THE OCALA BANNER.

THE NEWSPAPER—"WHAT IS IT BUT A MAP OF BUSY LIFE: ITS FLUCTUATIONS AND VAST CONCERNS."—COWPER.

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Local and Personal

Mrs. B. T. Perdue came up Wednesday from Brooksville for a brief visit.

Mrs. Arch McIver is visiting at Lake Weir.

Mr. B. J. Culverhouse is very ill at his home in the fourth ward.

Congressman and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar of Monticello expect to spend the summer traveling abroad.

Mr. C. F. Venable, after spending a few days in Ocala, went down to Center Hill Wednesday afternon.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bridges are now making their home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Liddon.

Mr. Frank L. Wing was elected mayor of Tampa Tuesday over Mr. W. H. Frecker, the present mayor.

Mrs. C. S. Cullen and children went down to Woodmar Wednesday afternoon to spend a month at Blair Villa.

Mrs. Gibbs, a prominent woman of Chester, S. C., is in the city on a visit to her friend, Mrs. S. E. Waterman.

Mr. Beattie Inglis, formerly of Madison, but now of Birmingham, Ala., is in Ocala, the guest of his wife's parents, Col. and Mrs. J. H. Livingston, and his little son, John, who has been in Ocala with his grandparents for several months. Mr. Inglis is on his way to Port Inglis.

Mrs. John Potter and children of Summerfield are spending a few days in Ocala as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Newsom. Mrs. Potter is the widow of the late John Potter, a nephew of Dr. Newsom, who was foully murdered by a negro man several weeks ago.

Mrs. Jackson, who has been spending several months in Ocala with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Livingston, has returned to her home at Gainesville, Georgia. Mrs. Livingston and her four youngest children accompanied Mrs. Jackson to Gainesville, and will spend some time with her there.

Miss Annie M. Sharpe of this city, who is the head teacher at the Washington Seminary in Atlanta, sailed from Jacksonville Tuesday on the Arapahoe for New York City, going on the same ship with Mrs. Austin and Miss Austin. From New York City Miss Sharpe goes to Alexandria Bay to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. C. F. Benjamin.

A receiver has been appointed for the American Exchange Bank of Jacksonville, which began business on the first day of May. This institution lived just eighteen days—presumably the shortest lived bank in the history of banking. It is set up that currency belonging to the bank had been wilfully and knowingly transferred, that certain creditors had been preferred above others, etc.

The following are the names of the white teachers who took the examination this week, viz: Misses A. Beck of Berlin, Josie Brant of Electra, Eva D. Johnson of Reddick, Leila Marsh of Ocala, Irvine Noble of Romeo, Caroline Pasteur of Stanton, Elsie Schneider of Ocala, Shelly Souter and Mrs. Maude Harter of Sparr, Miss Annie F Wilson of Reddick and Miss Martha Maine of Leonardville, N. Y.

We are very pleased to learn that Mr. T. E. Bridges and family will not give up their residence in this city, as they had contemplated doing several months ago, but will continue to reside here. They are excellent citizens, and Ocala would be exceedingly sorry indeed to lose them. Mr. Bridges returned home Tuesday afternon after an absence of several days from the city in the interest of his position.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Strunk have gone to New York City, where they will spend some time. They are going for the benefit of Mr. Strunk's health. He will enter a hospital for the purpose of having an operation performed. He has been in bad health for some time, and it is hoped that an operation will remove the cause of his continued illness.

As Dr. Harry Dozier was turning the corner in front of the Baptist Witness building yesterday afternoon about dark his auto collided with a bicycle on which Mr. M. M. Little was riding at a moderate gait. The bicycle was smashed out of shape and perhaps put permanently out of commission, and Mr. Little sustained more or less bruises. It was, indeed, quite fortunate that the accident was no worse.

DINNER FOR THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

The Dickison Chapter U. D. C., are always doing something elegant for the Confederate Veterans.

Wednesday being the centenary anniversary of Jefferson Davis' birthday it was celebrated in a very handsome manner. The celebration was begun at twelve o'clock with a big dinner at the Gary grove, on Fort King avenue.

Two large tables were spread, and there was ample room for every invited guest to sit and enjoy the feast with every comfort of a meal at home.

The dinner was a most bountiful one, was elegantly prepared and thoroughly enjoyed by the guests of the Daughters, and never a finer meal has been served in Ocala.

After the dinner there were several impromptu speeches made, Mr. Henry W. Long acting as master of ceremonies.

Capt. W. L. Ditto was first called on. He enthusiastically thanked the ladies for their untiring kindness and devotion to the veterans. He also paid tribute to the memory and virtues of Jefferson Davis, tracing his history from his birth to his death, and said that he would stand out in his country's annals as one of the great men of the century.

Dr. C. C. Carroll, who is always primed with wit and eloquence, was next called on and responded most happily. He said that he himself was a soldier, and told of his hardship at San Antonio, Texas, when fighting was going on in Cuba. His speech was interjected with anecdotes apt and pleasing.

Mr. Long then gave a thrilling account of the charge of the Ninth Florida regiment at the battle of Cold Harbor, when a wrong order was given, which meant certain death to the soldiers forming the unfortunate picket line. The charge was headed by Capt. Pickens Bird, and every soldier forming this line went to his death or was badly wounded, yet not a one quaked or halted. It was a repetition of the charge at Balaklava—it was theirs not to reason why; it was theirs to do or die.

Col. Martin, who was in command of the Ninth regiment at the time, told of the fateful picket charge, consisting of every fifth man of the line. He said he felt sure that a mistake had been made, as the order to take the breastworks meant certain death, so he took the precaution before giving the command of having the order repeated from headquarters, not only once but the second time, so reluctant was he to put it into execution. Though fatal in its consequences, it was one of the most desperate, courageous and brilliant acts of the war, and it covered the Ninth regiment with imperishable fame.

Capt. C. L. Bittinger, who is a veteran, and participated in the war for the Union, was called on and made a most appropriate speech, and one which was splendidly applauded. He distributed flowers on the gray-haired veterans and on the brows of the Daughters of the Confederacy in his superlative and finished manner.

The speaking was ended by Dr. W. H. Dodge giving his experiences as a lad during the closing scenes of the war. As usual he acquitted himself very splendidly.

Mrs. Fannie R. Gary, president of the Dickison Chapter, then made a few very sincere and affecting remarks, and presented a cross of honor to Mr. A. J. Harrell of Oklawaha station, who was a conspicuous sharpshooter in the great struggle. Mr. Harrell was not present, but his friend, Mr. J. E. Bailey, received the cross in his behalf.

This closed the day's program.

A large number of veterans were present. Among those noted were: Col. J. M. Martin, Col. L. P. Miller, Capt. H. W. Long, Capt. W. L. Ditto, Capt. L. M. Graham, J. E. Bailey, T. D. Lancaster, E. T. Williams, W. C. Jeffords, R. D. Beck, W. P. Moorman, B. H. Norris, Frank Harris, H. C. Morrison, Montholon Atkinson, T. N. Davis, C. C. Stevens, R. A. Evans, J. M. T. Carter, M. P. Frink, W. Hogan, V. M. Seckinger, H. C. Mills, James Carrington, B. W. McDonald, L. L. Aiken, Joseph Shuford, J. H. Roller and Mr. Hinton.

Mr. Morris Benjamin of Atlanta, and not Mr. Morris Rheinauer, as we unwittingly said, was a visitor to Ocala Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Benjamin was a member of the old firm of Benjamin Brothers, whose history was intimately connected with our pioneer days. He came here a boy fresh from the faderland, and never tires telling of his early experiences, which naturally cause him to have a warm spot in his heart for Ocala and her people.

DELIGHTFUL CHILDREN'S PARTY

One of the prettiest of parties for the little folks was given on Wednesday afternoon when little Merris Carroll, the bright and pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carroll, invited about fifty of her young friends to enjoy the occasion with her.

The other little hostesses were Merris's little cousins, Leontine Ramsauer and Christine Hannah, of St. Petersburg.

The affair was in every detail very charmingly planned for the occasion, the home of her parents on South Third street presenting a most animated appearance from four to six o'clock.

The games for the afternoon were those that especially delight and please children and were played on the pretty lawn, and each child was given a pretty fan as a favor, which pleased them very greatly.

The hostesses were prettily attired in white dresses with white ribbons.

Those assisting the children in having such a good time were the following grown-ups: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Bittinger, Misses Adele Bittinger, Louise Harris, Florence Walters, Fay Cribbett, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Seligman.

Ice cream, cake and candy were served, and the fifty future popular Ocala belles and also the two only small beaux asked (Master William McIlwaine and Master Harris Powers) had a very happy afternoon together.

The good luck dime in one of the slices of cake was found by Elizabeth Young, the little daughter of the government building contractor.

MR. HAYES WEDS IN JACKSONVILLE

Mr. Jesse Brooks Hayes of this city and Miss Janie Essie Guynn of Jacksonville were very quietly married at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, June the third at the home of the bride. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hayes left for Ocala over the Atlantic Coast Line, arriving home at three o'clock. They will be at home after the fifth for the summer in Mr. H. C. Judd's home at 134 South Fifth street.

Mr. Hayes has been in Ocala for the past year, and has a position with the H. B. Masters Company in the dry goods department. He is a young man of quiet and unassuming manners and prepossessing appearance. He has made a loyal friend of all his business associates, and all who have met him are his friends.

Mrs. Hayes is a charming and attractive young woman, and her husband's friends will be delighted to make her acquaintance.

This paper offers its best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes.

FORTY-EIGHT POUNDS OF WATERMELON

There was sent to our office Tuesday a very handsome watermelon, known as the Triumph, and which tipped the scales at forty-eight pounds. This melon was grown at Kendrick by Messrs. Mathis and Ray, who are rushing carloads of these melons to the northern markets, and they certainly must attract very great attention.

Mr. C. H. Mathis, the senior member of this firm, is the most extensive melon grower in the country. He also makes a specialty of cantaloupes, being engaged in their culture in North and South Carolina, Colorado and Florida. He has a larger acreage in Florida than in any of the states.

The melon sent us was so fine that it was on exhibition at the Ocala House all day yesterday, and some passer-by tacked the following card thereon:

"Woe unto him that putteth a stumbling block in the path of his neighbor."

"Woe unto him that resisteth temptation. Why? Because he will have an empty stomach—Anon."

FUNERAL OF MR. WILSON

The remains of the late George W. Wilson, editor of the Times-Union, were laid at rest Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from his late home in Jacksonville.

The following named gentlemen acted as honorary and active pall bearers:

Honorary Pallbearers—Hon. Francis P. Fleming, Hon. James P. Taliaferro, Mr. Joseph R. Parrott, Major Rich'd McLaughlin, Dr. J. D. Fernandez, Mr. W. R. Carter, Mr. G. W. Parkhill and Judge John L Doggett.

Active Pallbearers—Willis M. Ball, F. W. R. Hinman, P. M. Ball, J. P. Clarkson, J. A. Hollomon, W. D. Yarrington, Thomas W. Wilson and M. N. Dicks.

MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HAVE A BUSY SESSION

Dunnellon and Ocala Hard Road Making Progress—Condition of the Poor Farm—S. J. McCully Petitions for a New Election District—Petitions for Selling Liquors, Wine sand Beer—Fire Arms Permits

Tuesday, June 3, 1908.

Board of county commissioners met in regular session on this date. Present: Hon. John L. Edwards, chairman, J. R. Mathews, S. R. Pyles, N. A. Fort, C. W. Turner.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and approved.

Commissioner Pyles reported that on account of sickness in his family, his committee had not made investigation as to treatment of convicts at E. P. Rentz's camp, and asked further notice.

It was upon motion ordered that the former action of the board with reference to the appointment of J. H. de Brass be rescinded; that the said de Brass be recommended to the governor for appointment as mark and brand inspector for district No. 6.

Mr. E. W. Allen appeared before the board and made a statement in the interest of Mr. Cassells, who was damaaged while crossing a bridge near McIntosh, whose claim for damages was refused by the board at its former meeting. Mr. Allen requested that the board rescind its action and pay Mr. Cassells the actual damage. The request was refused.

Mr. Allen then requested that a road overseer be appointed in the McIntosh district, and recommended that R. C. Stephens be authorized to repair the clay roads in said district, which request was granted.

The bond and contract of E. L. Anderson and N. H. Boswell, contractors, to harden the Dunnellon and Ocala road to intersection of Stokes Ferry road was presented to the board executed, and was accepted, and a copy of the same delivered to Mr. N. H Boswell.

Upon motion of Commissioner Turner the resignation of R. C. Douglass as mark and brand inspector, district No. 16, was accepted, and the board recommended to the governor the appointment of R. S. Shortridge for said district.

The petition heretofore filed requesting the board of county commissioners to close the present road between Juliette and Dunnellon, and to have the Ocala, Martel, Cotton Plant and Juliette road extended on direct line from railroad crossing at Juliette to northwest corner of the West Coast farm, thence south on quarter section line to Dunnellon, was, upon motion of Commissioner Mathews, granted.

Upon Motion Commissioners Pyles, Fort and Mathews were appointed a special committee to look into and to report to this board the condition of the Sims family, with reference to getting the children homes, etc.

A petition heretofore filed by Black & Falany, requesting a permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district No. 24 coming up for hearing, and it appearing to the board that due and legal notice of such application had been published in the Dunnellon Advocate, as required by law, and it further appearing that no objections have been interposed by any one why the said permit should not be granted, it was upon motion ordered that the said Black & Falany be granted a permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in district No. 24, Marion county, Florida.

The commissioners appointed to lay out the Ocala and Leesburg public road filed their report, which was laid over until the next regular meeting of the board.

Mr. S. J. McCully presented a petition asking for the formation of a new election district as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section 1, township 14, range 20, thence west to northwest corner of section 4, thence south to southwest corner of section 21, thence west to northwest corner of section 29, thence south to southwest corner of sectnon 32, township 14, range 20, thence south to southwest corner of section 5, township 15, range 20, thence east to southeast corner of section 1, thence north to northeast corner of section 1, township 15, range 20, thence north to northeast corner of section 1, township 14, range 20, to point of beginning. Said district to be known and numbered as Fellowship district No. 4, with voting place to be in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, section 27, township 14, range 20, on V. M. Seckinger's place. Petition laid over until next regular meeting of the board.

Mr. J. L. V. Hudgens filed a petition requesting the board to form a new election district, as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of section 16, township 16, south of range 20, east, thence north to northeast corner of section 9, township 15, south, range 20, east, thence west to northwest corner of section 11, township 15, south of range 19, east, thence south to southwest corner of section 14, township 16, south, range 19, east, thence east to point of beginning. Said district to be No. 33, with voting place at Leroy. Petition filed and laid over until next regular meeting of the board.

The report of the commissioners on the road known as the Belleview and Salzwedle road, was taken up and report granted.

Commissioner Mathews, having filed his report with the board with reference to work done upon Ocala and Dunnellon road, from Dunnellon to where it intersects with the Stokes Ferry road, which report is as follows:

June 2, 1908.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board.

I visited the hard road that is now in construction at Dunnellon yesterday. I measured up 11,880 feet or 2¼ miles of said hard road that is nearing completion. I measured the width of the road in several places and found the hard surface to be ten feet and six inches wide. With a pick and shovel I dug through the hard surface at what I considered an average thickness of the road in the center and found it to be nine inches thick. The stumps and rees are not all removed from the out edges of the road yet, but this is being rapidly done. The mamaterial used in the hardening of this road is a poor grade of clay, which I very much regret, but the contractors tell me that after a thorough search, nothing better is obtainable.

Respectfully,
J. M. MATHEWS, Com.

The following order was made: It was upon motion ordered that an advance payment be made to the contractors, Anderson & Boswell,, as the payment under the contract $1400.00 in accordance with report as filed by Commissioner Mathews.

A petition was filed asking that the public road be opened leading from Smoak postoffice to the town of Martin described as follows: Commencing where the Fairfield and Smoak postoffice road intersects the discontinued Flemington and Ocala road in section 24, township 13, range 20, and running in a southeasterly direction on the road bed of the said Flemington and Ocala road, through sections 24, 25 and 26, township 13, range 20, and through and to the south boundary of section 6, township 14, range 21, thence east on section line dividing sections 6 7, 5, 8, 4, 9 ,3 and 10 of township 14, range 21, to the northwest corner of lot one, town of Martin, thence south through —— street 210 yards to the intersection of the Martin and Anthony road. Petition laid over until the next regular meeting of the board.

Ed Richardson, an imbecile, was ordered taken to the poor farm and the assistance which the board has heretofore been giving him was ordered discontinued.

The board thereupon approved bonds for carrying fire-arms and ordered licenses issued as follows: George P. Johns, R. M. Long, Charles J. Rast James H. Holford, Thomas H. Barwell.

The following notary bonds were approved: T. L. Dekel, with J. G. Ferguson and J. O. Dekel as sureties; W. S. Priest, with Charlton Priest and C. A. Martin as sureties; Samuel R. Hall, with Loren Squier and Fred A. Hall as sureties.

The clerkr of the court presented his pay rolls for witneses serving in the circuit court, which was approved by the board.

The following persons presented applications for pensions and were approved: W. N. Tucker, Rhoda A. McClure, Benjamin Brinson, Lew M. Baldwin, Elmira Wood, James L. Beck and F. M. Townsend.

The board having agreed to having the gas fixtures put in the court house, the following letter was filed for information:

Ocala, Fla., May 30, 1908.

To the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida.

Gentlemen:—We beg to confirm the price made you by our Mr. C. W. Hunter, i. e., that of one dollar and fifty cents net per thousand cubic feet for gas consumed in the court house at Ocala, Florida.

Veryrespectfully,
CITIZENS' GAS COMPANY,
Per C. W. Hunter.

The board thereupon adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 3, 1908.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

A communicattion was received from Mrs. William Hocker, president of the Women's Civic League, requesting that the court house janitor be instructed to thorughly cleanse the two public drinking fountains around the public square every Monday morning. The request granted and so ordered.

A petition was filed by Commissioner Fort requesting the board to grant a public neighborhood road, viz: Beginning at a point on the Electra and Saw Grass public road in the northwest ¼ of the northwest ¼ of section 23, township 15, range 24, running in a northwesterly direction to Lynne postoffice in section 9, township 15, range 24; also a public neighborhod road beginning at a point in the northwest ¼ of northwest ¼ of section 14, township 15, range 24, running in a westerly direction to Lynne post office.

The above petitions were granted by the board as requested.

A committee of King's Daughters appeared before the board and requested an appropriation of $5 per month be made for the maintenance of Mrs. Marshall, a very needy person, and who is unable to help herself The request was granted.

Petition asking for county hard road from the intersection of Belleview, Candler and North Lake Weir to the Baptist church located on the chautauqua grounds was filed and laid over until the next meeting of the board.

H. M. Hampton appeared before the board and requested that the board relieve the sheriff of amount charged against him on account of the ninety day cost bond of William Mansfield. The request was refused by the board.

Mr. William Tyson appeared before the board and applied for a permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in election district No. 1, Ocala. The board directed the clerk to advertise the necessary notice.

Commissioner Pyles filed the poor farm report, which report is as follows:

Poor Farm Report for Month of May, 1908

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Marion County:

I visited the farm on the 1st inst. for the month of May. The inmates are approximately the same as of last month—four whites and eight colored, except as to one, Mr. Daugherty, who was before the board at the May meeting and was offered a place on the farm. He came to the farm and after staying a few days asked for transportation to Gainesville, Fla., which was furnished him by Superintendent Priest. The inmates are doing reasonably well under the circumstances, they being all of them old, and either blind, lame or paralytics, they require considerable attention. In the person of Mrs. Johnson, who is not able to care for, or move herself from place to place, I request the board to either order her transferred to the hospital or have a nurse to care for her.

The crops of the farm are good considering the drouth.

Herewith attached see financial report: Respectfully submitted,

S. R. PYLES, Com. in Charge.

Superintendent, $35; hired help, $24.45; cooking, $12; washing and ironing, $9 McIver & MacKay, $8.75; Ocala Wagon Works, $5.40; Helvenston & Pasteur, $13.16; Martin & Carn, $4.20; J. J. Guthrey, $51.20; Dr. W. V. Newsom, $2; Tydings & Co., $4.50; C. C. Daughtery, $3.10. Total, $170.76.

Commissioner Fort offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and a certified copy furnished the ferryman for his guidance, viz:

William Hogan, ferryman, appeared before the board and stated that parties were in the habit of taking and using the small butte boat at that point, thus depriving him at times of the use of it. On motion it was ordered that Mr. Hogan keep said boat in his sole custody for use at said ferry, and if necessary to keep it locked.

It was agreed by the board that Commissioners Edwards and Pyles see Mr. John D. Robertson with reference to certain matters of Stokes Ferry road and make if they could satisfactory arrangements.

The board thereupon adjourned until the next regular meeting.

S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk.