

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

Regular Monthly Meeting—Mr. Ayer Wants These "Serious Irregularities" Investigated.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners was held Monday and Tuesday. All members were present.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and their adoption, the board took up the matter of the proposed public road running east from Kendrick to the "wire road." Messrs. W. V. Chappell and J. B. and Bradford Webb made statements regarding the matter, after which upon motion it was laid over until next meeting for final action.

Hon. Ed. L. Wartmann appeared before the board and explained his position on certain matters which had come before the recent session of the legislature and his reasons for the stand he had taken in their disposition.

Miss Jessie Owens, who is ever ready to lend a hand to the needy, came before the board and reported two cases of extreme poverty near Sparr, and upon motion one was allowed \$2 and the other \$3, and Commissioner Turner appointed a committee to investigate their cases and report to the July meeting of the board.

Chairman Long's report on the condition of the county poor farm was read and adopted.

Commissioner Fort, who had been appointed to investigate and report upon the inmate of the poor farm who is receiving a pension, made his report, and the arrangements he made in the matter were approved.

Accounts of Justice E. S. Smith in the case of the State vs. Sam Evans, for using profane language, were objected to, and the matter was referred to Attorney Hocker, to be reported at the next meeting.

Mr. Wadkins, of Dunnellon, appeared before the board and asked a rebate upon a tax certificate which had been issued erroneously. The clerk was instructed to take up the matter with the comptroller and report at next regular meeting.

Tax Assessor Ayer appeared before the board and asked to be heard on the subject of the grand jury's recent findings of "serious irregularities" in his books. He stated that it appeared that the jury's report on the matter was a little premature as the tax collector had not yet made his report on the errors, etc., in the books. He asked that his books be compared with that of his predecessor, or for that matter, with the books of any assessor in the state. He stated that although he had restored some \$200,000 worth of property to the books, made plats of the county by sections, etc., he did not ask at the hands of the board a gold pen or anything else except a thorough investigation of his books. The committee appointed at the last meeting had no report to make on the matter, stating that they thought the board as a whole should examine the books.

Chairman Long was authorized to act in the matter of removing the old bridge across the Withlacoochee river at Dunnellon.

After the auditing of routine bills the board adjourned.

Acute Rheumatism.

Deep, tearing or wrenching pains, occasioned by getting wet through; worse when at rest, or on first moving the limbs and in cold or damp weather, is cured quickly by Balford's Snow Liniment, Oscar O. Olson, Gibson, City, Ill., writes, Feb. 16th, 1902: "A year ago I was troubled with a pain in my back. It soon got so bad I could not bend over. One bottle of Balford's Snow Liniment cured me." All druggists, m.

A Vote of Thanks.

The volunteer fire department wish to express their thanks to the ladies and merchants for their kind assistance rendered them on last Tuesday night. The rumor that was circulated that Chief Brigance wished a portion of the funds used to purchase a chemical engine is entirely without foundation. I would like to state that the two departments are one and the same and there is no ill feeling between the two.

Respectfully,

H. A. Daniel, Sec and Treas.
Volunteer Fire Department.

The ladies who were instrumental in getting up the entertainment for the benefit of the volunteer fire department wish to convey their thanks to the merchants, housekeepers and all those who contributed to and assisted in the entertainment.

KING RECEIVES AMBASSADOR.

Whitehead Reid Is Presented to Ruler of Great Britain.

London, June 6.—Whitehead Reid, the new American ambassador, had an audience with King Edward at Buckingham Palace at noon today and presented his credentials.

Three royal carriages were sent to the ambassador's house to convey the ambassador and the members of the embassy to the palace. The first was occupied by Mr. Reid and Colonel Douglass Dawson, the king's master of ceremonies. Secretary Carter, Captain Stockton, the naval attaché; Major Beaumont, the military attaché; second Secretary Craig Wadsworth and third Secretary Einstein occupied their carriages. At the palace Mr. Reid was received by the great officers of state. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne drove up to the palace about the same time as the ambassador, whom he introduced to the king. The latter wore a field marshal's uniform and was surrounded by his suite. Majesty's reception of the ambassador was most cordial.

While the ambassador was presenting the king with his credentials Queen Alexandra was receiving Mrs. Reid and Miss Reid. Her majesty showed them the interesting objects in the palace.

Secretary Hay paid a formal visit to the American embassy this morning.

SUNDAY PICNIC ENDS FATALLY.

Two Men Killed and Several More Seriously Wounded.

Lexington, Ky., June 6.—A special telegram from Lee City, Wolfe county, brings news that in a fight at a Sunday picnic near that town two men were killed, two mortally wounded and three less seriously shot.

The fight took place near a "blind tiger" saloon, conducted by a negro named Grant Reed. There had been bad blood between Andrew Wilson and Harlan Dicks, a merchant, for some time. They met at the picnic and a clash between the principals was followed by a general battle. Freeman and Gibbard were almost instantly killed. Neither Wilson nor Dicks can live.

Henry Freeman gained notoriety recently when he swore out warrants charging James Hargis, county judge, and Ed Callahan, sheriff of Breathitt county, ex-Senator Alex Hargis and Elbert Hargis, of Jackson, with the murder of James Cockrill.

Full details of the battle had not been received when the telegraph office at Lee City closed.

NEGRO SWUNG TO TREE BY MOB

Victim Attempted to Enter Room of Widow.

Louisville, Miss., June 6.—Eddie Bostic, a negro, has been hanged in the woods near this town by a band of 40 masked and armed men. The negro, in the custody of a number of officers, was being taken to Jackson, where the lynchers appeared and demanded the prisoner. Bostic was turned over to the band and was promptly hanged to the limb of a tree, death resulting speedily from strangulation.

Bostic was charged with having attempted to enter the room of Mrs. Sarah Gordon, a widow, early Saturday morning. The negro made two attempts to gain admission to the house, but was finally driven off.

He was arrested shortly afterwards and was being taken to Jackson for safe-keeping when the lynching occurred.

Georgia Legislature to Meet.

Atlanta, June 6.—Much interest is manifested in the approaching session of the legislature, which convenes on Wednesday, June 28, just three weeks from Wednesday of this week. The nearness of the session is beginning to enliven things somewhat around the capitol. Most of the officials have already prepared their annual reports and submitted them to the governor. These reports have been printed and will be ready for distribution among the members upon their arrival. Governor Terrell has already begun the preparation of his annual message, which document, it is said, will be brief this year, though it is expected a number of important recommendations will be made.

One Death from Yellow Fever.

Washington, June 5.—The war department today received a cablegram from Governor Magoon, of the isthmian canal, stating that Edward Gregg, an American, died on the isthmus of malarial fever on May 28. He also reports two new cases of yellow fever on the 28th. William O'Brien, an American, at Colon, 60 years of age, and L. Mannion, an American machinist, 32 years of age, at Cristobal. Colonel Gorgas says all cases previously reported are convalescing.

Fire At Knoxville, Tenn.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 6.—The ill-fated block of the retail district which has suffered a loss of \$2,000,000 by fire in the past eight years was the scene of a fire Sunday, which broke out in the dry goods, notions and millinery house of M. B. Arnstein & Co., 412-414 Gay street. Within less than an hour, this four story building was entirely gutted, and only by the hard efforts of the entire fire department were the flames confined to that structure.

ALFONSO WELCOMED BY ENGLAND'S KING

ROYAL VISITOR IS ACCORDED A HEARTY RECEPTION.

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BIG WARSHIPS FIRE SALUTE

Spain's King Will Spend Several Days Visiting the Isles of Great Britain. He Inspected Guard of Honor in a Drenching Rain.

London, June 5.—4:33 p.m.—The King of Spain arrived in London this afternoon. He was welcomed at the railroad station by King Edward.

Their majesties arrived at Buckingham Palace at 4:58 p.m.

The Royal visitor was accorded the heartiest reception the whole length of the route. No untoward incident marked the event.

Portsmouth, Eng., June 6.—The king of Spain arrived here this afternoon



KING ALFONSO.

from Cherbourg on board the British Royal yacht Victor and Albert. The yacht was accompanied across the channel by a strong escort of British cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers.

The royal visitor was welcomed at the British naval headquarters by an imposing array of warships, a score of which fired a royal salute as the Victoria and Albert passed through their lines.

The young king, who wore the uniform of a British general, with ribbon of the Order of the Garter, stood on deck evidently keenly enjoying the spectacle, despite the fact that it was pouring rain.

The Prince of Wales, representing King Edward, awaited the yacht at the quayside and immediately after the gang-plank was run up he went aboard the Victoria and Albert and warmly welcomed the Spanish ruler.

Their respective suites were then introduced, and subsequently the mayor and corporation of the Portsmouth presented King Alfonso with an address of welcome.

King Alfonso who was the first King of Spain who has ever landed in England disembarked at 2:30 p.m. Accompanied by the Prince of Wales his majesty inspected the guard of honor in a drenching rain and subsequently took a train for London amidst the firing of another royal salute.

The most extraordinary police precautions were taken within the precincts of the dock yard. Not one of the general public was allowed in and beyond the officials and a few newspaper correspondents, none of whom was permitted to go near the king, there were no spectators of the king's debarkation.

Desperate Negroes Escape from Pen.

Nashville, Tenn., June 6.—Thrasher Mead and Irwin Tolley, two of the most desperate negro prisoners in the Tennessee penitentiary, made their escape last night. Thrasher was sent up in 1899 from the eastern district of Mississippi for postoffice robbery and sentenced to two years. Tolley was serving a term of five years for counterfeiting, having been convicted in the west division of Tennessee.

Race War in South Carolina.

Augusta, Ga., June 6.—Reports have reached here that a race riot has occurred at Turner, S. C., in which it is said a white man named McLean was killed, his son wounded and three negroes killed. But meager information has been received here, and the cause of the trouble is not obtainable yet.

Apache Reaches the Goal.

London, June 6.—The bark rigged yacht Apache, owned by Edmund Randolph, of the New York club, and the last contestant in the kaiser cup transatlantic race, was sighted 15 miles west of the Lizard at 9:20 this morning. The American yacht Apache finished at 10:30 this morning.

Boilermakers Meet in Chicago.

Chicago, June 6.—Master boilermakers from all parts of the world met here today at the opening of the fourth annual convention of the steam boiler makers' society. The convention will continue Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The principal question to be discussed at this adoption of uniform rules as to the working of pressure in steam boilers.

ARBITRATION NOW

ORDER OF THE DAY

ON OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS DEPEND SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE.

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NON-UNION DRIVER "SLUGGED."

If Arbitration Negotiations Bear No Fruit for Peace There Will Be 10,000 More Teamsters Called Out and More Men Forced into Idleness.

Chicago, June 6.—Developments of the utmost significance in the teamsters' strike hinge on the outcome of arbitration negotiations between the owners and the teamsters with in the next few days. Both sides are in an aggressive mood, and failure to reach an agreement, it is predicted, will force a walk out of 10,000 more teamsters and bring idleness to thousands of workmen in other craft. If the members of the Chicago Team Owners association force the issue with their drivers similar action on the part of other teaming organizations, it is said, is practically certain.

If the teamsters agree to arbitrate the question of the right of the team owners to make deliveries to strike bound houses the decision, it is conceded will be in favor of the team owners, whose contract with the drivers provides that at all times they shall further the interests of their employers. With the team owners' making deliveries to all the concerns involved in the struggle, the strike, it is asserted would lose its force at once.

The truck drivers' union with which the team owners have a contract, will meet tomorrow night and vote on the arbitration question. The commission team owners' association which has taken action similar to that of the team owners' association, has confined the arbitration to the fight of its members to take produce from the express cars and deliver it to the various markets, the commission wagon drivers' union will vote on the arbitration question tomorrow night.

Nonunion men are still harassed by slingers.

Albert Johnson, believed to be a non union teamster, was severely beaten today at Fourteenth and Ashland avenue. When found by the police he was insensible and bleeding from a wound in the head. He was taken to a hospital where it was found that several of his ribs were broken. He will probably die.

Charles Dold, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor has resigned from the teamsters' strike committee. He asserts that his action was due to the fact that for several weeks he has neglected the affairs of the Piano and Organ Union of which he is an official.

Mayor Dunne has replied to criticisms of himself contained in a report of the grand jury. In a formal statement the mayor asserts that the report is grossly unfair and unjust.

Denial is made to the charge that the mayor failed to exert full authority. He says:

"If the grand jury means that I have failed to call in the militia I answer that until I fail to get wagons through the streets and maintain law and order in the streets, I have no legal or moral right to call for the assistance of the militia. I do not intend, until it becomes necessary, to deal Chicago and its business interests that harmful blow. The animus behind the whole affair is apparent. Several weeks ago the interests in this city demanded that I call in the militia. A situation under the law warranting such a call did not then and has not since existed. I refuse to do so, and I will refuse until it appears that such a step is necessary."

Immediately after his refusal to call for the militia the mayor asserted he was attacked in the "most virulent manner."

Continuing, he says:

"During the whole of the strike I have decided and acted on all questions arising during the controversy as if I were still sitting on the bench giving to each side what was its legal right, no more and no less, and my action in this regard I submit to the candid and impartial consideration of my fellow citizens having at heart the interests of the whole people, without being swerved from my course by the clamor from either side."

Speaker Cannon To Visit Alaska.

Portland, Ore., June 5.—Speaker Cannon, of the house of representatives and a large party of congressmen and their families have left this city for Seattle from which the party will go to Southern Alaska, for a short visit. The following are in the party: Speaker Joseph G. Cannon; Senator Hemenway, son and daughter; J. A. Tawney, wife and daughter; C. A. Bartlett and wife; H. B. Beldier; J. McAndrews, W. F. Busbee and wife; Henry Casson and wife and Alexander McDonald.

Girl of 10 Commits Suicide.

Bay City, Mich., June 6.—Mary Catherine Dolson, 10 years old, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. The girl's school teacher had discovered her writing a note to a boy schoolmate. Knowing that a report had been sent to her mother, the child bought the poison on the way home.

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