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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1888.

No. 3.

## SUB-TROPICAL EXPOSITION ODE.

Hail! sun-decked Queen of Glory!  
Hail! State of song and story,  
Legends and allegory,  
Florida the fair!  
Hail to thy tropic bowers,  
Hail to thy fruits and flowers,  
Sunshine and gentle showers,  
And thy balmy air.

Hail to thy rivers flashing;  
Lakes, rills, and fountains dashing,  
Though not from mountains crashing,  
Sparkling, bold, and sure.  
Out from thy bosom gushes,  
Like maidens' laughing blushes,  
Or manhood's tender flushes,  
Streamlets fresh and pure.

Forests with odors weighted,  
Breezes with perfume freighted,  
Brightest of lands created,  
Lovely Florida!  
Land where the sick—life-weary,  
Flee from long winters dreary,  
Unto thy clime so cheery—  
Bright peninsula!

See here the jasmine trailing  
On zephyrs soft, exhaling  
Sweet fragrance, seaward sailing,  
Filling every breeze.  
Here in majestic splendor  
Bloom grand magnolias tender—  
Neath them azaleas slender—  
Every eye to please.

Far back in darkened ages  
Read we on history's pages  
That warriors, saints, and sages  
Landed on our coast.  
Here gleamed Castilian lances,  
And many fond romances—  
Weird mediæval fancies—  
Lured the Spanish host.

Now, in the glorious present,  
Here mingle lord and peasant,  
Neath tropic sun so pleasant,  
Reveling in delight!  
God bless this Exposition!  
May it our State's great mission,  
Ope to the world's broad vision  
Glorious and bright!

—T. O. Summers, M. D.

## FLORIDA'S EXHIBITION.

The opening of the Sub-Tropical Exhibition at Jacksonville, last week Thursday, was an important event in the history of our State. It means the exhibition to the world in a comprehensive and intelligible form of the resources of the State and the inducements which it offers to those who would come and settle here. Hereto-

fore this has been left to chance, and it was always a question whether a new comer in the State would have the good fortune to fall in with those who had made a success of their ventures here, and could encourage him with a practical illustration of how to do it, or whether he would meet with those who could only offer him the discouraging picture of unsuccessful struggles and hardship, as an illustration of how not to do it.

In every business that men engage in there are many failures and partial successes for every case of unqualified and brilliant success, and nothing else must be expected among those who come to engage in the business of making a living in Florida, especially if we confine our attention to those pursuits which are peculiar to the State, and therefore new to those who come here from outside. For every shrewd, sensible, business-like man, who comes here and takes hold of things with a firm grip that insures success from the start, we have a score of people who have never been able to do much elsewhere, and have come here in the vain hope that Florida might prove an earthly paradise, in which they could live on the fruit, as it dropped from the trees into their laps. A hundred more are well-meaning but not over intelligent nor well-informed. The score, it is hardly necessary to say, fail here as they have everywhere else. The hundred plod along, and by dint of hard work and economy manage to make a living, but never realize the success of the one. This is no discredit to Florida. It is only what we find everywhere, and here as everywhere the one man out of a hundred who is a complete success is the standard that we want to put before new comers, not to deceive them into a belief that all men can do as well, but to give them a standard of success to guide them in their estimates and their efforts. They surely will not come if they see only failure, and they surely will not succeed unless their efforts are rightly directed.

Such an exhibition as that now open at Jacksonville will enable new comers, and those who have come to make a preliminary survey of the ground with a view to locating, to see what can be done here by those who know how to do it, and thus give them a correct standard to work to, and an encouraging view of the possibilities open to them and the reward of earnest and well directed effort.

Besides the above there is also a still larger number of probable visitors to the exhibition who are here merely for pleasure or temporary escape from colder places, and have no immediate intention of settling here permanently. These will go home with a better idea of our resources and what can be done here, and spread the information among their friends, thus advertising us more effectively than by almost any other possible means. In many cases too it may be the means of planting a seed in their minds that will sometime grow into a desire to have a home here after all. They may be interested in fruit or flowers, or other things shown, and the desire to see what they can do with them may eventually tempt them to try their hands here, or some circumstances not now foreseen may lead them to seek a warmer climate, and then Florida will not be quite so vague a picture in their minds. In many ways the things they will see will make a favorable impression upon them, which will not be wasted.

Last but not least, the exhibition will be visited by thousands of our own people, who will see what others have accomplished, and be stimulated to go home and make a new effort themselves; and thus the strongest possible influences will be set at work to increase and improve our production. This in the long run will prove of more value to the State than any amount of advertising. We hope that every one who can, both residents and visitors, will see the exhibition and encourage their friends to do so.



**What One Woman Did.**

A Massachusetts woman, having an hour or two each day to spare from housework, decided to try raising strawberries for market on a piece of land fifty-seven feet square. The plants were well taken care of through the season, and the last of October the bed received a final hoeing, and a little later the plants were mulched about two inches deep with pine needles. Before the picking season commenced, she bargained with a marketman, a mile and a half distant to take all her berries, by allowing him as his share four cents a basket for all berries sold at twenty cents and over, and three cents for those bringing less. In picking she was careful to put in only sound fruit, to have as large berries at the bottom of the basket as on top, and to have them heaped as high as the crate would allow. It being a poor year for strawberries owing to drought, which did not affect her low ground, she received good prices. None were sold for less than fifteen cents a basket. The entire crop sold was 350 baskets, for which she received \$52.80. Expenses were \$21.55, leaving a net profit of \$31.25.—*Ex.*

**Japan Fruits.**

In fruit growing, Florida is an improvement on Japan. Nearly all the fruits of the Mikado's Empire succeeded with us, and most of them attain greater perfection here than there. Our Kelseys are larger and better than the Botankio, as this variety is called by the "Japs." Satsuma surpasses Kii or Unshu. The Tene-Nashi Kaki, which the Japanese describe as austere with us is not astringent, and as Mr. Berckman says is one of our best known and most esteemed varieties. As will be seen by the exhaustive accounts of the Japanese persimmon which we are publishing, the same thing is true of other varieties. Mr. Adams says that out of the twelve varieties he first received "eight were entirely free from the old sin of Adam," (astringency). While the Japanese report but few seedless sorts most of the varieties, as we grow them, are nearly or quite seedless. Seedlings, which are said to be almost invariably worthless in Japan, take most kindly to Florida soil and promise to give us superior varieties of our own; Mr. Norton's Triumph is certainly an acquisition; Furthermore, our native persimmon seems superior to the Kaki seedling as a stock.—*Florida Dispatch.*

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#### The Steam Yacht Ladoga.

The schooner-rigged steam yacht Ladoga, owned by the famous showman, J. L. Hutchinson, of New York, entered port yesterday noon. Mr. Hutchinson has retired from the show business, and is now taking things easy on board the Ladoga. The yacht is 98 feet long, 14 feet beam, and draws 5½ feet of water. The speed will reach fourteen miles an hour, the engines being of the compound style and one hundred horse power. The cabin is fitted up in mahogany with red plush upholstery, and has every modern convenience known to steam yachting. One of the rooms of the cabin is used as a nursery for the three small children of the family, while the other is occupied by the owner and his wife. All are elegantly furnished with the finest of berths. The pantry would please a person of esthetic tastes, as there is a dumb-waiter connecting it with the kitchen, and every convenience that could be wished for. The Ladoga is under the charge of Captain W. E. Torrey, with W. H. Mitchell as engineer. She will cruise in Florida waters during the winter, and will probably visit Havana before spring.—*News-Herald, Jan. 15.*

#### Para Grass.

Captain Hendry, of Fort Myers, says his Para grass land was overflowed to the depth of three feet for several weeks without killing the grass, and expresses great satisfaction with it. No better authority can be cited. Severe frosts will kill this grass to the ground and if the land is very dry there will be no new growth until the ground is thoroughly soaked by "growing" rains. This is one reason why I incline to wet land or ponds for its production, another reason is that nothing else will grow so well on these lands unless it be swamp rice.—*Manatee Advocate.*

#### Old Foggy Teachers.

If there is any one class of individuals that is a greater hindrance or more harmful to their chosen profession than any other, it is the one composed of old foggy teachers. Whether in the college, seminary, high school or public school, the demoralizing influence of this class is extremely dangerous, both to the pupils and the public generally. Men with dormant brains resting amidst ideas and opinions taught generations ago, and turning deaf ears to all that is later, superior and more practical, have ever been the curse of every profession. Foggy teachers, presenting foggy ideas, are sure to turn out old foggy students.—*Florida School Journal.*

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**WINTER PARK, JAN. 20, 1888.**

OUTING for January will publish a very faithful account of Duck Shooting in Chesapeake Bay.

FISHERMEN will anxiously await the publication of Mr. Felton's splendid account of Tarpon fishing in Florida, which will be found in *Outing* for January.

THE letter list published this week was mislaid, or it would have appeared in our last issue. We mean to publish it every month when received, as an additional precaution against letters being overlooked in the office.

WE trust that the pardonable impatience of those concerned at the recent action of the South Florida Railroad in regard to our school children will be allayed by an early explanation of reasonable grounds for it, and a return to what would seem the only reasonable course to pursue. A tariff which is practically prohibitive is not for the interest of either party.

WITH gardens filled with fresh vegetables and all sorts of flowers, strawberries in bloom, maple trees red with blossoms, blue violets and yellow jessamine opening in the woods, and no more than a light frost once a month or so, Florida presents a spring-like appearance, that is very refreshing and attractive to people freshly arrived from snow drifts and bursting water pipes, and with similar comforts to expect at home for two or three months to come. What wonder if some of them never go back, except to sell out and move down here?

The reported offer of Mr. Hames to take the bonds of the Orlando & Winter Park R. R. should be met promptly by the city of Orlando and property holders immediately concerned. Orlando is suffering severely, in all her business enterprises, for want of better communications with the surrounding country, and the region tapped by this line, especially if extended eastward as proposed, is a very important one, and one which Orlando has long wished to reach by rail. The people along the line, too, have been loud in their demand for a rail outlet. Now is their time to exert all their influence with those who want their trade in Orlando, in favor of the granting of this right of way. Never mind pet schemes in other directions. Here is a chance for immediate opening of your country. Do not let it pass. If you do you may be sure nobody will have confidence to help your other schemes, and you will be left at last to kick yourself for your shortsighted folly.

WE have had several inquiries about the printing of *LOCHMEDE*, which some people find it hard to believe is really home work, and a brother printer has suggested that we would do well to make a statement of the fact. For the benefit of those who doubt, we will say that the work on the paper is wholly done in our own office, and moreover is no better than the ordinary run of our work which we turn out every day in the shape of all kinds of job printing. We had the pleasure of presenting our friends with a little calendar last week, which is also entirely home made, with the exception of the engraved plate, from which we printed the cards. That of course we had to buy, like our type and other materials. If you want any sort of printing done equally well, let us hear from you at any time, and we will guarantee good work at no higher price than you would pay for inferior work elsewhere. The best is the cheapest. Come and see us, write to us, or leave your orders with Mr. Ladd.

THERMOMETER 50° to 60° below zero—150 people frozen to death—great losses of cattle and other live

stock—such are the head-lines of late dispatches from the Northwest, and the common remark on reading them here is, "Florida is good enough for me," a sentiment in which all hearers are ready to acquiesce with great alacrity. The cold weather north of us has reached us at last in the shape of a drop of the mercury to 36° on Thursday morning. There was no frost, however, on account of the steady wind blowing throughout the previous night. This morning the temperature was not quite so low, but the air being still, we had a light frost. A few tender vegetables were nipped, but no serious harm done. This little pinch, scarcely more than enough to refresh us and enliven our feelings a little, is all we have to compare with the terrible suffering in the far north. By the time the sun is fairly up men are working out in their shirt sleeves, as they would on a spring day at the North. Who would not live in Florida?

**JOTTINGS.**

Ladd receives subscriptions for *LOCHMEDE*—subscribe for it.

Mr. H. B. Plant with quite a party arrived on Wednesday and will be at the Seminole several days.

Quite a party will go to Clay Springs, a-la-mule-team, on Saturday to look at the beauties and attractions there. The party is made up at Rollins College.

Dr. Hooker performed a marriage ceremony at the Church on Wednesday, which united the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, of Apopka. After a dinner at the Seminole the happy couple returned to their home.

Mr. James Rouan, a prominent citizen of Trenton, New Jersey, after looking Florida over thoroughly, has decided that Winter Park is the most attractive place he has seen. He has bought a lot here and will build a cottage at once on Interlachen Avenue.

The school children from Orlando, after being offered low rates again from the South Florida Railroad, and spending one happy day in the anticipation of escaping from the mule teams which have dragged them here since the beginning of this term, have had hope deferred by the rescinding of the order. We suppose the South Florida people have a reason for their policy in this matter, but it is not owing to the State Railroad Commissioner's action for they have written officially to both the S. F. people and Dr. Hooker that their rules did not interfere with giving rates to schools in the least and were not so intended. In some countries railroads try to assist educational interests.



We omitted to mention, owing to the rush of other matters, the fine concert given at White's Hall by the ladies and gentlemen of the Episcopal Church last week. The Hall was crowded full, and those who were there heard as fine a concert as professional troupes ever give. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. J. R. Ergood, who also gave us a fine selection on the piano. Mrs. Switzer sang several beautiful solos. Dr. Eager's flute-like tenor charmed all; Mr. Comstock has a fine bass voice, and Mr. Goffon both as a soloist and a recitationist is certainly a success. Mrs. Diffenderfer recited several selections both serious and comical, and received an encore each time. The members of this church will give a series of concerts during the winter, and with such good talent as they possess they cannot help being a success, and will go far towards the support of that church.

The Orlando and Winter Park Ry. Co. are now in position to announce the early completion of their road. Mr. Charles D. Haines, of the firm of Haines Bros., who are well-known throughout the North as street car and suburban route railway builders, was here this week, and after looking the ground over carefully, decided to purchase the bonds and thus furnish the necessary funds, providing that a right of way can be obtained clear into Orlando. A great many people will, we think, live out along the line just as soon as frequent communication can be had with the city. Mr. Haines has had large experience with suburban roads, and after a walk over the entire line expressed the opinion that for beauty and attractiveness it could not be duplicated in the United States, which opinion from such a source certainly is a high compliment to the taste and energy of the founders of the road in securing the right of way through such a lovely section of residence sites.

#### Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the Post-office at Winter Park, Jan., 1888. If not called for in thirty days will be sent to the Dead Letter Office:

Benning, Wm.	Lark, C. C.
Calens, Wm. (postal)	McIntosh, L.
Dudley, H. M.	Perkins, Clasey
Daniels, Bob.	Shy, Mrs. Lula (2)
Daniels, F. B.	Sawyer, Robert
	Willsey, Mattie

When calling for the above please say "advertised."

JNO. R. ERGOOD, P. M.

#### Notice of Incorporation.

Notice is hereby given that, under the law of the State of Florida governing the incorporation of railroads and canals approved February 19th, 1874, and acts amendatory thereto, the undersigned have associated themselves together under the name of The Jacksonville and Gulf Railway Company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railroad for public use in the conveyance of persons and property.

SAMUEL BARTON,  
A. S. ROWLEY,  
BRYAN TALLAFERRO.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 11, 1888. 2-2-131

#### Seminole Arrivals.

J. M. Crosby, Cincinnati.  
L. H. Lawrence and wife, Dubuque, Iowa.  
Wm. M. Hanna, Utica, N. Y.  
Rev. J. McBride Sterritt, Faribault, Minn.  
Jamie Sterritt,  
Andrew B. Coelhen, Newark, N. J.  
C. C. Bennett, Rutland, Vt.  
Jas. Rouan and wife, Trenton, N. J.  
Miss Rouan,  
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Little, Philadelphia.  
David G. Yates,  
Chas. D. Haines, N. Y.  
J. H. Abbott, Orlando.  
Gray Staunton and wife, St. Louis.  
Wm. P. Stoddard, Plymouth, Mass.  
Miss  
Miss Davis,  
J. F. Dommerick and wife, N. Y.  
Miss  
Two children and nurse,  
W. G. Beal wife and son, Worcester, Mass.  
J. S. Capen, Winter Park.  
H. S. Chubb,  
J. R. Mizell,  
Dr. E. P. Hooker,  
J. L. Richardson, Jacksonville.  
E. E. Davis, Jacksonville.  
Madame Papineau, Canada.  
Miss  
Child and maid,  
W. Willett, Maitland.  
A. E. Oliver,  
Mrs. Sands,  
Mrs. J. M. Arnold, Chicago.  
Miss C. E. Clark,  
Miss J. Martin, Philadelphia.  
J. C. Mustard,  
E. C. Humbert and wife, Brooklyn.  
W. G. Peck and wife, Duluth, Minn.  
Miss M. J. Peck,  
H. W. Ripley, Maine.  
T. E. Livezey and wife, Covington, Ky.  
F. E. Clark, New York.  
N. Van Bie and wife, New York.  
H. B. Plant, wife and maid, N. Y.  
J. A. Wood, N. Y.  
A. Vail and wife, Troy, N. Y.  
Miss Vail,  
J. A. Porter and w., Washington, D. C.  
Nurse and child,  
E. W. Metcalf, Boston.  
E. L. Hart, Cleveland, O.  
H. Van Tuys,  
Dr. E. E. Breman,  
H. L. Breman,  
V. E. Orr, Atlanta, Ga.  
Dr. E. Hyde and lady, Lakeville.  
H. S. Haines, Savannah, Ga.  
J. R. Johnson,  
James Clark, Louisville, Ky.  
Miss Isabel I. Clark,  
Miss Jessie L.,  
Miss Ida B. Duncan, Terre Haute, Ind.

#### Notice of Incorporation.

As required by Sec. 2, of Chapter 3165 of the Laws of Florida, (McClellan's Digest, Sec. 33, page 234), notice is hereby given of the formation of a corporation, the name of which is the SOUTH FLORIDA COLORED PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO., and the principal place of business shall be Orlando, Orange Co., Florida. The general nature of the business transacted by said company is the publication of newspapers and the carrying on of a general printing and publishing business. The amount of capital stock authorized is twenty-five hundred dollars, (\$2500), of which ten per cent. has been paid, the balance to be paid when called by the directors. The time of the commencement of the corporation is the First of January, 1888, and the time of its termination is the First of January, 1908.

The business of the corporation shall be conducted by a board of seven Directors elected January 1st, 1888, for one year, and thereafter annually as the by-laws may direct. The Board of Directors shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, a Business Manager, an Editor in Chief, and such other officers as the by-laws may provide.

The highest amount of indebtedness, or liability, to which the corporation may subject itself at any time is five hundred dollars.

Signers:

A. T. REDMOND,	G. C. HENDERSON,
H. H. LOVITT,	S. A. WILLIAMS,
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C. L. WILLIAMS,	



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**School Work.**

How are you going to keep the primary grades employed while the advanced classes are reciting? Supposing the first grade recites in reading twice, in number once, in language once, in general exercises twice, there are still left five hours out of the six; and for these five hours you must provide interesting seat work, else the children will provide it themselves. What plans have you made for this? Should you keep these youngest children copying, or writing all this time? Will they be interested in that? We think not. It has been tried, and we have seen it fail time and time again. Ten cents will buy a thousand cigar lighters, and a thousand cigar lighters will furnish splint work for the largest primary class in the State. Shoe pegs, beans, dissected maps and pictures, outline pictures, clay and sand molding, paper-doll making, color-sorting, leaf-grouping, drawing with slate and pencil, or paper and pencil, sentence building from printed words on card board, paper folding, word building from printed letters, working or drawing on the blackboard, thread work, may any or all be used to good advantage. The country school is surrounded by millions of objects which could be utilized for this work. Will you drive these children over the old tread-mill of monotonous work, or lead them over this beautiful road of play?—*Ex.*

**Plant for Top Prices.**

The inducements are just as great to plant an orange grove now as they were ten years ago. True, prices for "regular Florida oranges" are not as high as they were then, still those who planted are making money. But we mean that as much can be obtained for fruit now as then. No, we are not visionary nor crazy and we mean just what we say. Take up the market quotations and look at the price of Tangerines, Mandarins and Navels. Refer back to last September, October and November, and see what A 1 oranges brought then; go still further back and see what they were worth in May, June and July, and be convinced of what we say. \* \* \* Keep abreast of the times. Select land that will produce good fruit and plant Tangerines, Satsumas, Kings, some kind that will lead in market, or early or late sorts, according to location or fancy, but in season or variety plant for top prices. —*Florida Dispatch.*

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