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"If we get deep water over there it will be cheaper to light from there than from Key West. It may cost a little something for lighterage, but it will not cost as much to lighter the goods across the bay as it does to lighter them from Key West. It isn't every city that has deep water right at the docks."

Councilman Erfert said he is "not influenced by the Deep Water society, the Board of Trade or the big headlines in The Metropolis," he believed the \$15,000 for docks on the east side of the bay ought to be separated. Councilman Hefty closed the argument by stating that he had lived in Miami for fifteen years and ever since his arrival the people have talked deep water. "Here is a chance for us to get deep water, and I believe the council is making no mistake in going ahead and passing the ordinance as it now stands."

Mayor's Veto Message

The mayor's reasons for vetoing the bond ordinance were set forth in the following message to the council: "Miami, Fla., March 18, 1914.

"I beg herewith to return to your honorable body, without my approval, Ordinance No. 105, known as the \$400,000 bond ordinance. My reasons for not signing this ordinance are as follows:

"1. The Ocean Beach Realty Company having withdrawn its offer to sell the city the land across the bay for \$1.00 on which to build a dock to cost not less than \$15,000, and which is provided for in said ordinance, I see no reason for including it in the bond issue. It is true the Ocean Beach Realty Company say they will at some time in the future make the city another offer, but it seems to me it is time enough to tax the citizens for this purpose after the proposition has been made, considered and accepted; in other words, after they know what it is.

"2. I believe the city will need every available dollar to dig a channel and basin, to build the docks on the bay front and connect same with the railroad within the city limits, and until this is done, not one dollar of the \$390,000, appropriated by the United States government for deep water in Biscayne Bay will be available. It is true that a railroad could be built down the beach on the east side of Fulford, with which the railroad connection could be made, and it is also true that influence sufficient could be brought to get congress to recognize the east side dock as the city dock, but such a condition would, in my opinion, benefit the shipping interest of Miami but very little which interest we are supposed to protect and build up.

"3. A city dock on the east side would be of little value to the commerce of this port: For instance,

DRAWING PLANS FOR EIGHT NEW SCHOOL HOUSES

School Board Will Have Plans For Buildings All Ready By the Time the Bonds Are Validated

Superintendent Expects to Break Ground for New Buildings by First of May and to Have the Smaller Buildings Ready for the Opening of the New School Year.

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By the middle of next week all of the architects who are to submit plans for the eight new school buildings to be built in this district during the coming year, will be at work upon them, for it is expected that the program of houses—how many rooms for each, etc.—will have been prepared by the school board by that time, and that the issue of \$150,000 bonds, which was authorized by an election last week, will be validated.

The board members are now working upon the school house program, and it has already been decided to ask for plans for all of the buildings on much the same line of architecture, so that the whole will not only present a harmonious appearance, but also so that one will be as good and no better than the others. It is planned to hold in the main, to the plan already used in the Coconut Grove and Homestead school, of keeping as much of the building as possible on the first floor, and of building for the maximum of light and air.

Small Buildings Be Done in Time.

It is believed that the smaller schools can be made ready by the beginning of the school year next fall, for Superintendent R. E. Hall is insistent that ground shall be broken by the first of May. He does not expect that the high school building can be finished before the first of January, however, since it is a much larger structure than the other buildings planned.

The validation of the bonds is being done by State's Attorney John C. Gramling. This is in accordance with the statute covering school bonds. When this is done bids will be advertised for for thirty days, and then they will be sold to the highest bidder. Under the law it is not necessary to wait until the bonds are actually sold and the money for them received before the preliminary arrangements are made. Plans can be drawn and contracts let for the work, and it is the intention of the school board to go right ahead as fast as they can with this work.

All of the architects of the city will be asked to submit plans for the buildings. The trustees will look them over and make recommendations to the school board, and that body will finally decide as to the plans to be adopted and will let the

CRAWFORD IS HELD FOR MURDER, PREMEDITATED SAYS CORONER

Okeechobee Country to Be Famous Quite Soon

Capt. Jaudon, Tax Assessor, Says It Is Destined to Become Great Cattle Raising Territory

That the Okeechobee country is destined to become a great cattle raising country is the opinion of Capt. J. F. Jaudon, county tax assessor, who has just returned from an automobile trip to that region. Forage grasses grow there luxuriantly he said, without fertilizer of any kind. He also saw a number of good orange groves that had been raised without a bit of fertilizer. Other crops he saw growing in splendid conditions, and as a rule the frost did no more damage there than at Miami, he said.

The catfish industry will become an important one at the lake, in the opinion of Capt. Jaudon. They are catching thousands of pounds of fish daily now, but some inconvenience is felt because of the fact that there is no ice plant there. Prospects are good for the establishment of a plant there in the near future, however, for a Punta Gorda man is now making plans to build a plant there.

Okeechobee is a town about one and one half miles from Lake Okeechobee along Cypress creek. There are 64 children enrolled in the school there, and with the prospects of the railroad reaching there by the first of June it is expected that the town will grow rapidly. Okeechobee is laid out on broad lines. The main street of the city is 250 feet wide, with a fifty foot road way on either side of a 150 foot parkway.

On the north end of the lake there is a good beach from 150 to 300 feet wide, fringed with cypress about half a mile wide. The cypress trees are large, and would be good for lumber.

The hunting in that section is unsurpassed, according to Capt. Jaudon. Deer, quail and duck are there in abundance, while many varieties of fresh water fish, principally catfish, swarm the waters.

The captain went to Okeechobee via the road that leads west from Fort Pierce. The road from Jupiter to Ft. Pierce he declared is one of the prettiest drives in the state of Florida. The trip is a most enjoyable one, he said, and one which most anyone who is interested in this section of the state would enjoy taking. The road west of Ft. Pierce is made of clay, graded up with a ditcher, and makes a good auto road.

Capt. Jaudon made the return trip in fourteen hours, ten hours running time.

Coroner's Inquest Finds that J. C. Keene, Fulford Farmer, Came to His Death at the Hand of F. R. Crawford

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY

Witnesses Declare That Keene Had Remonstrated With Crawford for Alleged Improper Advances to Keene's Daughter and That Crawford Killed Old Man on That Account.

(From Friday's Daily.)

That F. R. Crawford shot J. C. Keene at Fulford yesterday morning after the murdered man had remonstrated with him for making improper advances to Martha Keene, his fifteen-year-old daughter, was the motive for the crime brought out in sensational evidence submitted before the coroner's jury this morning. The jury found Crawford guilty of premeditated murder.

Crawford testified that Keene was a kleptomaniac, that he had repeatedly threatened Crawford's life, and that Crawford was afraid of Keene. Keene had never accused him of making improper advances to Martha Keene, he said. On the morning of the shooting Crawford said that he went by Keene's house and Martha Keene was just leaving for school. He took a dose of salts, as he had none at home, and as he did so, Keene entered and putting a gun to Crawford's head told the latter to leave.

Martha Keene Testifies

Martha Keene testified that she had told her father the day before that Crawford had frequently visited the house and asked her lots of questions and made improper proposals to her, so that she sometimes was compelled to leave the house. She left the house the morning of the shooting almost as soon as her father came in, and did not hear much of the quarrel.

Two eye witnesses, Jerry Keene, the 10-year-old son of the murdered man, and Dan Highsmith, a brother-in-law of the alleged murderer, testified that Crawford crossed over into Keene's field, that he called to Keene, that Keene looked up from his work, went over to where his coat was lying and got his gun and raised it at Crawford. As he did so, Crawford fired twice, and Keene fell dead. Crawford did not go to Keene after the shooting, but left the field.

Parties who visited the scene immediately after the murder measured the distance from Keene's body to where Crawford stood when he fired the fatal shots. They found that it was 87 feet. They found that