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BORTLE'S GATOR

J. H. Bortle Captures Two Alligators
One Eight and One Eleven Feet
Long, in a Hard Fight

St. Petersburg, Fla.,
Apr. 8, '12.
Mr. George Mitchell,
Editor of Birmingham Eccentric,
Birmingham, Mich.,
My Dear Sir—

Having had so many requests from friends and neighbors to write them something about our trip down the peninsula of Florida, thought perhaps an item to the paper would answer for all.

Leaving Birmingham the 7th of December we went via Cincinnati, Chattanooga, Atlanta, to Jacksonville, Fla., to St. Augustine on the east coast and after a stay of 10 days, during which time we visited all points of interest. We went by boat 30 miles down the Matanzas river, then 30 miles through a dredged canal connecting the Matanza and St. Johns rivers, thence down the St. Johns to Jacksonville, which is 37 miles distant from St. Augustine by rail and by water 80 miles. This canal had been dug through the palmetto woods and swamps, making it a very romantic trip on account of its wild solitude and tropic greenery and twining vines. On account of low tide the little steamer was late in arriving at Jacksonville, so having missed our train we were compelled to remain at the hotel over night, leaving early next morning for St. Petersburg, which your map will show you is upon the extreme west coast and almost within sight of the Gulf of Mexico. The route took us through palm trees, cotton fields, orange and grapefruit groves, the changing scenery making the trip interesting. Late in the morning we found us at St. Petersburg, a very new city made up mostly of northern people and with a population at the present time numbering 6,000, and entertaining each year from 70,000 to 25,000 tourists. It faces Tampa Bay on the east and its broad avenues run east and west and are well paved. The principal hotel in the city is the "Detroit," which is well patronized by Michigan people.

After looking about a little we rented a little 7-room bungalow with all modern conveniences and went to housekeeping. We expected to spend the winter tramping about the country and hunting snakes and gators, but was disappointed in this by Miss Fanning coming in and saying she had accepted a position with a real estate firm. I built myself a boat and took it to St. Lake, where I was informed by the "Crackers" were to be found some head alligators. I had to go three miles to the lake which is surrounded by a dense growth of rank sawgrass and high lily pads backed by palmetto woods and live oak, and on a dismal place but just right for the gator, rattlesnake and moccasin. The lake proper is about one mile long and entirely surrounded with palmetto and oak overhanging the water, thus making a little beauty spot to be admired by all lovers of nature and especially the sportsman.

Well I began my hunt for the gator, paddling slowly and quietly, day after day, craning about and watching the water. The weather was rather cool on some of these days for the gator to take a sun bath, so, taking a shot gun with me, killed many a duck, mad hen, plover, snipe, etc., for my table. It was on one of these bird shooting trips that I first spotted the gator that I longed to possess. He was a homely beast eight feet long and the first one I had seen in their natural haunts. It had been generally supposed that the alligator was a sluggish and moved slowly, but please take it from me, and I have met up with some of the wild things that the alligator is the quickest big animal that I ever saw or tackled. As for the weather became so hot and warm I continued my visits to the lake and often surprised the gator, or he surprised me. He would come to the surface of the lake with nose and eyes above water, and small crocodile about for a safe place to crawl upon and sun himself, but the least noise or scent would send him scurrying to the lake. So I studied his ways and habits for some time, knowing a shot was useless except through the brain by way of the eye, but the day came on the 18th of March when the weather conditions were favorable and he was well in the high lily pad bed waiting. I was so situated that I could see east, south and west over the lake with the swamp and palmetto woods to the north and at my back.

About noon I was rewarded by seeing a small snake, arise to the surface just west of my position and move slowly in and to the south and then to the east and finally to the north and towards the point where I was hidden. He came towards me with only his eyes and nose out of the water, moving slowly toward the swamp and about 75 feet east of me, when I made the shot that put him hors de combat. I quickly reached the spot and with a pole tried to locate him on the bottom of the lake but was unable to do so, he

33 YEARS AGO

The following items were published in this paper by its present owners.
Addie L. Daines visited in Pontiac recently.

Volney Nixon was home over Sunday and reports things lively in Pontiac.

A State Militia is being organized in Franklin.

Hiriam F. Daniels drives one of the finest young teams in this vicinity—a recent purchase.

Married at Lyons, Mich., Seneca Millman to Miss Harriet Stone, daughter of Thomas Stone.

Ned Daines is building a steamboat. This craft is to be called the Vulcan and we have been promised a ride on it in Troy, John Martin, aged 80, will J. H. Bell of Southfield is home on a short vacation.

Erchank Youngs of Southfield has purchased a beautiful harness for his new team.

John Huth has the agency for Pullman Patent Boller Springs for farm wagons.

An unpleasant duty devolved upon Whitehead, our senior editor, when he binged a young man who was determined to make a grand entrance into our office prompted by a desire to see "how the machine ran" but principally by an over dose of "fighting benzine."

John Lane, St. Joseph, Michigan, a member of A. W. Chapman Post No. 21, G. A. R., was cured through the use of Foley's Kidney Pills. "I tried various kidney remedies, but all failed to help me until I took Foley's Kidney Pills, and I am honestly satisfied that they cured me completely. For sale by all druggists."

had crawled about 50 feet and was ready to go into the swamp to die, but a quick shot from the opposite side caused him to change his mind and he sank to the bottom upon his back. I raised him with the pole and placed a nose-rod around his head; running my arm into the water I got hold of his fore leg and put a hitch around it, and with the rope through the ring of the boat made fast with the paddle started to tow him to my landing one half mile away, but he had as much control of the boat as I and with his 200 pound body and long tail splashing the water, he would run my boat into the lake and again into the swamp and I was becoming pretty well tired out but not wishing to shoot him any more concluded to take him aboard. I pulled his fore leg into my boat and put out one snipe of his tail made me change my mind immediately. Finally at 2 p. m. I succeeded in towing him to my landing in the palmetto woods. Being unable to drag him ashore I walked a mile to find a log. After pulling him ashore and taking several snap shots of him, we succeeded in skinning and dragging his hide to the road, where, securing further aid we got him to St. Petersburg. He may later be seen at my home in Birmingham.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. BORTLE,
610 Second Avenue.

P. S. Since writing the above letter I have again visited the lake and the haunts of the alligator and this time succeeded in capturing the boss of the feed. Mr. Gator measures nearly 11 feet and I think he is the same conditions as the former one.

J. H. BORTLE.

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Council Proceedings.

Birmingham, Mich.,
Council Rooms,
Apr. 8, 1912.

Regular monthly meeting of the Birmingham Village Council.

President George E. Daines in the chair.

Trustees present—Hoge, Smith, Mill Johnston, Schlaack.
Trustees absent—Wilkinson.
Johnston moved, Smith seconded the following bills be allowed as read.

GENERAL FUND.
W. E. Murchie \$ 7.25
W. H. Hoge 7.11
First National Bank 1.00
Eastern Mill, Edison Co. 133.28
Ira Reed 50.00
John Berry 50.00

HIGHWAY FUND:
John Allen \$10.75
Claud Simpson 7.50

WATERWORKS FUND.
I. N. Baker \$ 6.60
Frederic B. Stevens 10.50
E. H. Hall 50.00
Earl Randall 2.30

Johnston moved, Smith seconded, the following bills be allowed as read.
Yea—Hoge, Smith, Mills, Johnston, Schlaack.
Nays—None.

Johnston moved, Mills seconded, the petition of Ernest Abelt and others be referred to the street committee for investigation.
Voted by roll call.
Yea—Hoge, Smith, Mills, Johnston, Schlaack.

Nays—None.
Schlaack moved, Mills seconded, the petition of E. W. Argus and others be referred to the street committee.

Voted by roll call.
Yea—Hoge, Smith, Mills, Johnston, Schlaack.
Nays—None.

The following committees were appointed by president George E. Daines: Street and Sidewalks—Mills, Johnston, Schlaack.

Waterworks—Schlaack, Mills, Wilkinson.
Claims—Wilkinson, Johnston, Smith, Johnston, Schlaack, Hoge, Parks and Cemeteries—Johnston, Smith, Mills.

Johnston moved, Schlaack seconded, E. E. Smith act as president pro tem.
Motion carried.

Johnston moved, Schlaack seconded, Ira Reed be appointed marshal and street commissioner.
Motion carried.

Johnston moved, Schlaack seconded, Dr. George P. Raynaia be appointed health officer.
Motion carried.

Notice moved, Mills seconded, Frank Hagerman and Eugene Brooks be appointed to act with the assessor as a board of assessors.
Motion carried.

Mills moved, Schlaack seconded, W. Nixon, Cassius Crawford, and Walter Nichols be appointed Board of Special Assessors.
Motion carried.

Schlaack moved, Johnston seconded, \$200 be transferred from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.
Voted by roll call.
Yea—Hoge, Smith, Mills, Johnston, Schlaack.

Nays—None.
Mills moved, Johnston seconded, the bond of George L. Kemp as village clerk, be accepted.

Mills moved, Johnston seconded, W. E. Murchie be appointed lighting inspector for the ensuing year.
Motion carried.
Minutes read and approved.

Schlaack moved, Hoge seconded, the meeting adjourn until Monday evening, Apr. 18.
Motion carried.
GEO. E. DAINES, President.
GEO. L. KEMP, Clerk.

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C. J. SHAIN.

OBITUARY.

Andrew Muldragh, the subject of this sketch, was born in Armagh, Ireland, Nov. 21, 1831, emigrated to this country with his parents Aug. 1, 1851, and settled in Southfield, Oakland county, where his after life was spent. Last fall while visiting friends in Saginaw he was taken sick, and there he died April 10, 1912.

Funeral services were held in Bedford from Friday from the home of Mrs. Emmer Coleman, who is an only child, and were conducted by Rev. W. M. Robb, the pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Evans of the Presbyterian church at Bedford.

Mr. Muldragh united with the reformed Presbyterian church of Southfield soon after coming to this country and remained a loyal member of this church until his death. Those who knew him best testify to his love for the house of God, and attachment to the ordinances thereof. Though for many months a sufferer, he bore his lot with patience, and calmly awaited the coming of his Lord. His wife, Elizabeth Lowe Muldragh, preceded him to the better world many years ago. Ripened in Christian experience, he came to his grave "in full age, like as a shock of corn in its season." His was a good man, his was a life well lived. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

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