LOCALS FROM LOWELL

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

The cold weather of Saturday and Sunday has injured the crops about Lowell. Much of the lettuce and cabbage will have to be replanted. The orange groves have not been injured to any great extent. Some of the leaves may fall and if they are burned many of the white fly will be destroyed.

Large quantities of lettuce have been shipped from here and the shippers have received good prices.

The farmers are making arrangements to plant hundreds of acres of watermelons and cantaloupes about here. Among the large planters are Mr. Meffert, Mr. Whitehurst, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Raysor, Mr. Stewman and Mr. McQuaig. The people out here have a hustle on. May their plans come out all right.

One of the dress makers cut out a dress and made it and the customer had it on within an hour. How is that for hustling?

Mr. Green of South Carolina has come to Lowell to take charge of the large Easterling farm, east of Lowell.

Mr. G. M. Maynard of Rock Springs was in Lowell last week renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. Tracy McLean was here on Saturday on a business and pleasure trip. We hope he will soon come to stay again.

Mr. Bruce Meffert of Ocala ran out Monday to look after their large interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hall are entertaining Mr. Hall's mother from Pine. Their many friends will be glad to know that their little daughter, Genevieve, is much better, after her recent illness.

Lowell is well supplied with telephones. Thanks to the energy of Messrs. Rou and Hall connections were made with Mr. Meffert's line at Zuba. This week a line was put through from Reddick to Lowell, thus connecting Reddick with Ocala.

A leading member of the Village Improvement Society visited the school grounds last week and helped the boys burn the stumps. This has started a stump burning and a trimming of trees among the boys. When the trash is burned the grounds will be very much improved.

Mr. Stevens went to Ocala for a few days' visit to friends last week.

The prayer meetings at the school house on Friday evenings are well attended.

Mrs. Harvey Kopman and daughter visited her father, Mr. Richard Kelley, over Sunday.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Livingston of Martin, with their son, Elbert, visited Mr. P. B. Livingston last week.

Mrs. S. F. Rou has been visiting friends at Orange Springs.

Miss Bessie Henan of South Carolina is visiting her sister ,Mrs. Pardee. A number of entertainments have been given in her honor.

EVINSTON, BOARDMAN AND McINTOSH

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Mr. Fred Barron is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barron. Mr. Fred Barron found his mother in such a feeble condition that he may remain some time longer than he expected when he first came.

The wind and cold of Saturday and Sunday damaged some of the lettuce and peas, and killed the peaches. Aside from that, little or no harm was done.

Mr. Leonard Willis's father and youngest sister have joined Mrs. Willis, Sr., and Miss Emaline and will remain with their son for a month enjoying the fishing and hunting as well as our climate.

Mr. and Mrs. John DuBose Gibson left Hill Crest, Fla., last Friday, accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Bouvier and two children. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson went to St. Petersburg, Tampa and Cuba, Mrs. Bouvier to her home in Ocala.

Mr. Haines Richardson of Gainesville visited Dr. and Mrs. William Richardson last week.

Mr. Jolly of Leesburg is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Shettleworth.

Protracted meetings are being held in the Presbyterian church at McIntosh. Rev. Way of Gainesville is assisting the pastor, Dr. Waddell. The night services are well attended.

ITEMS FROM KENDRICK

Special Sor. Ocala Banner:

Mr. R. A. Caldwell of Jacksonville was visiting our little town Tuesday.

Mr. John Moore of Wildwood visited his sister, Mrs. C. I. Grace, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. McLain of Reddick has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willie Livingston.

One of Zuba's belles started to school here Monday. We are very glad indeed to have her with us.

The Ladies' Home Mission Society will have a chicken pillau at the home of Mrs. C. I. Grace on Friday night, February 5th. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MARIONETTES

To the Ocala Banner:

Fire got loose up in the Electra country last Wednesday and would have done considerable and more damage had not Mr. Holden rendered aid in the capacity of hose truck, fire engine and hook and ladder simultaneously. Settlers lost nineteen panels of fence, but if Mr. H. had had wings so that he could have arrived earlier on the scene, not a panel would have been burnt.

Over on Mr. V. B. Potts' place at Old Town is a cluster of oats that are full grown and ready to harvest. (This dispatch was delayed; it should have been written last week. Now farmers, how about two crops of oats, close together).

People living over in and near Uncle Sam's Marion forest reserve, over the Oklawaha, are anxious that the reserve be patroled with forest rangers, as fires may get out any time these dry days. Fires, besides burning off the scrub, burns up the young pigs, deer and bear, and other game, natives of the reserve.

Mr. L. B. Griggs of Connor killed a deer over in the scrub the other day that had fifteen points on each horn. Mr. Griggs is very proud of the trophy.

Hope that Los Kiss man will extend his Florida Balloon Route to Lake Weir. That point was not included in the plans.

Gee! we know the Big Editor enjoyed his trip with Hon. H. M. Flagler down the east coast. We enjoyed reading of it very much.

Well, how'd you like to live in Fort McCoy, the town that Rentz built? The place is on the biggest boom imaginable, and I tell you, it sure is grand living out there in that hustling section. Mr. E. P. Rentz is the man behind the push there—and things are pushing, too.

It seems to us that a few wind mills would bring the waters of Lake Weir in to Ocala a-whoopin'. And, by the way, farmers along the pipe line route could turn their farms into diamonds, so beneficial would the waters be to them; that is, if they would adopt the irrigation system on their farms.

Mr. Jack McCully reports that Berlin, his native villa, all to the good. "Everybody is living happy," says he.

The late wind sure did a lot of blowing over Miss Marion. Well, she is so charming we expected it to "blow" some.

Pretty Miss Marion has tantalized Asher Franks heart to a finish.

SILVER PLUME.

FAIRFIELD FACTS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Owing to the recent cold snaps—notwithstanding the fears of vegetable growers, who are not much hurt—the pork crop appears to be thrifty.

Messrs. D. B. Mathews and H. W. Tate, on Monday last produced two magnificent carcases of as tempting, inviting and healthy pork as heart and palate could desire.

On a wager as to the weight of the carcases Mr. Mathews won the purse, his shoat weighing 300 pounds, and Mr. Tate's pig weighed only a few pounds less.

Good! So much for raising hogs; now, what about the hominy? Hog and hominy! Rain plenty! Grow fat! Be merry!

Mr. R. C. Yongue has filed his commission as justice of the peace for district No. 31. We wish him success.

Mr. Walter Nichols of Benedict Heights is very sick. Dr. Gatrell is attending the case professionally.

Notwithstanding the cold wave, E. S. Smith can be seen at any time of the day, running around in his automobile. Healthy and invigorating exercise to be sure. PTOLOMY.

90-day Seed Oats, at Fishel's.

SOUTH LAKE WEIR

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Mr. and Mrs. C. W Willard and daughter, Miss Grace, arrived on Friday.

The big jungle owned by the Carney Investment Co, and C. H. Voorhees was burned over on Friday and Saturday. The flames and smoke could be seen for miles. A large number of rabbits and snakes were killed.

Mrs. E. S. Upham and Mrs. C. S. Gates have been on the sick list.

Mr. B. Frank Adams is playing a fine new piano, which he has just received.

THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE

A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds waste nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It's a godsend to weak, sick and debilitated people. "Kidney trouble had blighted my life for months," writes W. M. Sherman of Cushing Me., "but Electric Bitters cued me entirely. Only 50c. at Tydings & Co.

Bliss Triumph Seed Potatoes at Fishel's.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ocala, Fla., Feb. 2, 1909.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on this the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1909. Present: Commissioners N. A. Fort, M. M. Proctor, J. M. Mathews, W. J. Crosby, and in the absence of George MacKay, chairman, Commissioner Fort was made temporary chairman until Mr. MacKay came in.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Mathews was authorized to look after the matter of obstructing Sharp's Ferry road, which had been reported to the board that Clark, Ray, Johnson Co., were cutting trees across the same.

Mr. J. D. Robertson appeared beore the board and stated that it would be satisfactory with Mr. Leonard Redding to cross his field with the public road to Stokes Ferry, and if the board would straighten the road going through Mr. Redding's field, who had agreed to the same, and if the board would appropriate $100, that the said Robertson would pay the cost of making the fills and other expenses in the construction of the said road.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mathews the proposition was refused.

The road petition asking the board to change the old Wire road, commencing at road running on section line between sections 19 and 30, and running the road about 100 yards east to railroad, then down the railroad a distance of one mile to Dallas, connecting with said Wire road at Dallas. It appearing that it was dangerous to the traveling public to have the public road run along parallel with the railroad and close to the same, it was upon motion ordered that the matter of the petition be referred to Commissioner Proctor, with the request that he try and select a better route for the said road.

It now being twelve o'clock and the time for the bids to be opened for the leasing of the county convicts, it was ordered that the said bids be opened and the bids made were as follows:

Connor, Fla., Feb. 1, 1909.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, State of Florida:

Gentlemen—Pursuant to your advertisement for the hire of county convicts for the present year, A. D. 1909, we make the following bid:

Thirteen ($13) dollars per capita per month for all convicts, except twenty convicts reserved by the board for the use of the county, as per your advertisement.

We agree to comply with all laws, rules and regulations of the county and state in the care and maintenance of said convicts as well as in contracting for payment and hire of the same.

Very respectfully,

ROGERS, TILLER CO.,
By R. F. Rogers, Mgr.

Bid No. 1—

Ocala, Fla., Feb. 2, 1909.

The Honorable Board of County Commisioners, Marion County, Florida:

Gentlemen—According to your advertisement, I wish to make you this my offer for hire of Marion county prisoners for the year 1909, to January 3, 1910, as follows:

I will pay you the sum of $15.00 per capita per month for all county prisoners, taking them as they come from the court, reserving twenty prisoners to be kept on hand for use by the county, as per contract lately terminated.

I propose to work these prisoners in Marion county and will state that none will be worked in the phosphate business.

I will furnish satisfactory bond, and trust that you will see your way clear to award me the contract.

Yours very truly,

R. S. HALL,
By E. E. Robinson, Agent.

Bid No. 2—

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Marion oCunty, Florida:

Gentlemen—According to your advertisement I wish to make you this my offer for hire of Marion county prisoners for the year 1909, to January 3, 1910, as follows:

I will pay you the sum of $18.00 per capita per month for all male prisoners capable of performing a full day's labor and $12.00 per capita per month for women, children and crippled and disabled prisoners, reserving twenty prisoners for use by the county as per contract lately terminated.

I propose to work these prisoners in Marion county, and will state that none of them will be worked in the phosphate business.

I will furnish satisfactory bond, and trust that you can see your way clear to award me the contract.

Yours very truly,

R. S. HALL,
By E. E. Robinson, Agent.

Ocala, Fla., Feb. 1, 1909.

The Honorable Chairman and Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Fla., Ocala, Fla.:

Pursuant to attached notice we respectfully herewith submit our bid for the hire or lease of all Marion county convicts during the year 1909. For all of such prisoners we will pay the sum of twenty-three ($23.35) dollars and thirty-five cents per capita per month.

We further agree to take, maintain, pay for and keep all of such prisoners as directed by the board of county commissioners of Marion county, Florida, and any other officials of competent authority.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. BRIDES & CO.,
By S. A. Rawls, President.

The board thereupon adjourned for dinner until the hour of one-thirty p. m.

February 2, 1909, 1:30 p. m.

Teh board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Chairman George MacKay and all members.

On motion it was ordeed that W. M. Hall be allowed $27.50 for fencing the right of way of the public road across his own lands.

W. J. Folks appeared before the board with a petition requesting the said board to pay the hospital charges in the case of Inez Hunt, an orphan child who had an operation performed in the hospital in Gainesville. The board, feeling that it was setting a precedent too far-reaching, refused the request, and each personally subscribed to the fund.

Mr. Lucius, the hard road overseer, stated to the board that the crippled mule which the county owns and which they have been unable to use for several weeks, was still in a condition unfit for such service as the county was necessarily obliged to place upon the mules, and stated further that Mr. J. L. Edwards had a good mare which he was willing to exchange or trade for the mule and that he, the said Lucius, would buy the mare from the county and pay $150 for her, the said Lucius paying the county $25 per month until the said mare was paid for. It was upon motion ordered that the exchange be made with Mr. Edwards and that the mare be sold to Mr. Lucius.

It was further agreed that the county pay for the feed of a horse for Mr. Lucius to use in his work in the construction of the hard roads.

It now being the time appointed by the board to consider the bids for the county convicts, an executive session was thereupon called and a discussion of the bids had.

It appearing to the board that the bid of T. E. Bridges & Co., was the best and highest bid for the said convicts, the bids of the said Rogers, Tiller Co., and R. S. Hall were refused and the bid of T. E. Bridges & Co., accepted. It was thereupon further resolved that the chairman, George MacKay, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign the contract with the lessees for the hire of said Marion county convicts, and the county attorney, Wm. Hocker, was requested to prepare the contract for the leasing of said prisoners.

Board thereupon adjourned until tomorrow morning at eight o'clock.

Wednesday, February 3, 1909

Board met. All members present.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fort the clerk was directed to communicate with the comptroller and request that he take up the matter of collection of license required of Pullman and dining cars passing through the several counties of the state.

The following resolution was thereupon made:

Resolved, That at each monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners that an appropriation of the necessary amount for paying free labor employed by the hard road overseer be given, and that the said board cause to be drawn a warrant in favor of the clerk for said amount, and that the superintendent of hard roads be and he is hereby required to issue to each free laborer his laborer's certificate of time and upon the presentation of such certificate by the said road overseer duly signed, that the clerk of this board do pay the said laborer as called for by said certificate, keeping the pay roll, and requiring each laborer receiving money to sign said pay roll in the presence of a witness before receiving his money.

It appearing to the board that it would be advisable, and possibly expenses might be saved in the purchase of feed stuffs for prisoners and stock used by hard road overseer, it was upon motion ordered that the chairman of this board and Mr. W. M. Lucius, the hard road overseer, be and they are authorized to purchase at the very best price obtainable feed stuffs for said prisoners and stock used upon the said hard roads.

Mr. Z. C. Chambliss appeared before the board with a number of letters which had been written in reply to an advertisement in the Breeders' Gazette, and explained to the board the benefits which the county might derive from some advertising matters and it appearing to the board that such might be to the best interest of the county, and after some few remarks by the majority of the board, upon said matter brought to the attention of the board by Mr. Chambliss, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this board do and it does hereby appropriate the sum of $50 for the purchase of 500 copies of the Florida Fruit and Truck Grower, to be distributed free among interested persons inquiring about the resources of Marion county, and that this action of the board shall be followed up by the preparation of a proper circular giving to the public details of the resources of Marion county.

Commissioner W. J. Crosby was appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Chambliss with reference to said circular and also as to the prices of advertising in the Breeders' Gazette, etc.

Hon. R. A. Burford appeared before the board representing the Ladies' Club of General Improvement, and asked the board to co-operate with and aid the ladies in setting out oak trees on the Silver Springs road. It was the sense of the board to render the ladies any assistance possible, but feeling that it was now too late for the setting of the trees, the said request was, for the present, refused.

A petition was filed by citizens asking for a public road beginning at the southwest corner of section 4, township 16, range 22, east, along said section line where it intersects Ocala and Belleview hard road. The petition was given to Commissioner Proctor to investigate and report at the next meeting of the board.

A committee of the council of the city of Ocala appeared before the board with reference to lights on the tower in the court house, which matter was referred to Commissioner MacKay.

Commissioner Proctor stated to the board that Dr. Henry and other citizens had raised $15 by private subscription in addition to the $35 reported at the last meeting and requested the board to supplement a like amount of $15, to be expended in hardening the piece of road next the Oklawaha station. The request was granted upon condition that Commissioner Proctor superintend and have said road built on a standard with other hard roads being built in the county.

Commissioner Mathews thereupon filed his poor farm report as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board:

I have visited the poor farm or county infirmary for the month of January; find that our new superintendent and wife have finished moving in and have taken hold of the work as though they had been trained to the business.

Our inmates are fourteen in number, four whites and ten colored. They all expressed themselves as being well pleased with their new friends, and are doing well, considering their infirmities. One Andrew Stephens, colored, who was very low at our last meeting, died on the 29th ultimo.

We find the greater part of the fences around the farm badly rotted and almost in a worthless condition, which causes a considerable annoyance in the matter of excluding outside stock from the plantation.

During the month six hogs have been slaughtered and approximately eight acres of oats planted.

Thus far fifteen acres of land has been rented at $1.50 per acre, rent to be paid before crop is gathered.

Hereto find financial report attached. We also find a listed report of goods and chattels of the place as turned over to Supt. May by ex-Supt. Priest.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. MATHEWS,
Com. in Charge.

Financial Report

Superintendent's salary, $35; hired help, $9.25; cooking, $14; washing and ironing, $9.50; nurse, $7; McIver & MacKay, $56.75; Helvenston & Pasteur, $2.45; Tydings & Co., $6.35; L. P. Olin, $19.05; Ocala Wagon Works, 50c.; J. B. Martin Hdw. Co., $21; Ocala Ice & Packing Co., $9.28; Martin & Carn, $20.83; Ocala Furniture Co., $4; J. T. Simmons, 50c. Total, $215.46.

By items sold from farm, $22.75.

Total expense, $192.71.

Turned over to Superintendent May by ex-Superintendent Priest: Table cloths, 3; blankets, 6; benches, 6; bedsteads, 20; mattresses, 15; pillows, 16; comforts, 23; sheets, 22; bed springs, 7; pillow cases, 18; towels, 20; water buckets, 10; wash basins, 7; tables, 4; chairs, 27; brooms, 2; stove and utensils, 1; syrup, 120 gallons; bacon, 900 pounds; corn, 100 bushels, velvet beans, 20 bushels; pindars, 15 bushels, hoes, rakes and shovels, 6; lard, 7 cans; wash pot, 1; potatoes, 80 bushels; looking glasses, 2; lamps, 6; lanterns, 2; saws, 2; drawing knife and hammer, 1 each; square and level, 1 each; brace and bits, 1 set; tubs, 7; cane knife, 1; wheel barrow, 1; hogs, 16; cows, 3; sausage mill, 1; smoothing irons, 6; fertilizer distributor, 1; plow stocks, 3; plow gears, 2 pair; wagon, 1; grain cradles, 2; horses, 1; chickens, 25.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mathews, Elijah Calhoun and Rachel Dort were each placed on the pauper pay roll at $5 per month.

The following motion was adopted: That the chairman be and he is hereby authorized to arrange with the florist to replace the dead palms around the court house square with live ones.

The following bonds to carry firearms were approved and licenses ordered issued:

Thomas D. Roberts, M. L. Calvin, Arthur Gallipeau, D. G. Watkins, L. D. Marsh, S. L. Cleveland and M. J. Strickland.

The following bonds were approved by the board:

C. I. Grace, for justice of the peace, with B. C. Webb and J. E. Turnipseed as sureties.

H. W. Dougless, for justice of the peace, with R. H. Redding and G. J. Johns as sureties.

Notary bond of Mamie E. Fox, with F. W. Ditto and R. R. Carroll as sureties, was approved.

Notary bond of Edgar S. Smith, with H. Gatrell and John W. Smoak as sureties, was approved.

Notary bond of Robert Sinclair, with W. T. Gary and D. C. Smith as sureties, was approved.

Upon motion it was ordered that the bill of D. T. Sherouse for $50, for the information which led to the conviction of Virgil Counts for selling liquor without a license, was ordered paid.

It was upon motion ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of the clerk for $125 for the payment of free labor as under resolution aforesaid of this board.

It was upon motion ordered that the clerk request the comptroller to allow the redemption of the northwest quarter of southwest quarter and north half of southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 23, township 14, range 21, at the face value of the certificates and omitted years' taxes, without interest.

The following justices of the peace reported fines and costs imposed as follows:

Joseph Bell, county judge, fines, $240; costs, $97.04.

C. C. Curry, fines, $5; costs, $7.93.

W. M. Gober ,fines, $78; costs, $9.42.

J. W. Lyles, fines, $59; costs, $48.12.

J. O. Turnipseed, fines, $10; costs, $13.60.

R. S. Shortridge, fines, $100; costs, $22.30.

E. L. Carney, tax collector, reported poll taxes collected: Extras, $10; regulars, $97. Total, $107.

Licenses collected to January 15th for county, $43; for state, $86.

Licenses collected to January 30th, for county, $88; for state, $176.

T. E. Pasteur, county treasurer, filed his report of receipts and disbursements for the month of January as follows:

School Fund

Received	$2217.89
Disbursed	2098.75
Balance	$ 119.94

Road Fund

Received	$1137.61
Disbursed	1099.88
Balance	$ 37.73

County Proper Fund

Received	$1833.01
Disbursed	1749.99
Balance	$ 83.02

Fine and Forfeiture Fund

Received	$2686.53
Disbursed	1699.88
Balance	$ 986.85

Building Fund

Received	$1894.75
Disbursed	876.90
Balance	$1026.85
Total receipts	$9769.79
Total disbursed	7516.20
Balance	$2253.59

There being no further business, the board adjourned until its next regular meeting in March, 1909.

GEO. MACKAY, Chairman.
S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk.

HARRIS ON EAST COAST

Editor Frank Harris has returned to Ocala, says the Star of that city, from a visit of inspection over the Florida East Coast Railway's extension, as the guest of Mr. Henry M. Flagler. Mr. Harris went as far as Key West, and had a splendid time. He says the company has the road entirely completed to Knight's Key and the great concrete and steel trestle is as solid as the rock itself, and absolutely safe in any wind or sea. He says that 80 per cent. of the uncompleted portion of the work is done the company has 75 acres of terminal land reclaimed at Key West from the waters of the bay, and are reclaiming 110 acres more. He says the road will be completed and trains running into Key West before 1910. —St. Augustine Mirror.

Seed Oats and Seed Potatoes, at Fishel's.