

roe County have an organized Fire Company in the City of Key West that is maintained and paid for by the County of Monroe; the County Commissioners appropriating the moneys necessary for the maintenance of this Company.

"Kindly advise whether in your opinion the County Commissioners of that County have the authority under the law to appropriate money for this purpose.

"The report is that this Fire Company, while it is maintained by the County is actually used entirely for the protection of the property in the City of Key West."

There is, in my opinion, no authority for the appropriation and expenditure from the public funds of the County of Monroe of the amount necessary for the maintenance of the fire department or company of the City of Key West.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. WEST,  
Attorney General.

# RECORD BOOKS—LOOSELEAF DISAPPROVED.

Tallahassee, Fla., March 10, 1917.

*Honorable Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Tallahassee, Florida.*

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 5 instant has been received.

I note your inquiry and the letter of Sidney J. Jones, Esquire, of Jacksonville, relative to the legal authority of Clerks of the Circuit Court of the various counties of this State to use loose leaf record books for the recording

of deeds and mortgages which are required to be recorded in their respective offices.

There is no statute in this State regulating this matter and, therefore, it rests largely in the discretion of the recording officer.

I concur in the views expressed in your inquiry. that it would be much safer, as a practical matter, to have all permanent records of the counties made in permanently bound record books.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.

## THEATRES—AUTHORITY TO BE OPEN ON SUNDAY.

Tallahassee, Fla., March 20, 1917.

*Honorable Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Tallahassee, Florida.*

Dear Sir:—

Yours of the 19 instant has been received.

I note copy of telegram from the pastors of the Methodist and Baptist Churches relative to the opening of theatres in the town of Daytona on Sunday and your request that I advise you as to the law on this subject.

Municipalities in this State are authorized and empowered to deal generally with this subject, and the town council or other governing body of the municipality from which this request comes may prohibit, by ordinance duly passed, the opening of theatres on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.