

MORE EXTRACTS FROM GOVERNOR BROWARD'S MESSAGE.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Notwithstanding the improvements in the methods of tax assessments, the burden of direct taxation in general falls heaviest on those least able to bear it; and it seems to me to be important and just that this burden should be made as equal as possible under our system, and as a means to that and I recommend that a state board of equalization of assessments be created.

STATED TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGHER SCHOOLS OF LEARNING.

I therefore recommend that such a thorough and systematic reorganization of these schools be provided for as will accomplish, as nearly as possible under the existing conditions, the end outlined above, and that the funds out of which they will be supported be raised by a specific levy for that purpose, after a careful estimate of their respective needs, and that they be no longer dependent upon the general revenue fund for their support. It is the constant purpose of each state administration to reduce the levy for general revenue purposes to that point where the expenditures made and amount raised shall be equal; which condition of affairs, if attained, would leave no balance in the treasury for the maintenance of these higher institutions of learning.

COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD BE FOSTERED.

In my opinion the public schools should receive the greatest possible consideration at the hands of our educational boards and officers, as it is here that the majority of the boys and girls of our state receive, in the first six or seven years of their school life practically all their schooling. We should strive to give, then, to the country boy or girl, the most efficient and talented teachers that can be secured, and surround these comparatively few years of his or her school life with every opportunity for mental or moral growth. It is more essential that this efficiency be maintained in the country teachers than in the teacher in the city or town, as from the nature of the surroundings of the city teacher; the graded system of schools, the opportunity for observation and contact with other teachers in his or her grade of work; the teacher may improve his faults of scholarship and method. On the other hand, the country teacher, with no information as to methods employed, often without experience, and working in mixed grades, as is the case in most country schools, must rely on his own efficiency and training and ability to give to these country boys and girls all the possible benefit of their too few years of school life. The salary offered in most of the country schools is too small to permit fully capable and efficient teachers, however devoted to the work they may be, to accept these positions, if they can possibly secure others.

In my opinion, therefore, it should be the policy of our educational department and the legislature, to afford such state aid as may be appropriate for the maintenance of longer terms and the securing of more efficient teachers to those communities, where, because of sparsely settled districts and lack of funds, the schools are below the average, thus raising their standard and efficiency, rather than to require as a condition of such aid, that the school shall already have reached such a standing as not to need it.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED.

It is estimated that "a person with this disease coughs up and expectorates in twenty-four hours about two hundred million tubercular germs." Some conception of the size of these germs may be had when we realize that "one hundred million of these germs may be contained in a teaspoonful of milk and be drunk as milk."

Therefore, as our state, with our salubrious climate, has become a resort for people from all parts of the country, who are affected with these pulmonary diseases, we should take especial care that while welcoming these sufferers to the benefits of our climate, we should at the same time

take every precaution within our means and which medical science advises, to prevent the spread of this disease amongst our own people.

A subject that is receiving attention from the health authorities of other states is the proper sanitation of barber shops, and the utensils and instruments used in them, and I believe this to be an important matter that should receive attention.

GOVERNOR BROWARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Tax on franchises. State board of equalization of assessments.

Legislation to require strict legal application of all county funds and rigid accounting by county officers. Strictest economy in appropriations. Additional clerk for state auditor.

Uniform system of records and accounts for all the counties.

Definite and co-ordinate scheme of instruction for state colleges.

Reorganization of college system under closer state supervision.

Better teachers for rural schools.

Longer school terms for country districts.

Uniform system of public education.

More frequent reports of school work.

Uniform system of text books for state.

Liberal aid to school for blind, deaf and dumb.

Generous support of hospital for insane.

Building up and reorganization of the state reform school.

Regulation of county convict system.

Amendment to law making pensions payable by counties.

Aid for Confederate home.

Strengthening powers of state board of health and railroad commission.

Amendments to primary election law: (a) Making calling of primary mandatory upon committee. (b) Penalty for miscounting of votes. (c) Penalty for bribery in primaries. (d) Expenses to be paid by counties. (e) Accounting by candidates for primary expenses.

Better salaries for supreme and circuit judges.

Life insurance business conducted by state.

Adoption of United States standard of pure foods, drugs and chemicals.

Enactment of pure food law.

Enactment of pure stock food law.

Strengthening powers of game wardens.

Protection of fish and oyster beds.

Stringent law against cruelty to animals.

GAITERVILLE

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner:

Everything is just lovely in our section. Farmers are going about their work as though happiness were the ruling planet that guides them on.

Melons are growing nicely though mostly late owing to failure in first planting.

Mrs. A. L. Ross had the misfortune to fall and break an arm last Wednesday. Drs. Baskin and Griffith, of Dunnellon, were called in and set the broken limb at once. We are glad to say that Mrs. Ross is improving rapidly and is able to be about.

Mr. G. O. Turner and son, Freddie, were visiting the brick city last week.

Mr. Parker, jr., of Leroy, was in Gaiterville Monday acting as mail carrier during the absence of Mr. Collier. However Mr. Collier was at his post of duty Tuesday.

Uncle Joe certainly was reminded of All Fool's Day Monday. Somebody was awful clever to send him the package they did. Wonder why they tried so hard to disguise their handwriting? They are smiling now, I guess. Look out, it will be my time to smile some day. Then you will remember, "The result of a strike."

UNCLE JOE.

Gaiterville school closed March 24, when the following program was rendered:

Song, "O Come, Come Away," by school.

Recitation, "A Welcome Address,"

Abner Braun.

Vacation Acrostic, by the little ones.

Recitation, "Packing the Knowledge Box," by Kenneth Redding.

Dialogue, "The Little Army," by six children.

Recitation, "The Four W's," by Elmer Turner.

Recitation, "A Six Year Old," by Annie Morrison.

Recitation, "A School Greeting," by Mary Morrison.

Song, "The School Bell," by school.

Recitation, "My First Letter," by Bessie Ross.

Dialogue, "The Doctor's Visit," by three children.

Recitation, "A Speech for a Little Boy," by Ivey Thompson.

Recitation, "Summer's Vacation," by Cecil Stokes.

Dialogue, "The Report of the Little Ones," by the little ones.

Recitation, "Mattie's Wants and Wishes," by Ethel Boring.

Song, "Oh! Beautiful School Days," by the school.

Recitation, "When I Am Big," by Holder Stokes.

Recitation, "Whistling in Heaven," by Inez Ross.

Recitation, "The Barefoot Boy," by Roy Ross.

Dialogue, "Our Work," five girls.

Recitation, "The Moon and the Child," by Abbie Stokes.

Recitation, "Compensation" by Elmer Turner.

Dialogue, "The Picnic," by the school.

Flag drill, by twelve children.

Recitation, "Nobody's Child," by Ethel Turner.

Composition: "Home," by Inez Ross.

Recitation: "Good Night," by Ida Thompson.

Valedictory—Mabel Turner.

Song: "Good Night," by the school.

GRINER FARM

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

As "Lone Star," our correspondent to the Banner, has been silent for two weeks, I hope I am not intruding by sending in this small article.

Our farmers are all very busy working crops which were badly needing Wednesday's rain.

Sunday school and preaching services were largely attended Sunday evening. Rev. Ogle of Ocala delivered a very interesting sermon. His text was taken from Colossians 3-11, "Jesus is All in All."

Mr. H. J. Scarborough conducted prayer meeting Thursday night which was largely attended. All present seemed to enjoy themselves and assisted in singing, while Miss Willie Murphy acted as organist. Many present read some interesting pieces all of which contained good advice. Mr. W. P. Chalker will lead next Thursday night. We are very proud of our Sunday school and prayer meeting, as they are so much help to our community.

Mr. Lee Neil and Jim Hilman, of Anthony, attended church here Sunday.

Misses Nann'e and Agnes Luffman gave Miss Bertha Chalker, a short call Sunday evening.

Miss Lizzie Johnson spent last Wednesday evening with Mrs. Laura Fore.

Mr. Vincent Chalker was in Anthony Sunday.

Many of our young men went over to Oak Saturday night and assisted in serenading Mr. Pat Parish and his fair bride, to whom he was married last week.

Mr. Frank Williamson happened to a sad accident at Seymour's mill last Tuesday morning. He was climbing a ladder to destroy fire from the mill shed when the ladder slipped and threw him on his left arm, breaking it.

STAR QUEEN.

BELLEVIEW

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner:

After living for 21 years at Ocklawaha and enjoying the fishing and beauties of Lake Weir, Mr. N. A. Freeman has sold his property there and will make his home in the future in Belleview with his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Freeman.

Mr. Julian Bixby left Wednesday

for Ocala, where he is stopping at the Ocala House.

Mrs. Thos. A. Mitchell and daughter returned Thursday from a visit at Oxford.

Miss Adele Bixby and friend, Miss Florence Schaffner, left Thursday for their home in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kelly, left Friday for their home in New York, taking the Silver Springs trip to Patoka, from there to St. Augustine.

Mr. C. A. Teemere is entertaining his sister, Mrs. Chas. Whitfield, of Springfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dunning left Friday for their home in Bethel, Conn.

Cecil Bryant left Sunday to return to his studies at college at Lake City.

The W. C. T. U. held a reception at the parsonage Friday evening to honorary members, each of whom was privileged to bring one other member.

The monthly meeting of the Belleview Library Association was held Monday evening at the residence of Mr. W. C. Doolittle.

Mr. Alfred Willis returned Tuesday from a trip to Tampa.

The monthly council meeting was held Tuesday night at the town hall.

Dr. Alfred Abshire is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Alvan Lucias.

JOSH.

GOVERNOR BROWARD.

Editor Claude L'Engle, of the Jacksonville Sun, pays the following tribute to Napoleon B. Broward, governor of Florida:

"To those people who have been pleased to think of Napoleon B. Broward only as a partisan in accord with them, the tone of the message which the governor sent to the legislature Tuesday was a surprise and a disappointment.

"To those who have more carefully studied the man and have been able to take his full measure as a man of courage, of honesty and of broad mind, the message was just what was expected, and was pleasing.

"The message of Governor Broward will not, in literary merit, rank with the finished papers of the scholarly Bloxham or the learned Fleming, but for well-considered substance, thoughtful analysis and clear, concise expression it ranks with the best of all his predecessors in this high office.

"There is no attempt to use language to conceal his thoughts. He gives his views on public questions with the same positiveness that characterized his pre-election statements, oral and written, and however the views of other students of public affairs may differ from his own, there is no doubt about what he thinks and no doubt that he has thought long, earnestly, honestly and patriotically about the needs of Florida and the people who live in it.

"He evades nothing, he dodges nothing, he raises no clouds, he resorts to none of the tricks so often used by public men to leave open a door of escape in case his views should not be popular, he presents conditions as they are, produces figures from state records to prove the correctness of his presentation, then he says: "I recommend," when offering what he conceives to be the remedy for them or the means to improve them."

NEGRO KILLED ON HIS DOORSTEP

Other Negroes Who Were Moonshiners Suspected of the Murder.

Columbus, Ga., April 5.—Shot to death on his doorstep because he was suspected of a deed which he was not guilty, was the fate of a Harris county negro.

On Saturday Deputy Collector E. J. Hinton and Deputy Marshal W. E. Roberts, made a raid in the Harris county mountains, just 3 miles north of Hamilton, discovering a still which was being run by four negroes. Three of the negroes escaped, but the fourth, Alford Borders, aged about 45 years, was lightly crippled and could not get away. He has since been brought to the city and was bound over by Commissioner Brown on the charge of illicit distilling. A white citizen, of Harris county, made his bond.

The theory is that the negro who met such a tragic death Saturday night was suspected by the negro moonshiners of being the informer in the case. He was sitting in his door, picking the strings of his banjo, when he was unexpectedly shot by the unknown parties. He was shot three times and was killed instantly, it is understood.

ORANGE TREES WHITE

WITH SNOW IN CALIFORNIA.

This is a spectacle now presented by the California orange trees. An associated press dispatch under date of April 5, says:

"One of the heaviest storms of snow and hail in the history of the state swept over the orange belt Sunday from Los Angeles on the west to the mountains east of Riverside and San Bernardino. In and about San Bernardino snow fell for nearly two hours, covering the streets and giving the orange groves an icy covering which it is feared caused considerable damage.

"At Pomona snow fell and drifted in such a quantity that it was possible to make a snow man—the first ever seen in the city. Children, hundreds of whom had never seen snow except on the tops of the distant mountain's revealed in it, and no pedestrian was immune from bombardment with snowballs while the snow lasted.

Texan Finds Pot of Gold.

Ft. Worth, Tex., April 5.—A special to The Record from Mt. Pleasant, Tex., says that T. A. Ledbetter has dug up a pot containing nearly \$2,000 in gold coin, 20 miles north of here. The coin is all United States money except one or two pieces which were either Spanish or Mexican coin. Years ago an old Indian stated that some kind of a treasure had been buried near where Ledbetter made his find, and parties made a search for it at that time, but were unable to find anything and gave up the search. Several trees near the place had Indian marks on them. The money is in a good state of preservation.

Temperance Crusaders Go to Jail.

Yehida, Tenn., April 5.—Carrie Nation, Myra McChesney, Lydia Munt and Lucy Wilcox, temperance crusaders, who are awaiting trial for wrecking the glass front of a wholesale liquor house some time ago, voluntarily went to jail today in order to release a thousand dollar furnished by Mrs. Nation. Mrs. Nation wanted the money to loan.

Alabama Commissioners in Session.

Montgomery, Ala., April 5.—At a meeting of the Alabama railroad commission President Comer created a sensation when he declared that at the time the rates were raised by the railroads in Alabama, the Alabama commissioners were out west in a private car, under the supervision of George W. Jones, of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The Alabama railroad commission has put in the whole day on the question of reducing the rates of fertilizers to a basis some thing like that of Georgia, save that it stopped long enough to issue an order that work on the new union depot at Mobile be actually commenced within forty days.

Prince Undergoes Proposition.

London, April 5.—The prince of Wales underwent an operation at Marlborough house, the nature of which was not divulged in the official statements subsequently issued. The public was assured that nothing serious was the matter by Sir Francis H. Laking and Sir Frederick Treves, court physicians, whose signatures are appended to the statement, as follows: "Owing to a slight operation this morning, the prince of Wales will be confined to his room for a few days. As his condition gives rise to no uneasiness, no bulletins will be issued."

Officers Named by Caucus.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 5.—At the caucus of the legislature Hon. Park Trammell, of Polk county, was unanimously nominated for president of the state senate. Hon. T. T. West, the opponent of Mr. Trammell, withdrew from the race when he found he could not win. Hon. Albert W. Gilchrist, of De Soto county, was unanimously nominated for speaker of the lower house. Watson and Pirrong, withdrew from the race this afternoon after a caucus of the Gilchrist people showed the latter to be the winner. The legislature meets tomorrow.

Fear of Trial Causes Death.

Lockhart, Tex., April 5.—S. M. Dixon, a prominent politician and lawyer died of apoplexy induced by nervous collapse. His trial on the charge of murdering R. W. Malone and Captain J. L. Veaseat, at Luling, in a street fight a year ago, was set for trial today. On the docket were two suits for \$50,000 each, filed by the widows of the dead men, growing out of the killing.

Injunction Against Cotton Company.

Liverpool, April 5.—A number of creditors of the Storey Cotton company from paying out any money of an injunction in the chancery court restraining the national and provincial bank and the American Express company from paying out any money of the cotton company, which they have in their hands.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Ocala, Fla., April 3, 1905.

The board of public instruction for and for Marion county, Florida, met this the 3rd day of April, 1905, in regular session, with G. S. Scott, chairman, B. R. Blitch and J. S. Grantham present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A petition signed by the citizens and tax payers of the Anthony school district, was presented to the board, asking that an election be called for the purpose of creating a special tax school district. The petition being properly signed by one-fourth of the tax payers, as required by law, and advertised for four consecutive weeks, it was ordered that an election be called to be held at Anthony on Saturday, April 29, 1905, for the purpose of creating a special tax school district, and to elect three trustees and to fix the millage to be levied for special school purposes. The following persons were appointed managers of said election: J. D. Bassett, G. M. Brown and W. B. Milligan.

A petition signed by six citizens of the Ebenezer school district was before the board, asking for an election to create a special school district in certain described territory, including the Ebenezer school. The petition and signatures were all in one hand-writing, and one of the signers being present denied having signed the petition or having any knowledge of it. Other parties also stated that every person whose name was on the petition had denied signing it. The board therefore declared the petition illegal and not worthy of consideration.

A petition was presented to the board asking the board to unite the Flemington, Ebenezer and Oak Hill schools in the most central place. The parties presenting the petition thought that the signers intended it to be a call for an election to create a special tax school district, and to unite the schools, but as the petition was not in proper shape for a special school district it was referred back to the petitioners to be gotten up according to law. Mr. W. H. Anderson, supervisor of the Ebenezer school, was present and stated that he thought there would be strong objections on the part of the Ebenezer patrons to the uniting of the schools.

The secretary brought before the board the fact that the trustees of the Blitchton school had selected E. H. Martin to finish the unexpired term of one month and three weeks, and that the trustees desired to know if the board was still willing to run the normal school, which was planned for in the early part of the season.

The secretary was instructed to notify the trustees that in view of the fact that it would now be so late before the normal could begin, and that most of the regular teachers have made other arrangements for the summer, the board fears that a normal now would result in a failure, and that it is the opinion of the board that it will be best to abandon the hope of a normal for this year.

The election returns of an election held at the Pedro school on March 11, 1905, was canvassed and the following result declared: That every vote cast was cast in favor of a special tax school district and for a three mill levy. That a majority of the votes were cast for M. M. Proctor, P. B. Perry and R. E. Perry for trustees. Therefore, the board declares the district created, a three mill levy to be made, and M. M. Proctor, P. B. Perry and R. E. Perry elected trustees.

The treasurer reported that in the rush of business the collector had not been able to turn over the funds, and asked that he be given until the last of the week to complete his report. The same was granted.

Upon recommendation J. Y. McKlincy was appointed a trustee of the Candler school, to fill the unexpired term of J. T. Galloway, who has moved North.

D. A. Clark was appointed trustee of Martel school to fill the unexpired term of J. T. Kemp, who has moved from the district, and Josiah Seckinger was re-appointed trustee of Martel, he having resigned some time ago, and no one appointed to fill his place.

NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

Bishop Favier, of the Lazarist mission, died in Peking today. He had resided in China for 40 years.

The report that the pope has sanctioned the marriage of the King of Spain with Princess Patricia, of Connaught is unfounded.

Six hundred union painters and paper hangers struck in Cleveland, O. today because their employers refused to advance their wages.

Dr. Richard Neizel, professor of philology at the Vienna university has committed suicide there by shooting himself. The professor's action is attributed to ill health.

A special from Sheffield, Ala., says the Sheffield rolling mills have broken all records in the United States, and making 85,900 pounds of iron from two coal furnaces.

A general strike of Union carriers and wagon builders against members of the Carriage and Wagon Manufacturers' association, of Chicago, is on. More than 100 plants are affected.

The president's yacht Syed is proceeding up St. Johns river and reported to be in the vicinity of Palatka, Fla. The weather is ideal.

Roosevelt and children are delighted with the trip.

Municipal elections are being held in many towns throughout Wisconsin today. In addition a justice of the state supreme court and a state superintendent of schools are being elected.

Frank B. Bell, a prominent citizen of Dallas, Tex., and a member of the Pythian order, was shot and fatally wounded by Robert Paul, chief clerk of the district court.