

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1907.

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District, West (4th District), Zim—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By Special Committee on Resolutions of Condolence on the death of Senator J. R. Newlan, offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 32:

Whereas, It has seemed good to the Almighty Disposer of Events to remove from our midst our worthy and esteemed fellow member, Senator J. R. Newlan, of the 17th District; and,

Whereas, The intimate relations held by the deceased with the members of this body render it proper that we should place upon record our appreciation of his services as a citizen, and as a member of this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Senator Newlan, with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the confident hope that his spirit is with those who have fought the good fight and are now resting in a better world;

Resolved further, That we tender to his afflicted relatives our sincere condolence and our earnest sympathy in their affliction from the loss of one who was a good citizen, an upright man, and an able member of the Senate;

Resolved further, That the desk made vacant by his death be draped in black for thirty days, or until it is occupied by his successor;

Resolved further, That an engrossed copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the President of this body, and certified by the Secretary, be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased, and that a special page of the Journal of this body be set aside for the publication of these resolu-

tions, and that this resolution be put upon a separate page of journals of the Senate.

S. W. CLARK,  
F. M. HUDSON,  
JAMES E. CRANE.

Which was read.

Mr. Clark moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Buckman offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 33:

Resolved, That the Senate Judiciary Committee be authorized and empowered to have printed from time to time, not to exceed 200 copies of such bills before said committee, as it may deem necessary and expedient.

Which was read.

Mr. Buckman moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. McCreary offered the following Senate Concurrent

Resolution No. 8—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Whereas, The Legislature of 1905, passed a concurrent resolution requesting the Attorney General to compile, and have printed in pamphlet form all acts relating to public roads and duties of County Commissioners; and,

Whereas, The said resolution requires the Secretary of State to sell the said pamphlets for one dollar per copy; and,

Whereas, Said laws as compiled should be distributed to the County Commissioners and clerks of the circuit court in the same manner that the General Statutes of the State of Florida and session laws are now distributed; therefore,

Be it Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized, and directed to furnish one copy of the pamphlet, containing the acts relating to public roads and duties of County Commissioners, to the clerk of the circuit court and each member of the board of County Commissioners of the several counties in this State free of charge, in the same manner that the General Statutes of the State of Florida and session laws are furnished county officers.

Resolved further, That each clerk of the circuit court and County Commissioner receiving a copy of said pamphlet under the provisions of this resolution are hereby re-

quired to transmit the same to their successors in office.

Which was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Buckman—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 127 :

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida jointly, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida do hereby jointly determine that a revision of the Constitution of the State of Florida is necessary.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Henderson—

Senate Bill No. 128 :

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the City of Tallahassee to acquire by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, the water works plant, franchises and other property of Tallahassee Waterworks Company and providing the manner of procedure therein.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Crane—

Senate Bill No. 129 :

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and validate ordinance No. 132 of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, entitled "An ordinance providing for the issuing and sale of bonds by the City of St. Petersburg, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of said sale." Passed by the council of said city on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1907 and approved by the mayor of the said city on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1907; and to legalize and make valid any and all bonds issued or which may hereafter be issued by the City of St. Petersburg under and by virtue of said ordinance and in pursuance of the provisions thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Baker—

Senate Bill No. 130 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reception

and safe keeping by the Commissioner of Agriculture of the field notes, maps and records in the office of the Surveyor-General, appertaining to land titles in Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Baker—

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing Circuit Judges to hear cases pending in the circuit for which they are judges, and to make orders therein while in some other circuit, and to make orders in cases heard by them in other circuits, when in the circuit for which they are judge.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Neel—

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1727 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to legal printing.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. West, of the 1st—

Senate Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Legislative Committees to require persons appearing before such committees to disclose upon oath what interest such person, or persons, represent, authorizing the administration of an oath in such cases, and providing a penalty for false swearing in such cases.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. West moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 133 be not referred and be taken up for consideration.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and Senate Bill No. 133 was taken from its order.

Mr. West of the First moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 133 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 133 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Willis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 133:

Amend Sec. 2 by striking out the words "And if he has been or is to be paid a fee or any compensation, directly or indirectly, for such service or as expenses or otherwise to appear before such committee."

Mr. Willis moved the adoption of the amendment, Which was not agreed to.

Mr. West moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 133 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 133 was ordered read a third time in full.

Mr. Broome moved that Senate Bill No. 133 be placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading, and that it be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Adams moved that 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 133 be printed.

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

By Mr. West of the First—

Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1919 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Chancery, to entertain suits, to enjoin trespasses upon timbered lands and extending the jurisdiction therein granted to the owner of timber standing and growing upon such land, or of a lease upon such timber.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Crews—

Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for pensioning all soldiers who served as members of companies known as "Home Guards" during the war between the States of the United States, and for the pensioning of the widows of such deceased soldiers.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Zim—

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit contracts and agreements for the sale and future delivery of cotton, grain, provisions and other commodities, stocks, bonds and other securities upon margin, commonly known as dealing in futures; to declare such transactions unlawful, and to constitute a misdemeanor on the part of any person, association of persons or corporations participating therein, whether directly or indirectly; to prohibit the establishment, maintenance or operation of any office or other place where such contracts are made or offered; to define what shall constitute prima facie evidence of guilt; to compel all persons participating in such transactions to testify concerning their connection therewith; to provide that no discovery made by any witness which would tend to subject him to conviction or punishment under this act shall be used against such witness in any penal or criminal proceedings, and that he shall be altogether pardoned therefor; to provide that regular commercial exchanges and other bona fide trade organizations may post quotations of market prices, and for other purposes.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Zim—

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to make more perfect records of titles to real property in this State.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Massey—

Senate Bill No. 138:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide sufficient accommodations for the Committees of the Legislature.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Massey moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 138 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 138 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Massey moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 138 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 138 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Beard, Buckman, Canova, Crane, Crill, Davis, Jackson, McCreary, Massey, Sams, West (4th District), Zim.

Yeas—13.

Nays—Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Broome, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crews, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Leggett, Neel, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District),

Nays—18.

So Senate Bill No. 138 failed to pass.

By Mr. Massey—

Senate Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1010 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the qualifications of electors in cities and towns.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Massey—

Senate Bill No. 140:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the distribution of the Statutes of this State to the Judges and the County Solicitors of the several Criminal Courts of Record.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Massey—

Senate Bill No. 141:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the effect of the records of deeds or mortgages unacknowledged or defectively acknowledged.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hudson—

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the County of Dade.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Willis—

Senate Bill No. 143:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4774, Acts of 1899, as amended by Chapter 4944, Acts of 1901, the same being "An Act to Provide for Working, Repairing and Maintaining the Public Roads and Bridges in Levy County, by contracts, and to provide penalties for failure thereof. Approved April 27, 1899.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Willis moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 143 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 143 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Willis moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 143 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 143 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alford, Baker, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim.

Yeas—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

#### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7:

By Mr. Baker—

Relative to appointing a committee on apportionment under the Constitution of the State.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to, and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 was adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

By Mr. Long of Clay—

Relative to appointment of a committee of three to visit the State Reform School at Marianna, Fla.

Which was read a second time.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 was adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

By Mr. Paul of Holmes—

Relative to appointment of a committee of three to visit and inspect convict camps of the State.

Which was read a second time.

Mr. Willis offered the following amendment:

Amend by saying "two on the part of Senate and four on part of the House."

Which was agreed to, and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Clark offered the following amendment: "To include county convict camps."

Mr. Clarke withdrew amendment.

Mr. Canova moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was adopted as amended.

By Mr. Paul of Holmes—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Relative to appointment of a committee of three to visit the Hospital for the Insane at Chattahoochee, Fla.

Which was read second time.

Mr. Crews offered the following amendment to Resolution No. 8:

Strike out the words "One from the Senate and two from the House," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Two from the Senate and three from the House."

Mr. Crews moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to, and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Willis moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, as amended, was adopted.

#### MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 9, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate.*

*Sir:*

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, with the following amendments:

Strike out the words in Section 25, "against commercial railroads one hundred dollars per annum," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Against commercial railroads two hundred dollars per annum."

Also—

Add the following at the end of Section 1, "Provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to the sale of the streets of said city or any appurtenances thereto."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

J. G. KELLUM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Adams moved that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 69.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 69, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following mesrsage from the Governor was read:

Executive Department, State of Florida,  
Tallahassee, April 10, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate,*  
*Tallahassee, Fla.*

*Sir:*

I have the honor to herewith transmit to you the report of the Board of Managers of the Florida State Reform School, as required by Chapters 4565 and 5388, of the Laws of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,  
N. B. BROWARD, Governor.  
Marianna, Fla., March 28, 1907.

*To the Honorable N. B. Broward,*  
*Governor of the State of Florida,*  
*Tallahassee, Fla.*

*Sir:*

In accordance with the requirements of Chapters 4565 and 5388 of the Laws of Florida, the Board of Managers have the honor of submitting this, their report on the condition and progress of the Florida State Reform School.

It was impractical for us to make this report previous to this meeting, March the 28th, 1907, as we desired the Board as a whole to make their last examination and investigation of the State Reform School at some time immediately preceding the meeting of the Legislature, as we thought it advisable to make as late report as possible, in order to inform you and the Legislature of its present condition. Attached to this report, and forming a part of the same, is the report of the superintendent of the Institution, Mr. Walter Rawls, for the years 1905 and 1906, and up to January the 13th, 1907; that being the date on which Mr. Rawls terminated his superintendency of the Institution.

We regretted very much to have Mr. Rawls resign, as he has been with the school since its institution, and has made the most efficient of officers, and made possible the

success of the school on its meager appropriations. We appointed Mr. Belch of Orange County to fill the place made vacant by Mr. Rawls' resignation. Mr. Belch seems thoroughly imbued with the reform ideas of the Institution, and while he has only been at the school a short time, seems to be so far, a successful manager.

We do not attach an itemized list of the receipts and expenditures of the school for the past two years, for the reason that the Treasurer of the Board of Managers has filed with Hon. A. C. Croom, Comptroller of the State of Florida, each quarter, an itemized detailed account of expenditures for the preceding three months; and the accounts of the school being on file in the capitol, are subject to the inspection of any interested person; and within the past month the State Auditor has examined the Treasurer's accounts. The present indebtedness of the school up to date, is \$7,354.75; there is a credit due on this account of \$2,805.00, which will reduce the indebtedness to \$4,549.75. The superintendent of the school is now delivering 200,000 brick at a price that will further reduce this indebtedness about \$1,400.00, so that our deficiency in appropriation for two years, really amounts to a little over \$3,000.00.

You will note from the report of the superintendent that owing to two fires supposed to be of incendiary origin, that the school in the last two years has lost upward of \$4,000.00 by fire. If it had not been for this loss, there would probably not have been any debt against the Institution. In the early part of 1902, or the latter part of 1901, by executive order, the insurance of the State property against fire, was placed in the hands of the State Board located at Tallahassee, and we presume that this Board collected the amount for which this burned property was insured, and probably has received from this source sufficient to offset the loss, but of this we are not advised, as the matter of insurance was taken out of our hands in 1902, and subsequent thereto. One of these barns which was burned, has been replaced by a brick barn 40 ft. by 60 ft. in dimensions, with galvanized steel roof, the brick having been made on the Institution grounds by the inmates of the school, and the barn erected almost entirely by them. This barn is of ample size for the stock kept at School No. 2; and as soon as convenient and possible, consistent with the per-

formance of other more necessary work, a similar barn will be erected at School No. 1.

There was purchased and erected by the school in 1906 a brick-making machine with a capacity of 20,000 brick per day; several hundred thousand brick were made by the boys in 1906, and they are very good brick, as the school owns a good deposit of clay. This brick plant, with the necessary houses for same, cost about \$3,500, most of the erection, however, being done by the inmates of the school under the supervision of an expert brick-maker. We are satisfied that this plant will produce sufficient brick to erect all of the buildings necessary for the Institution, now, and as its growth calls for more buildings; and also supply the local demand for brick. The boys take considerable interest in making brick and in learning how to place them in walls, some of them expressing the desire to thoroughly learn the trade of brick mason. The trade of mason at the present time being very remunerative, they are encouraged as much as possible, to learn to make the brick as well as place them in walls of buildings. It is our judgment also that the making of brick has had a tendency to improve the inmates as much as any one thing at the school; the necessity for doing the work required about the plant in order to remove its output, teaches them system and orderly habits, and the necessity of doing the right thing at the right time.

Preparation is rapidly being made for this year's field crops; there has been prepared about 200 acres of land for this purpose, of which the superintendent proposes to put in:

Corn .....	100 acres
Cotton .....	15 acres
Cane .....	8 acres
Oats and pasture .....	60 acres
Sweet potatoes .....	4 acres
Ground peas .....	13 acres
 Total .....	 200 acres

For the operation of the farm and the brick-making business, the school now has seven mules and one horse; this number, however, being insufficient, as there is now needed another pair of mules for the brick plant to be

used in delivering brick; more mules could be used advantageously. There are nine head of cattle belonging to the Institution, which we bought in 1906, and they furnish a considerable quantity of milk and butter, but not sufficient for the use of the school. It would be of considerable advantage to the school if we could purchase more Jersey cows, as they furnish an abundance of cheap and wholesome food. If the school were able to purchase a sufficient number of cattle, it could run a dairy farm to advantage, as there would be a good local demand for the products of such a farm. Fifty head of hogs, which are sufficient for the present needs of the school, are owned by the school.

An artesian well of 276 feet in depth bored in 1906, furnishes an ample supply of good and pure water for the use of the two schools, and also for the brick-making plant, etc. The Institution was not able financially to erect a proper water tank and tower, so the inmates of the school built a tank of about 3,500 gallons capacity, and erected it on a wooden tower of sufficient height to force the water to the first story of both buildings. We think it would be advisable to make an appropriation sufficient to purchase a good metal or cypress tank and metal tower of sufficient height to elevate the water above the buildings, in order to furnish ample fire protection. The water is conveyed from the present tank to each of the two buildings, the brick plant, the barn and other places where needed; a great deal of this work was done by inmates of the school. Some of the boys show great aptitude, not only in the brick-making work, but in all mechanical work that is necessary about the Institution.

The managers are making every effort to emphasize the reform idea of the Institution, and are now arranging to have not less than three to four hours a day of school instruction to be given by competent instructors, as they think that the training of the mind should keep pace with that of the morals as well as with the manual training.

The managers are thoroughly convinced that the \$50.00 which the law requires to be paid for the maintenance of each child, committed by the county from which he is committed, works an injury to the school; and advises the repeal or amendment of this section. Our reason being that the counties have to pay \$50.00 for each child sent to

the school, while if such child were sent to the State prison, instead of being an expense, the counties would receive the amount paid under the State law for the hiring out of the child as a convict, or would get the benefit of the work of the child in the county during his term of commitment; thus in the desire for the elimination of county and court expenses the reformation of the child convicted is lost sight of. Most of our officials endeavor to run the machinery of our State and county at the least expense, and therefore, have only looked to the saving of \$50.00 per annum and the receiving of the hire of the convict, making the commitment of the boy to the State prison worth about \$250.00 to the county, and lost sight of the higher duty to the State of reforming its juveniles, and making good citizens of them. The reforming of juvenile criminals is a comparatively new movement in Florida, and all of the citizens have not given it sufficient thought to see its necessity and the beneficial results of sending malicious children to the Reform School. Most of the children who are sent to this school are by nature and early environment, criminals, some, of course, are committed for vicious and incorrigible behavior without being convicted for any specific crime. Almost without exception, every inmate has improved wonderfully since his commitment to the school. When they are first received, they seem to be imbued with the idea that they are in a juvenile prison for punishment. It takes some time to get this out of their minds, but when they are convinced that the Institution is to reform them, they rapidly respond to the efforts of the superintendent and his assistants. In many instances we note great improvement and reform. At this, our present meeting, we noted in three instances such decided improvement that we felt justifiable in exercising the power given under the law; and discharged three inmates as reformed; one a white girl who has been in the school about three years; one white boy and one colored boy. Judging from our observation, and the report of the present and the former superintendent, we were convinced that they had been thoroughly reformed. The young white man and woman are now in the employ of the school. We needed their services and thought it best for their future, for them to leave the school as officers rather than as pardoned inmates.

This Institution has been conducted with great diffi-

culty on account of the small appropriations made by the State Legislature. We think, however, that an inspection by a committee from the Legislature and visits from people generally to this Institution, will thoroughly convince all of its usefulness to the State; and that it will return good citizens, where it received in the first instance, criminals.

We would recommend that the Legislature appropriate \$3,000 to pay the present indebtedness; and relieve the counties of the \$50.00 charge per inmate, and in lieu thereof increase the annual appropriation to \$10,000.00 per annum. We would recommend an additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 for improving the present buildings and grounds, purchasing additional furniture and apparatus for a mechanical school, and a small library, and other needs of the Institution.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) W. H. MILTON,  
President Board of Managers.

## FLORIDA STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

(State Institution.)

Marianna, Fla., Dec. 1, 1906.

*Hon. W. H. Milton, President,  
Marianna, Fla.*

*Dear Sir:*

As directed by your honorable board at your meeting in July last, I have made a test of our clay deposits for brick.

We made by hand, with the inmates, a kiln of 60,000 soft mud brick and think it safe to erect a brick plant.

Capt. J. F. Kehoe, who has been in charge of the "test," recommended that we have a stiff mud machine. He thinks that with 20,000 capacity plant we should be able to make sufficient brick for the erection of all buildings here, and also supply the local demand. On the advice and consent of the executive committee I hired Mr. M. B. May to drill the well and rented a well drilling machine from the Marianna Manufacturing Company. He is making very slow progress and I fear will make a failure. The machine is an old one and does very poor work. He is now at work

and the well is 64 feet deep with casing driven about 50 feet where he struck rock.

On June 5th, the barn situated at the white department, or No. 1, was destroyed by fire with all its contents. Also fire in the main building on the third floor in the extreme west cell, burning one bed and scorching the wall. Again on June the 7th fire was discovered on the second floor in the front dormitory, burning a mattress but doing no other damage. Suspicion points to one of the inmates but have no positive proof. The wooden barn and fence, with about 400 bushels of corn, 200 bales of hay, 25 bushels of field peas, 5 bushels of ground peas and some harness estimated at \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 loss.

During this year we have made a good crop and I think plenty of corn and hay to feed all prisoners and stock for the coming year. Have not finished gathering corn, but will get about 1,500 barrels and some 500 or more bales of hay. Planted eleven acres of cotton and will get nine bales. The cane crop is good. Finished making syrup today; forty-eight (48) thirty-two-gallon barrels. We have put up seed enough to plant three acres of cane for next year. No hogs have been killed yet. Have plenty of feed to keep them, and will kill about Christmas. We have forty-eight to kill, and estimate the weight to be about 5,000 pounds of dressed pork.

The general condition of the place is good.

Moral condition of the inmates is better than at any time previous, due I think to the efforts of the Sunday School teachers, Messrs. S. A. Daffin and T. W. Hentz. They have been faithful and untiring in their efforts. All the inmates seem to love them, and look forward with pleasure to the coming of the Sunday afternoon exercises.

We have only twenty inmates now in the institution; have received only eight this year, six boys and two girls. Having so few inmates makes the crops come in slow; I fear we will not finish gathering corn by January 1st,

Thanking your honorable board and all persons concerned for helping me in the management of the institution, I beg to remain,

Yours Respectfully,

WALTER RAWLS,  
Superintendent.

## FLORIDA STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

(State Institution.)

*Hon. W. H. Milton, President,  
Marianna, Fla.*

*Dear Sir:*

I have this day turned over the Institution to Mr. Samuel Belch.

Since my last report, we have suffered a worse calamity than last year. On February the 27th, 1906, the barn at No. 2 with all contents, was destroyed by fire; all indications point to incendiary origin. Fire was discovered about 2:30 A. M. Loss is six mules, three horses, 1,000 bushels of corn, 400 bales of hay, 28 barrels of syrup, feed barn and mule barn; esimated at \$3,500 loss.

We have kept school work going most of the year; the number of inmates increased so that we were able to give one-half day of three to four hour, alternating with white inmates in morning and negroes in the afternoon.

The brick plant has been erected and operated with very little outside help. Some of the boys have improved the opportunity by learning what they could of machinery and the brickmakers trade. The white inmates were used mostly at the brickyard; the negroes being used for the farm. The output of the plant is 530,000 burned brick with enough green brick for casing, making a total of about 800,000 brick in all.

We hired the artesian well drilled; F. J. White & Co. doing the work. The well is eight inches in diameter and 276 feet deep. We also contracted the laying of the water main from well to each of the buildings. The inmates built a tank of wood of 3,700 gallons' capacity, and the derrick upon which it is raised, and did the laying of the small pipe into the buildings. Being without sufficient funds to purchase a large pumping outfit, we bought a 3-inch working barrel and used a small 2-inch horse-power gasoline engine which has furnished sufficient water so far; the entire pumping outfit costing less than \$500.00.

The wall around No. 1 has been replaced with a new one where it was burned, and the low fence in front raised

to ten feet high. The burned fence at No. 2 is also replaced new and the old part repaired.

The barn at No. 2 has been replaced with a brick building 40x60 feet with a galvanized steel roof. Most of the work of erection was done by the inmates; hired two experienced bricklayers to raise the corners and turn arches and teach the boys how to lay brick. The carpenter work was done by guards and inmates; with the exception of a door and some windows, the building is complete.

Our farm was not so good this year as last; have gathered about 1,000 barrels of corn; began feeding on it about August the 15th, and used a quantity of it to fatten the hogs. Our groundpeas were almost a total failure. Have fattened and killed 54 hogs, weighing 6,951 pounds dressed; I have fourteen pigs in pen yet to be killed. The sweet potato crop was almost ruined by the storm, and we have used all that did not sour or rot. Our cane crop was not so very good; made ten barrels of syrup and put up seed for five acres for next planting. Have enough old syrup left over to last until another crop of cane can be made up.

I bought five Jersey cows and one bull from the public sale of a stock farm. The school now has six fairly good cows.

Thanking your honorable board and all persons concerned for helping me in the management of the Institution, I beg to remain,

Yours Respectfully,

WALTER RAWLS,  
Superintendent.

The following tabulated statement is compiled from the records of the Florida State Reform School for the period mentioned:

Number of inmates in School Dec. 1st, 1904..	28
White Boys .....	5
White Girls .....	1
Negro Boys .....	21
Negro Girls .....	1
<i>Total</i> .....	28

Number received, white boys .....	4
Number received, white girls .....	0
Number received, negro boys .....	2
Number Received, negro girls .....	2
Total .....	8
Total during year .....	36
Number discharged .....	16
White Boys .....	2
Negro Boys .....	11
Negro Girls .....	1
Escaped, boys .....	2
Total .....	16
Number of inmates in School Dec. 1st, 1905 .....	20
White Boys .....	7
White Girls .....	1
Negro Boys .....	10
Negro Girls .....	2
Total .....	20
Number received .....	44
White Boys .....	8
White Girls .....	1
Negro Boys .....	33
Negro Girls .....	2
Total .....	64
Number discharged .....	6
White Boys .....	2
Number escaped .....	12
Negro Boys .....	11
Negro Girls .....	1
Total .....	12
Number in School Jan. 13, 1907 .....	44

Mr. Willis moved that the message be received and ordered spread upon the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Adams, chairman of the committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir*

Your committee on Privileges and Elections to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act, to amend Section 219 of the General Statutes of Florida, relating to directions for printing, etc., of Ballot, have had same under consideration and recommend that it do pass as amended.

Very respectfully,

**FRANK ADAMS,**  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 38, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Adams, chairman of the committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your committee on Privileges and Elections to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 187 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida relating to the publication of list of qualified voters have had the

same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRANK ADAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 39, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Willis, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the better control, protection and preservation of the game and non-game birds and the fish in the fresh water lakes, ponds, rivers and streams of this State, and for the proper enforcement of the laws relating to the same; for the appointment of a State game and fish warden and county game and fish warden and fixing their term of office; for the creation of a separate State and county game protection fund, fixing the compensation of the State game and fish warden and his expenses, and that the county game and fish warden, and the manner in which each shall be paid; defining the powers and duties of the State game and fish warden and the county game and fish warden, and prescribing penalties for neglect of duties; providing for an appropriation to get immediate effect of this act; and for defining the meaning of the word game and non-game birds as used in this act.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend 200 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

JOHN R. WILLIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Willis moved that Senate Bill No. 44 be referred to the Committee on Game as soon as printed.

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Mr. Cottrell, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture—11

ture, submitted the following report:  
Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred  
Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act incorporating the Farmers'  
Aid Association of Buckhorn, Jackson County, Florida,  
and to define its powers

Have had the same under consideration and return  
same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,  
E. L. COTTRELL,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 53, contained in the above report,  
was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Cottrell, chairman of the Committee on Agricul-  
ture, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred  
Senate Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1264,  
Chapter 22 of the General Statutes of the State of Flor-  
ida, relating to guaranteed analyses of fertilizers.

Have had the same under consideration and recom-  
mend that it do pass,

Very respectfully,  
E. L. COTTRELL,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 76, contained in the above report,  
was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Cottrell, Chairman of the Committee on Agricul-  
ture, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the enumeration of agricultural, horticultural, livestock, manufacturing, industrial and other statistics; for the appointment of county enumerators, to define their duties to provide for their compensation, and to define the duties of the Boards of County Commissioners in connection therewith.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
 E. L. COTTRELL,  
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 45, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Willis, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3750 of the General Statutes of Florida, relative to the open season for deer.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
 JOHN R. WILLIS,  
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 1, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on Second Reading

Mr. Crews, Chairman of the Committee on Canals and Telegraphs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Canals and Telegraphs, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2:

Memorializing the Congress of the United States, through our Senators and Representatives at Washington, to have a survey made to determine the practicality of building a canal across the peninsula of Florida.

I have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
 J. B. CREWS,  
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Cone, chairman of the Committee on Forestry, submitted the following report:

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,* Senate Chamber.  
*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your committee on Forestry, to whom was referred—  
 Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the cutting or removing of any timber from or of cutting, scraping and boxing any timber for the purpose of extracting, gathering or removing the gum or turpentine from lands heretofore or that may hereafter be sold for taxes, or of cutting and removing any timber from or of cutting, scraping and boxing any timber for the purpose of extracting or removing the gum or turpentine from the timber privilege or the turpentine privilege on land that has been heretofore or that may be hereafter sold for taxes, and prescribing rules of evidence for the trial of causes arising under this act.

I have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
 T. P. CONE,  
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 65, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Buckman, Chairman of the committee on Judiciary submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Fla., April 9, 1907.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. C. Maxwell and L. J. Reeves, attorneys at law, doing business as partners under the firm name of Maxwell & Reeves; and  
Senate Bill No. 61:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1567 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the powers of Commissioners of other States, beg to advise that they have carefully considered both of said bills, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. H. BUCKMAN,  
Chairman.

And Senate Bills No. 59 and 61, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Beard, chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate:*

*Sir:*

Your committee on Constitutional Amendments to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3:

Proposing amendment to Section 2 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and resolution relating to initiative and referendum, have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN S. BEARD,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

By Mr. Massey—

Senate Bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend statutes fixing the regular terms of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Was taken up.

Mr. Massey moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 6 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 6 was read a second time—title only.

Mr. Massey moved that the rules be waived and that that Senate Bill No. 6 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 6 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was—

Yeas—

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Canova, Clark, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (1st District), West (4th District), Zim.

Yeas—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By Permission—

Mr. Beard, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

*Hon. W. Hunt Harris,*

*President of the Senate:*

Sir:

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

## Senate Joint Resolution No. 1:

Proposing an Amendment to Section 1, Art. VI. of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to suffrage, as follows, to wit:

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida be, and the same is, hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the State at the general election to be held on first Tuesday after first Monday in November, A. D. 1908, for ratification or rejection.

Section 1 of Article six (6) of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

Section 1. Every white male person of the age of (21) twenty-one years and upwards that shall at the time of registration, be a citizen of the United States, and that shall have resided and had his habitation and domicile, home and place of permanent abode in Florida for one year and in the county for six months, shall in such county be deemed a qualified elector at all elections under this Constitution. Naturalized citizens of the United States at the time of and before registration shall produce to the registration officers his certificate of naturalization over duly certified copy thereof.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
**JOHN S. BEARD,**  
 Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Beard moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 be made the special order for next Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Mr. Leggett moved 200 copies of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 be printed.

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2020 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to cost of proceedings in eminent domain.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 21 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

## Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Section 3182 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

By unanimous consent Mr. Humphries amended the title as follows: After the word "Florida," add the words "Relating to the time in which prosecutions against State, county and municipal officers may be instituted," and was read a second time in full, as amended.

And Senate Bill No. 25 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Chair ordered Senate Bill No. 25 to lie on table subject to call.

## Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Section 1421 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to filing pleadings, papers and proceedings in duplicate.

Was taken up and upon request of Mr. Massey was passed informally.

## Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the proper care, maintenance and protection, inspection rules for regulation and control of county prisoners, manner of their discharge, and inspection of county jails, and to pay for the expense of carrying out the provision of this act.

Was taken up.

Mr. Trammell moved that Senate Bill No. 47 be placed back on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading, and that it be made the special order for Tuesday, April 16, 11:30 A. M., and that 200 copies of the bill be printed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and so ordered.

Mr. Crill requested that Gurney Crews, page of the Senate, be excused for the day on account of illness.

The request was granted.

## Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish a municipal government for the Town of Sarasota, in Manatee County, Florida, provide for its government, prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, and to abolish the present corporation of said town.

Was taken up.

Mr. Humphries moved that the rules be waived and that

Senate Bill No. 81 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 81 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Humphries moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 81 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill 81 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas.

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Broome, Buckman, Clarke, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Trammell, Willis, Withers, West (4th District), Zim.

Yeas—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the election held on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1906, in the County of Manatee, to determine by a majority vote of the duly qualified electors of said county whether or not a county court should be established in said county pursuant to Chapter 5566 of the Laws of Florida, Acts A. D. 1905, and to render valid said election and the result as shown by the returns thereof, and to declare legal and valid the County Court, established and organized in Manatee County by said election.

Was taken up.

Mr. Humphries moved that the rules be further waived that Senate Bill No. 23 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 23 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Humphreys moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 23 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 23 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas.

Mr. President, Senators Adams, Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Buckman, Clark, Cone, Crane, Crews, Crill, Davis, Girardeau, Henderson, Hudson, Humphries, Leggett, McCreary, Massey, Neel, Sams, Trammell, Williams, Withers, West (4th District), Zim.

Yeas—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 219 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to directions for printing, etc., ballot.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, with the following committee amendment:

Amend Section One (1) by striking out all after the word "construed" in line two from the bottom or end of said Section One (1) and inserting the following: To prohibit the names of the several candidates for national, State and county offices, and other matters to be voted on, being printed in the same order as now, and in one or more columns on the same ballot.

Mr. Hudson moved that Senate Bill No. 38 be placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading, and that it be made the special order for Tuesday, April 16, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Hudson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Pending which:

Mr. McCreary moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow, Thursday, April 11, 1907.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1907.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names: