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OCTOBER SESSION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Board met on Monday as per adjournment. Present, G. W. Fisher, chairman; R. D. Brooke, J. G. Cade, W. D. Bradshaw and S. D. Jordan, clerk.

The following road and bridge reports were then submitted:

District No. 1—General repairs.
District No. 2—Repairs and pinestrawing DeLand and Beresford road and DeLand-Lake Helen road.

District No. 3—Repairs DeLeon Springs and Clifton road and bridge on Seville-Daytona road, also repairs to Pierson-Bakersburg road.

District No. 4—Bridge built over Blake Canal on Daytona-Port Orange road.

On motion of R. D. Brooke, duly seconded by J. G. Cade, the action of this board at August meeting in the appointment of J. P. Turner, G. A. Dimmick and J. J. Nicholson, a committee to report on the route surveyed by D. D. Rogers from New Smyrna to Osteen, be and the same is hereby considered and said committee be and they Whereupon it is ordered that the name

route as heretofore reported by Committeemen F. W. Sams, John Sauls and J. P. Ditson be accepted and the clerk was instructed to advertise the opening of said road for 30 days as required by law.

On motion the report of committee appointed to mark and view road changes was received and filed and committee discharged and opening of said road advertised for 30 days.

Thos. L. Dean was granted the right to place gate across the DeLand-Crows Bluff road under supervision of the board; said gate to be 12 feet wide. It was further ordered that all gates hereafter authorized across any public road must be 12 feet wide or more.

The petition of L. T. Dade and others asking that a road be established from Orange City to Thrasher's Ferry, was filed and L. T. Dade, D. B. Thursby and John Padgett were appointed a committee to mark and view said road and report their findings at the next regular meeting of the board.

The petition of G. N. Dozier, asking that the Orange City-Lake Helen road be closed where it goes across the corner of his land, was granted.

The road as heretofore advertised from Scarlett place to Woodland Boulevard was declared a public road, 30 feet wide, from Scarlett's to northwest corner of T. J. Newman's land, and from the northwest corner of T. J. Newman's land to Woodland Boulevard said road to be but 15 feet wide; said 15 feet to be taken from the land of B. Glascock.

The following pension claims were approved: W. F. Botton, J. F. Vass, Kate D. Clarkson, A. F. Long, Mary E. Montgomery, Eugenia M. Alexander, J. A. Woodward, Elizabeth S. Hale.

The notary bonds of H. A. Horn and Jas. Carnell were approved.

The petition of citizens of DeLand asking that one half mile of shell be laid on East New York avenue road was referred to Commissioner Fisher.

The county convicts were ordered delivered to Commissioner Cade for 30 days.

The salary of Capt. of Convicts Swartgreen was fixed at \$75.00 per month until further order of board.

Tax Collector Smith was granted a requisition for necessary office stationery.

Sam Purdom was allowed the sum of \$8 per month toward his support.

Geo. Brooke was allowed the sum of \$10 per month for the support and care of old man DuBois, any money sent him to be deducted from said amount each month.

Amanda Tedder was suspended from the pension roll.

The County Treasurer was instructed to present his bank book with his report each month as requested by the Governor.

Criminal Court bills were ordered paid to the amount of \$49.08.

The tax books for 1909 were approved and warrant to the collector ordered spread upon the minutes.

The treasurer's report for September was examined and approved and paid warrants destroyed. Statement from report:

Balance Gen. Fund. \$12460.38
Bal. Boad & Bridge Fund. 7564.24
Bal. Fine & Forfeiture Fund 2638.06

It was ordered that the clerk advertise for two weeks for bids for building a county jail and sheriff's residence.

Roll of Commissioners was then had. Commissioners voting as follows: Dist. No. 1—Yes. Dist. No. 2—Yes. Dist. No. 3—Yes. Dist. No. 4—No. Motion carried.

The question of location of the jail and sheriff's residence was then taken up and the following resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the jail and sheriff's residence be erected on the lot purchased by the county located on New York avenue, opposite the court house in the City of DeLand, Fla.

Miscellaneous bills against the county were then examined and approved, and warrants drawn in payment of same.

The board then adjourned to October 21, A. D., 1909, at 8 o'clock p. m., to take up and consider bids on county jail.

Put On Extra Sleeper.

Proof of the fast flooding tide of travel southward was given Saturday evening when it was found necessary to add an extra sleeper to the southbound train. This is the first train bound south this season that has had to have the extra. Each train is crowded and it is expected that it will soon be frequently the case to carry an extra Pullman.—St. Augustine Record.

Democratic Convention.

There is a crying demand throughout the State for a Democratic convention to be held next year to formulate a platform. Just why a platform is wanted or what use it will be after adoption, is not stated. The national Democracy had a beautifully worded platform—on which no one stands. The Republican national party has a fine platform; to the best of our knowledge and belief, not a single (or married) Republican abides by the platform. As a vote-catcher, a platform appears to be desirable; but as a guide to future action to govern successful candidates at the polls, a platform is a snare and a delusion.

Died Near DeLeon Springs.

Mrs. Anna O. Early died at her home north of DeLeon Springs on Wednesday. The body was embalmed by Undertaker J. A. Allen and shipped to her former home in Ocala yesterday for interment. The remains were accompanied by the husband, brother and son of deceased.

Easy to Edit a Paper.

Between the Grand Military Carnival at Jacksonville, Chicago University, the Tampa Board of Trade, the Florida Citrus Exchange, and various and sundry other "free" shows now going on, or about to be opened, it's no trouble to fill up about seven newspapers the size of THE NEWS. Every mail brings a batch of "literature," sent out to aid the busy editor. The average newspaper man is an easy mark to these "free" advertisers, and insert their effusions. This is one reason why the average newspaper man can't pay his bills. When in the course of human events, the newspaper man learns to charge regular rates for the insertion of this trash, the newspaper fraternity will be dignified and stand some chance of being placed on a paying basis. It must pay these fakirs to send out their letters asking for free advertising, or they wouldn't continue at it.

Plant City is considering the problem of buying the electric light plant and operating it in connection with the city water works. Thus another city will have adopted the economic plan of municipal ownership.—Sanford Herald.

PREPARING FOR CANE GRINDING

(BY C. K. MCQUARRIE.)

The proper preparation of the cane crop for grinding cuts quite a figure in the net result of the syrup-making. Cane intended for syrup should be allowed to grow as late in the season as possible. There is often rivalry among farmers in certain communities as to who shall have the first of the season's syrup on the market, and the crop is often cut weeks ahead of the time it should be cut. Syrup made from immature cane is of an inferior quality in every way. We have then a poorer quality in the first syrup on the market than we get later on when the crop is properly matured. Throughout northern and western Florida, the middle of November is early enough to cut the crop. Should a slight frost occur before that time it will not damage the cane for syrup-making purposes.

Stripping.

Stripping can be done any time after the first of October, and any odd time at the farmer's command can be devoted to the job. There are several good tools for this purpose on the market, and if the acreage is large it pays one to buy these; but for the ordinary cane patch on most farms, a piece of hoop iron will be found to do good work. All dead leaves should be completely removed up to the first immature joint, and particular care exercised that everything in the shape of trash be completely cleared away from the roots, so that the stalks can be cut very close to the ground; for the sweetest part of the cane is that next the ground.

Topping.

This operation has quite an important bearing on both the quality and quantity of the syrup. If we cut close to the mature joints and leave no green joints for grinding, we are apt to be troubled with sugaring of the syrup. The green or immature joints contain glucose which tends to prevent this sugaring, so one or two immature joints should be left when topping. The number of green joints left depends on the length of the canes. As a general rule to go by, one may leave a green joint for every ten matured ones, on ordinary-sized canes.

Cutting.

When we come to the cutting, we want to use a sharp tool that will make a clean slanting cut. Why slanting? Because if otherwise the butt of the stalk will be more or less splintered, and if laid away for some time before grinding, that joint will have some sour sap in it, which we do not want. The ordinary cane knife is not a good tool for cutting down cane, in that it can not cut close enough to the ground. A light well-sharpened hoe will be found the best for this purpose, and handled by a man who knows how to use it, will do excellent work. There should be two hands working together, one cutting down the canes, and the other removing the cut canes out of the way. This saves time.

Windrowing.

What is meant by this expression is the laying away of the cut cane in rows or piles to wait until grinding time. Quite a number of our syrup-makers do not practice this—they grind as they cut. But where a large acreage is grown it is impossible to get enough help to keep the cutting and grinding going at the same time; so the crop has to be laid away and covered up with leaves and trash to keep out the cold. In laying it away, unless the crop is an extra heavy one, piles containing about 600 canes each are recommended, laid as smoothly as possible, and well covered to protect them from frost.

Grinding immediately after cutting is not to be recommended, let the crop be large or small. Syrup made from cane laid away for a month or two is superior to that made from new-cut cane. The sap seems to mature, and it takes less of it to make syrup. For instance, it will require ten gallons of sap from newly cut cane to make one gallon of 34 degree syrup; while seven gallons of sap, from cane windrowed for two months, will make one gallon of syrup of a superior quality to the other.

SHORT SESSION SCHOOL BOARD

The Board met Monday evening, October 4, with all members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Crouch reported that the Spruce Creek school house and other repairs were completed and school in session. He was authorized to provide a pump for that school.

On request of patrons, a new stove was ordered for the Winona school, and a new pump for the Clifton school.

Communications from the citizens of Coronado, relative to a school, and a requisition for another teacher for the Ormond colored school, were both referred to Chairman Crouch.

An assistant for the Osteen school was granted, on condition that the sub-district pay the salary of same.

The resignation of Mr. I. T. Blane as trustee of the DeLand school, was received and accepted.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Daytona—Miss May Mabbett, Miss Hobbs.

Braddock—Miss Tomlinson.

Pierson—Miss Pardee.

Supt. Botts reported all schools in operation with the exception of Pierson, which will open October 11.

The treasurer's books and reports were examined and approved; old warrants were cancelled; new bills approved and warrants drawn for same.

The following financial statement was submitted and approved:

Bal. last report \$10597.30
Receipts for the month 49.59
Warrants outstanding 7.00

Total \$10653.89

Warrants outst'd'g this date \$ 7.00

Warrants issued this month 805.07

Balance on hand 9841.82

Total \$10653.89

The Board then adjourned to meet November 1. A. O. BORTS, Supt.

providing the cane has been thoroughly protected from cold weather.—Bulletin No. 125. (Cane grinding next week.)

NO COUNTY SEAT ELECTIONS.

Petition Failed to Make Its Appearance At Board Meeting.

The famous petition asking for an election to decide on the location of the county seat was not presented at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners this week. It is understood that the promoters failed to secure a sufficient number of signatures to warrant the calling of the election, and therefore did not let the petition come before the board.

At the meeting three or four months ago, soon after the big jail delivery, it was decided to build a jail in keeping with the dignity of the county, but action on this matter was deferred to the October meeting to give the promoters of the county site removal petition an opportunity to get up a legal petition and settle this question for ten years. Notice to the effect that the question of building a new jail would be settled at the October meeting was given, and was published in all the papers of the county.

At the meeting this week, no petition having been presented, it was decided not to wait longer, and the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids to be received at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, October 21, to let the contract.

It is probable that the agitation to call a county site election will be indefinitely postponed, and that the next thing will be a division of the county, to be effected within the next few years, with the county site of the coast county at Daytona, or Port Orange, which will be the logical point to place the county seat whenever the county is divided—which is sure to come as soon as population and taxable values warrant a division.

While the people of DeLand were never anxious as to the outcome, all are glad that it was decided not to press this election, as it would have caused needless strife in a county that is now enjoying unusual good feeling, and would have been a needless expense on the tax-payers. Every cent that can be raked and scraped together should now be put on the new roads from Osteen to New Smyrna, from Lake Helen to DeLand, and from Orange City to the river.

The Tampa Times pathfinding contest between Tampa and Jacksonville was inaugurated yesterday. An "E. M. F." loaded with confetti, will make the initial trip. The car should pass through DeLand today. In the car will be the driver, a representative of the Times, T. N. Henderson, and Capt. C. N. Washington, representing the Tampa Auto Club.

STETSON UNIVERSITY.

Stetson is for all denominations. There are Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Catholics, Jews and people of other religions represented at Stetson.

There are two fine Episcopalian boys being educated for the Episcopalian ministry.

Last year Stetson graduated from the College of Liberal Arts one young man for the ministry of the Methodist church.

The largest number of ministerial students are preparing for the ministry of the Baptist denomination.

The Christian Associations, especially the young women, have planned considerable Christian work for this school year. They have arranged for Bible study in five groups, each group of young women under a capable student leader. The young women in the past have found this a very helpful way of securing daily Bible reading.

Religious work is wholly voluntary with the students except the required chapel service. This is a daily service and is attended by all the students, Saturday and Sunday, of course, excepted.

On Sunday students are expected to attend church service, going to any church of any denomination of their preference. In the afternoon there is a special vesper service which is wholly voluntary, but which is well attended by students and townspeople.

The young women of Chaudoin Hall maintain every evening ten minute prayer service in the room of Miss Martien, the Dean of Women. It is one of the finest influences in the student life.

On Thursday the Young Women's Christian Association holds a meeting in the afternoon, and the Young Men's Association holds one in the evening. There are two leaders always in charge of these meetings.

There are 19 men on the Faculty, including Dr. Hulley, Dr. Farriss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Carson, Dr. Baerecke, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Suhrie, Mr. Colton, Mr. Roscoe, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Bly, Mr. Mickle, Mr. Rockwood, Mr. Tingley, Mr. Stoves, Mr. Botts and Mr. Glass. Mr. Will Stultz is also to do some work in manual training.

Among the ladies teaching are Miss Martien, Mrs. Farriss, Miss Whitfield, Miss Galbraith, Miss Shaver, Miss Holden, Miss Staffon, Miss Hampton, Miss Knox, Miss Ryder, Mrs. Rosa, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Merryman, Miss Law, Miss Whiting, Miss Shedd, Miss Baxter, Miss Murch, Miss Emery, Miss Conkling and Miss Fuqua. The twenty-one women teachers represent a fine type of life before the young women of the University.

A new steamship line is to be established between Tampa and Havana, via Key West.