now being used, and the board thereupon resolves that such crossing be established without delay.

Report of F. M. Tyler, collector, for month of May received, showing taxes collected for the state \$16.50, for the county \$15.75; also 5 polls collected.

Report of Clerk received, showing redemptions and purchases for the month of May, 1909, \$13.38.

Report of F. L. Hemmings, county judge, and Justice Hellier received and approved.

Report of J. H. Wynn, treasurer, received, showing balances on hand June 1, 1909, as follows:

Total of all.....	\$ 9,802 48
General fund.....	1,776 06
Fine and Forfeiture.....	316 01
County School.....	522 97
Special School, state aid.....	277 15
Road and Bridge.....	834 68
Building Fund.....	657 70
Special Road, Total.....	5,443 91
Special, Dist. No. 1.....	1,250 48
" " No. 2.....	569 84
" " No. 3.....	746 11
" " No. 4.....	1,955 58
" " No. 5.....	901 92

Warrants checked up and found correct as per certificate of cashier of Fort Pierce attached.

On motion, Perry Carlton is authorized to work county convicts on court house lot and that he be authorized to purchase necessary tools for said work.

On motion of A. C. Ditmar to be Notary Public, with Lizzie B. McCarty and F. P. Cobb as sureties, was approved.

On motion, the clerk is instructed to furnish Mr. Jones, manager for the courthouse contractors, typewritten plans for cornerstone in courthouse building.

The list of warrants, examined and approved, will appear next week.

On motion Board adjourned to meet in regular session July 5, 1909.

## Why Not the Express Company.

The legislature as well as the legislatures of other states is particularly persistent in its hammering on the railroads and are commendably active in their efforts to regulate questions pertaining to transportation so far as the express companies are concerned, but they very little said about the Express Company, which is the greediest and most conscienceless robber of the people that exists on this continent.

While we do not stand as the defender of the railroads, for they probably have all the knocks they get and more, but it is the Express Company that is levying such an exorbitant tax on our farmers and truck growers.

The Express Company that by its entrenched system of robbery is keeping our State in becoming the poorest and richest country on earth by keeping our growers from becoming independent, and it is the Express Company more than any other corporation that needs regulating. The Express Company has an existence without a reason. Any person who can give a good and satisfactory reason why the Express Company should be regulated in the proper handling of freight would be entitled to a handsome premium. If the railroads and express lines are to handle the express business they not handle it as freight lines relieve the people of the necessity of supporting two big corporations when one could render the service which they pay such exorbitant rates for.

The Florida State Troops encamped at Black Point is now on.

## SUPT. JONES WENT A-FISHIN'

### Sharks, Saw Fish and Other Sea Monsters Were Captured.

Holding the ponderous jaws of an 8-foot shark in one hand and its stripped backbone in the other, while under each arm were two sawfish saws from four to five feet in length, Superintendent Jones, of the Mutual Construction Co., approached an acquaintance, a few evenings ago, and exultantly asked: "How's that?"

"That's all to the mustard; where'd they come from?" asked the friend.

"Right over here at the inlet; ain't those teeth dandies? money couldn't buy that backbone—have me a walking stick made. Say you know I've had more sport today than I have enjoyed in years? First chance I've had to get out since I began that courthouse at Bartow and I was determined to try it one more time before I started another. I found the right place."

"Goin' again? Of course I am, and that ain't all. You see, my little family and I have been skipping about from place to place throughout these United States ever since I went into this construction business until we have no place we can call our home; wife and children will be here next week and if they are as well pleased with the place as I am someone who has a nice river front can get a snap out of me. This place has the brightest future of any town I know, and old Indian River furnishes attractions enough for one of my nature. Just gaze at my trophies."

"Yes; burned brown and my shins and feet are about blistered; when I got to work on that shark I paid no attention to wearing apparel until the hot sun reminded me that I was not in a shady, cool spot. Have something before you go? Good night."

### What Comes in June.

The wedding and the wedding guests, The presents and the raiment, The father proffering the bride

And the much embarrassed claimant, The dinner and the shoes and rice, The dear old honeymoon, Love's young dream, until they wake— And that's what comes in June.

The end of school, the joyous shout, The essay and oration, Some samples of bad grammar by

The Board of Education, All standing singing "Auld Lang Syne" Or some such fitting tune, And two young men and thirty girls— And that's what comes in June,

The picnic and the happy kids, The dinner in the shade, The scream when little Buster Brown Falls in the lemonade.

The affinities strolling hand in hand Not married yet, but soon, Add the skeets and redbugs at the bat— And that's what comes in June.

### Have a "Day."

California's "Raisin Day" proposition reminds us that it might be a good proposition for Sanford to have a "Celery Day," Orlando an "Orange Day," Tampa a "Cigar Day," Jacksonville a "Jug Day," and so on. These different "made in" each place products would appeal to the world and each sort would likely draw people according to their fancy—Orlando Reporter-Star.

Good suggestion, and if not amiss you might add "Avocado Day" for Miami, "Guava Day," for Lemon City, "Pineapple Day," for Fort Pierce, "Fish Day," for Titusville, "Lettuce Day" for Daytona, "Potato Day," for Hastings, etc., as all these products have attractions for homeseekers in this temperate climate.

The Governor's staff is but half complete, there being five colonels yet to be appointed. The staff to date is as follows: Colonel Wallace F. Stovall, Tampa; Colonel W. J. Tucker, Fort Pierce; Col. C. Seton Fleming, Jacksonville; Colonel Morton Riddle, Jacksonville; Colonel John W. Wideman, DeLand, and Major H. L. Bethel, Tallahassee, Military Secretary.

The Fort Pierce Band is giving strict attention to practice now and people in the neighborhood of the hall are regaled with choice selections two nights in each week.

## LEGISLATURE HAS ADJOURNED

### Senator Hudson Presented With Handsome Silver Service.

The Tallahassee correspondent of the Jacksonville Metropolis, under date of June 5, says: At midnight the legislature of 1909 ended, and during the closing session no action was taken that is of State importance. In fact, very little was accomplished, and meritorious bills, which it was thought would be brought up, were allowed to die.

The Senate ended in a lovefeast when Senator Harris presented, in behalf of the members, President Hudson with a beautiful silver service. The Senate chamber was crowded, and many ladies were present. Several senators joined in a tribute to the presiding officer, who expressed his sincere thanks for the gift, and who also took occasion to throw a few bouquets at his fellow-members.

C. B. Smith, of Madison, in behalf of the employees of the Senate, presented Senator Hudson with a beautiful gold watch.

In the house Speaker Farris was presented with a silver service. Very little business was transacted, however, and members seemed determined not to rush matters on important measures which have been pending for some time.

The Legislature which has just ended will go down in history as one which was by no means creditable. While there were many worthy members, the majority seemed to be controlled by politicians. Good roads bills were ignored or killed and freak measures took up considerable time of the session.

Most of the members in their campaign for election to the legislature emphasized their devotion to good roads and pledged their support to bills looking to these improvements. Such propositions, however, received but little encouragement and nothing has been accomplished along these lines.

Ex-Governor Broward was an active lobbyist and was the guiding spirit of the session. He succeeded in electing F. M. Hudson as president of the Senate, and was instrumental in having passed several bills which he was particularly interested in, and also proved successful in the killing of several propositions which he opposed.

One of the freak bills which passed both houses is directed at the newspapers of Florida, and compels every line of reading notices which are paid for to be marked "This is an advertisement." Governor Gilchrist, it is believed, will, in simple justice to the newspapers men of Florida, veto the bill.

## STUART

Mr. Herbert Bessey is on the sick list. Miss Geil, daughter of C. C. Cecil, is the guest of Miss Fern McPherson.

Miss Fanny Baker, of San Mateo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. Kickliter.

Miss Edna Witham returned from West Palm Beach Friday morning last. Mrs. Lacy Kickliter is improving from her recent illness and will soon be out again.

Miss Kyle, one of our former primary teachers, was a pleasant visitor in town a few days this week.

Miss McPherson returned from DeLand, where she attended commencement exercises, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. John Michael, of Oakland, formerly of Fort Pierce, will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitching the last of the week.

Mrs. S. K. Jewell and son came down from Fort Pierce Tuesday night to bid farewell to her many friends before departing for the Northwest.

Mrs. Thomas Hogarth and mother, Mrs. Susan Wilson, have taken rooms with Mrs. Haney for a time, until their house is completed on the river front.

Mrs. Chas. Porter entertained the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter and Miss Mary Porter, who have just returned from Cuba, where they have been engaged in missionary work for several years. Delicious refreshments were served and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

## ELECTRIC FRANCHISE GRANTED

### St. Lucie Ice Company Given Contract to Light the City.

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening the ordinance granting a franchise for an electric light plant to the St. Lucie Ice Company was put upon its final reading and passed.

Last week we published the full text of the ordinance and doubtless all our citizens are familiar with its terms. It was passed the same as the published matter, except a few slight changes in the wording, wherein the Ice Company is bound to keep the plant in continuous operation and that the franchise shall have no monetary value if the city buys the plant.

The franchise is given for thirty years with ten year options of purchase by the city. It also states that rates shall be regulated every ten years during that period, and the city contracts for twenty-two street lights at \$1,080 per year. By the terms of the franchise the St. Lucie Ice Company is to have the plant in operation and furnish electric lights by January 1, 1901. It does not, however, include a street railway franchise.

### Prof. Oakerman Elected Principal.

Prof. M. J. Oakerman, of Tampa, has been tendered and accepted the position of principal of the Fort Pierce High School. Prof. Oakerman has been one of the faculty of the Tampa High School during the past five years, has taught in Florida ten years and comes highly recommended and strongly endorsed as an educator and as a citizen. He asks for the co-operation and assistance of the trustees, school officers and patrons so that the best of results may be obtained. We learn that it is the desire and intention of the school board and superintendent to employ the very best teachers that can be procured and hope to not only continue the schools of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie county up to their present standard, but to continually advance with the spirit of the times.

### Other Boosters.

We are glad to note Editor Brown, of the Fort Pierce News, is boosting his home city so thoroughly. Buster Brown should now be termed Booster Brown for he is a live wire wherever you find him. With two such excellent papers as The News and Tribune Fort Pierce should flourish as the green bay tree.—Sanford Herald.

Thanks, very much, Brother Holly. We have noticed with pleasure the great good your boosting has done for the Celery City and we are following your example for the Pineapple Center.

### In Memoriam.

Mrs. P. J. Sheffield, wife of D. B. Sheffield, was born May 2d, 1846, near Lake Butler, Bradford county, Fla., married D. B. Sheffield at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Miller, January 11, 1863, departed this life with third attack of paralysis Thursday, June 3rd, at 2 a. m., having been about thirty-eight hours suffering the effects of the third attack of paralysis.

Deceased leaves a husband and seven grown children to mourn their loss. The children are J. E. Sheffield, Mayo, Fla.; Mrs. M. V. V. McCullees, T. H., D. L. and O. K. Sheffield, this county, Mrs. Kate Sutton, Tifton, Ga., and Mrs. Debbie Sutton, of this city.

Mrs. Sheffield united with the Primitive Baptist church before marriage and lived a consistent Christian life, making friends wherever known. The first part of her married life was spent in South and Middle Florida, later removing to South Georgia, and about five years ago to Narrows, thence to this city about three years ago, residing until her demise.

Deceased was taken to Quay and the remains interred in the Poppel cemetery (that being her request) amid a large concourse of friends from Fort Pierce and elsewhere.

Mr. Sheffield and the family at large beg to express their heartfelt gratitude to the many kind friends who manifested their friendship in ways inexpressible. May the Giver of true happiness reward them and keep us all in their wishes and desires.

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD

### Regular June Session of St. Lucie Board of Education.

The School Board met in regular session on Monday, June 7th. Present, R. R. Gladwin, chairman; W. C. Braddock and Geo. E. Coon.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following business was transacted.

Resolved: That the application of J. C. Jones and N. F. McCall asking for transportation of pupils to Quay and Bethel Creek schools be refused on account of the lack of funds.

On motion, Sebron Jones be allowed to carry children in rowboat when launch cannot be used.

On motion of G. E. Coon, Louis Raulerson was awarded Tautie school house for the sum of \$500, work to commence at once.

On motion, W. C. Braddock was appointed to call for bids on cement walk for Sebastian school house.

Petition by Mr. Frank Storman asking for school house near Five Mile Creek was postponed for further information.

On motion, K. M. Tedder was instructed to visit Oslo neighborhood with the view of locating school house.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Mrs. E Hunter, teacher, No 8	100 00
Miss S Hunter " "	65 00
Mrs. Eddie Coats " "	50 00
Miss Ianthe Bond " "	50 00
Miss E Hunter " "	50 00
Miss Elma Geiger, " "	50 00
Miss Ula Geiger, " "	45 00
Miss E O Helseth, " "	45 00
Miss Edna Johns " No 1	60 00
Miss Ida Tobie " "	45 00
Miss J Summerlin " No. 5	50 00
Miss N Schofield " No. 20	40 00
Miss H C Henderson, No. 3	50 00
Mrs I Pennington, teacher No 12	70 00
Dorcas Hudson janitor No 8	10 00
C N Henderson, moving desks	1 00
J A Rogers, trans pupils No 8	16 00
C S Blocker " " No 12	17 37
E C Summerlin trans pupils No 8	12 00
Kia Walker, " "	12 50
Miss Edna Johns, chalk for No. 1	25
K. M. Tedder, postage	3 60
K. M. Tedder traveling exp	4 50
K M Tedder supt salary	75 00
H & W B Drew record book	16 70
P P Cobb Bethel school sup	4 20
P P Cobb sup for Gifford sch	5 27
Fee & Stewart Co sash No 8	3 05
Mrs M H Jordan teacher No 18	40 00
Walter Bobo supplies No 20	80
Walter Bobo pump exp	1 50
E C L & S Co	2 00
Mrs A D Penny rent Imp C hall	12 50
White City S Co supplies	1 20
G B Hall moving desks	2 55
Ed Edge registration list	1 60
Fort Pierce News print and pub	27 50
Tribune Printing Co elec notice	66 37
K M Tedder express	16 75
W. C. Braddock per diem and mil	9 40
Geo E Coon " "	7 00
R. R. Gladwin, per diem	4 00
Bank Ft Pierce, int on warrants	39 55
Total war. drawn this month	\$1,068.83

There being no further business the board adjourned to meet June 12th to hear complaints, if any, why Sub-School District election should not be held at time of notice, June 19, 1909.

R. R. GLADWIN,  
Attest:—K. M. TEDDER, Chairman.  
Superintendent.

### Ain't We, Bill?

Standing in his idle packing house door watching a train of forty-two cars of Cuban pines whizz by a pineapple grower near Jensen shook his fist at the screeching wheels and shouted:

Grind on, ye soulless monster, grind, the grind of every wheel Adds to the woe and ruin that we duped growers feel;

Our fields are laden with finest fruits now rotting from day to day All for the need of men with nerve to stop your "grinding" way.

You duped us into coming here, we've made you what you are, The thanks we get are coming fast, locked in a Cuban car.

What the end will be we cannot see nor human tongue can tell, Where there is no cure we must endure but we are catching well!

Ain't we, Bill?