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ROWERS' MEETING

ast Coast Fruit and Vegeable Growers Association.

athering at Jensen Saturday was Lightly Attended but Very Enthusiastic in Spirit.

The meeting of the East Coast Fruit d Vegetable Growers' Association lled at Jensen for the 15th met, with A. Robinson as presiding officer. In e absence of Secretary T. V. Moore . R, Hardee was named as acting sectary for the meeting. The president ad an interesting address reciting me of the things that the association d done and were now attempting to in the interest of the fruit and vegeble growers of the East Coast.

Following the president's address apt. Geo. F. Cook, who has been operting the Cook line of water transportion from Jacksonville to Miami, was lled upon and gave some very interting data which shows the importance a system of water transportation ong the East Coast and brought very early to the minds of every one prest the necessity of a strenuous effort n the part of her citizens to leave no tone unturned to secure from Congress n appropriation for that purpose. It is ery much to be regretted that there re so few of our citizens who felt sufficient interest in this important meeting to be present, and Capt. Cook expressed surprise at the lack of interest anifested.

Major S. Rodman Smith and Major Harvey R Payne, citizens of Miami, also nterested in the water transportation n connection with Captain Cook, addressed the meeting along the same ines as set forth by Capt. Cook. All hree of these gentlemen are very enhusiastic over the proposed improvenents as outlined for Santa Lucia inlet nd stand ready to lend every possible ssistance in securing the appropriation, but they would have been much etter pleased if they could have seen a neeting called for such an important ubject more largely attended.

Mr. Cullen Pence, of Boynton, gave very clear talk on conditions as he ound them in Cuba as relates to the pineapple industry.

Dr. J. H. Montgomery, of Buena Vista, one of the most earnest and hard working members of the association, handled the question of the evils we are trying to remedy in a businesslike manner, urging the unremitting efforts of every member in a continuation of the fight.

W. B. Hardee, speaking for St. Lucie county, was firmly of the opinion that the end sought would come through a continued effort of the growers if they would avail themselves of all the advantages and improvements which were possible and did not confine their complaint to minor matters in the way of seeking to correct existing conditions.

As the attendance was small the invitation for membership was only responded to by Mr. R. R. Ricou, who, in addition to becoming a member, subscribed $100.00 to aid in the further adjustment of existing conditions. Mr. W. D. Edwards, already a member, sent in a contribution of $5.00. No further business coming up the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.

NEW COURT HOUSE ACCEPTED

One Thousand Dollars Left by Contractors to Complete it.

The County Commissioners met in special called session January 17, 1910, with the full board in attendance.

The board inspected the court house and, on motion, the same was conditionally accepted, and it was further ordered by the board that the remaining warrants due on the contract, amounting to $3,690.00, and $500.00 cash, be paid said Mutual Construction Company, and the remaining $1,000.00 on contract, be retained by the clerk until said building is completed; and be it further ordered that additional warrants for $2,905.23 be signed and delivered to the said Mutual Construction Company for extra work and material due on said court house as per bill filed this day. It is further ordered that the said Mutual Construction Company shall file with the clerk of this board a receipted bill in full for all materials used in said court house.

Said Mutual Construction Company has filed the following receipt:

"Received of St. Lucie county, Fla., payment in full for original contract price and extra work and material for court house, excepting $1,000,00 in cash this day agreed upon as conditional settlement. Mutual Construction Co.
(By W. C. Lewman.)
Fort Pierce, Fla., Jan. 17, 1910.

On motion, a warrant was ordered drawn for $50 00 in favor of J. E. Fultz, Clerk, to be used in paying discharged convicts, according to law.

On motion, board adjourned to meet in regular session February 7, 1910.

REVIVAL MEETING NEXT WEEK

Rev. J. B. Culpepper Will Be In Fort Pierce Next Sunday.

Rev. John B. Culpepper, one of the best known evangelists in the country, will arrive here tomorrow and begin a series of services in the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

The announcement that this famous preacher will be here is sufficeint to arouse the enthusiasm of all the church workers of the city, and they will at once begin working for the success of the meetings by interesting others in them. Rev. Culpepper will be here for two weeks and during that time will preach every evening in the Methodist church. It has not been definitely learned whether his son, Burke, will accompany him but it is likely that he will, and that assures good singing throughout all the services.

Rev. Culpepper and son are comparatively well known here, having held revivals here on two occasions, and there is little doubt that crowds will gather to hear them preach.

Rev. Chapman, of the Methodist church, announces that there will be good singing whether Burke is here or not, and that the services will be the most interesting held here in a long time. He also calls on the members of all the churches to co-operate in making them effective in getting results for the cause.

A VISIT TO "PROMISED LAND"

Cane Grinding and Syrup Making Now in Full Sway.

By invitation of Captain W. J. Tucker on Tuesday we had the pleasure of visiting his country home, "Promised Land," six miles west of Fort Pierce, and were delightfully entertained at an old fashioned cane grinding.

The Captain has installed a cane mill and is now making syrup, which, by the way, is the finest you ever "sopped" a biscuit in, and the cane juice, which was flowing freely from the mill, is just like the juice we used to drink when we were a kid, and has the flavor that lingers and gives appetite for more.

We were also shown over the Captain's twenty acre orange and grapefruit grove, the trees of which are laden with the golden fruit ready for market. He showed us grapefruit trees only a year old which were bearing fruit, while the five year old orange trees show money on every branch

The "old log cabin" which was built before the war contains many relics of interesting history, such as swords, guns and weapons of all kinds, while Indian utensils are also numerous. Captain Tucker delights in showing the visitor over the place and never tires of explaining the various features.

Just now he is as busy as a bee grinding cane and making syrup, and after finishing that he will gather his fruit and get it off to market, then devote his time to another crop and look after his thoroughbred hogs, chickens, etc.

"Promised Land" indeed gives promise of a prosperous future for its genial owner.

The Barracas and Philathias will meet at the usual place this (Friday) evening and all members are requested to be present.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT

Henry I. Klopp Met Tragic Death Wednesday.

His Head was Crushed by Falling of a Heavy Steel Safe in the New Court House Vault.

One of the most horrible accidents in the history of Fort Pierce occurred at the court house Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock when Mr. Henry I. Klopp met instant death by being crushed by the falling of a heavy steel safe.

Mr. Klopp, with a force of workmen, was moving one of the big safes into the new vault at the court house and had succeeded in getting it in the room and almost in place. Lowering the safe from the level of the window, where it was brought in, was careful and dangerous work and Mr. Klopp, as usual, was taking the larger risks and responsibilities and doing the dangerous work to keep his men from the risks, and it was while arranging the "chocks" preparatory to further movement of the heavy load that he stooped between the safe and the steel wall of the vault. While in this position the support under one corner gave way and instantly the two thousand pounds of steel and iron crushed against the wall, catching his head before he could dodge backward or downward.

Instantly his men jumped to his assistance and with pry-poles released the pressure, but the spark of life had been crushed out, the skull being horribly broken and mashed.

The moving of this safe was undertaken Tuesday by a professional safe mover but he deserted the job that night when he reached the hardest part of the work. Wednesday morning Mr. Klopp, as superintending architect of the building, agreed to place the safe, out of his love for a finished job and as a favor to the county officials.

In the death of Mr. Klopp the town and county have lost a most valuable citizen. Always prominent and foremost in any movement for progress and being a business man of much ability his friends are numbered by the hundreds. His untimely and tragic death was a distinct shock to the entire city and a gloom was cast over the community when the news spread that he had passed to the great beyond. He was one of the earlier settlers of this section, having come here about eighteen years ago from Illinois, and during that time has been the foremost architect and builder and hundreds of houses in this county stand as silent teitimonials of his ability in his chosen profession. During the past two years he has been a member of the contractifig firm of Klopp and Buell, his partner being Mr. S. S. Buell, whose affection for the deceased was more like that of a brother than friend. During the construction of the new court house, where he met his death, he was superintending architect, and that structure is also evidence of his conscientious devotion to duty.

Deceased was fifty-three years old and leaves to mourn his untimely end a widow and beautiful young daughter, both of whom are prostrated with grief. Besides these are an aged father, stepmother and brother in Illinois, and a brother in Nebraska.

Deceased was prominent in church work, being an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist church, also a Mason and Woodman in good standing.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at the Methodist church and the interment took place in the Fort Pierce cemetery under the auspices of the Masons and Woodmen.

Words can but very feebly express the sorrow every resident of the city feels, but not a heart beats among the friends of the late lamented but what would comfort the heart-broken widow and daughter. We express the sentiment of the community in extending the deepest sympathy and most heartfelt condolence to the stricken family and commend them to the tender mercy and loving care of Him who alone can comfort the heavy heart and cheerless spirit.

Fatal Accident at Vero.

News has been received here of a fatal accident which occurred at Vero Wednesday afternoon when Mr. L. G. Tuten, of that place, met death by falling out of a wagon. Meagre details only have been received but more particulars will be given next week.

Educational Association Social.

The Educational Association will hold a social meeting in the Town hall Friday evening, January 28. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody and it is hoped a large number will be present. A program is being prepared by the library committee, and the entertainment committee are doing all they can to make the evening pleasant. The entertainment will be followed by a short business meeting, then light refreshments will be served.

ELMA GEIGER, Secretary.

ACTOR'S CHILD LEAGUE COMING

Will Play in Fort Pierce Hotel Early in February.

The Actors' Child League of New York city, Miss Nella Whipple, manager, which made such a hit in Florida last season, is to start for Florida in a few days from the Home in New York. Six of the children will accompany Miss Whipple and will render an entire new program of songs and dances of the highest class, each child being an artist of more than ordinary ability.

The children remained in Daytona seven weeks last winter, giving entertainments in all the hotels, they also visited St. Augustine and Jacksonville where they were in great demand as hotel entertainers.

This season it is the intention of Miss Whipple to take the troupe to Walton, where the first entertainment will be given in the parlors of the Walton Inn, then to Miami and Palm Beach, stopping on their return at several of the smaller places. The greater part of the remaining season will be spent in Daytona, which will be headquarters for the league. No admission fee is charged at any of the entertainments and everybody is welcome. Voluntary contributions are received during each entertainment.

These children will give an entertainment here early in February.

ENTHUSIASTS WORKING HARD

On Plans for Permanent Organization of the Y. M. C. A.

Two enthusiastic meetings of the temporary organization of the Y. M. C. A. have been held during the past week. Last Thursday evening a short social session was held in the Improvement Club hall, and during the business session several new names were added to the charter roll. Among other business the meeting night was changed to Tuesday evening. After adjournment the entire body was invited to the reception of the new pastor at the Methodist church, where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

On Tuesday evening another meeting was held in the Library, which proved very interesting and helpful to the infant organization. Mr. J. K. Williams, Jr., of Jensen, an enthusiastic Y. M. C. A. worker, was present and gave an able talk on the line of organization, pointing out the proper method of procedure and stating that the services of Mr. J. V. Reed, State secretary for Georgia and Florida, could be secured at any time, and that the International secretary, Mr. C. K. Ober, would be in the South in a few weeks and could be persuaded to come here if he was needed.

Mr. Williams also gave his name in as a member and pledged his hearty support in the work in any way it could be used, and further stated there would be several members from Jensen.

Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening when it is expected the committee on organization will have a good report with definite plans for starting actual work on the permanent organization.

Judge and Mrs. H. H. Tye, of Williamsburg, Ky., arrived here Monday evening and are guests of Mrs. Tye's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. J. Tucker.

A ROYAL WELCOME

Rev. Chapman and Family Rceived with Open Arms.

Delightful Reception Tendered the New Pastor by Members of the Methodist Church.

One of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of Fort Pierce Methodist church occurred in that edifice last Thursday evening when a reception was tendered Rev. J. S. Chapman and his pleasant family by the members of the church and auxiliary societies.

The church was crowded with members of the church and friends, who gathered to assist in extending a welcome to the new pastor, and every minute of the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. The addresses of welcome teemed with bright sparkles of wit and humor as well as heartfelt greetings and promises of hearty support to the new pastor and his family in the church work.

The speakers of the evening were: Mr. J. E. Fultz, for the church; Mr. Wm. I. Fee, for the Sunday school; Mr. H. C. Conkling for the Epworth League; Mrs. S. G. VanLandingham, for the Womans Home Mission Society; Mr. W. E. Hine, for the Junior League; Rev. H. W. McCombs for the pastors of the city; Mr. C. K. Durkee, for the State of Florida. These addresses were interspersed with excellent music by the choir, and special mention should be made of the quartette by Mrs. L. A. Jennings, Miss Sarah Best, Messrs. H. I. Klopp and H. C. Congling, also a solo by Miss Nelson. Rev. Chapman responded to the addresses of welcome in a most happy manner and expressed himself as very much gratified over the hearty reception accorded himself and family.

Following this came the social hour when every one present were introduced to Rev. and Mrs. Chapman and their three charming daughters, Misses Blanche, Lorena and Mary. Cake and coffee were served by the ladies of the mission society, and the social session, if possible, was more enjoyable than the first part. Happy laughter and hearty greetings were the order and the pastor and his family became well acquainted with most os those present before the time for good night. A noticeable feature of the social hour was the queenly court held by the three attractive and fascinating daughters of the pastor, who were surrounded by a circle of admiring courtiers, vieing with each other for the smiles and favors of the ladies of the throne.

The occasion was one of hearty welcome to Dr. Chapman add family and their journey from far off Texas to the Land of Flowers had a happy ending, and their residence in Fort Pierce was begun in a most auspicious manner, promising a pleasant sojourn among our people. The News also extends a hearty welcome to these good people with the hope that their work and residence here will result in much good.

THE FOUR PICKERTS' COMPANY

Are Playing to Good Audiences Here All This Week.

The Four Pickerts Company opened their week's engagement here on Monday night and were greeted by a full house. The opening play was a three-act comedy, "Hello, Bill!" and kept the audience in an uproar of laughter throughout the evening.

On Tuesday evening the bill was "The Child of the Streets," and on Wednesday night they played "The Vengeance of Demise," while last night "The Captain's Double" was on. On each occasion there have been large audiences, for this excellent company is well liked and are the favorites here.

The specialties by The Four Pickerts are also new this year and have been thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, while Harry J. Moseley and E. Bert Edwards have also contributed to the fun in specialties.

The Pickerts will play tonight and tomorrow night and give a matinee tomorrow afternoon.