

FORT PIERCE NEWS

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Fatal Step Causes Death of Switchman in Railroad Yard Here.

Stripped out in the prime of his manhood was the life of Mr. Hill Williams, switchman in the Florida East Coast Railway yard at this place, at 1:45 o'clock on Tuesday morning when the wheels of a ponderous passenger engine, while he was in the discharge of his duty.

The northbound passenger train had stopped on time and Mr. Williams had left his little family, consisting of his wife and two small children, on a visit with relatives at Dotham, Fla., and after the train had left he went about his work in a cheerful manner, as was his custom.

When the time came for the hostler to release the engine into the yard, Mr. Williams was at his post and rode out to the switch at the end of the Y, west of Ripley street, where he jumped off and threw the engine. The engine started ahead with great speed and when it got to where the switchman stood he made an effort to get on the running board attached to the pilot, but missed his footing and fell in the middle of the track. Seeing his danger he gave an alarm and the engine was already on him and almost instant he was pushed down and dragged along the track until he was brought to a standstill and then it was found that the lifeless form had almost severed across the chest and otherwise only slightly bruised.

Waiting bands were waiting to render assistance possible and the engine was "jacked" up as quick as possible and the body released and taken to the quarters of the city fire department.

Through the kindness of fellow-trainee his wife was notified of the accident by telegraph while on the train at Dotham, his parents at Dotham, Ala., telegraphed to and a purse raised for the remains embalmed.

Accompanied by Mr. Frank Bath the body was left here Tuesday night for Dotham, where they were met by the parents and wife of the unfortunate and escorted by them to Dotham, Ala., his former home, for interment.

Mr. Williams was a robust, good-natured man about 24 years of age, and worked in the railroad yard here since the fall, he and his family reside on Orange avenue a few doors west of Ripley street.

Another victim of a railroad engine was killed Sunday night about two miles south of town and his remains were scattered along the track for a mile or more. From what can be ascertained the victim was a Nassau negro about 30 years old named Pratt and he had been employed on some of the piers south of this place. A neighbor was in town with him Sunday night and went with him to near where he was hit, said he was drunk.

His handsome residence and garage were owned by Mrs. K. B. Baulerson, on the corner of Pine street and Orange, has been receiving the attention of Mr. Paxton's force of carpenters and the artistic touch of Fred Smith this week. The verandas have been made of new boards, and fresh paint has been needed, and fresh paint has been needed, and fresh paint has been needed, showing the taste and colors that abound there.

Fort Pierce Ball Team at Miami

The Fort Pierce baseball team left here Tuesday evening for Miami to play two games with the strong Seminole team of that city Wednesday and Thursday. These games were a feature of the big anniversary celebration of the Magic City and were expected to rival in popularity the aeroplane flights as attractions for the visitors.

The team was composed of Dr. E. F. Rollins, manager; Ralph VanLandingham, W. E. VanLandingham, Tucker, Tenney, Davies, Munch, McMillan, Barnett, Jenkins, Crown and Horton. Davies was scheduled to pitch the first game on Wednesday and Tucker was slated for similar duty in the second with Ralph VanLandingham doing the receiving.

A note received from Editor Brown after Wednesday's game is as follows: "Miami won 15 to 1. Fast game to seventh, score 3 to 0. Two batting rallies, with numerous errors, scored 12 for Miami in two innings while Fort Pierce went to pieces. Fort Pierce escaped a shut out by making one run in the ninth inning. The batteries were Tucker and VanLandingham for Fort Pierce and McDonough and White for Miami. McMillan, our second baseman, was hurt in the third inning. Team in best of spirits and count on winning Thursday's game with a good score to our credit."

Fla. E. C. L. & S. Co. Fire Fighting Plant

With that progressiveness that has always characterized the management of the Florida East Coast Lumber and Supply Company Fort Pierce is now equipped with a second fire fighting department that in some respects rivals that owned by the city, being always on the spot and ready for business.

Having experienced serious losses in the past by the ravages of fire in some of their yards they have concluded that "self preservation is the first law of nature" and made arrangements accordingly by installing a \$4,000 outfit consisting of a Fairbanks-Morse engine and pump, a 2-inch 65 foot well, a 32,000 gallon tank standing higher than anything else for miles around and 500 feet of new hose, nozzles, and all other necessities. Four hydrants have been installed, three in the yard and one opposite the front entrance, each supplied with attached and nozzled hose and all ready for work at the turning of a screw. Each hydrant is nicely boxed over as a protection to the hose and a guard against meddlers but a conveniently arranged top makes it easy of access when necessary and the height of the tank produces a pressure sufficient to throw the water high enough for all practical purposes.

Such enterprise is commendable and worthy of imitation by others in the way of enhancing the value and beautifying their property, to say nothing of the reducing of insurance and the quiet ease and comfort it affords those sleeping in that neighborhood.

Since Prof. Himes, of West Palm Beach could not serve on the sub-committee of the text-book adoption the Lower East Coast will be served as usual by the State officials and allowed no representation.

Mr. B. F. Robinson, civil engineer of the Florida East Coast railroad, was at Enterprise Junction last week and surveyed the sidetrack, depot site, agent's house, section house and pumping station, and marked out a 300-foot depot platform. As soon as these improvements are completed the F. E. C. railroad will discontinue running trains into Sanford.

Bonus Offer in Contest Large Bonus of Votes Given for One Week

As an extra inducement to the ladies who are competing for the valuable and substantial prizes which the News will award to the successful ladies at the close of the great Piano Voting Contest we have decided to offer three bonus lots of votes, to be awarded as follows: 20,000 extra votes will be allowed to the contestant who brings into this office the greatest sum of money, for new subscriptions, renewals, collections or any business that is within the scope of this contest, between Friday, July 21 (1 p. m.) and Thursday, July 27, (1 p. m.) inclusive.

To the contestant bringing in the next greatest sum we will allow 15,000 extra votes, and to the lady bringing in the third greatest sum we will allow 10,000 extra votes.

These offers are made to the ladies as a mark of our appreciation for the untiring efforts which they are putting forth to help increase the circulation of the News.

The contest is now assuming an interesting phase and the ladies have taken hold in earnest, realizing that the time is swiftly passing and that the prizes will be awarded to those who are diligent and active, and who do not lose a single opportunity to further their interests.

We congratulate the contestants on the excellent showing which they have made up to this time and offer them sincere assurance of our hearty cooperation in every way. The contest manager invites all of the contestants to confer with him at any time for suggestions and active support.

The race is now on and we predict an exciting finish. The friendly rivalry existing among the contestants and also their friends affords a zest to the contest which is proving interesting in the extreme. The bonus offer is sure to bring out a heavy poll of votes, and the next issue will show the result in detail.

Below appears the relative standing of each contestant at the close of business Thursday night:

NAME	RESIDENCE	VOTES
Florence Stetson	Fort Pierce	76,090
Stella Blocker	Jensen	44,190
Minnie Arnau	Fort Pierce	19,460
Margaret Thompson	Fr. Pierce	17,840
Edna Tucker	Fort Pierce	10,080
Ethelyn Cramer	Fort Pierce	6,000
Maud Miller	Eben	4,010

A nomination blank will be found in this issue and the entrance fee is nothing, neither is it too late to put other names on the list.

State News

The depot at New Smyrna was put on rollers one day last week and moved to the north side of the track between trains to make room for new sidetracks. The new depot will be built before the winter season.

Senator Fletcher has introduced a bill in congress for the coinage of fifty thousand gold dollars and containing many other provisions for the century Ponce de Leon anniversary at St. Augustine in 1913.

The Florida potato season was notable for the wide range of the distribution, shipments being made as far south as the Isthmus of Panama and as far north as Alaska, and it looks as if the Florida early potato may soon rival the Florida orange in popularity.

Commissioners Monthly Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie county, Florida, met July 17, 1911, pursuant to adjournment July 3, 1911. Present, E. A. Holt, A. N. Hoofsagle and D. E. Austin, with J. E. Fultz, clerk.

The chairman being absent, on motion, D. E. Austin was elected chairman pro tem.

The county assessor was present and met with the board for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment roll.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the valuations of the following pieces of property be increased as follows: (See list elsewhere.)

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The judge of the circuit court of the Seventh circuit has ordered this board, acting in conjunction with the board of Brevard county, to have surveyed and platted, with proper monuments, the boundary line between St. Lucie and Brevard counties; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sheriff and county surveyor of this county are directed to carry out the order of said judge, acting in conjunction with the sheriff and county surveyor of Brevard county, in accordance with said order.

On motion, board adjourned to meet in regular session August 7th, 1911.

Lyceum Course For The Coming Season

The entertainment committee of the Fort Pierce Improvement Club are pleased to announce the following numbers for the Lyceum Course for the season of 1911-12, one of which will appear in November, one in January, two in February, and the last in March:

Among these attractions are "The Cavneys," Cartoonists, Clay Modelers and Impersonators, conceded to be the best in their line on the platform.

"The Apollo Concert Company," bell ringers, male quartette and general entertainers.

"The Fisher-Shipp Company," presenting a varied entertainment of the latest in music of all varieties.

We respectfully present as our all-star attraction for the course "Round's Ladies All Star Specialty Company," which consists of Mr. Round and eight ladies. This is the highest paid attraction on the platform and the highest guaranteed company that ever traveled the East Coast, their price being \$150.00 for the one appearance.

"Brush," the greatest living magician, the unparalleled sensation of 35 states, will be with us to show in his own way the seemingly impossible feats of magic and delusion.

We say without any hesitation that the course we have selected for the coming season is one of the best, and we have spared neither time nor trouble in selecting it.

The course this season will cost us over \$100 more than the course of last season and we are making our tickets \$2.50 this year for the entire course, including a reserved seat for the season. By buying a season ticket you will save one dollar, or, it gives you two attractions free. Mrs. C. T. McCarty, aided by others, will canvass for your seats, but the request is made that simply telephone or write for your reservations without being called upon.

We thank you for your last season's patronage, and ask you to see the finest, clearest five attractions that has ever appeared in Fort Pierce.

Mrs. C. T. McCarty,
W. E. Tylander,
B. K. McCarty.

Judge Jones For Governor Dade County Man's Strong Endorsement

In the Miami Metropolis of last Saturday a correspondent strongly endorses Judge Minor S. Jones as a candidate for Governor in the primary next spring, and we reproduce his communication in part, omitting the biting references in regard to Governor Gilchrist's actions:

Editor Metropolis:

In going over the list of candidates for Governor to be voted for next year, as announced by the men themselves or mentioned as prospective candidates by the newspapers throughout the State, and on figuring on the merits and demerits of those announced or "prominently mentioned" as aforesaid, it has occurred to me that there is still room for the "best yet" to come in. In other words, I have in mind a man whom I believe would make a better Governor than any so far mentioned. I do not know whether he could be induced to become a candidate for this office or not, but fully believe he could be elected if he would put his candidacy before the people. He could certainly wipe up the East Coast counties, and some of the middle ones, too, with any man now in the race, or so far mentioned as likely to be, and if he can hold his own on the West Coast and in the counties over in the northwest corner of the State, he could sure "get there, Eli."

I refer to the Honorable Minor S. Jones, the man who served us in the old Seventh Judicial Circuit so long and faithfully and honorably as judge, and who was recently deposed by our narrow-minded governor in a most spiteful and malicious manner after the people of his circuit had unanimously nominated him only a year ago to serve them six years longer.

It strikes me that this is indeed a most opportune time for the people of his old circuit especially to show their appreciation of Judge Jones and his work and life among them, and for the people of the whole State to vindicate this honored gentleman by placing him in the Governor's chair to work for and defend the interests of the common people of this State, as he would do if he went there.

And I know of no reason why he would not make an acceptable governor to all the people and interests of this State, whether large or small, for he has certainly shown a fairness of spirit and clearness of judgment when such situations have arisen before him in his long and honorable career on the bench.

And I fully believe, as must everyone else who knows anything about Judge Jones, that he is in every way fitted to perform the duties incumbent upon the Governor, Gilchrist's heresay evidence that "his hand shakes when you hand him a paper," or some such rot as that, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Perhaps the governor has never had the pleasure of sitting up until two or three o'clock in the morning listening to this "feeble old man" telling stories and jokes brought to his memory while discussing things in general. If he had he would have a very different opinion of Judge Jones' feebleness. Many are the nights the Judge has entertained friends in this manner and gone on the bench the next day and performed his duties there in as clear-headed and able a manner as if he had slept all night, accomplishing more and better work than the present able-bodied and robust governor could have done in twice the time.