

OUR COUNTY SOLONS.

No Hard Road to Dunnellon at Present—Other Hard Road Building Discontinued Temporarily.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session Monday, with full membership present.

Minutes of last meeting after being amended were adopted.

Justice Boring, of the Fort McCoy district, appeared before the board and explained his position in the matter of the trial of Tom Chandler. He also presented affidavits from A. M. Davis and Louis J. Hall stating that they were present at the trial of the said Chandler, and that the testimony given was conclusive that he (Chandler) did have a concealed weapon at the time charged.

Mr. Stokes appeared before the board and stated that the ferryman at Stokes ferry had left same and asked that Royal Layton be appointed ferryman and also that he be allowed pay for services in August. Granted.

On motion Commissioner Long was authorized to act in the matter of having a new flat built for Stokes ferry.

Citizens of the Fellowship neighborhood appeared before the board and complained that Mrs. S. E. Hawkins, an aged woman living there was not being properly cared for though she had made provisions for her maintenance by the transfer of certain property. They asked that the board assist her. The matter was referred to Commissioner Long with power to act in the matter as the case demanded.

Robert H. Sanders, of Dunnellon, appeared before the board and asked that four miles of hard road from Dunnellon to Juliette be constructed. On motion it was decided that on account of a lack of funds said road could not be built at present, and therefore the request was refused.

Bellevue presented a claim for its portion of the road taxes for the years 1902 to 1904 amounting to \$174.44, which was ordered paid and the clerk instructed to draw warrant for that amount.

On motion of Commissioner Fort incorporated towns are requested to present their road accounts for settlement each year in the future.

Tax collector filed his report of errors, doubles, insolvencies, etc., for the 1904 assessment roll in full settlement of his accounts with the board, which were accepted.

Commissioner Long made his monthly report upon the condition of the poor farm, which was accepted. He showed a gross expenditure for August of \$121.15; with a credit of \$37.17 from products; leaving a net expenditure for the month of \$83.98. There are at present seven colored and five white inmates.

The deed from Jake Brown as trustee was accepted. This deed was for the lot west of the armory which was several years ago deeded to Jake Brown as trustee for the purpose of erecting an opera house thereon, same to revert to the county in case said building was not constructed.

R. B. Bullock appeared before the board and asked that the bondsmen of Tom Evans be released, and that the sheriff be credited with the amount of the bond in that case, it having been decided that the case was beyond the jurisdiction of the trial justice who heard same. Granted.

TUESDAY.

Sheriff Gordon appeared before the board by request and discussed the contract between the commissioners and himself in regard to the feeding of the county prisoners. By the action of the board recently in leasing the county convicts the sheriff claimed this contract was not being carried out, and that in consequence he would lose from \$400 to \$500. He agreed, however, that if the commissioners would pay him \$250 he would release them from all liability. Of this amount the B. W. Blount company agreed to pay \$100, and the commissioners the balance, viz: \$150.

Henry Hall was appointed inspector of marks and brands for Martin-

district.

The bill of the Ocala Star for publishing the list of lands upon which the tax rate had been reduced was laid over until next meeting.

The bridge at Bloody Point on the Ocklawaha river was reported in bad condition and was referred to Commissioner Turner.

Reduction of taxes on the nw qr of nw qr, s. 1, t. 15, r. 20, from \$200 to \$100, was laid over until next meeting.

W. M. Lucius, road overseer, reported his word for August as follows: Built 1100 yards new road, including two large fills. Expense, \$698.13.

Commissioner Long offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Whereas, It will require a large expenditure of money to repair and put in good condition the public roads, bridges and causeways of the county, caused by excessive rains, and,

Whereas, The time has come when a system should be adopted to keep a few men with carts on our paved roads to repair breaks and holes before they get in bad condition, thereby curtailing the expenditure of large sums of money, and

Whereas, It is reasonable and right that persons receiving a direct benefit from paved or improved roads should pay more for their construction than persons who receive only an indirect benefit, and

Whereas, Nine-tenths of the damage to our paved roads has been done by heavily loaded wagons with narrow tires, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the extension of paved roads be discontinued until January 1, 1907, except in cases where those who are interested will raise and pay half the cost thereof by donations, bequest, or by and through the provisions of "special tax road districts," the work to be done under the supervision of the county commissioners.

2. That as soon as the Silver Springs road and other paved roads that have been ruined by heavily loaded wagons have been put in good condition such surplus mules and wagons belonging to the county that are not necessary to operate a systematic repair of paved roads will be sold and the proceeds applied to the indebtedness of the county.

3. That any violations of the law regulating the width of tires of certain kinds of vehicles, which becomes operative October 15, 1905, will be rigidly prosecuted as therein provided.

Doings in Florida Phosphates

The year of 1904 was termed the "banner year" in the phosphate shipments from Florida. By some it was said that the figures of that year would never be reached again, and yet the statistics for the first six months of this year shows an increase of nearly 64,000 tons over the same period last year, in the hardrock shipments alone, besides the land pebble increase, which amounted to 7,000 tons. Notwithstanding this, the price has been fair; there is no disposition of the miners to crowd the market anymore. In fact, as one of our contemporaries puts it: "What little rock is sold f. o. b. in the hardrock section of Florida it being eagerly sought after, and those who happened to have any rock mined in the near future, and which is unsold, can sell it at fairly good prices, but the amount of f. o. b. rock has dwindled down to almost nothing."—American Fertilizer.

Mr. Pat Randall, of Connor, was in Ocala Wednesday and said the excessive rains had done very little if any injury to the growing crops and have been especially beneficial to the oranges. That the fruit now on the trees is as large if not larger than they were when fully ripe and marketable last season. That the corn crop on his side of the river is the best he has seen in the past ten years. That potatoes and other root crops as well as the cane crops are fine, and that the farmers in his section have an abundance of hogs. Mr. Randall takes an entirely optimistic view of things.

Mr. Carroll is Charmed Away from Us.

Mr. R. R. Carroll, editor of the Ocala Daily Star, has been spending a few days in Miami as the guest of his father, Mr. C. C. Carroll, the well known real estate agent. While here Mr. Carroll was given the pleasure of seeing the many beauties and advantages surrounding the Magic City and was so favorably impressed that he decided to dispose of his interests in Ocala and return to Miami and make this city his permanent home. It is not likely that he will be able to dispose of his interests before next

ON HIS TRAVELS.

Peter Stanley Tells of Persons and Things at Flemington, McIntosh, Etc.

After taking in the picnic at Flemington I spent a few days in that part of the county, where live some of the oldest and most prosperous farmers in Marion.

There is Joe Mathews—everybody knows him—he has been making some experiments in corn improvement. He has made very good success. Three years of especial attention has given him a No. 1 prolific. One stalk on his farm is bearing fine, having well developed ears; many three, and some four.

Mr. Lodge, of Georgia, has leased about 700 acres of timber land from J. K. & W. O. Harrison of that neighborhood. The deal was made Saturday. It is also reported that this gentleman has leased about 800 acres from the Dr. J. S. Lewis estate.

Mr. F. E. Smoke, of Flemington, lost a very fine mule Friday last.

The large water tank at the mill at Irvine collapsed last week. This tank was 60 feet high and held about 12,000 gallons of water. It knocked a negro shanty down and a bedstead from under some negro children. Remarkable to say, no one was hurt.

Mr. J. K. Christian, who is at the head of a big mercantile firm at McIntosh, tells us that the orange prospects in that section are good. Absolute confidence has been restored and the large groves are being rapidly brought up to the old-time standard of bearing.

The Walkup Brothers at McIntosh are doing a splendid mercantile business. They are clever young gentlemen and up-to-now merchants.

Mr. C. H. McAllister, of Irvine, has the thanks of the Banner man for kindnesses shown him while in these communities.

PETER STANLEY.

Artesian Flow of Sulphur Water—Other Fort McCoy News.

At last the long-looked for artesian water is flowing from the Dexter well. Mr. Hiscock labored patiently and hard, having to sink two wells. The first was small and run into quick sand and was abandoned. Then a four-inch pipe was driven three hundred feet when a small stream struck. I don't think it is satisfactory to the company; the flow is so small but they have occasion to love it as it is. The water is strongly impregnated with sulphur, nearly as cold as ice water and delicious to drink.

Mr. Winkle, the big turpentine man, was here last week looking over his fine timber. It has not yet been learned when this company will begin the erection of the mills for putting this vast amount of timber into merchantable shape, but it is supposed this will be done in the near future.

I shall not say anything about the big barbecue here as "Peter Stanley" has given it such a good write up, except to say that it was a success financially and the directors have sufficient funds to keep the cemetery in good condition for another year.

There is much complaint about the continued rains rotting corn in the fields. Water courses are full once more and it seems like the times when we had what were called wet seasons thirty years ago.

The public schools here will open about the middle of this month, with Miss Amelia Kendall as principal.

Henry McQuaig, the road man, has about completed the new bridge on Mill Creek. Commissioner Turner is to come and inspect it next Saturday.

Capt. Jack O'Hara was here last week looking after his large turpentine interests and had a glad hand for everybody.

Big preparations are going on here now among the people in fixing gardens and ordering seeds for the fall and winter trucking.

Your correspondent has been tussling with chills and fever again for a week, hence so few news items.

Superintendent Thompson, of Dexter, will return from Pierson Tuesday, where he went to visit his family. Mrs. T. has just returned from an extended trip through Georgia and North Carolina.

Mr. T. W. Coker, of Gardner, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Stevens, at this place for two weeks.

Mr. R. A. Carlton, of Ocala, was here last week working in the interest of a wet and dry election in the county.

DOINGS OVER THE COUNTY.

BY OUR STAFF OF SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

BELLEVUE

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Some hot days.

Abundant rains.

Lake Lillian has filled up preceptibly, but not so high as in former years.

Cotton is coming in quite well considering the wet weather. The merchants will soon be shipping.

Mrs. Mitchell has returned from her trip to Oxford which became such a sad visit.

Mrs. L. H. Bennett who has been visiting Mrs. Whitney, left last week for her home in Palatka.

Miss Emma Washburn was down from Ocala last Friday, spending over night, it is the first time she has been at home since she began her nurse training course in the hospital.

That roofed platform that has been added to the S. A. L. depot in an improvement to the general appearance of the station now that it is finished. The little ugly building that it supplements is not quite so noticeable as when standing alone.

Mr. Sumpter Vining, who has been holding the fort at the depot for Mrs. May McPhaul to take her summer vacation, felt obliged to leave to attend to home business; so Mr. R. S. Edwards, of Lawty, has been sent for to take his place.

Mrs. McPhaul meanwhile is up among the mountains of Kentucky, and will not probably be back before October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nelson went to Ocala Saturday but were prevented returning the same day, by the tremendous rain that came in the afternoon, which gave them time for a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Sam Barnett both are keeping house in Ocala; having moved their families when they went into the T. W. Smith hardware store.

Cecil Bryant, who has a position as type writer at Masters store, boards with his sister, Mrs. Sam Barrett.

T. A. Polly, with her two youngest children, is boarding at the at the Ridges while the rest of the family are away on their Eastern tour.

Mr. Robert Polly has been accepted as a pupil in the Mount Hermon school for boys, founded by D. L. Moody at East Northfield, Mass., which began the first of September. Robert hopes to fit for college there.

Charley Brown is looking after the mill interests in Mr. Polly's absence.

LATER.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barrett, late of Bellevue, but now residing in Ocala, are bereaved in the loss of their youngest child, Edgar Lee, aged nine months. He died Wednesday morning of cholera infantum after an illness of only one day. The body was brought here for interment, the funeral taking place Thursday morning at the cemetery, where the simple but impressive services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Sullivan. "A bud of sweetest promise, gone where the flowers are not deaths."

Few people realize the importance of attending to any eye or nervous affection at once. If neglected, there are no diseases more apt to become permanent than those affecting the eyes and nerves. If troubled at all in this way, do not fail to see the renowned eye and nerve specialist, Dr. E. H. Armstrong, of Jacksonville, during his professional visit here Sept. 15 and 16. The doctor will be located at the Ocala House.

Miss Jessie Owens was on a business and pleasure visit to Ocala yesterday. She has a number of young relatives from Jacksonville visiting her at her home, "Rutland," near Sparr, and Miss Owens is giving the young people a most delightful time and in passing our sanctum yesterday she placed a box of magnificent peaches on our table as a reminder of her appreciation of the Ocala Banner, which she says she enjoys immensely. The editor and his family are under many obligations to Miss Owens for their attentiveness.

Big Picnic at Flemington.

It's a long way to Flemington from anywhere when you start, so they say. At any rate the Banner man found it a longer drive than anticipated and when he arrived there Thursday, Aug. 31st, about three hundred people were gathered under the large spreading oaks in front of the Baptist church, and the picnic was well under way.

There was speaking by Rev. Moore and Prof. Carr, of Ocala, in the forenoon and Editor Bittinger in the afternoon.

Flemington is one of the oldest settled communities in the county and the home of some of her very best citizens. It is widely known for its successful way of entertaining people at picnics. The dinner did full justice to the people and fully sustained their picnic record.

The day was a perfect one for the occasion. The crowd was much too large to assemble in the church, so the seats and organ were moved from the house to the shade trees. The beautiful songs so perfectly rendered by the choir, deserve especial comment. They were strikingly appropriate and added much to the occasion.

One of the most popular gentlemen present was Mr. B. R. Stripling, representing the Equitable Insurance Company. We judge from the manner in which he was served by the good ladies at the dinner table. And he was generous, too, with the Banner man, at least. We are also indebted to Mr. B. M. Scruggs, merchant and postmaster at Flemington, for some kindly favors. Mr. Scruggs is a young man and a splendid type of good citizenship.

Dr. L. D. Davis, of Irvine, was chairman of the meeting and introduced the speakers in a clever manner.

It was a delightful recollection of the grand old past to see such a gathering of picnickers at Flemington. To hear the good jokes of Bill Mathews and ex-Supt. Payne. To listen to the schrewd horse traders and to see the many couples of sturdy young men and beautiful young women promenading the long, shady walks; stopping here to rest in an easy buggy, and lingering carelessly by the cold drink stand.

It was declared that one young man kept the company of a certain young lady all day, from 8 in the a. m. to 4 in the p. m., and never spoke to her. He must have had a winning way. His eyes expressed ceaseless volumes of unspoken love.

One feature which spoke well for this community was the splendid horses and buggies on exhibition. There was possibly between 135 and 150 horses and buggies on the grounds, and we were deeply impressed with the exceptionally fine, high grade vehicles and large blooded horses. Out of this number we only saw about three horses but showed signs of being well fed and well kept. This is a mark of prosperity, rate it when or where you may.

PETER STANLEY.

SPARR.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

The young people had a most delightful party at the beautiful home of Miss Jessie Owens last Friday evening. About fifty or seventy-five were present, and having enjoyed themselves to the utmost it was pronounced a "grand success," so much so that it will be repeated on the evening of September the 8th. Reddick, Jacksonville, Anthony and Geiger were represented. Miss Willie Owens Martin was pronounced the bell of the occasion.

Marion County's Orange Crop.

Mr. Robert Taylor, the active and efficient traveling agent for the Atlantic Coast Line railway, has made a careful estimate of the coming orange crop of Marion county, grove by grove, and estimates the same at fifty thousand boxes. This may be put down as reliable.

GAITERVILLE.

Special to the Ocala Banner.

After a few weeks absence I will ask for admittance again. Now, down in our little burg everything is so wet that a dry election will go far in the lead and lazy muddobbers would be strickly in it as they would not have to trouble themselves mixing mud for there is a good supply on hand. And if any one wants to believe otherwise just ask Mr. W. L. H. and he will vouch for the truth of it.

Farmers are getting plenty of rest these days there being so much water in the fields they can not gather corn or other field crops and it is feared that corn will rot in the fields if the rain continues.

Peanuts and sweet potatoes are damaged considerably owing to so much rain.

Notwithstanding the high water the ferry is still crossable and is in good hands, Roy Layton being the ferryman, vice Dowdy Dinnison, resigned.

Fever has made its appearance in our section and it is feared that there will be more yet.

Mr. R. D. Stokes made a business trip to the Brick City Monday.

Mr. G. O. Turner visited Blichton Saturday.

Mr. C. M. Whitton made a business trip to Micanopy last week and while there purchased two fine milk cows.

Mr. Thompson, of East Gaiterville, who has been confined to his bed for three months, died last Thursday and was laid to rest in the Cedar Grove cemetery Friday at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Thompson was not long in our midst but made many warm friends, all of whom feel grieved at the parting and extend sympathies to the bereaved family.

Rev. Weir filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning. There were no services here Sunday evening on account of sickness in Rev. Weir's family.

COLEMAN.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Miss Nellie Carruthers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carruthers, of this place, died Monday afternoon after a short illness. She was only about sixteen years of age, a devout christian, and much loved by all who knew her. Besides her father and mother she leaves three sisters and a brother to mourn her loss. The remains were interred Tuesday morning at Oak Grove cemetery, about five miles from this place.

Mr. Corliss Hill, while mowing hay one day last week run the machine over his fine dog amputating both of the poor animal's hind legs, which necessitated killing him.

Mr. Hub Wicker had the mistor use to run a prong of a pitch fork through his left hand last week, which proved quite painful.

The Warm Springs vegetable garden people are busy getting in readiness for the coming crop, and from all indications quite an acreage will be planted.

The Woodmen are taking in quite a number of new members here and much interest is manifested in the order.

Coleman is having her share of the state's prosperity.

ROSEBUD.

Mr. W. H. Chaille, a former Ocala citizen has been elected an alderman of Miami. He is now where Andrew Johnson first took his start and we shall watch for him next to be mayor of the "Magic City."

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