

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Official Account of Their Proceedings in Session This Week.

Board was called to order by the chairman Monday, Apr. 7th, all the members being present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Public road as marked and laid out by W. R. Hardee and W. I. Allen is declared a public road.

Treasurer's report received with his usual certificate of deposit attached. Report checked up and paid warrants destroyed.

Report of county judge and tax collector of licenses collected for the year 1902 for the month of March, amounting to \$14.75 state and \$42.38 county was received.

Report of Justice of the Peace Mont Hardee of fines collected and turned over to the county treasurer was received. Amount of fines 7.00.

Petition of John Goode et al, citizens of Malabar and Melbourne, was received and Jos Williamson, Lars Jorgensen and F. H. Fee were appointed to mark, view and lay out the same.

Report of tax collector of polls collected during the month of March for the year 1901, amounting to \$203 was received.

Bonds of Geo. W. Beal to carry a Colts rifle, of John Quincy to carry a Smith & Wesson revolver, of W. R. Campbell to carry a Winchester rifle were approved.

Petition of W. S. Braddock, Sr., et al, citizens of Sebastian, for a neighborhood road in Sebastian, was received, and R. G. Hardee, W. F. Sample and G. A. Braddock were appointed to mark, view and lay out the same.

Petition of N. Rasmonson, et al, citizens of Valkaria and Grant for a public road from Valkaria to Grant, was received and C. W. Bolton, W. Arnold and Geo. Washburn were appointed to mark and lay out same.

Reports of Justices of the Peace H. L. Parker and W. L. Kiefer were received.

Petition of E. J. Shattuck, et al, citizens of the fifth commissioner's district, praying for a special levy of seven mills for road purposes was received and checked up with the registration and tax books. After checking up it was found that there were 56 qualified electors and tax payers out of 85 had signed the same, and on motion the same was granted.

The board proceeded to select a paper to publish the delinquent tax list. The Melbourne Times, THE FLORIDA STAR, the East Coast Advocate and the Cocoa and Rockledge News were placed in nomination. On the second ballot the Advocate was selected.

Petition of E. C. Summerlin, Sr., et al, citizens, voters and tax payers of Brevard county, requesting the board to investigate the bonds of the county treasurer and such other county officers as are required to give bonds, and to publish the result of such investigation in the report of their proceedings was received. The bond was taken as good and approved by the old board. This board has no power to investigate, as the bond is on file in Tallahassee.

The following bills were paid:

Table listing various bills and amounts paid, including J. R. Walker, county commissioner, R. A. Conkling, county commissioner, etc.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND. District No. 2—Gustave Stohl, lumber for bridges. 6.00. SPECIAL ROAD FUND. Dist. No. 3—P. A. McMillan, Cozart contract. 350.00.

Treasurer's Statement.

Table showing financial statement for April 1, 1902. Balance cash on hand Mch. 1, 1902 \$ 3,028.28. Amount received in Mch., 1902 3,790.97.

MAGICIAN AMUSES SHAW.

Secretary of the Treasury Facetiously Orders the Vaults Locked.

"Have all the vaults in the building locked and keep them locked until after this man leaves. Any person who can make \$10 disappear from my hand without my knowledge has no right roaming around the treasury unwatched."

UP AND DOWN THE EAST COAST.

Brief Mention of Minor Matters Occurring at Our Neighboring Towns.

GEORGIANA.

Doctors Fredericks and Hutchinson have both been in Cocoa recently on business.

Mr. Goodsell, who has spent the past winter in our place, left us for his home in New York on the 8th inst.

Miss Speed and also her two nieces, the Misses Liscomb, left on Friday, the 4th inst., for their home in Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Godfrey, who owns land in North Horti, has been in our place of late, and also visits Eau Gallie on business this week.

Mr. Allen Clement and his friend, Mr. Bristol, who are students in Yale, left on Saturday for their school work in that institution.

Mr. Simmons, who owns a winter home here in Georgiana, it is understood is expecting friends here from the northwest during the present or coming week.

Mr. Bain, who owns a grove on the west shore, has of late kept men employed on the same cleaning up and making other improvement, which must change the grove materially for the better.

MELBOURNE.

Mr. L. C. Moore, of Roseland, was in town Saturday.

Dr. Peek has again left Melbourne to visit points north of this.

Dr. Summers and family are enjoying an outing south in the schooner J. F. Powell.

Mayor West paid a visit to some of his old friends in Ankona, and other points south.

A number of our young people enjoyed a social dance at West's hall last Monday evening.

Mr. Hainlin and daughter, Miss Elsa, have been enjoying a visit to relatives in Palm Beach and Miami.

Miss Annie E. Goode left last week for Ankona to visit with her friends, the family of the Hon. C. T. McCarty.

Mr. Sam Martin's new launch Dreamer is a handsome boat, and he can well feel proud of his workmanship on her.

Miss Cook, of Indiana, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Margaret Goode at her pleasant home in South Melbourne.

Miss Sue Crouck, of Tennessee, who has just spent her second winter in Melbourne, the guest of Mrs. Carter, left for home lately.

Mr. E. P. Branch has returned from his northern visit, and we are delighted to know that Mr. and Mrs. Branch will be with us this summer.

Melbourne needs a big hotel and a number of cottages to accommodate the people who come here. Who will build them? There is no prettier spot on Indian river for a home than Melbourne.

Dr. Geo. W. Holmes, of Sharpes, was called here to see a lady who is very low. She has been an invalid for a long time. The doctor responds to every call, far and near, rich or poor, if it is possible to get there. We know of many poor families who bless him for his help to them in time of need.

Mr. Chas. R. Faran invited the following party for a sail to Mrs. Valentine's, at Tillman, on Thursday, and to Bay View pineapple plantation on Friday, in the yacht Ida Gray: Mesdames M. Miday, F. C. Irwin, R. W. Goode; the Misses Emma, Matilda and Ceserea Miday, Mildred Irwin, and Messrs. Fred. Irwin and Norman Werner.

Hon. H. H. Spencer and wife, of Villa Ridge, Illinois, after spending several months in Melbourne, went north a short time ago. Mrs. Spencer writes that they found it cold on Easter Sunday, and were wishing themselves back in Florida. If visitors would only learn to stay here until the first of June, they would then know what a grand climate we have, and avoid the extreme cold north.

Protection of Game.

In the April issue of Outing Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., has a notable article on game conditions in Minnesota which will also be read with interest by sportsmen in other states. Mr. Hubbard says:

"The ingenuity displayed by shippers of game is really of a high order. Quail, grouse and prairie chickens can not be sold lawfully in Minnesota, but they have been shipped from the state in a dozen illegal ways. Once a consignment of rabbits was examined by the officials, and it was found that each rabbit had been opened and sewed up again after a quail had been placed inside. Likewise quail and other forbidden birds were found in cans labeled condensed milk, in bales of hay and in bedding."

NEW GOLD DISTRICT OUT WEST.

Discovery Was Made by Some Cattle Breeders From Illinois.

Reports of rich finds in the Thunder mountain goldfields, which have startled the country recently, were supported by George W. Walsen of Salmon City, Ida., publisher of the Idaho Recorder, who passed through Chicago recently en route to Washington, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. At the capital he will consult with postoffice department officials regarding mail routes from Salmon City to Thunder mountain, a distance of 108 miles.

Mr. Walsen tells a tale of suffering men frenzied in the rush for gold who are enduring every privation in traversing a country that has never known a government survey. He says the only route to Thunder mountain now open is by stage from Red Rock, Mon., via Salmon City. The stage line is good, but the rush of miners is so great that it can accommodate only a small proportion of them. On account of the great danger of travelling in the mountains at this time of year many fortune seekers have stopped in towns near the goldfields. Here they will wait until the trail is worn down by the more hardy.

"The Caswell boys," says Mr. Walsen, "are the men to whom the credit for the big strike is really due. They come from some little town in Illinois. I don't remember the name. They located on Marble creek, between Salmon City and Thunder mountain, not long ago on a ranch. They began as cattle breeders, but soon after it became known that they had taken to placer mining. They were quiet fellows and went about their business without taking any one into their confidence. Nobody paid much attention to their efforts at first. I know Ben Caswell well, and the other day he told me how he happened to make his big find."

"He and his two brothers were out hunting one day last November, when his eye was suddenly caught by a bit of rock that glittered in the sun. He broke it off and took it home. It assayed at the rate of \$2,000 in gold to a ton. Colonel Dewey heard of it and went to the Caswells. He took out a \$100,000 bond or option on the claim, to be paid up in three years. He allowed the Caswells the privilege of placer mining on the claim until the bond should be paid."

"Inside of three months the Caswells had cleaned up \$21,000. Then Dewey, hearing of their success, paid the bond. In the meantime the Caswells had struck another lead, which they tried to keep hidden. It was on the claim and of course belonged to Dewey if he did not fall down on his bond."

"They put on their snowshoes and traveled miles to the nearest lawyer to see if the bond could not be broken. They were told it could not be. Then they tried to buy back from Dewey the part of the claim on which the second find was located. Failing in this they told him all about it. It was practically throwing it into the bargain, for Dewey might have been years in discovering it for himself. This streak is eleven feet in width and runs as high as \$6,000 to the ton. It has made Dewey a rich man in the few weeks he has been operating it."

"But the Dewey mine differs from other Thunder mountain mines only in being the first to attract the attention of fortune seekers. The entire section, covering 625 square miles, is thickly mineralized. It is an immense volcanic deposit, and there is a belt thirty miles one way by over twenty the other in which all the baser metals seem to have been destroyed. Hump hill, about which there has been almost nothing said yet, is an El Dorado in itself."

"Seven thousand claims have already been located, and in every one traces of rich gold have been found. Pittsburgh capital to the amount of \$3,000,000 has been invested. We expect between 50,000 and 100,000 people to pass through Salmon City to the goldfields this spring, as Boise, Weiser, Moscow, Ketchum and Lewiston, in Idaho; Spokane, Wash., and Butte, Mon., are crowded with strangers waiting for the warmer days of April and May to clear the trails of snow. A new town, Roosevelt, is already laid out."

"Salmon City raised the money by private subscription to open up the stage line. It runs six horse coaches, with relays every twelve miles. The coaches make the distance in eleven hours."

"After Colonel Dewey had paid off his bond he took a stamp mill in packed on the backs of mules. A shaft has been sunk 180 feet, and the ore grows richer with the depth. They have to make a 'clean up' every six hours to keep the gold from choking the plates. The Caswell boys after selling the Dewey claim located another, which they sold the other day for \$100,000. F. H. Holcomb has sold ten claims within three weeks that netted him in the neighborhood of \$600,000. Of the entire district only four square miles have been staked out yet."

Spring Humors of the Blood

Come to a large majority of people. Probably 75 per cent. of these are cured every year by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and we hope by this advertisement to get the other 25 per cent. to take this great Spring Medicine.

It will sharpen your appetite, cure all stomach troubles, relieve that tired feeling.

Its strength as a blood purifier is demonstrated by its marvelous cures of

- Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Boils, Pimples, All kinds of Humor, Psoriasis, Blood Poisoning, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Malaria, Etc.

All of which are prevalent now.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

Will do you a wonderful amount of good. Be sure to get Hood's.

SALE OF THE PLANT SYSTEM.

Purchased by the Atlantic Coast Line, Making a System of 5,000 Miles.

The announcement made a few days ago over the signature of President Erwin to the effect that the Plant system had been sold to the Atlantic Coast line created the greatest interest all over Florida.

The Savannah, Florida & Western, as included in the sale of the Plant system, includes the entire Plant system, with the exception of the Florida Southern, the St. Johns & Lake Eastis, and the Sanford & St. Petersburg railroads. These roads are not to be included in the deal which has been consummated, but it is more than probable that they will be absorbed later on. Their importance as feeders will make it necessary to take them in.

The Atlantic Coast line, which has absorbed the Plant system, extends from Charleston to Richmond, including branches and divisions, running to Norfolk and other important points. There are eighteen hundred miles of track in the system, while the Plant system has three thousand miles.

Mrs. Margaret B. Plant's plan to convert the Tampa Bay hotel into a Jesuit college may be defeated by the merger of the Savannah, Florida & Western railroad with the Atlantic Coast line. The New York World takes this view. Saturday's issue of the World says:

"Mrs. Plant's desire to have Tampa Bay hotel converted into a Jesuit college may be thwarted by this railway deal. Her stepson, Morton Plant, said to a reporter for the World that he had not seen his stepmother for three weeks, and knew nothing of her plan to make this gift. Morton Plant owns 82 per cent. of the railway property, and Mrs. Plant 18 per cent. Mr. Plant declined to say if the absorption of the Plant system would affect his stepmother's plan of endowing such a college. His consent would be necessary in any event, but he gave no sign whether he approved Mrs. Plant's project or not."

Superb Rolling Palace.

The finest car in the world is nearing completion in the shops of the Pullman Palace Car company at Pullman, near Chicago. The owner is Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation. The cost of this magnificent coach will be \$40,000.

The Schwab traveling home is seventy feet of elegance, says the Philadelphia Times. The whole is in Louis XV. style. Every piece of furniture is of special and hand carved design. The brass bedsteads—one in Mr. Schwab's private room and the other in his wife's—cost nearly \$1,000 each and are hand chased. The tapestries, damasks and velours used in the upholstery cover the finest curled white hair. Mr. Schwab's room is finished in red and his wife's in blue. The dining room tone is green.

Mahogany is the wood chiefly used, but there is much inlaid work, which calls for maple, holly and birch. Tiffany art glass is in the ventilating windows at the top of the car. An artist was imported from Boston to do the elaborate ceiling and panel hand painting decoration.

Over the ceiling and the side and the panels above the windows garlands of roses and lilies twine. Architect J. Frank Jobson is satisfied that no private car as handsome ever rolled over rails. The beautiful dining room will seat sixteen. The kitchen and refrigerating plant place every facility at the service of the chef. The observation end in this Louis XV. home is twenty feet long, and the window area is so great that the occupants will feel almost as if they were riding out of doors.

He Spouts. "He is a fountain of information." "Fountain? More like an artesian well."—Philadelphia North American.

