

THE NEWS OF A DAY

JUDGE PHILIPS, CHAIRMAN; WM. F. COCKE, ENGINEER, AND C. H. TEDDER, SECT'RY, OF STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS TOOK PLACE AT FINAL SESSION OF QUARTERLY MEETING HELD IN TALLAHASSEE.

MAJ. BROWNE'S SUCCESSOR FORMERLY HELD THE OFFICE

State Highway Engineer Is Now the Assistant Highway Commissioner of Virginia—New Secretary Comes from Live Oak—Bids Opened for Pinellas Bridges But No Award of Contract—\$250,000 for the Road North of Pensacola.

Tallahassee, Jan. 20.—(Special).—Judge H. B. Philips of South Jacksonville, member of the state road department from the state at large, was today reelected as chairman of the department.

William F. Cocke of Richmond, Va., was elected state highway engineer to succeed Major Charles A. Browne, who recently resigned. Mr. Cocke is at present assistant highway commissioner of the state of Virginia, and was state road commissioner of Florida from May, 1915, until July, 1919, when, the title of the office being changed, he became state highway engineer, which position he held until he resigned, in October, 1919. Mr. Cocke's service to the state is well known, and it is believed that his appointment will meet with universal approval.

C. H. Tedder of Live Oak was elected secretary of the department, succeeding J. L. Cresap, who has been acting secretary since the resignation of J. P. Clarkson in May, 1920. Mr. Cresap, who is assistant engineer, has carried, in the most acceptable manner, the additional duties which he has performed as acting secretary, and he has established a most enviable reputation in his work. He has received a salary of \$1 per year as acting secretary, so that his double service has been without additional compensation. It is understood now that Mr. Tedder, as secretary, will receive the compensation allowed by law, which is said to be \$2,000 a year.

The department this morning designated the \$250,000 of federal funds, formerly apportioned to Escambia county, to be used on state road No. 7, north of Pensacola, between Pensacola and the Alabama state line.

The department adjourned at the noon hour, and will next meet at a point to be designated within the first congressional district upon call of the chairman. While no date has been set, it is thought that this meeting will be held some time within the next month.

Bids were received and opened at the offices of the department this afternoon for the construction of Seminole bridge and Safety Harbor bridges, in Pinellas county, on state aid road No. 130.

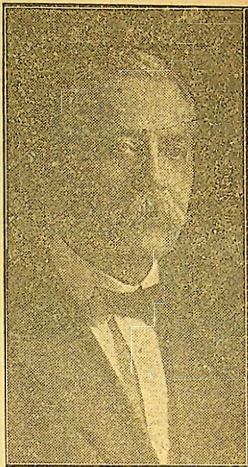
These bids are being tabulated, and it is not possible at this hour to announce the low bidders. The bidders included: E. W. Parker, Tampa; Austin Bros., Atlanta; Doultt & Williams, New Orleans; Raymond Concrete Pile Company, New York; Maloney & Murphey, Knoxville; A. Bentley & Sons, Jacksonville.

Major Browne Commended.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Schilling, was unanimously adopted by the state road department this morning:

Whereas, The members of the state road department have been informed that the resignation of Major Charles A. Browne, state high-

JUDGE H. B. PHILIPS
of South Jacksonville



Reelected chairman of the State Road Department of Florida. Judge Philips was appointed member of the department from the state at large by Governor Hardee, in January, 1921, and was elected chairman at the first meeting after his appointment.

WILLIAM F. COCKE
of Richmond, Virginia



Appointed state highway engineer by the state road department to succeed Major Chas. A. Browne, of Orlando, resigned. Mr. Cocke was appointed state road commissioner of Florida by the state road department in April, 1916, and served until October, 1919, when he resigned. He has been assistant state highway commissioner of Virginia for the past two years.

way engineer of this department, has been tendered the chairman in order that he might accept a much more lucrative position as engineer for Orange county, Florida; and,

Whereas, It is understood that the chairman has accepted such resignation, subject to the approval of the department, in order that he might accept this position which is more desirable than the one which he has given up; and,

Whereas, The members of this department do wish to assure Major Browne of their sincere regret in losing him as state highway engineer; and,

Whereas, They wish to express to him their appreciation of the work which he has done for the department, as well as their personal association with him during the past year; and,

Whereas, The members of this department realize in Major Browne's going that they are losing a man who has always stood for the best interests of the state, and has done well the work undertaken; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in friendship and justice to Major Browne that we do hereby ratify the action of the chairman and do commend him to the citizens and officials of Orange county as a man in whom they can put the utmost confidence and trust, and do hereby wish and predict for him much success in his new undertaking.