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ENTHUSIASM FOR GOOD ROADS

MEETING AT HALLAM CLUB HOUSE YESTERDAY WAS LARGELY ATTENDED.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Lakeland Highlands Good Roads Association was held yesterday afternoon at the new Lakeland Highlands country club house, which is now about completed and ready for occupancy. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. J. L. McClelland, at 2:30. The Secretary, Mr. L. L. Knudsen, read the minutes of the last few meetings which were accepted. Mr. W. F. Hallam read a report of the committee appointed to meet the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of presenting a petition asking the help of the board in the establishment and maintenance of certain roads specified in the petition and covering the Lakeland Highlands District. Mr. Hallam reported that the Board decided to accede to the prayer of the petitioners, asking them to go ahead and make the roads passable as far as possible and that the Board would maintain them as soon as funds were available from the current year's tax.

Mr. Holbrook, personally, and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, expressed his hearty approval of the work and plans of the Association and suggested some practical methods of procedure in order to gain the cooperation of the Board.

Messrs. C. F. Brush and H. D. Mendenhall, who had volunteered to do the necessary engineering work, were unanimously elected the official engineers of the Association, and Mr. Mendenhall undertook to have the roads in shape to advertise for bids March 10, and, on motion of Mr. Mendenhall, it was decided to request the county commissioners, at their next meeting, to advertise for bids for the clearing and grading of the roads outlined in the petition and as recommended by the Board. The members of the committee who met with the Board previously were re-appointed to present the matter in the proper shape, reporting to the Board the amount of money now on hand and the amount of money now on hand at this meeting.

On motion all present, not now members, were elected to membership and requested to hand in their names to the Secretary.

Judge Preston, of Bartow, expressed his hearty approval of the work of the Association and would gladly contribute but that the status of the State made it a penal offense for a candidate to show his interest in a financial way during the campaign of his candidacy.

Commissioner Lewis, who was prevented from attending the meeting, sent an expression of his enthusiasm for the work of the Association, promising his co-operation wherever possible.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock to meet on Thursday, March 14, at the residence of Mr. J. L. McClelland.

A very nice lunch was served at the close of the meeting, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee; also a sample of some fine strawberries grown on Mr. English's farm, not included, however, in the menu, which was just as much enjoyed.

The new club house is a splendid addition to the city and will, no doubt, be the rendezvous of more or every visitor who comes here. It reflects the greatest credit on W. F. Hallam & Co., and others who have done the work of its construction in that it is thoroughly equipped, ex-

cept for the furniture for the sleeping apartments and when this is received, as it will be in a few days, it will please the taste of the most fastidious.

Mr. Ward Pender, the photographer, took several group pictures of those present, a reprint of one of which will be produced in a later issue.

Great credit is due to the President, Mr. J. L. McClelland, to Messrs. Pollock, Gwinn, English and others for their zealous activity in the important work of the Association which is to construct and maintain a system of good roads in the triangle between Lakeland, Bartow and Mulberry, and from the enthusiasm manifested at yesterday's meeting we expect very soon to see several miles of new and good roads around this district in the very near future.

The road now accepted by the Commissioners for immediate work during the coming year begins in the Hollingsworth district, runs south one-quarter mile into section 32, thence east one-half mile to the (Continued on page 4.)

POSTOFFICE AND STORE BURNED AT CHRISTINA

Christina, March 1.—Tuesday night while the postmaster was absent exchanging pouches with the mail agent on the northbound train about 9 o'clock, it is supposed a lamp exploded, setting fire to the store occupied by English Bros., in which the post-office was kept and both store and office were consumed. It was only partly insured. Their loss will be heavy.

GREAT LOSS CAUSED BY RIOTING SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)
Peking, March 1.—Rioting by revolting soldiers was continued all day, although the danger to foreigners is not so great as yesterday. The loss as the result of fires started by rioters, is fifteen million dollars. The loss of life is unknown.

DIVISION OF CANADA PREDICTED BY MOLLEY

Winnipeg, Canada, March 1.—In the Manitoba legislature last night William Molley declared that the action of Eastern Canada in defeating American reciprocity showed a hostility towards Western Canada which would eventually lead to the separation of Western from Eastern Canada.

REFORM OF BILLS OF LADING PRACTICES

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, March 1.—The Cotton Exchange telegraphed Senator Clapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce, asking an early enactment of the Stevens bill for the reform of bills of lading practices of railroads. The message said that the logical solution was in finding the shippers, but to compel the carriers to assume responsibility of determining if there be no fraud.

NO INTERVENTION IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 1.—Chairman Sulzer, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said, after a talk with the President, that he was opposed to any intervention in Mexico.

SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE PROBABLE

MILL OWNERS OFFER A FIVE PER CENT. INCREASE OF WAGES.

(By Associated Press.)
Lawrence, Mass., March 1.—Posting notices in Arlington Cotton Mills announcing a wage increase of at least 5 per cent., beginning Monday, is regarded as a step toward a speedy settlement of the textile strike, which has been involving 20,000 operatives. It is thought other mills will follow.

AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY ALSO GRANTS A RAISE

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, March 1.—The American Woolen Company has notified its agents in all its thirty-three mills to announce a five per cent. increase in wages. This company is largely interested in the Lawrence, Mass., mills against which the strike has been in force for some time. The end of the strike is now in sight.

The executive committee of the industrial workers voters to recommend that the strikers refuse to advance five per cent. on their wages. They had asked fifteen per cent.

FINALS OF SENIOR CLASS TONIGHT

Interesting Program Prepared to Which Invitation Is Extended To Public.

The Seniors of the Lakeland High School will deliver their finals this evening at the Lakeland High School. The purpose of assigning the students essays to deliver at this time is to enable them to get more accustomed to speaking in public, which is a very commendable move upon the part of their teachers. The Senior Class have taken great pains in decorating the stage, and the school auditorium will present a splendid appearance this evening when the program is opened. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend the exercises, which are free, and which will be as follows:

- "Old Folks at Home"—Chorus.
- "The Stony Way"—Irma L. Trammell.
- "Robert E. Lee—John Patterson.
- "In Medias Res"—Georgia Strain.
- "Echo"—Gerald Mitchell.
- Piano solo—Beulah Hooks.
- "Seven Wonders of the World"—Thomas Jackson.
- Debate: "Resolved, That we are following in the footsteps of Rome." Affirmative, Herman Flanagan; negative, Boyd Edminston.
- Chorus, "Florida, My Florida."
- "Is it Worth While?"—Rosa Lee Swindel.
- "It Might Have Been"—Suella Groover.
- "These are My Jewels"—Lela Norton.
- Piano solo—Suella Groover.
- Niagara Falls—Laura Southard.
- "Representative Women"—Miriam Ross.
- "The Sunny South"—Beulah Hooks.
- Quartette, "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Fred S. Hayes, a resident of Lakeland, was drowned yesterday in water scarcely a foot in depth. The body was brought to Fort Myers and will be sent to his former home at Waterloo, Ia., for burial.

MORE THAN A MILLION IDLE

ENGLAND FACES A COLOSSAL STRIKE WHICH MUST RESULT IN DISTRESS.

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 1.—With the exception of a few small collieries in isolated districts all the coal mines of the country are idle. One million and fifty thousand men are out as the result of a refusal of employers to come to terms over wages. No violence is expected. Railway service is curtailed, and many steamers are tied up for want of coal, but the big New York liners have enough on hand to do some time. A ray of hope is seen in the government's announced intention of passing a minimum wage bill, which would take the matter out of the hands of the mine owners and end the strike.

CITY TAX NOTICE

The city tax books will close April 1, 1912, after which date costs will be added. Better pay today.
H. L. SWATTS,
City Tax Collector.

Twelve tons of Spanish mackerel at one catch was the luck of a Miami fish company recently.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF GAINESVILLE PHYSICIAN

Doctor H. C. Spencer's Body Found In Clump of Bushes Near the Roadside.

Gainesville, March 1.—This city is wildly agitated over the murder of Dr. H. C. Spencer, one of the leading physicians of the city, who was called away from his home Monday night about 11 o'clock, presumably to see a negro patient, and who was not heard from again until his body was found in a clump of bushes late yesterday afternoon with his head blown off.

Several negroes have been arrested and placed in jail, but it is thought that white people are at the bottom of the affair, although Dr. Spencer was not known to have had an enemy.

According to Mrs. Spencer, she and her husband were awakened Monday night at about 11 o'clock by some one calling, and upon investigation they ascertained that a colored man desired the doctor to go to Gainesville still to see his (the negro's) wife, whom he said was quite ill. The night was fair, the moon was shining and Dr. Spencer, who had been in good health recently, decided he would go. The negro, Mrs. Spencer says, gave his name, but she can't remember it, since it was a strange name to her and she does not remember ever hearing it before.

Dr. Spencer asked the man how the roads were and he replied by saying they were all right, whereupon the physician left his premises in his Hudson automobile.

Last Seen of Doctor.
Before leaving his residence Dr. Spencer handed his wife \$20 in money, and so far as she knows he had only a small amount of change in his pockets when he left. The negro left in company with the doctor, and so far as ascertained that was the last seen of him.

Mrs. Spencer is prostrated with grief over the terrible affair.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mendenhall will move into their home on East Orange street tomorrow. During the past few months they have had their home leased and have had apartments at Mrs. Nieuwenkamp's.

ENTHUSIASTIC FISHERMAN ENJOYING LAKELAND'S LAKES

Mr. Doyle, of Chicago, who with his wife have rooms at the Fleming bungalow on South Kentucky avenue, is one of the most enthusiastic fishermen it has been our pleasure to meet. Mr. Doyle is here for the winter, and every day he takes his rod and reel and goes to some nearby lake, having had splendid luck in Hollingsworth, Parker, Bonny and Bonnet. Yesterday he spent the day on the water and last night he very kindly remembered the editor's family with three shining bass, each one a large speckled beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle left their home in Chicago last September, going first to Europe, visiting England, Ireland, France and Germany, and upon reaching New York they came immediately to Lakeland. Mrs. Doyle is becoming anxious to return to her Chicago home, but Mr. Doyle says he is going to remain until May, as he is greatly in love with Lakeland and especially with the fine fishing.

NEAR BEER DEALERS DENIED CITIZENSHIP

(By Associated Press.)
Savannah, Ga., March 1.—Federal Judge Speer turned down several applications for citizenship because the applicants were "near beer" dealers.

WATSON WOULDN'T DINE WITH SHUSTER

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 1.—To those who wondered why William Watson, the English poet, was not present at the dinner of the Economic Society last night, after he had been announced as the guest of honor, it was explained that the name of W. Morgan Shuster had scared him away. He said he was too loyal an Englishman to listen quietly to an attack on British policy, such as he felt Shuster would make if he referred to Persian affairs.

CORPORATIONS WIN MISSOURI SUITS

(By Associated Press.)
Jefferson City, Mo., March 1.—The Missouri Supreme Court has denied the writ of ouster asked by the State against the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain and Wabash Railroads, the Pacific Express Company and the American Refrigerator Transit Company.

NOTED WOMAN AUTHOR DIES IN KENTUCKY

(By Associated Press.)
Lexington, Ky., March 1.—Mrs. Eugenia Dunlap Potts, author of several books, and prominent in the affairs of the Daughters of the Confederacy, died yesterday, as the result of a broken hip. Her husband was Surgeon Major Richard Potts, C. S. A.

SOUTHERN HAS WRECK NEAR ANNISTON, ALA.

(By Associated Press.)
Anniston, Ala., March 1.—One man was killed, and three hurt, in a wreck on Southern passenger local train No. 35, near here this morning.

TAFT TALKS ABOUT TARIFF

DISCUSSES "COMMON SENSE VS. HAPHAZARD METHODS" OF HANDLING PROBLEM.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 1.—President Taft has given an authorized interview on tariff-making. It is entitled, "Common Sense vs. Haphazard Methods," and appears in the current issue of The Outlook. It was secured by a special representative of The Outlook, and is in part as follows:

"Not that I wish to see the tariff question made the mere football of politics," President Taft explained; "we have had too much of that already. But I should like to have the people of the United States pass their deliberate judgment on the issue as it has been made up within the last year—the difference between the common sense way and the haphazard way of making a tariff law. As you know, I am a believer in the Republican policy of protection. I want to see it continued; but I also want to see our party strengthen it by giving it an underpinning which can not be swept away by the first passing flood of popular sentiment."

"And this purpose could be accomplished—how?" I asked.

"First, by fixing the rates at figures not dictated by a group of domestic producers for their own enrichment, and granted in exchange for party support, but based on the difference between the cost of production here and the cost of production abroad, ascertained by means which preclude all doubt of the substantial accuracy of the calculation.

"Second, by establishing on a permanent foundation the machinery for collecting the data of cost, so that it can be in continuous operation and its work ever more and more easily done. This machinery, I need not tell you, should be in charge of a Tariff Commission or Board, corresponding in a general way with this non-partisan Tariff Board we now have.

"A good many persons evidently think that the whole purpose of a Tariff Board is to collect material for a single tariff bill or series of bills; and, not unnaturally, those who wish to see the government economically administered question the wisdom of spending so much money and employing so many experts for the preparation of the tariff legislation of 1912, in view of the possibility that all this work may be torn up and done over as soon as a new set of hands take charge of our public affairs. Now, it is just such a contingency that the Tariff Board is designed to avoid. The collection of data to guide this year's legislation is only a first step. From now on, if Congress consents to prolong its existence, the Board will continue collecting data through the channels it has already opened, and with the aid of men trained in their duties."

MILK BOTTLES IN THE AIR.

There was a lively scrap in front of the Lake Pharmacy about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Brannen, who formerly drove the wagon for Swindel's Dairy, and Joe Kennedy, the present driver, mixed it up, milk bottles being the principal weapons of warfare. Brannen is now in the dairy business on his own account, and it seems that he claimed Kennedy had some of his milk bottles. In the resulting argument both men were pretty roughly handled. They were separated before serious damage was done, though there was considerable blood drawn. Both cheerfully paid fines in the police court this morning.