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E CIRCUIT COURT

S DISPOSED OF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

te of Florida vs R. E. Smedmbezzlement, not guilty.
te vs Geo. Mayfield, selling , found guilty.
te vs Julia Johnson, murder, uilty.
te vs J. C. Farrin, obtaining y under false pretenses, plead .
te vs Dave Ingram, selling , found guilty.
te vs E. W. Pooser, selling , not guilty.
te vs M. R. Gill, assault with to murder, acquitted on ds of insanity.
te vs J. H. Concannon, obg money under false pres, nolle prossed on motion of s Attorney.
te vs. A. J. Eaddy, grand y, nolle prossed.
te vs R. E. Smedley and R. ooper, embezzlement, nolle ed.
te vs W. A. Hendry, adver- drugs for abortion, nolle ed.
te vs Perry Howell, grand y, plead guilty.
te vs W. W. Cone, selling , nolle prossed.
te vs L. L. Morgan, assault intent to murder, now in pro- .

Commissioner's Minutes

e Honorable Board of County missioners of DeSoto County in their office in Arcadia, h 3, 1908.
esent, R. L. Holzendorf, D.S. ams, C. L. Keene, J. H. Conon and D. J. Farabee.
e minutes of last meeting were and approved.
is hereby agreed by the Board the tubs to be used in the Ogden bridge be ten feet long ad of twelve, as required in ontract.
M. Barnett and J. S. Semple, rs of the following described , reported and one notice post- court house door and one d to J. S. Semple, Arcadia,
Commencing at southeast r of se¼ of sw¼ Sec. 24, . 37 S., R. 24 E., running h to intersect with the Brown- and Horse Creek road at or Brownville bridge.
E. Brown, County Judge, is by authorized to order, through Franz Safe & Lock Co. of on Art Metal Co., one steel as per blue print submitted, at t of $275.00, delivered at Ar- , Fla.
rearm bond of J. L. Whidden ented and permit issued.
. F. Martin, A. J. McLenon M. J. O'Connor, blazers on following described road, re- ed and one notice posted on t house door and one mailed V. F. Martiu: Beginning at northwest corner of Sec 18, . 39 S., R. 24 E., running three-quarters of a mile to ic road leading from Fort en to Arcadia.
ension application of Wm. P. d presented and approved by Board.
irearm bond of C. C. Crews roved by the Board and permit ed.
he county judge and tax color made report of license collected for February, as follows:

State	$ 90 50
County	45 25
Total	$135 75

C. C. Chollar, agent for the Continental Insurance Company, presented insurance for the clerk's office, which was accepted by the Board and filed.

A road petition from near Punta Gorda was presented to the Board and investigated. Owing to the fact that the parties interested were unwilling to make the width of said road to correspond with that of the streets, said petition was refused.

The county treasurer is hereby instructed to transfer $300 from Road District No. 1 to District No. 3. Also $200 from District No. 4 to District No. 3.

It is hereby ordered by the Board that no commissioner will be allowed to keep the county convicts on the roads in his district longer than sixty days at any one time, unless it be work in which the entire county is interested.

A partial report from our fair commissioner has been received, and a full report will be published as soon as the same has been submitted.

In accordance with the laws of the General Statutes of Florida, the registration books will be opened on the first Monday in April and remain open till the last Saturday, as required by said law.

The following pension applications were approved by the Board. Geo. N. Smith, Gennie Revels and Agrippa M. White.

The Board hereby appropriates ten dollars to pay the railroad fare of Joe Best to a hospital.

Hon. R. L. Holzendorf, in view of the affliction of his eyes, tendered his resignation as chairman, which was accepted and the Board elected Hon. Chas. L. Keene chairman.

The Board tendered their thanks to Mr. Holzendorf for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties, both as chairman and as member of the Board.

The county officials made their respective reports.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April.

L. Elmer Jeanin Dead.

Friends and relatives in Arcadia and parts will grieve to know that L. Elmer Jeannin died suddenly at Orlando, Fla., of consumption at the age of 33. The remains were interred at that place.

His mother, Mrs. S. W. Jeannin brother, F. H., and sister, Miss Edith Jeannin were called to Orlando from Arcadia, but too late to see him before death took place.

He leaves a wife and two children, the youngest a babe of seven months. He was a member of the Baptist church and a K. of P. The latter conducted the services.

A word of comfort was given by his brother, F. H. Jeannin, from the scriptures at the residence and the gospel at the laying away of the remains.

His widow and children return with her brother, Oscar Arnold, a prominent business man of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Unlike other financiers, Hetty Green takes interest both from and in the people she lends money to.

News of the Week In DeSoto County

As Reported by The Champion's Excellent Corps of Correspondents of A Resume of Current Events

Lily Locals

We are having nice warm weather now, but it is getting very dry.

Rev. G. S. Henderson filled his regular monthly appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. He preached to the convicts Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. N. Duncan attended church at New Zion Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Tharpe has been on the sick list for a few days

Jerome Howell, of Pine Level, was a visitor here Saturday.

Spoon Bill is attending the sing. Guess he won't have time to write to The Champion this week.

Leslie Skipper and sister, Miss Ethel, are attending school at Madison.

J. R. Durrance was at court last week.

Miss Bessie Robinson returned to her home at Plant City last week.

J. T. Stephens, our merchant, seems to be doing a rushing good business. He is having an addition built on to his store house this week.

The sing will close Sunday.

Charlotte Locals

School is progressing finely but gardens are not, as there is no rain:

Mrs. Icom Martin, of Platt, has been visiting her son, J. L. Martin

Mr. Lee Whidden, of Platt, paid Charlotte a call today.

Mr. Sam Knight went to Arcadia Wednesday on business.

Mr. Turner passed through the settlement Friday on his way to Charlotte Harbor.

Mr. Crawford is home from Platt where he has been working.

Mr. J. B. Moody, while on his way from the turpentine still killed a very large rattle-snake.

Mr. R. J. Watterson went to Charlotte Harbor Saturday.

Mr. H. H. Ange has been on the sick list. Orange Blossom.

School Board Meeting

The Board of Public Instruction met in regular session Tuesday, March 3, 1908, with T. R. Starke, F. B. McClelland and Jno. S. Carlton, Sec.

In the absence of J. R. Sandlin, T. R. Starke was made chrirman pro tem.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was examined and approved.

$350 was donated to the Gardner school for new building, to be paid when building is completed and deeds to site made to the Board of Trustees.

$50 was donate to Joshua Creek School to aid in completing their building, to be paid when house is completed.

On recommendation of the patrons of Holmes School, Owen Holmes was appointed supervisor.

Petitions from Lily, Castalia and Tura Schools, calling for an election to form each into a special tax district, were received and ordered published.

The Board agreed to pay for services rendered under the 80 per cent act from the general fund and to replace it when the State remits.

Warrants were issued from the general fund to the amount of $3,062.13, and from the special fund to the amount of $330.01

Board adjourned to meet April 7th, 1908. J. R. Sandlin, Chm.
J. S. Carlton, Sec.

A New Forage Plant

A new forage plant of value to Florida has been discovered by C. E. Pleas, of Chipley, Washington County, who has been growing the Japanese Kudzu plant for the last eight years, first as an ornamental vine for trellises or arbors and now as a forage plant superior to velvet bean or cow peas. All live stock eat it greedily. It is of marvellously rapid growth, young shoots having been known to make a growth of two feet a day.

The Kudzu is a perennial and once established is always with you making a fine pasture the entire year or a succession of crops if cut for hay. The leaves are killed by frost, but the plant quickly sprouts up from the roots when warm weather comes. The trampling of stock does not injure the plants so but what they spring up from the roots.

The Kudzu is propogated by planting the rooted joints somewhat as sweet potatoes are planted from slips, but the kudzu is planted on level ground about five feet apart in rows. After the first year no cultivation is needed.

Mr. Pleas believes he has discovered a forage plant that will revolutionize stock raising in Florida. He made an exhibit of some of the hay and bits of the vine at the State Fair at Tampa this year, and is hoping to get farmers throout the State to try this wonderful plant. We do not know if he has plants to sell, but feel sure he would give any information in his power as to where a start could be obtained. Write C. E. Pleas, Chipley, if you are intested.

First M. E. Church, South.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "Entrance Into Rest," Text, Heb. 4:1, 11.

League, 3:30 p. m.

Preaching 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Naaman, The Syrian." Story of an afflicted soldier. 2 Kings 5:1-14 There will be a song service before preaching beginning 7:15 p. m.

You are cordially invited to all our services.

CHARLES W. WHITE, P. C.

The most dreadful and heartrending disaster of the month occurred last week at North Collinwood, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, on March 4, when the Collinwood public school house with its inmates was burned. Three hundred and twenty-five pupils were in the building at the time. Only eighty of them were rescued, the rest dying either from the crush of the frightened children or fire. Two of the teachers perished with the children. Just how the fire originated is not known.

"Let us laugh at trouble," sings a cheerful Western poet. The advice would be good but for the fact that so few kinds of troubles are funny.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

THE EDUCATIONAL NEWS OF OUR THRIVING CITY

Friday evening, March 20, there will be given in the High School Auditorium an open session of the Franklin and Minerva Literary Societies. The full program cannot yet be announced, but it will consist of a debate between representatives of the two societies, class papers, readings and music. From the interest that is being manifested, the debate promises to be an interesting feature of the evening. No charge was expected to be made for admission, but owing to the indebtedness of the Athletic Association it has been decided to charge a nominal fee of ten cents. As this is the first public entertainment of this kind given this year a large attendance is expected

Now that our Audtiorium has been seated we are going to appoint Monday morning as "Visitors Morning." All classes from the Fifth grade meet each morning for devotional exercises, but on Monday mornings the entire school will assemble in the auditorium, rolls of honor will be read, and patrons and friends will be requested at this time to assist in the exercises. These exercises begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Your presence will lend interest and encouragement to the boys and girls.

HONOR ROLL.

First Grade. Kate Espenlaub, Gussie Rushing, Mattie Langford, Minnie Johnson, Eva Ford, Ella Ralls, Nellie Holmer, Hazel Lamb, Susie Stonebraker, Elsie Hendry, Porter Smith, Edwin Parker, Clarence Higginbotham, Junior Pellam, Oswell Ralls, T. R. Bryan, Clarence Montgomery, Frank Morgan, Elbert Myer, Haywood Montgomery, Luby Smith, Henry Espenlaub.

Second Grade. Louise Lanier, Clara Blount, Sibbie Pellam, Curtis Williams, Edwin Holister, Wilbur Evans, John Johnson, James Connell.

Third Grade. Robert Hollingsworth, Arthur Fulford, Herbert Gamage, Emilie Grunholzer, Marjorie Clay, Mary Bailey, Solon Evans, Zula Waldron, Maud Worley, Rollo Greene, George Holmer, Lurene Carlton.

Fourth Grade. John Grunholzer, Lillie Dear, Kate Carlton, Percy Higginbotham, Bertie Gore, Bert Higginbotham, George Espenlaub.

Fifth Grade. Jim Hollingsworth, Otis Causey, Beatrice McClenithan, Lilian Wood, Tommie McCray, Radfield Edwards, Daniel Masters, Virgil Kellam, Aline Forrester, Leonora Woodruff, George Stonebraker.

Sixth Grade. Frank Stonebraker, Alma Robertson, John Hugh Kinsey.

Seventh Grade. Gladys Bryan, Lillian Simmons, Marie Martin, Lillian Martin, Tom Mitchell, Malcolm Smith, Mildred Morgan, Edna Powell, Cecil Causey, Clyde Carlton, Segunda Murseli, Robert Waldron, Hugh Waldron, Leewright Whidden, Jim Morqus.

Eighth Grade. Arthur Ford, Gertrude Martin, Carl Holmer.

Ninth Grade. Upshur Quinby, Kate Carlton.

Tenth Grade. Wilbur Carlton, Audrey Freeman, Edmund Quinby.

Eleventh Grade. Bernard Noble.

Best Grade in music was made by Zola Langford.

Ladies' Friday Musicale.

The Ladies' Friday Musicale met with Mrs. C. C. Chollar, Friday, March 6, 1908.

This being regular business day no program was given.

The next meeting of the Club will be with Mrs. C. Y. Crawford, Friday, March 13, 1908, at half-past three o'clock.

MRS. C. Y. CRAWFORD,
Secretary.