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FLAGLER TO BUILD ROAD FROM MAYTOWN TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE

CONTRACTS LET ALREADY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION

Planned to Complete the Line in Three Years

WILL BE 130 MILES LONG AND WILL OPEN UP KISSIMMEE VALLEY TO TRAFFIC—RICH SECTION OF COUNTRY TO BE DEVELOPED.

The St. Augustine Record of yesterday contained the following:

Opening up a vast territory of the State's most fertile acres and of virgin forest that is yet untouched by the lumberman's axe, a new railroad leading south from Maytown to Lake Okeechobee is to be constructed within three years time by the Florida East Coast Railway. Contract has already been let for the work and it will begin within a few weeks.

The new road has been decided upon by Mr. Henry M. Flagler and its building is fraught with the greatest possibilities and will be an immense factor in the rapid development of the coming Florida. First authentic information concerning the new road was given The Record by President J. R. Parrott of the Florida East Coast Railway yesterday evening. The cost of the work will probably exceed one and a half million dollars.

The contract for the construction of the line has been let to the Kissimee Valley Construction Company, a Deleware corporation with offices in this State. Work is to begin within a few weeks and it is to be completed in three years. It is expected that it will be completed in less time, though it will be held back unless all rights of way can be secured with at trouble. Upon the securing of the rights of way will in great measure depend the beginning of the work but it is not anticipated that there will be any hindrance in this regard as the owners of the property through which the road will pass will be greatly benefited by its coming.

The proposed extension of the Florida East Coast Railway as decided upon by Mr. Flagler will be from Maytown on the Titusville division southwesterly to Whittier and then southeasterly to a point on the north shore or eastern side of Lake Okeechobee, a total distance of about 130 miles.

A branch road will probably be built from this line at Whittier across the Kissimmee valley to Fort Basinger on the Kissimmee river. It is possible that the main line of the new extension may later be built through the reclamation district of the present line of the railway of the lower coast but that depends entirely upon the future and no such plan is at present in even tentative form.

The new railroad traverses a region of virgin forests of magnificent timber and of lands that are the most fertile in the world. Some farming and orange growing has already been done in the region reached but only in a limited way owing to the lack of transportation facilities. Enough has been done, however, to fully establish the fact that there are no more fertile lands in all Florida or anywhere else. The splendid timber contains untold wealth in lumber and cross ties. The Kissimmee valley will be opened up as will a section of the East Coast that has not been easily reached.

Lake Okeechobee is an inland sea itself and from the point where the road will touch the lake, Fort Myers on the west coast may be reached by steamer down the Caloosahatchee. All points upon the lake will be within easy reach.

There is no doubt but that the new railroad will quickly be followed by the settlement and development of the region through which it will pass. Florida's development has been in the main near the two coasts where transportation advantages were best. But the building of the new road will mark the beginning of the development of the rich interior section extending from Lake Harney and the St. Johns river south to the Everglades and on to Okeechobee.

Mr. Flagler made possible the development of the entire East Coast when he constructed the present Florida East Coast Railway, he attracted the attention of the world to Florida when the great engineering feat of building the extension to Key West was launched and in the new plan he has formulated he is paving the way for the more rapid bringing of the State's greatest development.

AT THE MARCO.

DRIVERS COMPLAIN THAT CHILDREN IN STREET ANNOY THEM

ARE KEPT IN CONSTANT STATE OF ENXIETY FOR FEAR OF RUNNING OVER LITTLE ONES—WARNING TO PARENTS TO HAVE MORE CARE.

Since the account in the Metropolis, of the narrow escape of a child absorbed in a game of marbles, on the street, from being run over by an automobile, several citizens have reported like happenings and have asked, if there is not a way to stop the children of Miami, from playing in the streets.

The driver of the big Seybold motor wagon, used for delivering bread and pastry, says that he is constantly annoyed and kept in a state of anxiety by youngsters, in Miami, not only trying to see how closely they may run in front of the car, without being run over, but even attempting to jump on to the running board of the machine for a free ride.

Some day, of course, there will be a calamity from these practices and the driver of the automobile will be reckoned to blame. In the meantime children are permitted by indulgent parents to make the streets their play ground and even at night are allowed to romp about in dangerous places to a degree that is difficult to understand.

Little Claude Sims Accidentally Killed

RIFLE KNOCKED DOWN AND EXPLODED—LITTLE BOY WAS SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD AND WHEN PICKED UP WAS LIFELESS.

A special to the Times-Union from Daytona Beach, says:

Claude Sims, the 8 year-old son of Tom Sims, town marshal of Seabreeze, was killed this afternoon about four o'clock by the accidental discharge of a rifle. He was playing hide and seek in the beach warehouse with a number of boys when the rifle was accidentally knocked down and discharged.

The bullet struck Claude just below the eye and passed through his head. C. A. Kurfess heard the outcry and was first on the scene. When he picked up the child, life was about extinct. The body was carried to a nearby drug store, placed on a stretcher and taken home by auto car.

JACKSONVILLE WOMAN IS TO CONTEST WILL

IS WIFE LIEUT. McDONALD WHO KILLED SELF—ALL THAT IS KNOWN OF AFFAIR IN WASHINGTON IS THROUGH LETTER TO YAWYER.

A special from Dashington says another chapter in the erratic and romantic career of Lieut. Paul McDonald, who ended his lift in a tragic manner at Hot Springs, Ark., November 27 1908, was revealed today when a Jacksonville woman, claiming to be his widow, filed a caveat to his will in probate court.

Heretofore, it had been supposed by Franz J. Helberger, executor of McDonald's estate, that the former army officer was unmarried and his estate, was being administered on that theory. The appearance of the woman in the case came just on the eve of the final adjudication of the es-ate. All that is known of the woman's claim to the es-tate, which is valued at about $2,000, is contained in a letter she wrote to attorney Charles Linkins, who filed the caveat for her. Mr. Linkins stated that he knows nothing about the history of the romance except the claim of the woman that she married the army officer in Jacksonville May 4 1908.

FISHING VESSELS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH WIRELESS

GERMAN BOAT CREATES INTEREST AT LOWESTOFT, WHERE SHE ARRIVES RIGGED WITH AN UNUSUALLY LONG MAST—FOR LARGER SHIPS.

LONDON—Not so very long ago all fishing vessels that remained out at sea any considerable length of time were completely cut off from communication with the outer world. This is, of course, generally speaking, still the case; it appears, however, from reports recently published that the larger fishing vessels are being provided with a "wireless" installation and will, therefore, no longer be prevented from communicating both with the land and passing vessels, provided the latter are fitted with wireless telegraphy apparatus. Although, doubtless, such vessels would scarcely be provided with an apparatus of sufficient power to communicate with stations or vessels at any very considerable distance, their radius of operation will be sufficient to keep them in constant touch with the port from which they sail, provided there is a wireless station in the vicinity.

Fishing vessels thus fitted are, it is true, as yet a novelty, and the arrival at Lowestoft of a German fishing boat supplied with wireless telegraphy apparatus roused considerable interest recently. The vessel, which is of about 300 tons, is fitted with an usually long mast, necessary for the working of the wireless telegraph, and accordingly presents a somewhat unusual appearance.

With regard to the herring fishing in which this vessel is engaged, it appears that she follows a practice totally different to that in vogue on British vessels. Instead of returning to port in order that her catch of herrings may be prepared and packed on shore, this operation is carried on on board, with the result that the vessel can remain at sea until she has collected and packed a sufficient quantity of fish to entirely fill her hold when she returns to port.

The wireless installation is mainly used for the purpose of notifying other vessels of the fleet as to the whereabouts of the fish which they are in search of and informing them where they are most plentiful.

States Against the Income Tax Will Reconsider Action

THIS IS THE BELIEF OF THE AUTHOR OF BILL, SENATOR BROWN—HE IS CONFIDENT MEASURE WILL BE RATIFIED.

A special from Washington says:

That four out of five States whose legislatures have pronounced against the income tax amendment to the constitution as provided by the Payne-Aldrich tariff law will reconsider their decision and align themselves with the States supporting the provision is the opinion of its author, Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska.

Mr. Brown is confident also that the amendment will be ratified by the legislatures of more than the requisite three-fourths of the States during the present winter. Already eight States—Alabama, South Carolina, Illinois, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Georgia, have passed ratification resolutions.

New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Virginia and Louisiana have refused to endorse the proposed amendment, but Mr Brown declares there is strong reason to believe the legislatures-elect of those States, with probably one exception, will reconsider and ratify.

The week after election Senator Brown wrote to all governors urging their co-operation in the campaign for the amendment and enclosing a copy of the ratification resolution. He has replies from a very large majority of them, who favor the amendment and will in their messages recommend the ratification. Among others is a strong letter from Governor-elect Foss of Massachusetts.

DR. HOLMES WILL ENTER THE PRACTICE HERE

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Holmes arrived this morning to make Miami their home. Dr. Homes has spent several seasons here, and comes into a circle of admiring friends who will give him and his bride a glad welcome. Al ready owner of

MANY NEW MEMBERS ENROLLED TO ASSIST IN FIGHT OF GROWERS' ASSN.

CONTENTION FOR LOWER RATES WILL BE KEPT UP

Strong Corps of Officers and Directors Chosen Yesterday

W. A. FILER BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE BODY—CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR NON-MEMBERS—PLANS FOR INCREASING FUNDS CONSIDERED.

In the proceedings of the East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, which assembled in Miami for its annual meeting yesterday, there was such a lack of anything approaching the hysterical or sentimental as to arouse comment.

The men present realize that all that is to be done must be done in a businesslike, methodical and persistent manner, that the work before the association is spread out over many years to come and that the contest with the transportation companies must be conducted by the same methods as are employed by the opposing side.

A year ago last July, when the association held its first meeting, the occasion was taken for the members to air their grievances—to give accounts of the ill treatment that they had received at the hands of the express and railroad companies and much time was consumed in "hot expressions of the feelings of the unjustly treated farmers.

Yesterday, there was none of this —not because it has ceased to be, but because it has become to be an accepted fact. Everybody is more or less in the same boat and the idea is to steer the craft into more pleasant waters by the right kind of compass, the right kind of pilot and —nobody' rocking the canoe.

When the books were opened, yesterday, for new membership, a large number joined, among them being many new comers to this country who see the good of the organization. A telegram was read from John Nix & Co., of New York, wishing the association success and authorizing it to draw on them for $50 as a contribution to the association fund.

For the increase of revenue for the organization R. L. Goodwin, of Ft. Pierce, who has done excellent work on the directorship, was engaged as canvasser and solicitor and an effort will be made to secur adequate funds for the carrying out of the plans of the association.

Much satisfaction is felt by the members in the excellent work of their officers and attorneys and resolutions were passed expressing their appreciation. Hudson & Boggs, the attorneys were especially commended for active and efficient service and the retiring president, C. A. Robinson, was accorded the sympathy of the association in his long illness, which however has not kept him from doing most valuable work for the organization.

Resolutions were also passed, endorsing the efforts of these representatives in Congress, who favor the parcels post, which, it is the sense of the growers, will, when established, will be of exceedingly great benefit to the farmer and grower everywhere.

By a vote of appreciation, Sheriff Hardie's courtesies were recognized, which made the holding of the meeting in the court room possible and pleasant.

On account of this being such an extremely busy time all through the country, where the farmers are either covering seed beds or setting out their crops, the date for the holding of the annual meeting of the association is not entirely propitious and the large attendance yesterday, is therefore more to be valued by the friends of the organization.

Because of the activity of this association, the secretary is learning of organizations all over the State and in other States who are watching with the deepest interest the many things accomplished here, and offering to co-operate in every way they may.

For the ensuing year, by the election held yesterday afternoon, the East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, will be officered by W. A. Filer, of Lemon City, president; J. S. Sundy, of Delray, vice-president; T. V. Moore, of Miami, secretary; J. H. Montgomery, of Buena Vista, treasurer, and T. J. Peters, of Perrine, E. D. V. Burr, of Arch Creek, J. M. Holding of Dania, Geo. Thomas, of Stuart, C. C.

Looks Like Early Tourist Season for Palm Beach This Year

MANY HAVE COME DOWN WHO ARE NOT IN THE HABIT OF COMING UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS—MUCH BUILDING IN PROGRESS AND BEING PLANNED.

WEST PALM BEACH, Dec. 7.—Driven south by the cold or unable to withstand the attractions of this country, many tourists are arriving, who have usually waited until after the holidays before coming to their winter homes.

Building activity continues and new projects for the welfare of the people are being launched daily.

In the city bond election yesterday 91 votes were cast 59 for, 31 against and 1 thrown out. As a two thirds vote was required, the measure was lost by two.

A general lack of interest among the voters may be assigned as the reason the bonds were lost. Another election will be called as soon as possible, when it is believed the bond issue will carry without any trouble.

Through the Currie Investment Company, an effort is being made to do away with the dust of the city and it looks as if the attempt will be entirely successful. The work is to be done by the application of oil of which it is said 1500 gallons will spread a mile of eight foot road.

Its also said that as the oil need only be applied three times a year to keep down the dust—as well as to act as a preservative of the surface—it is actually cheaper than sprinkling wit hwater.

At the council meeting last night almost all the proceedings were a series of permit grants for the erection of dwellings and store buildings, all testifying to the rapid growth of the city.

Mr L. M. Ohley has broken ground on his lot on Olive street for the eight room bungalow he is to erect. Mr. and Mrs. Ohley have been winter visitors to West Palm Beach for several seasons and have now decided to make their permanent winter residence.

In a social way, everything in the city is delightful, a recent treat in musical circles being a most enjoyable song recital by Miss Lena Conklin, the talented vocalist, and every day is filled with pleasure for the younger set who motor and sail, play tennis and basket ball in a way to make, their busy elders quite envious.

Jeff Gautier is in town and is taking an important place among the force of clerks at W. M. Burdine & Son's. For a number of months he has lived in the open, in an engineering camp and is finding hard work to settle down and act "civilized."

Son of Wm. Budd, Jr., Disappears From His St. Augustine Home

PARENTS OF THE BOY ARE MUCH DISTRESSED AND FRIENDS ASKED TO KEEP LOOKOUT FOR HIM—MR. BUDD WELL KNOWN IN MIAMI.

William Budd, Jr., of St. Augustine, the traveling auditor of the F. E. C. Ry., who makes frequent visits to Miami and was at one time a resident of the city will have the sympathy of many friends, here, in the anxiety that he and Mrs. Budd are enduring, occasioned by the disappearance of their son, William.

There seems to be no clue whatever, that may lead to locating him and the assistance of police authorities and of everybody is asked, by the distressed parents, in the finding of his whereabouts.

Mrs. Budd is reported as being in a serious condition as a result of the worry and grief that she has experienced on account of the boy's mysterious disappearance and it is earnestly hoped that something may be learned immediately, to relieve her suspense.

The missing lad is well built, is five feet and six inches high and weighs one hundred and twenty-five pounds. He is probably dressed in a gray suit, with short bloomer trous-

HORRIBLE MARRIAGE O

WOMEN CONS MATTERS OF TO SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT HELD INTERESTI AND DISCUSSED B SUBMITTED BY CIATION—MORE I DESIRED.

Pursuant to the call ident, Mrs. John Sewell the members of the Sc ment Association met house yesterday afternoon some communicati State association meet held in Jacksonville.

All of the resolutions and discussed but it be of the association here port of the resolutions derstood sufficiently t telligent action, the se Pugh was instructed to sonville for further info

After this matter was the society spent the time discussing the plan —a movement that has by the Woman's Club, port an inability to secu wanted.

On account of the co school ground, torn up b ly moved buildings and being further disturbed ing of the new school concluded that very litt of beautifying the grou accomplished now.

At the regular meetin ciety which will be held Wednesday of December very important matters up. Among them the pro pulsory education which before the State legis year.

Through the work of Improvement Associat much good is being acco the children all over the spirit of cooperation and ship between parents an that always exists where are at their best—is spre most remote corners of

With commendable br State superintendent is to bring the schools of F directly under the bure tion and one of the resolu consideration, yesterday gard to the appointing o tor of the elementary sc State from the National Board.

With the help of all people, especially of thos by education, travel and the schools of Florida an derful rapidity forging among the older and m States. Miami is helping inz to help still more.

PLAN TO LIN FROM ONE

BIDS WILL BE ASKE COUNTY COMMIS

Prices Wanted for ian Pines by Thousand

ACTING UPON RECOMME OF THE WOMAN'S CL TY COMMISSIONERS ITIAL STEP TOWARD ANCE WITH THE RE

Some day Dade county avenues of Australian pines end of its domains to anot to south, east to west, a directions left between.

At the afternoon sess county commissioners, ye communication was read Woman's Club of Miami a assistance from the board o of trees along the highways motion of T. A. Winfield, ordered that bids be advertis