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GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT

The Hon. Minor S. Jones, Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit:

The grand jurors, in addition to the several special presentments, beg leave to make the following general presentment concerning matters of special and general interest throughout the county, and respectfully request your honor to take cognizance of the same, and to make such general direction in those matters as you deem proper and right.

We have looked into the affairs of the county, and make the following report and recommendation:

We visited the several offices of the county and find the offices of the county clerk, treasurer, tax collector, treasurer and county judge in neat condition. The county clerk reports that his office is fully equipped with everything needed to do his work in an up-to-date manner.

In the tax collector's and treasurer's offices there is a present need of a suitable safe for the proper safety of books. We recommend that the board of county commissioners purchase such a safe as soon as possible.

The County Judge requests that some provision be made to furnish him a suitable room to hold county court in; we therefore recommend that the county commissioners give this matter their early attention.

We visited the county jail which was recently accepted by the county commissioners, and beg to report that we found it to be one of the most thoroughly up-to-date jails in the State; and also found it kept in a very neat condition by Sheriff Carlton, who suggested that for the proper safety of the prisoners and protection from the outside, solid steel or iron shutters be placed over the lower windows of the jail, and we respectfully call the matter to the attention of the board of county commissioners, who are empowered to provide such safeguards as they consider necessary.

A financial statement was handed to the grand jury by the clerk of the circuit court, itemizing the expenses of the county during the year of 1906. This statement shows a cash balance on hand of $10,778.74 on the 8th day of February, 1907. As there has been some comment as to the correctness of this balance, on account of a different statement occurring in one of our county papers, we beg to copy below a certificate from C. M. Horton, cashier of the Bank of Fort Pierce, which is as follows:

To W. R. Hardee, foreman of grand jury: I hereby certify that the balance to the credit of John H. Wynn, county treasurer of St. Lucie county, on dates mentioned, is as follows:

At the close of business, January 2, 1907, was $12,338.58. At the close of business February 1, 1907, $12,537.19.

It will be seen that there is an apparent discrepancy in the clerk's financial report and the actual cash on hand in the bank as per cashier's certificate, while as a matter of fact both are correct, the difference being accounted for by the fact that there were outstanding warrants which had not been presented to the bank for payment.

Something over a year ago the matter of St. Lucie county going into the abstract business was taken up and a petition with the required number of names presented to the board of county commissioners which authorized the commissioners at their discretion to purchase the necessary books and have the work done. The board whose term expired on the 8th of January, 1907, did not feel that St. Lucie county could afford to go into such a questionable project, whereby not one cent ever comes back to the county as a whole, and can only benefit those buying and selling real estate, and as the average taxpayer is not in this line of business, he should not be called upon to pay for such work, as he receives no benefit therefrom. The present board of county commissioners at a recent meeting have taken up the matter of proceeding with this work, and the grand jury have been requested to investigate and report as to the advisability of having it done, and to this end have taken it up and discussed the matter with many who signed the petition asking that it be done, and with but few exceptions, there is a strong sentiment against the county undertaking this work, their explanation being that they did not fully understand the plan which the petition called to have done at the time of signing the petition. After all the information obtainable it is the unanimous opinion of this grand jury that such work would be an unwarranted expense upon the tax payers of the county, and we earnestly recommend that the Board of County Commissioners refrain burdening the citizens of the county with an expense for which neither they or the county will receive any adequate returns.

In the matter of the educational affairs, we find there is a deficit in the school fund and do not know of no better way of showing our desire to remedy this condition than to unanimously endorse the report of the grand jury which convened last fall as follows:

Nothing can be nearer the hearts of our people than the subject of education, we heartily commend the past efforts of our educational board, and further recommend the establishment of a special tax school district comprising the entire county, according to the present school law, and a tax of two and one half mills thereafter be levied on said special district for the purpose of placing the educational affairs of our county on a firm and permanent basis, then by relieving the present and anticipated deficit in our school affairs, and further that the subject of compulsory education be presented by our representatives at the next session of Legisulature and that they use their every effort to accomplish this end.

Among other matters investigated was the report that the drug stores in Fort Pierce were operating without a registered pharmacist to compound and fill prescriptions as the law requires. Inquiry into the matter resulted in the establishment of the fact that both drug stores in Fort Pierce were violating the law in this respect and we hereby instruct the sheriff to see that they comply with legal requirements, and in case of their failure to take the necessary legal steps to prosecute them.

It has also been brought to the attention of the grand jury that intoxicating beverages in the form of so-called maltine and various kinds of bitters, have been and are being sold in Fort Pierce. And acting upon the statement of the circuit judge, expressed from the bench, that at the next convening of the circuit court of St. Lucie county, that he will make a special charge to the grand jury to indict all persons known to be selling, or to have sold, such beverages or bitters, we feel justified in instructing the sheriff, at any and all times, to swear out warrants against parties known to be selling such beverages, and to take them before the proper authorities for prosecution.

In the matter of our public highways, we realize the handicap under which we are laboring in securing improvements, and heartily endorse the plans as outlined and which are being worked out by the Good Roads Association of St. Lucie county, provided it would be impossible to have a law passed by which an acreage tax could be enforced, it being the opinion of this grand jury that an acreage tax, if practical, is a better method, as it prevents bonding and the interest which follows same; and we respectfully ask that our senator and representative be requested to investigate the legality of such acreage tax.

It has also been brought to the attention of this grand jury, that in some places in this county, stores doing a general merchandising business are keeping their places open on Sunday in close proximity to buildings in which Sunday schools and divine services are conducted, and that such keeping open of those places of business on Sunday is a public nuisance and interferes very seriously with the conducting of religious services. Therefore we recommend that the sheriff, upon proper complaint, arrest such proprietors of any general merchandise business for such violation.

In conclusion we wish to extend our thanks to the Hon. Minor S. Jones for courtesies extended to this body, and to our prosecuting attorney, John C. Jones, our appreciation of his advice and courtesy in assisting us in the discharge of our duties; and respectfully ask to be discharged.

W. R. HARDEE, Foreman.
W. B. CROSS, Clerk.
Fort Pierce, Fla., Feb. 21, 1907.

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