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FORT PIERCE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 16, 1910.

\$1.00 PER YEAR

COMMISSIONERS MET

Regular December Session of County Solons.

Bonds of Newly Elected Officials Approved.—Fish and Game Warden Fund Created.

The county commissioners met in regular session December 5th. Present, E. Kroegel, chairman, C. H. Edwards, D. E. Austin, R. E. McLaughlin, A. N. Hoofnagle, with J. E. Fultz, clerk, and J. M. Pierce, deputy sheriff. Minutes of last regular meeting was read and approved.

Received of O. A. Hartman \$1.95 for shell, turned over to treasurer.

The bond of Justice of the Peace S. A. Hair, of District No. 5, was read and approved, with John F. Parker and J. M. Lee as sureties in the sum of \$500.

The bond of J. W. Hodges, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, was read and approved with A. R. Williams, F. H. Fee, P. P. Cobb and A. B. Lowry as sureties in the sum of \$2,000.

The bond of Frank M. Tyler, to be County Tax Collector, was read and approved with the following sureties in the sums set opposite their names, as follows: F. H. Fee, \$4,000; C. M. Horton, \$4,000; W. W. Luce, \$2,000; R. Whyte, \$3,500; A. C. Dittmar, \$3,000; D. T. McCarty, \$4,000; B. K. McCarty, \$3,000; T. J. O'Brien, \$1,000; R. N. Koblegard, \$3,000; K. B. Raulerson, \$3,000; W. I. Fee, \$500.

The bond of C. W. McGee, to be Constable District No. 4, St. Lucie county, Florida, was read and approved with Robert Garrison and L. L. Yelvington as sureties in the sum of \$500.

The bond of John H. Wynn to be County Treasurer of St. Lucie county, Florida, was read and approved with the following sureties: F. H. Fee, \$5,000; A. C. Dittmar, \$5,000; D. T. McCarty, \$5,000; P. P. Cobb, \$5,000; C. M. Horton, \$4,000; Wm. I. Fee, \$1,000.

Report of county judge for month of November, 1910, received and filed.

Report of F. M. Tyler, collector, for the month of November, 1910, received, showing licenses collected for State \$361.50; for county \$213.25; poll taxes for 1908, 6; 1909, 12; 1910, 80.

Clerk's report of tax redemptions and purchases for the month of November, 1910, received.

Bond of F. C. Poppell to be Tax Assessor of St. Lucie county, Florida, was read and approved with Frank H. Fee and P. P. Cobb as sureties in the sum of \$4,000.

On motion, a fish and game warden fund is hereby created, into which fund all hunting licenses, fines for violation of fish laws and fines for violation of non-resident hunting laws shall be placed.

Petition of T. G. Hair, J. L. Stinson, et al., praying for a public county road as follows: To change the road leading from the new bridge west of Sebastian as follows: Start at the bridge, run east 125 yards more or less to southeast corner of land owned by J. L. Stinson; thence north 1-4 of a mile to intersect with the old road now traveled, received, and on motion G. B. Hull, Frank Hunter and C. Park are appointed a committee to view, mark and survey said road and to report to this board at its next regular meeting.

Petition of E. P. Fripp and Casper Rasmussen, et al., praying for a public county road commencing at the intersection of Elm and Midway in the town of White City and run north to the northern boundary line of Section 4, township 38, Range 40; thence west along said section line to intersection with the Fort Pierce and White City road, said road to be 30 feet wide, received, and on motion G. Ringdahl, Jens Larson and T. P. Howard are appointed a committee to view, mark and survey said road and report to this board at its next regular meeting.

On motion, the board agreed to an exchange of land between the county commissioners and J. S. Keen, west of Fort Pierce, for county road purposes, and Com'r Edwards is empowered to attend to all necessary details.

The bond of F. R. Horton to carry a Winchester repeating rifle was read and approved and license ordered issued

for same.

Report of J. H. Wynn, treasurer, received, showing balances on hand December 1, 1910, as follows:

Total of all	\$16,019 89
General fund	1,770 80
Fine and Forfeiture	556 25
Courty School	2,795 87
Road and Bridge	1,543 92
Building Fund	1,795 15
Special Road, Total	5,641 95
Total Sub-School Districts	1,915 76
Special Road, No. 1	207 90
" " No. 2	478 32
" " No. 3	2,150 72
" " No. 4	1,116 95
" " No. 5	814 49
Special road undivided	875 55

Certificate of cashier of bank of Fort Pierce attached showing balances correct as claimed.

Petition of J. J. Jandreau and R. R. Ricou for return of fines and costs in inlet and seining law received and filed for future consideration.

The accounts were then examined, approved and warrants ordered drawn for the same.

The warrants will appear next week.

Felix Corbin, a prominent citizen of Milton, and the principal witness in a case of the United States against Sheriff Collins, of Santa Rosa county, Fla., and Sheriff Fields, of Sayannah, Ga., was waylaid and shot to death Tuesday night of last week. Now the secret service men will get to work.

EVENING OF MUSIC AND MIRTH

Ralph Bingham, Humorist, Here Next Thursday Evening.

Mr. Ralph Bingham, who is undoubtedly one of the best entertainers in the country, will be at the Improvement Club hall next Thursday evening, December 22.

"Ralph Bingham is funny because he can't help it. If he went into the undertaking business he would be expelled from the union in a week. He was born to drive dull care away, a doctor who cures by the good old rule of laugh and grow fat. And he is one of the few doctors who seem to take their own medicine. On the platform or off, with an audience of one or five hundred, if Mr. Bingham's audience is not shrieking with laughter you may take it for granted that it is composed of deaf mutes who have not yet learned to read lip movements.

"But what does he do, anyhow? Well, he monologues and plays the violin. His monologues are either original, or might as well be; their rendition, at least, is original and imitable. His face changes with every shift in the humor; you hardly need to hear the story, for you can see it. He uses many puns, and the pun is said to be the lowest order of wit. But there are puns and puns, and Mr. Bingham's is as near the highest wit as it is possible for a pun to be. He makes use of remarkable metaphors and similes; there is a constant crackling of jokes throughout the monologue, and last but not least, the monologue itself is always new."

Paul M. Pearson, Editor Talent. This popular entertainer will start the Christmas festivities and put every one in a jolly frame of mind. Reserved seats, 50 cents; general admission, 35 cents; children, 25 cents. This is not one of the numbers of the Lyceum Course, and the season tickets are not good for this entertainment.

COMMITTEES OF NEW COUNCIL

Appointed for Ensuing Year by President Jackson.

In the organization of the new City council last Wednesday night Mr. W. R. Jackson was elected President and he has appointed the following standing committees for the next year.

Street and Finance committee—D. T. McCarty, chairman, Lucien Baker, and A. C. Dittmar.

Finance and Taxes—Lucien Baker, chairman, J. T. Lisk, A. C. Dittmar.

Laws and Rules—A. C. Dittmar, chairman, D. T. McCarty, J. T. Lisk.

Fire and Building—J. T. Lisk, chairman, D. T. McCarty, Lucien Baker.

The next regular meeting of the city council will be held on the first Wednesday evening in January.

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED

To Prevent Contagion of a Dreaded Disease.

One Case of "Infantile Paralysis" Caused School Board to Take Precautionary Measures.

Acting under authority from the State Board of Health, the St. Lucie County School Board yesterday morning closed the St. Lucie County High School in Fort Pierce to prevent the spread of a new and terrible disease known as "Infantile Paralysis." The school will remain closed until after the holidays.

On Wednesday morning the ten-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lovett, of Viking, a pupil, died of this disease, and on the same day the other pupils from Viking who had been exposed to this disease by riding in the same wagon and other associations, were excluded from the school.

On the report of Dr. W. E. VanLandingham as to the nature of the malady and danger of epidemic, the school board ordered the suspension of the entire school until the threatened danger had passed. There is as yet no epidemic, nor is there any other case of the kind reported, and this radical action is taken merely as a caution against any spread that might have been caused by the mingling of the school children with each other.

During the last few days there has been much inquiry regarding the disease, and for the benefit of the anxious parents whose first desire is to shield the child from all possible danger we publish below extracts from an exhaustive article in Hampton's Magazine for December by Dr. Jacolyn Manning on this new and dangerous disease.

An editorial note preceding the article says:

"The lives and bodies of our children, rich and poor alike, are menaced by a terrible disease—imported to this country about five years ago. Since then it has raged as an epidemic in widely scattered communities. A hundred thousand children have been its victims since 1905, of whom probably two in every ten died and six in every ten were crippled. What is known of this frightful disease, which is now spreading rapidly throughout the country, is told by Dr. Manning in the following article. Dr. Manning was secretary of the West Wisconsin District Medical Society, and was in charge of work of stamping out the epidemic there. She clearly sets forth the methods for prevention and the best means to control the spread of the contagion."

Dr. Manning describes the disease in a most able treatise of which the following is only a portion.

"A mother's grief for her dead child is tragic, yet we know that the kindly alchemy of Time will transmute that pain into a sad memory. But what of the mother to whom every dawn brings a new anguish, a woe upon which Time has no compassion? What of the child left forever deformed and disabled by the scourge of infantile paralysis that is spreading with alarming rapidity over the United States? What of the misery of an expanding mind in a world for which the body is unfit?"

"This disease, infantile spinal paralysis, has prevailed in epidemic form in the United States during the past four summers.

"Statistics are difficult to get, as the disease has been placed but lately on the reportable lists by the Boards of Health of the most seriously menaced states. A conservative estimate from authoritative sources place the minimum number of cases since 1905 at 100,000. There are from 20,000 to 25,000 cases in the United States at present. Of every hundred cases fifteen resulted in death, ten completely recovered, and sixty or more were left with permanent paralysis of one or more limbs. This means that six or seven children in every ten attacked by the disease are doomed to go through the years without the complete use of their bodies, a small percentage with both legs useless, some with a leg or an arm withered, some with feet clubbed or misshapen—but all handicap

ped in some degree for the race of life.

"The commonly used name of the malady, infantile paralysis, states the pathetic fact that fifty per cent of its victims are children under six years old. As, however, the remaining cases range in age of from seven years to more than seventy, the common name for the disease is inaccurate.

"Infantile paralysis has been confused with cerebro-spinal meningitis. They are entirely separate and distinct diseases.

"Physicians have given the disease a name so exact that it is to the medical man an abbreviated description of the nature and course of the malady—epidemic acute anterior poliomyelitis. It is an inflammation of the nerve cells in the gray matter of the spinal cord, which begins suddenly, is followed by a paralysis of the muscles controlled by the nerve cells attacked, and may be transmitted to any member of a community it has once invaded.

"The inflammation which destroys the nerve cells in the spinal cord is caused by a germ coming from another victim of the same disease. This germ which is easily acquired as the germ of diphtheria, and more readily than the bacillus of typhoid fever, most frequently passes into the system through the moist lining of the nose and mouth. It works its way into this soft tissue, travels through the blood stream to the nerve cells of the spinal cord, and be-

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EXCURSIONISTS TO STOP HERE

Dr. Schadt, Well Known Traveler, Will Visit Fort Pierce.

Dr. O. G. J. Schadt, well known as a traveler, linguist and lecturer, who has been conducting party excursions from New York to Florida, will personally accompany an excursion party and stop over in Fort Pierce one day during the latter part of the month.

Dr. Schadt, who was at one time an instructor at Rollins College, at Winter Park, Fla., holding the chair of languages, is accumulating data of Florida, her resources, etc., to use in a lecture in the North at a future date. Having a repertoire of six lectures, the Odd Fellows are trying to obtain the doctor's consent to deliver his most popular and interesting lecture, "An Evening in Russia," at Fort Pierce during his short stay.

Dr. Schadt was the American representative at the International Exposition at St. Petersburg and met the Empress of Russia personally, and was placed on the Imperial Commission from Russia to the St. Louis Exposition.

Arrangements are being made to greet Dr. Schadt and his party upon their arrival in our city and make their visit one to be remembered and talked about when they return to their far-away homes.

The doctor and party will be officially received and welcomed by the Board of Trade in Jacksonville, and the Board of Trade of Fort Pierce may also extend a welcome to them.

At the election held December 7th in Orange county for road bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 for brick roads the mule drivers outvoted the auto owners by 1,950 against to 950 for. Sanford precinct was the only one that gave a small majority for, while Orlando gave nearly 3 to 1 against.

A GARD FROM RALPH BINGHAM

Will Wear Clean Shave and Wants a Multitude to See Him.

ONG ROOT, December 11, 1910. Mrs. C. T. McCarty, Fort Pierce:

My company, consisting of one violin case and two valises, will arrive in your city December 22d at 10:30 a. m., via West Palm Beach. You can tell which are the valises and which is I, for I will wear a clean shave. I will need a piano (in tune if possible) on top of the stage, right side as one faces the multitude. Kindly see to it that there IS a multitude. Also kindly secure comfortable quarters for me at your very best hotel. I will have my wife with me.

Yours for good, clean fun, RALPH BINGHAM.

P. S.—Don't forget the multitude.

GROWERS' MEETING

East Coast Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association.

Interesting Session Held at Miami Last Week.—Officers Elected and Other Work Discussed.

The annual meeting of the Florida East Coast Growers' Association was held in the court house in Miami on Wednesday of last week and was well attended by members from all points which are included in the membership of the association—St. Lucie, Palm Beach and Dade.

The sessions of the meeting were extended and were taken up in the discussions of the work of the association. Every one was enthusiastic over the prospects of the association for the coming year.

Mr. C. A. Robinson, the president of the association, was detained at home by sickness, as was also the vice-president, John S. Sunday, whose wife was ill.

Charles C. Mast, of Boynton, was elected temporary chairman and the records were kept by T. V. Moore, the regular secretary.

The principal business of the morning session was the reading of the report of A. A. Boggs, attorney for the association. The report covered all of the work done the past year, and included the results of endeavors for better freight rates, and matters pertaining to transportation.

The report was listened to attentively and at the conclusion of the reading brought out a very animated discussion.

In the afternoon the association took up the matter of funds for the protection of its members, and devised ways and means to continue its good work.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

W. A. Filer, Lemon City, president. J. S. Sunday, Delray, vice president. T. V. Moore, Miami, secretary. J. H. Montgomery, Miami, treasurer. T. J. Peters, E. D. T. Burr, J. M. Holding, directors for Dade county, George Thomas, C. C. Mast, J. F. Mast, directors for Palm Beach county, Chas. Bemenderfer, C. A. Robinson, S. W. Wells, directors for St. Lucie county.

It was interesting to note from the report of the treasurer that the majority of the assessments and dues had been paid. Mr. E. L. Goodwin, of Fort Pierce, was appointed a committee to call on the members who have not paid up and secure the amounts due.

Mr. Filer thanked the members for their expression of confidence and esteem in making him the new president. Mr. Moore said he did not feel like thanking any one for putting him in the secretary's chair for another year, but that he would have thanked them if they had elected some one in his stead. Mr. Montgomery said, "Oh, well, all right; I'll do the best I can for one more year."

Growers all over the three counties should feel, and no doubt do feel, much indebted to these gentlemen for giving so much of their labor and time to the association. They can prove their gratitude by contributing promptly to the fund necessary to carry on the work and paying their annual dues.

John Nix & Co., of New York, sent on a check for \$50 to help defray the large expenses necessary to carry the work on properly.

Many new members came in and paid their dues for 1911. The association is doing good work and their attorney, Mr. Boggs, received a vote of thanks for the good work he has accomplished.

Minutes of the School Board.

The Board of Public Instruction in and for St. Lucie county, met in regular session the 5th day of December, 1910, with W. E. Tylander, chairman, and G. E. Coon.

The Superintendent being absent G. E. Coon was appointed secretary pro tem.

On motion, it was ordered that the holiday vacation extend from December 23d, 1910, to January 3rd, 1911.