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

No. 16.

WHERE THE HEART IS.

Some day, at the sunset, the feet shall rest
On the height whose rugged ascent
Hath filled with heart-weary throbbings the
breast.

And the bloom of the cheek hath blent
With the whiteness of moon-kissed snows,
Resting there, then, in fame's radiant
glow.

The traveler shall sadly look down,
Beholding the vale where love's blossoms grow,
And longing to yield fame's crown.

For one breath of love's tender rose.

For, ever it seems, where the hill tops lie,
A most glorious place to be, [ing by
With the white-capped clouds swift hurry-
And the break of grief's throbbing sea
Far sounding as in misty dreams.

And the snow-touched blossoms that
crown the height,
Seem the fairest of all that blow: [night,

Yet the feet that climb are weary at
And the vale that lieth below
Sings of home in the sunset gleams.

Olla Toph in Courant.

THE SEASON.

The "season" in Florida, as the tourist knows it, is now over. As the wild geese rise and take their flight northward when the season is right, so the tourist, when the exact phase of the changing year strikes his sensitive soul, at which he is accustomed to depart, gets up and shakes himself and is gone, almost before we know it. The "season" to steady residents is like a play at the theatre. The house is opened and swept and aired and the gas lighted; a man stands ready at the ticket window to take the cash, ushers are on hand to show the seats; all is ready behind the scenes, and the proprietors are counting their chances of a good house. A few stragglers who had to come in on early trains take their seats and amuse themselves as best they can; then people begin to arrive more and more rapidly, the ushers are running to and fro, and everybody is as busy as a bee. In fifteen minutes the house is full, the curtain is rung up, and the play goes on. Then the force behind the scenes is

kept on the keen jump until the end of the performance. When the curtain finally falls, everybody before and behind it at once makes the best of his way home, and in five minutes the watchman is alone for the night, with everything secure and quiet.

So here, at the appointed time every-thing is made ready; at first a few people come straggling in; then suddenly train after train deposits its load, until we are full to overflowing, and the show goes merrily on for a couple of months, until some hidden bell strikes and down comes the curtain. In two weeks from the highest pressure of the season we are practically alone again, and pursuing the even tenor of our way for the rest of the year. From the comparative activity and life prevailing for a short season, as compared with the rest of the year, many hastily conclude that those two months or so are the only part of the year when anything is done, and that Florida exists only as a resort for tourists, occupying the rest of the year in preparing nets to catch the next run of shad. This we need hardly say is a very incomplete view of the case.

The "season" may perhaps be more aptly compared with a showy blossom, that comes out at its proper time upon a vigorous tree. We watch the promise of the bud, and the first petals as they unfold one at a time, until some fine morning when we get up the full-blown radiance of the flower is before us. There it stands for a few days, the admiration of everybody, delighting us with its bright appearance, and drawing the bees from all directions to extract its hidden honey. Presently it begins to fade, a petal or two drop off, and then, perhaps, a sudden puff of wind comes, and the flower is gone. Only a plain and rather insignificant looking little knob on the end of the stem remains to show where it had been. But the bees have done their work. The honey has been safely laid by, and in getting it out their busy feet have rubbed the

pollen well into the pistil, and thus fertilized the seeds which now remain in that little green knob. Keep the tree well watered and cared for and that little knob will grow to a fine and luscious fruit. Meanwhile, flower or no flower, fruit or no fruit, the tree keeps on growing, and gets larger and stronger every year, and this last fact should not be forgotten when some chance frost blasts the flower for once or twice. The tree is still there and will bloom again in due time.

The "season" brings us a certain amount of extra business, and helps to raise the general average of profits for the year to a better level, especially in the case of the railroads, thus encouraging them to show more enterprise and do more for the development of the State than they otherwise might, but the chief value of the "season" to the State at large is as an advertisement of our resources and attractions, a few of the winter visitors, invest their money or make their homes with us, and the rest go home to talk to their friends about what they have seen. Thus the attention of a very large number of people is directed to our State in the most effective possible way; for what is told them by their friends, who have been here and seen for themselves, carries weight, where mere paid advertisements and self-laudatory circulars and pamphlets would be thrown into the waste basket. All these visitors, too, become so many encyclopedias of authentic information for reference on the part of those whose attention has been already gained and who are thinking of coming here. The season's life is talked and written about all over the country, and an impression is produced which no amount of regular advertising of our resources could produce; for it is quite as important that our State should be presented to people as a place which it is desirable and fashionable to visit, and a place offering health and happiness to the settler, as to convince them of the possibility of earning a living here.

Let us who are beginning to think mainly of the permanent value of the growing tree not under-estimate that of the rather showy flower which annually appears upon it, and which seems to be of such transient and evanescent importance. It is of the greatest value to us, and should be made as beautiful and attractive as possible by every means in our power. In this connection we should all bear in mind that it is not everything to succeed in producing a satisfactory blossom. That secured, we should at once turn our attention to developing the fruit, and the best way we know of to do that is to refrain as many as possible of our visitors as permanent canvassers or information agents, through whom to reach the people of the country. This can be done by simply keeping the home addresses of the visitors, and keeping them supplied with our Florida newspapers, maps, pamphlets, etc., so that they shall be frequently refreshed in their memory of what we have, and doubtful points in their minds cleared up. Thus they will always be ready with plenty of information when anybody talks Florida to them, and their own better information will give them confidence to speak and satisfaction in telling what they know. Besides, who knows how many of them, by frequent repetition of the story to their friends, may finally pass from enthusiastic advocates to actual investors, or settlers themselves. Do not impose upon them, nor claim their special expenditure of time or attention, but send them what you can quietly and trust to the heaven working just because it is its nature to.

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one year. The Railway Company gives bond for title when settler goes on land.

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Okra, or Gumbo, is pre-eminently a Southern vegetable, excellent to put in soup, which everybody likes, and there is a growing demand for it in all Northern markets. Somebody should supply the demand. Prices are usually remunerative.—*Exchange.*

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For years, daily, after working up to 11 o'clock, mornings, there has come that reaction, the fatigue which writers and nervous people know, that no food or medicine ever seemed to relieve, and which made the rest of the day's work a dragging effort. A glass of the grape juice changes all this, and on three or four glasses a day I work with an ease and sustained strength which makes me a novelty to myself. It is food and drink both, like milk, only a thousand times better; and, though no vegetarian or dietist, I had rather live on the cracknels and grape juice wholly than go without it. It banishes bilious and dyspeptic symptoms, humours and consumptive ailments like magic. Here I stop, not for want of more to say, for this subject is barely begun, but it is best to leave each person to test it for himself. It is easily done. Any one can squeeze a pound of grapes in a towel and strain the juice for drinking at once, after the imperial court fashion years ago. A delightful little hand-press with porcelain sockets, sold for \$2.00, does the work much better. Once people get a taste of this blissful fluid there will be no danger of raising too many grapes in this country or any other, especially as it is perfectly easy to put up this pure grape juice so that it will keep unfermented and unchanged, fresh as when it left the cluster, for twenty years. Don't say it cannot be done. It has been done; has been done for centuries. You can taste it in New York shops fresh from the press before your eyes, and bottled for years, and you cannot choose between the two. The grape grower whose intelligence provided this treat for the public has done a very good thing for his own profit, but a better one for the country, both for growers and consumers, and the next five years will prove the strength of these words. *American Gardening.*

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WINTER PARK, APR. 20, 1888.

Under all the circumstances we think our railroad friends are to be congratulated on their success in securing the subscription needed to enable them to build the proposed extension to Lake Jesup. It is true a small amount still hangs fire, but we think it will all come, and enough has been raised already to justify them in pushing the work at least so far that no other road will attempt to get in ahead of them. Then they can await the few thousand dollars yet needed, before completing the whole line. They would thus secure what they have got, and the actual building of a portion of the road would encourage many to subscribe who may now hold back from want of faith in the enterprise. Go ahead, gentlemen, you will get there.

The next crop of fruit in Florida is going to tax all our ingenuity to get rid of it profitably—not that the market will really be over supplied, but that the increase in the supply will be so sudden that present means will be inadequate to handle it. This must be met by a determined effort to find and improve every means of helping to solve the problem. We must all work together to avoid any temporary gluts and consequent breaks in the market, and we must encourage every possible means of prolonging the season of sale, and the means of disposing of the fruit at home. The prospect of a large

crop should be an encouragement to those who contemplate starting in the business of making preserves, marmalade, wine, and other home products from the fruit. No better season could be selected in which to start such enterprises, and we hope to see many of them in operation next winter.

We gave our first page last week to an article on the Spanish Maguay, in which Mr. Burdon, of Sanford, has been trying for some time to interest sufficient capital to enable him to introduce it here. It is of no use to start the growing of such a crop on a small scale, because enough must be produced to give profitable employment to a proper plant of machinery especially designed for extracting the fiber, and the crop cannot be made profitable until such an amount is grown. Hence, although Mr. Burdon has had his experimental machines in successful operation for several years, and has been able to cultivate a small planting of Maguay, his work has been of no value except as an experiment to demonstrate the possibility of something more. This we think he has done, and we are glad to hear that at last sufficient capital has been raised to make a start on a commercial scale. We look forward to see the fiber crop become one of great importance to our State, especially as it offers a means of utilizing a great deal of land that would otherwise be useless. It moreover serves a very useful purpose in further diversifying our products, as it is essentially different in nature from any other crop we have, and therefore would not be likely to fail from the same causes nor at the same time. We very much hope to see Mr. Burdon's factory started soon, and a good average of Maguay planted to supply it. We fear, however, that his company will have to make the first planting themselves, as few people have spare money and time to engage in experiments until the culture of the plants shall be proved to be a

success, and the best methods demonstrated, so that they may go ahead with reasonable certainty of making no fatal errors for want of knowing how. Let the company set out a ten-acre patch say, and show people what can be done, and we warrant if a practical demonstration be made, and the factory stands ready to take what is offered of the plants, it will have all it can handle.

JOTTINGS.

General French is back from Texas.

C. H. Lord left for New Hampshire on the 18th.

Engineers Bourne and Rizy left Monday for New York.

Dr. Jones took in the Gilmore concerts at Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Jordan are the happy parents of a bouncing girl.

Mr. Abercrombie's friends that have been visiting him left on the 18th.

Dana Howard is getting very proficient with the type-writer and cyclo-style.

Harry Davies and family have moved into the Tatum house for the summer.

Miss Wood, Mrs. Ingraham and son Foster, left on the 16th for Oak Park, Ills.

Mrs. Judge Walker and daughter left for their home, in Indianapolis, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Pierce are happy over the arrival of a young lady at their house.

The W. C. T. U. hold a meeting Friday night at White's Hall. Addresses by Drs. Hooker, Alden and Smith, with good music.

Willie Ladd left for his home in Massachusetts on Monday. He was accompanied as far as Jacksonville by his uncle C. J. Ladd.

Mr. Wells, who bought a handsome place on Lake Maitland, left on the 18th for a visit at his home in England. He will return in September.

The Winter Park Co. will issue about 50,000 pamphlets this summer. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Knowles, Hutchins and Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left on Wednesday for a short stay in Cleveland, O., and Saratoga Springs before going to the Kaaterskill for the summer.

Mr. Des Batchelder gives a birthday party on the 19th and the young people

are all on tip-toe waiting for the event. Mr. Batchelder has reached the mature age of 14 and is to be congratulated.

Mrs. Merchant, a sister of Col. Adams, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Noyes, of Boston, left on Monday after a short stay here, they were delighted with Winter Park and its surroundings.

We were shown the plans for Mr. King's pleasant cottage to be built on Interlachen avenue this summer. It will be a handsome addition to that charming street. The plans are the work of Mr. Middaugh and are finely executed.

After a long visit, during which he made many friends, Mr. Hotchkiss left last week for his home in Connecticut. He will linger along the way and reach home about May 15th. We hope he will come and see us again, for with his fine musical ability and his pleasant disposition, he certainly is a valuable acquisition to any community.

Mr. Roman seems to be the boss angler here and all the fish have got like the bear in the story of Davy Crockett who, when he saw Davy, saluted him with "that you uncle Davy—don't shoot, I'll come down." Certain it is that he always comes in with a quantity of delicious trout, bass, pickerel, etc., and has done much to dispel the notion that there are no fish in our lakes. There are lots of them, and they have only waited for somebody that knows how to catch them.

Don't put us down as chronic kickers, but we do think that the whole tax business in this county is about as loose an arrangement as can be gotten up. Lots of the property in this neighborhood that is advertised has been paid on, and the parties hold the receipt. We do not know that we have any tax-fighters here; all seem willing to pay their taxes, but having paid once it does seem that nobody should be annoyed by being advertised as a delinquent. To be sure, if doubly assessed, we can get the advertisement cancelled, but that takes time, is annoying, and should not be put upon a man who has honestly and cheerfully paid once. Can't we have it different this year, and when our taxes are paid once, take our receipts and go home, feeling that our property is safe from any future annoyance for that year?

Charles D. Haines, the head of the firm of Haines Bros. came on the 17th and the Orlando and Lake Jesup road will probably take shape at once. We hope it will be speedily built, but the enthusiasm that one might naturally expect for

an enterprise so beneficial to this part of the country is lacking, and if it is not built, our people can lay it at their own doors, for certainly Mr. Haines' requests are reasonable and ought to have been met in 15 minutes after they were made known. If we don't work and boom our own country we can't expect strangers to come in and do it for us. We have one of the prettiest, healthiest countries on the face of the globe, but its claims must be put before the people; we must use lots of printer's ink; build railroads, so that people can see the country; and use every legitimate means to forward our interests. Just the minute we begin to lie back on our past history that minute we stop progressing and other sections get ahead of us.

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Making a Grove.

I take the liberty of giving you my four years' experience making an orange grove on high pine land.

I gave up a valuable berth in London and started here from uncleared land four years ago this month, having little or no experience in the cultivation of fruit. I set out my first 200 trees the following June in some soaking wet weather; the balance, some 350 trees, or more, were set out the following winter, about sixty of which I have since dug up and replaced for various reasons (some being stunted), proposing to have all good, thrifty trees. My grove of eight acres was set out and looking well when the frost of 1886 came, and made me very much disgusted with the whole business. However, luckily, I lost but few trees, viz., lemon, which I quickly replaced. I had last winter over 1,000 oranges on my young trees (which averaged fifty cents each when set out), four boxes of which I picked from five trees (Satsumas on sweet stock), fetching me in Boston \$4.55 per box, and this year should I let the fruit form I could expect probably fifty boxes, nearly all my trees having blossomed, and some are ridiculously full. I may add, I have given my own personal attention to my grove; but the price that my fruit fetched the first two years after my starting gave me a very poor opinion of my prospects. I now think more of the orange business for profit than ever I did before, although it is monotonous and expensive work starting a grove. The same at ten years old is as safe an investment as I know of for the comparatively small necessary annual outlay, but must be worked as any other business with discretion to insure success. My trees set in June have done better than those set out in January, owing to the abundance of rain. I believe in keeping a young grove clean until June or July, and planting cow peas between the rows, about six feet or more from trees, and turning under when in bloom.—*Cor. Florida Dispatch.*

The Tampa Journal has received a sample can of oranges from H. Baumeister, of Disston City. The sections of the orange were separated and canned, and the fruit retained its original flavor. In a letter, Mr. Baumeister said:

I think canning oranges should be made a considerable branch of Florida's home industry. Much fruit, which cannot be forwarded to Northern markets, on account of small size or brown skin, may be used. The peelings when dried, also become a marketable article.

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Our Railroad at Geneva.

A railroad meeting was held at the Geneva schoolhouse Saturday afternoon. On motion of Alex. Niblo, H. A. Cofield was called to the chair and W. J. Proctor requested to act as secretary. The railroad question was discussed in all its bearings. A letter from E. T. Haines was read. The subscription list was opened and all present subscribed either cash or lands. On motion H. A. Cofield was added to the soliciting committee, and the committee instructed to complete the canvass without delay. Subscriptions have been received from several non-residents and more expected. Mr. John McLeod made a stirring speech, portraying the beneficial results of a railroad, and urging upon the people the necessity of "dancing while there is music." We learn, from a source that we consider authentic, that Engineer Abbott has received orders to make a survey to Geneva. We believe that if a survey is made it will cause our subscription list to swell considerably. Another railroad meeting will be held soon, at call of the chairman.—*Oviedo Chronicle*.

Gobber Peas.

The Sumterville *Times* says: Mr. Jacob Marsh, of the Lake region, has been experimenting with the "goober pea" and finds it one of the most profitable crops that can be grown in Florida. When properly cured, horses and cattle eat the top, root and nut eagerly, and hogs are very fond and fatten rapidly on the pea. Mr. Marsh thinks that 500 bushels can be raised to the acre on ordinary pine land with but little work and no fertilizer. He plants his seed in this month, two feet apart, and during the fall pulls up the vine, allowing all the peas to remain in the ground that do not adhere to it. The vine is then cured and safely housed, while the nuts in the ground are left for the hogs. It would be well for our planters to try a few acres in "goober peas." Mr. Marsh intends planting ten acres this season.

Health in Florida.

Surgeon-General Hammond, says an exchange, reports the death rate of Illinois as 1 to 470 persons; that of

Florida, 1 to 1,446 persons; Surgeon-General Lawson, upon this subject, writes thus: Indeed the statistics in the Bureau demonstrate the fact that the diseases which result from malaria are of a much milder type in the Peninsula of Florida than in any other State in the Union. In remittent fever cases among the troops serving in the United States Army, there is 1 death to 36 in the Northern Division, 1 to 54 in the Southern; 1 to 122 in California, 1 to 78 in Texas, while in Florida, it is but 1 to 278. In short, it may be asserted without fear of refutation that Florida possesses a much more agreeable and healthful climate than any other State or Territory in the Union.

The "General Farming" Committee of the Home, Farm and Grove Society, of Clearwater, at the last meeting, reported an experiment where a fertilizer composed of equal parts of pure ground bone, cotton seed meal and kainit (costing about \$30 per ton) was used in alternate rows with one of our high grade fertilizers (costing about one-fourth more); and the result was decidedly in favor of the meal, bone and kainit.

During the month of March 502 Pullman sleeping cars, carrying upwards of 12,000 passengers, departed from Jacksonville for Northern and Western points. This is the largest showing Florida has ever made during a single month.

The *Journal* says that during the six months from April 1st to November 30th, this year, there will be invested in Sanford no less than \$130,000, judging from contracts now let.

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