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HE CANDIDATES AT SEBASTIAN

Big Picnic and Political Rally Last Saturday.

The fear that Sebastion people held their hearts that Saturday accord- to the forecast of weather during e first of the week, would be a bad nic day, all fell away and vanished th the rising sun which dispelled all unds of would be rain before it.

Very eary people begun to gather d by the time our boys got their sh-frying well under way the train ove in sight, then puffed away leav- ng such a bevy of candidates and in- eresting and interested people as it as not been our luck to entertain for long time. Flags were flying and men were talking—politics. There as a buzz in the air. Even the la- ies caught the infection and made me good points on the side. All we acked was the band and why didn't me body bring that abong?

Promptly at one o'clock dinner was rved, every one was invited to par- ke and a blessing was invoked by ev. W. T. Laine.

Immediately after dinner speaking egun. Rev. W. T. Laine had charge the speakers stand and introduced ch speaker with his usual wit and in s customary grand style.

Ten candidates took their places on the stand while four more were lled from the audience to present eir views, some others begged so rd to be excused that they were ssed over.

The first speaker to be introduced as Hon. John W. Watson, who spoke iefly of his past record and very in- restingly of what he hoped to do. e was followed by Hon. Fred M. Hud- , whom Sebastian people take great ide in claiming him as partially their n. He spoke most appreciatively of many courtesies shown him and is family in years gone by. He min- led with the bouquets which he threw the feet of Sebastian people, an ac- ount of some things which had been ccomplished by him during his term f office.

Mr. Nesbitt, with many interruptions by the freight train) told the people few things he wanted them to know. Mr, Hardesty, candidate for the same ffice (S. P. I.) showed a thorough nowledge of all school matters and laimed the 19th of May as the lucky ay for him, it being his wedding anin- rsary.

Mr. Tedder spoke briefly on the sub- ect he had in hand and ended by say- ng "vote for me if you think I am the ight man for the office," which is the est kind of politics.

Judge Fee and Mr. Hemmings did hemselves proud. while W. R. Har- ee's friends wanted to pat him on the ack.

G. E. Dutton and Frank M. Tyler ept well to their subjects and proved hat they were both very capable men. The crowd called so loudly for P. roegel and Dan Sloan that they were bliged to respond with a few well rned remarks.

F. C. Poppell proved his ability not ly as a tax assessor but as a public eaker as well and spoke to appre- tive listeners for a few minutes. ere was also a call for Eli Walker, his reply to the request to speak "boys I'm no speaker, but I'm a ural born tax assessor."

Mr. Penny, who is also a candidate county commissioner from this dis- t addressed the people for a short e and expressed his views on the road machinery.

here were many other candidates sent and people of note from all ts on the river. At the close of speaking at the proposal of Mr, on, three hearty cheers were given he people of Sebastian, and with eaving of the 5 o'clock train clos- e of the pleasantest days our little ge has known for a number of .

nti-Saloon League's Appeal.

e voters of St. Lucie county:

every qualified voter cast his in the coming primary as his ence dictates, bnt be sure you our conscience just what is right. e ballot the citizens of St. Lucie county have elimirated the saloons, therefore, any person who would vote for, or assist in making a law by which the saloon can get back again, does not represent this county. There seems to be an effort to nominate several candidates for the various offices whose conduct in the past stamps them as being in sympathy with the liquor interests.

Citizens, look carefully into the past record of each aspirant for your ballot, and vote for the one who has been on the right side, and of whose intelligence and integrity there is no question. Vote for the men whom you believe will be for the best interests of your county and State. Do not let personal feeling step in, petty vengence is poor satisfaction. It may prove a boomerang. Remember, what you are doing is not only for yourself, but effects every man, woman and child in this county.

The liquor dealer's associations are doing everything by money and influence to put weak and ignorant men in office who are in sympathy with them or who can be easily influenced. Do you want such office holders?

ANTI SALOON LEAGUE,
Fort Pierce.

Destructive Fire Visited Jensen Sixty Thousand Dollars Loss

Entire Business Section Swept Away Including Stores, Postoffice, Railway Sation and Other Property.

One of the most destructive fires that ever visited this section occurred at Jensen early Sunday morning when the entire business section of that thriving town was destroyed. It swept both sides of the business street destroying everything in its wake and jumped to the west wide of the railroad track and consumed all within reach. Sixteen houses, including all of the stores, the depot, offices, warehouse, and together with five empty box cars, and a portion of the railroad track, were reduced to ashes, and the total loss runs to over sixty thousand dollars, with less than fifteen thousand dollars insurance. It was only by heroic work on the part of the Jensen people that the several small residence were saved, a few of which were badly scorched and many times in flames.

The fire originated in the store of C. H. Munch & Co., and was discovered between three and four o'clock Sunday morning, when the alarm was given, and everybody responded and did noble work in attenpting to stay the spread of the flames and to rescue articles from the doomed buildings. The origin is unknown, and only guesses and surmises are ventured. The most plausible and one which is generally accepted is that it began in one of the boxes filled with sawdust which were used as cuspidores. It is possible that someone dropped a cigar stump in one during the evening and that it burned through the sawdust and ignited the floor from which it spread.

From the store of Munch & Co., the fire took in and enveloped the town hall which was next door and then the boat shop if W. C. Sneeden on the east. To the west, it enveloped a little building formerly used as the post office and the big store of the Jensen Trading Company and a warehouse of James Neal west of the railroad track.

On the opposite side of the street the hungry flames ate up the postoffice building which was also occupied by W. C. Sneeden with a stock of marine hardware and the Masonic lodge up stairs. Then came the meat market of J. G. Steinhauser, and the big store of James Neal which occupied two buildings, and the upstairs was used by his family as a residence. A building on the north occupied by G. S. Tucker's bowling alley was abso in the wake of the fire. Making a grand leap of about sixty feet the fiery monster swept away the passenger depot and about three hundred feet of platform, as well as five empty box cars on a side track in front of the station. Not satisfied with this destruction the flames danced into the building occupied by C. S. Blocker as a bakery and residence and another occupied by N. G. Read & Co. as an office.

Having run out of material the fire subsided although considerable damage was done to the pineapple fields adjoining the burned district. The house at the rear of the town hall which was occupied by Mr. Baker and family, was saved only by strenuous work on the part of many citizens, and the one back of the postoffice occupied by Mr. Baker's father and family was protected by a dense growth of trees and shrubs as well as tireless work of willing men, and escaped after having the gable burned out.

E. C. B. Tyndall and family occupied the second floor of the Jensen Trading Company's store and their household effects were destroyed, as were the goods of Mr. Beardsley and family who lived over the store of C. H. Munch & Co. Four families—those of Messrs. Tyndall, Beardsley, Neal and Blocker, —were rendered homeless and lost all their effects, but the citizens who were more fortunate in escaping the fire, threw open their homes and they were gladly received.

The following is a list of the losses as nearly as we could secure them:

Jensen Trading Company, general merchandise stock, $5,000 with insurance at $2,000. The building was owned by G. E. Coon and valued at $2,000 with insurance for $1,500. Mr. Coon also lost a small vacant building formerly occupied by the post office.

C. H. Munch & Co., general merchandise stock, $5,000, insurance $2.000. C. H. Racey, building valued at $3,000, insurance $2,500.

The town hall, owned by the public at large, $1,000, no insurance. Furniture was saved.

W. C. Sneden, boat building house and stock $1,500, no insurance. Stock of marine hardware in Austin building, $4.000, no insurance.

I. E. Whitney, postoffice fixtures, etc., $500, no insurance. D. E. Austin, building and office fixtures, $1,500, no insurance. Masonic Lodge, paraphanalia. $200, no insurance.

J. G. Steinhauser, meat market fixtures and stock, $300, no insurance. R. R. Ricou, building $150, insurance, $100.

James Neal, stock of general merchandise, $10,000, no insurance. R. R. Ricou, two buildings, $3,500, insurance $2,400.

F. R. Baker, personal effects, $200, no insurance. R. R. Ricou, building, $800, insurance, $500.

G. S. Tucker, builbing, bowling alley, etc., $1,800, insurance, $1,000.

C. S. Blocker, bakery and household goods, $500, no insurance. Wm. Frederickson, building, $1,000, insurance, $500.

N. G. Read & Co., pineapple wraps $800, and office fixtures $500, insurance, $250. P. Frederickson, building, $500 insutance, $200.

James Neal, household effects, value unknown, no insurance. E. C. B. Tyndall, household effects, partly insured. Mr. Beardsley, household effects.

Florida East Coast Railway, passenger station and platform, $2.500, five box cars, $4,000 and three hundred feet of track. The amount of insurance was not learned.

City Dock Company, damage to tramtrack, $50.

There are other items of damage to buildings, losses which were not at first known, and many other things which will run the amount up considerably. The items above given with values place it above forty-five thousand dollars, with less than fifteen thousand insurance and it is safe to put the estimate at sixty thousand dollars loss, which is a sad blow to the small town.

James Neal is by far the heayiest loser by the fire, having lost a ten thousand dollar stock of goods and all his household and personal effects without any insurance. Dr. Sneden's loss is about six thousand without insurance. Both of these gentlemen's insurance policies expired less than two weeks previous to the fire and had not been notified of the fact and therefore had not been renewed. Most of other heavy losers were partially insured.

All or most of the buildings which were destroyed will be replaced by modern structures of more durable and substantial material. Messrs. Ricou, Coon and Racey will rebuild of concrete or brick, and others will fall in line. Temporary buildings are now being erected for immediate use of James Neal and E. C. B. Tyndall, who who will each resume business in their former lines. The railroad company, we understand will build a larger and better passenger station, and a handsome home will be made for the new bank in the burned district. Out of the ashes will arise a handsomer and more substantial Jensen.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, the Leading Candidate for United States Senator, Will Speak at Sebastian next Thursday, May 14, at 2 p. m. and at Fort Pierce at 8 p. m. Everybody Cordially Invited to attend Meetings.

School Closing.

The closing exercises of the Fort Pierce Graded and High School will be as follows:

Sunday, May 10, at 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. S. K. Jewell at the Methodist church.

Monday, May 11, at 2 p. m., Reception at Improvement Club Hall.

3 p. m., program of entertainment.

Piano Duet, Misses Laura Penney, Florence Stetson	
Chorus	"Commencement Song" ... School
Address of Welcome	Hon. R. R. Gladwin
Chorus	"Flofida, My Florida" ... School
Address	Mr. Brian K. McCarty
"Sunbonnet Babies"	From Primary Grades
Recitation	Eugene Summerlin
Dumb-bell calesthenics	Twenty Girls
Teddy Bear Lullaby	Six Girls
Flag Exercise	Twenty Primary Pupils
Indian Club Drill	Seven Girls
Violin Solo	"Hearts and Flowers" ... Will Hunter
Accompanist, Miss Laura Penney	
Song	"Rambling" ... Boys
"Eastern Star" Marches and Poses	Sixteen High School Girls
"College Life"	Chorus by School
Original Poem	Rodman Backus
"Vacation by Malcolm Moore"	
Distribution of Prizes and Conferring Diplomas	Supt. W. J. Nesbitt
Song	"America"
Pianist	Miss Ruth Alderman

Social Hour.

Graduates, 1908—Tenth Grade—Miss Immaroe Stanford, Will W. Hunter.

Eighth Grade—Miss Jewell Swain, Pearl Swain, Phillips Platts, Miss Janie Cowan, Miss Leonora Brown, Miss Viola Keene, Miss Maude Hayes, Lowell Hill, George Kimball.

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD

Routine and Other Matters of the May Meeting.

School board met in regular session May 4 1908, present B. F. Hardesay and R. R. Gladwin chairman, with W. J. Nesbitt secretary and superintendent.

Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved.

Superintendent reported progress in regard to the Narrows school and was instructed to secure C. W. Little as principal.

Petition received from patrons representing a legal number of pupils at Gifford and asking for a school at that place.

Superintendent was instructed to investigate the matter of location etc and if all conditions are found to be legal aud satisfactory to proceed to establish a school there.

Matter of launch route in connection with Johns Island school in Indian River Narrows was reported by the superintendent and it was decided to establish it on the opening of school. Superintendent was instructed to see that a safe and reliable launch and man to run same is employed.

Committee of superintendent and chairman having in hand the building of school house at Quay and enlargement of school building at Vero reported contracts let as follows:

Enlargement at Vero, A. J. Sanderson, $175.00. New building at Quay, J. B. Merriweather, $515.00. Building at Vero was about completed and at Quay the frame is up and almost enclosed.

Superidtendent reported teachers secured for Quay and Bethel Creek schools and the other summer schools about arranged for.

Board then proceeded to district the county according to law and it was moved by Mr. Hardesty seconded by Mr. Gladwin that the following described divisions constitute the school districts of St. Lucie county.

District No. 1. Commencing at the north west corner of St. Lucie county, running east along north boundry to Atlantic ocean, thence southerly along the ocean beach to the section line between sections 24 and 25 in township 34, range 40 east, thence west along section line to north west corner of section 30, township 34, range 37 east. Thence running south to north east corner of township 36, range 36, east, thence run west to north west corner of township 36, range 35 east, thence running north to point of beginning. Containing the following election precints, Sebastian No. 1., Wabasso No. 7., Quay No. 8., Viking No. 12., Narrows No. 9., Vero No., 11., Fort Drum No. 5.

District No. 2. Commencing at north west corner of section 30 township 34, range 37 east, thence run east to the Atlantic ocean, thence southerly along ocean beach to section line between sections 7 and 18 in township 35, range 41 east, thence run west along section line to north west corner of section 16, township 35, range 40 east, thence south to south west corner of said section 16, thence run west to north west corner of section 20, township 35, range 40 east, thence south to the south east corner of section 31, township 35, range 40 east, thence run west to south west corner of section 31, township 35, range 39 east, thence north to the north west corner of section 18, township 35, range 39 east, thence west along section line to south west corner of section 7 township 35, range 37 east, thence north to point of beginning, containing Fort Pierce election drecinct No. 2.

School district No. 3. Contains all territory in St. Lucie county south of school districts one and two and contains the following election precincts, Ankona No. 3., White City No. 10., Jensen No. 4, Tantie No. 6. Carried.

The following warrants were authorized and drawn.

J W Hodge	tchr	50 00
Lawton F Geiger	"	45 00
Mrs Edith Hunter	"	90 00
Mrs F L Hemmings	"	55 00
Elma Geiger	"	50 00
Edith Hunter	"	50 00
Sue Hunter	"	50 00
Mrs A B Brown	"	45 00

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