

JACKSONVILLE JOBBERS AND MANUFACTURERS HAVE ORGANIZED.

Will Endeavor to Counteract Efforts of Baltimore and Savannah Merchants to Secure Retail Trade from Florida and Contiguous Territory.

The Jobbers and Manufacturers' Association of Jacksonville is the title of an organization formed last week, having for its object the securing of new trade for Jacksonville products and retaining the patronage of retail dealers throughout the territory that is now covered by the manufacturing and jobbing establishments of this city. Another object, and the one that was the immediate cause of the meeting that resulted in the perfecting of the organization, is to counteract the attempt that is being made by Baltimore and Savannah manufacturers and jobbers to secure the patronage of the retailers in the territory that rightfully belongs to Jacksonville, or which the Jacksonville enterprises have secured in the past.

The meeting was called by Mr. R. V. Covington, president of the Covington Company, of Jacksonville, who called attention to the extraordinary activity of the business men of Baltimore and Savannah in invading the territory of the local jobber and manufacturer. He advocated the forming of an organization for the purpose of counteracting the influences which were being brought to bear in the way of free transportation, etc., and declared that the retailers should be educated to the advantages that Jacksonville offers. Mr. Covington declared that he believed that every individual in Florida feels proud of the State's metropolis and would rather trade here than elsewhere, provided they can be shown the advantages of Jacksonville over places outside the State and further away from their home cities and towns.

Col. W. M. Toomer made a stirring address that had much to do with bringing about the perfection of the organization. He held that the co-operation of the naval stores factors, lumber interests, bankers and transportation companies should be secured in this movement, as they can naturally wield a great influence with the retail trade of the State. He pointed out that Jacksonville is enjoying but a very small percentage of the traffic which moves from this state, but with the exercise of proper influence this condition could be remedied.

Representative Frank E. Chase, president of the Cable Piano Company, W. R. Carter, editor of the Metropolis, A. B. Vance and others also addressed the meeting and all were in favor of organizing and taking immediate steps to counteract the efforts being made by Baltimore and Savannah to secure the retail trade of Florida and other territory contiguous.

The result of the meeting was the organization of the Jobbers and Manufacturers' Association of Jacksonville, with Mr. R. V. Covington as president and H. H. Richardson as secretary.

President Covington announced that he would name a committee of five who would be charged with the duty of going among the jobbers and manufacturers of Jacksonville to urge co-operation in the movement. He also announced that a second meeting will be held Tuesday night, August 10, in the auditorium of the Jacksonville Board of Trade, when, it is hoped, every jobber and manufacturer in Jacksonville and vicinity will be present and will pledge their active co-operation.

WORK OF WOODPECKERS.

Damage to Telegraph and Telephone Poles. Creosoting Protects Them.

Considerable damage is being done to telephone, telegraph and electric light poles by members of the woodpecker family. These birds originally built their homes in the dead or dying trunks or limbs of trees, but for some reason best known to themselves, have come to the conclusion that the peeled pole offers better conditions for a home.

They have become so ravenous of late that their depredations are attracting considerable attention among those who are compelled to use quantities of wooden poles. Their activities spread over a wide portion of the United States, notably in the South, Southwest and Central West. Cedar poles seem to be the ones most frequently attacked. The birds bore into them at any height from the ground, and the holes which they make are often two or three inches in diameter and four or five inches deep. Such an amount of wood drilled from a stick of timber which is carrying a load of wires naturally weakens the strength of the line.

It would, of course, not be a difficult matter to exterminate these birds. However, this is not desirable, as they are among the most beneficial forms of bird life native to this country, because they destroy large numbers of insects which seriously damage forest and food crops. It seems, therefore, that methods should be undertaken to compel the birds to revert to their former habit of boring rather than to exterminate them.

Frequent inquiries have been made by the Forest Service in this connection, but the only information to date which the Government has been able to obtain is that on a casual inspection of treated and untreated pole lines in Louisiana. In that region it was found that poles which had been impregnated with creosote oil were not attacked by the birds, whereas untreated poles under the same conditions were very severely injured.

Whether or not creosote will prevent such attack is not definitely known, but the Service is investigating this problem, and should this oil prove a preventative, it will fulfill a two-fold purpose: It will protect the poles from decay and destruction from animal life. In Southern Indiana, some members of a traction company thought that they could prevent further destruction of their poles by filling the holes in the wood with stones. The birds, however, simply drilled around the stones and made the conditions much worse. This apparently does not seem to be a means of preventing their depredations.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY LEVY.

St. Augustine, Aug. 4.—The board of county commissioners yesterday made the annual tax levy for the county expenses for the ensuing year. The levy is divided as follows: For the state, 7½ mills; for county proper fund, 1 mill; fine and forfeiture fund, 2½ mills; hard surface roads, 2½ mills; school fund, 7 mills; road and bridge fund, 1½ mills; building fund, 1½ mills. The total valuation of all property in St. Johns county is estimated at an assessed valuation of \$3,456,446.

WOOD WASTE DECREASING.

Use is Made of By-Products of Many Manufacturing Plants.

The waste wood heap continues to diminish and pass away.

A Massachusetts manufacturer of brushes recently made a discovery in Maine which supplied him with material exactly suited to his purpose. He went to the Pine Tree State to buy wood for the backs of hair brushes and the handles of shaving brushes, and chanced to visit the yards of a spool maker who was using white birch. The spool man took the white part of the wood only, and was throwing away the red hearts. Thousands of cords had been burned or dumped in the lake to be rid of it.

The red hearts were exactly what the brush maker wanted, and at little more than the expense of freight he supplied his factory.

This is typical of the trend of manufacturing. Waste of wood is still great, but it is decreasing. What one factory cannot use, another turns to profit. Formerly mills threw away half the forest-tops left in the woods, sawdust dumped in streams to pollute them and destroy fish, slabs burned in perpetual bonfires, and defective logs and low grade lumber abandoned as not worth moving.

This policy does not generally prevail now. Some mills have put in machinery to work up their own by-products, others sell their waste to manufacturers who can use it, as in the case cited in Maine. The properties and uses of woods are now subjects of careful investigation, and the problem of turning to account the odds and ends and the by-products is brought more to the front now than formerly.

The United States Forest Service has taken up this study in a comprehensive and systematic way. Investigations of the woods of particular states are being conducted, usually in cooperation with the states concerned. The plan, when fully carried out, will include every commercial wood in the United States, not fewer than 200 species. The properties of each will be investigated, its hardness, toughness, elasticity, durability, weight, fuel value, size of tree, regions where grown, the common names by which it is known in different localities, and other matters of this kind. A history of the wood's uses in the past will be given, and an account of present uses, together with suggestions for a wider range of usefulness in the future by pointing out in what capacities it will serve best and be most valuable.

McLENDON SUSPENSION STANDS.

Georgia Legislature Sustains Governor Smith, by a Large Majority.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 5.—S. G. McLendon, chairman of the state railroad commission, who was removed by Former Governor Hoke Smith, stands suspended, the house late this afternoon adopting the resolution of suspension by a vote of 129 to 40. The senate had previously taken similar action.

While Gov. Smith removed McLendon for the latter's alleged favoritism to the railroads, a legislative investigation committee developed the fact that McLendon had been dealing in street railway bonds. This is declared to be in violation of the law.

McLendon, it is stated, will appeal to the courts in an effort to retain his position on the commission.

FLORIDA POSTMASTERS TO MEET.

The secretary of the League of Postmasters of the Third and Fourth-class of Florida, has sent out notice regarding the annual meeting to be held in Ocala, August 18 and 19, and is urging members to attend. These meetings are very helpful and interesting, and a large attendance is greatly to be desired. The official notice just received is as follows:

Notice to Postmasters.

Remember to attend the League meeting of Postmasters of Third and Fourth-class of Florida, to be held at Ocala, Fla., August 18 and 19, 1909.

The Montezuma hotel has offered reduced rates of \$1.50 per day.

MISS M. W. SARGENT,
State Secretary.

Avon Park, Fla.

Colonists for Florida.

The Ocala Star says that Mr. Robert Taylor, commercial agent for the Atlantic Coast Line railway, reports that there is a colony of nearly 200 farmers near Peoria, Ill., who desire to locate in Florida, who are in correspondence with the land department of that road. Such is the rate at which desirable settlers are coming to Florida to take up its vacant lands and till them, adding to its wealth and population. Inquiries almost invariably result in sales.

TO REMOVE HYACINTHS.

The government snag boat Capt. McGuire, in command of Capt. Bie, has gone to Buffalo Bluff and Palatka to remove hyacinths which have blocked the bridges at these points. The government yacht, Hillsboro, Capt. Mickler, did this work several days last week, and many favorable comments have been made by river men regarding the relief he gave them at these points.

Coming for Phosphate.

The British steamship Anglo-Australian, 2,581 tons, Capt. Lewis, will arrive at this port during the month for John G. McGiffin & Co., to load with phosphate from the Cummer elevator for the account of Louis R. Chazal, and miscellaneous freight for export. As shown by the tonnage, this is another large steamer for the port.

Damage from Floods.

Rome, Ga., Aug. 4.—Resulting from five days' continuous rain, thousands of dollars in damage was suffered in the section today. Six trestles and bridges were washed out on Silver creek. Railroad traffic was interfered with considerably. Late this afternoon, the big concrete dam of the Massachusetts cotton mills at Lindale, was dynamited in order to prevent possible inundation of the foundations of the mill.

Work has been started on the extension of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad south from Early Bird. The contract has been let to O. S. Lanier of Bartow, who has put a large force on the job, and will push the work rapidly. It is said that the road will be extended to Dade City. The first work will be to build it to Dunnellon which will be a big boost for the town.—Dunnellon Advocate.