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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1888.

No. 22.

DO YOUR PART.

The man who will not gird his loins
For that which truth or love enjoins,
Because he knows his work when wrought
Will fall below his hope and thought,
Is no true workman. Let him do
The thing his conscience points him to,
And he shall find the seed he cast
Spring up, when many days are passed.

—Anon.

WE ARE GROWING.

The communication on the subject of a cemetery, which we print below, points out one of the needs which in every new country must soon begin to be felt keenly by people who have come from older communities, where all such things have long been such a matter of course that it never occurred to them to think what they would do without them. In the first years of growth of a new place many such things must necessarily be lacking, until people have got fairly settled and got together those things absolutely necessary to reasonable comfort and convenience in living. They must, moreover, have lived together long enough to feel a community of interest, and learn to pull together for the accomplishment of public ends. At first it is inevitable that the greater success of some men, or company of men, should excite the jealousy of others, whose circumstances or abilities have forbidden an equal advancement or influence. As the community grows older, however, people gradually learn to take the world as they find it, and make the best of it, as they have done elsewhere. One by one they take their proper places and their proper parts in the general scheme of things, and then things begin to move with some system and effect.

Here in Winter Park we have in many respects had an advantage over most new towns, in having from the start an organized company, with ample capital, which to a certain extent has filled the place of a town organization until such could be effected. Many of those who have settled among us have recognized this advantage

and have seconded the efforts of the Company to make our town attractive and pleasant, but of course there have been others who were jealous of the Company, because in return for making the largest outlay it would also get eventually the largest profit, and they have been a stumbling block in some ways. In spite of little drawbacks, however, we have made very creditable progress in the few years of the town's existence, and the number and variety of our public conveniences and improvements will compare favorably with those of many older places.

There are, however, still some things lacking for the provision of which concert of action is necessary, and one of them is that urged by our correspondent. However we may reason about the insignificance of the earthly remains, after the spirit which gave the body life and consequence has left it, there must still remain with most of us a sentiment of tenderness towards the poor remnant that is left to us of our dead relative or friend, which forbids its disrespectful treatment or unworthy burial. Thus in the absence of a proper and attractive place of interment, a heavy burden is often imposed upon the living to remove the remains to some place with which their associations are more satisfying than with a bare and neglected corner of the pine woods, and perhaps for several members of the family to follow them. All this is not only an unnecessary waste of money, often ill-spended, but a long journey by rail is in many ways an unsatisfactory substitute for a quiet burial at home, and however appropriate it may seem that the remains should be placed with those of other members of the family in a former home, it must always seem hard that the grave may not be within reach of those who are after all nearest in heart to the dead, and who if any would take pleasure and satisfaction in visiting and caring for it.

Our correspondent's suggestion of a committee seems to us hardly the best

way of accomplishing the end, unless other means fail. To do it in that way would make it a benevolent institution, dependent upon continued appeals to charity to keep it up, and the natural consequence would be that it would be neglected because nobody's business. We think a better result would be attained if those interested would form a stock company giving deeds to lots in return for amounts contributed, and then elect proper officers, and have the thing managed in a business-like way. Then the remaining lots could be offered for sale, and a small fee charged for use of receiving tomb or burial in unreserved ground by such as might not need or be able to afford a private lot. Thus funds would be provided for proper care and maintenance, and it would be to somebody's interest to see that things were kept in good order and improvements made, in order to make the place popular and increase the value of their investment. The natural increase in value of choice lots would soon bring them a reward for their enterprise, and thus all would be satisfied and a place would be created which would be a credit to the town. Now is the time to go to work, and next season's prospectors for homes should be shown that a want of this kind has only to be recognized among us to secure its prompt satisfaction in a creditable manner. We are growing, and this would mark a long step in advance for us.

A CEMETERY NEEDED.

Editor Lochmede:—Will you permit me to call the attention of your readers who desire the best good of Winter Park to a dreadful lack in our otherwise well equipped village. The entrance of death into our midst during the past week has recalled it to every mind already. But will they still only say, "It ought not so to be?"

Some have said in my hearing, "Oh! Florida is a beautiful State to live in, but I want to be carried North when I die! Do they realize what is neces-

sary? Can they endure the handling of their delicate friends in a business way? The remarks upon this or that peculiarity? The comparison to the last case? Then the carrying as baggage those hundreds of miles, sometimes on an entirely different route from what the sorrowing friends take. Who can bear to even think of it? Our beloved dead should receive at least as delicate treatment as when living among us.

Can we find a climate where rest is more certain than in Florida? We have no long storms, no deep snow-drifts, but gentle dews and showers, quietly waving banners of moss, sweet chants of the pines. Where a few bulbs, rose bushes and vines would take care that the sand should be kindly covered. Every one unites in saying and thinking, "There ought to be a cemetery in Winter Park." Will they any longer postpone action on it? Have you taken that long, hot, monotonous ride to Orlando and then left your beloved in the strangers' row to sleep, only a few feet below the top of the low ground? You can still hear the thud of the caving sand upon the very casket, before the cover could be put on. How are you to know the place again? It is only No. so and so. I fully believe in the immortality of the soul, and that it makes no difference to the one who is gone, but I like to think I have done all I can for his comfort and rest, that flowers and trees shall indicate that it is not "out of sight, out of mind." Our cemetery ought to be within walking distance from our churches. Every one should feel it a privilege to plant a tree in it every Arbor Day at least.

The "sharpness of death" would be blunted for the invalids who come among us, should they see that kindly thoughts and deeds were constantly making for them a beautiful resting place.

A gentleman owning a five-acre lot between Lake Sue and Lake Virginia, but not on either lake, has offered to sell it for this purpose. Is it too far? Is it suitable? We need no new organization to complete arrangements. Cannot the president of our village Improvement Society, before he leaves us, appoint a committee with full powers to act this very next month? The rainy season is the time for setting out

plants and trees. Let the ground be selected and bought. Then let it be laid out in avenues and squares. Would it not be pleasant to devote parts of it to different States and kingdoms? Then let every one, women and children as well as the men, help to decorate that plot designed for their State or country. Do not say, "Yes, that might do, but where's the money?" Winter Park finds the money when she knows a thing must be done.

Citizens of Winter Park, death is liable to enter your family today; where will you lay away your wife, your child?

O. D. I.

Fruits All the Year Round.

"Is Florida a fruit growing State?" That is the question asked by many strangers who visit Florida, during the winter, as they go from place to place, and do not find a variety of fruits growing at the homes of our people. It is the fault with many new settlers, when they first come to the State; they think of nothing but oranges, and commence to clear land at their back door and plant oranges, and as they extend their clearing, plant oranges; after a while they come to their senses and wish they had a place near the house to plant a mulberry tree, peach, pear, plum, persimmon, fig, guava, pomegranate, kumquat, lime, lemon, grape vine, strawberry bed, etc., etc.; but alas! there is no place, except they go some distance from the house, where the coon, possum, rabbit, wood-rat, squirrel, crow, woodpecker, mocking bird and several others hold the fort and gather the fruit one by one as they turn the color of ripeness. We have an everbearing mulberry tree nine years old; it has a spread of fifty feet in diameter; is near the house, commences to ripen its fruit the first of May; soon after the early kinds are gone, and holds bushels of delicious fruit till the first of August. I would part with any two orange trees I have before I would part with that mulberry tree. As our different fruits ripen and go during the summer, we fall back on the old reliable mulberry and it never fails to fill the gap, if there is any.

I will here state that this mulberry (the bud) is from a tree on an old abandoned plantation some ten miles from here; do not know its nomenclature, have seen none as fine.

While writing this article an idea has occurred to me, and that is, that you request your regular correspondents each month in the year, or at any time, to give to the *Dispatch* readers a list of the different varieties of ripe fruits that they are able to pick from trees growing on their places at the time of writing. I think it would stimulate us all to obtain the varieties that we do not have.

In February we picked seven varieties of ripe fruit; in March the same; in April five varieties, and now we are picking oranges, lemons, grape-fruit, Cattley guavas, peaches, strawberries and mulberries. Since February, 1886, the winter of the great freeze, we have been able to pick from our own trees, every day, from one to eight varieties of ripe fruit, and only about one-half of the varieties of fruit trees that we have planted are yet bearing. If we do not have fresh ripe fruit on our table every meal—well, it is the want of time to pick it. Our pork bill would not ruin our merchant if we failed to pay it.—C. A. Bacon, in *Florida Dispatch*.

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P. O. ADDRESS, LOCK BOX NO. 22,

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Sugar at St. Cloud.

Mr. R. E. Rose sends the following synopsis of the season's operations at St. Cloud to the *Kissimmee Leader*:

We ground this season, between the 16th and 26th of March, full thirty days later than we should have finished.

Total acreage ground..... 18.46 acres
Total number of tons..... 655.50 tons
Average tonnage per acre..... 35.45 "
Maximum tonnage per acre..... 42.87 "
Minimum tonnage per acre..... 26.22 "

We ground the poorest lot of cane on the place, the best being retained for seed.

Average sugar, 1st sugars, per acre 2,582 lbs
Average molasses per acre..... 226 lbs
Gross yield per acre, sugar at 3c,
molasses at 20c..... \$174.35
Net yield, deducting all expenses,
ditching, clearing, cutting, seed, etc. \$52.72

Owing to incomplete condition of mill, lateness of season, inexperienced labor, etc., the mill result was not greater than 50 per cent. of sugar actually in the cane.

The mill is now being perfected, and all improved appliances requisite to make the best known results will be added—shredder, double mill, bagasse burner, etc.

The crop this season is far superior to that of last year, and the tonnage will be nearer forty than thirty-three tons average, while the extractions, with the additions to the mill, now being made, will be at least 150 pounds per ton, or 6,000 pounds of sugar per acre.

The acreage on the St. Cloud plantation in cane this season is 520 acres. The acreage contracted for delivery this fall to the mill is 205 acres, making a total of 725 acres for grinding this fall.

A low estimate of the yield is 4,000 pounds per acre, or 2,900,000 pounds of sugar; 100 gallons of molasses per acre—72,500 gallons.

These figures, I have every reason to believe, will be exceeded.

In pruning roses cutting back closely produces, as a rule, flower blooms of finer quality, while from those not so closely pruned will be obtained a larger quantity of smaller flowers.

The production of celery on a large scale, near Punta Gorda, is talked of.

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WINTER PARK, JUNE 1, 1888.

JOTTER did his part last week, but Uncle Sam's mail did not get his MS. around to us until after we had delivered our papers and got home again.

We are sorry that our resources do not enable us to give a report this week of yesterday's Commencement exercises at the College, but we shall do so next week.

The article we print, on the *Canna Flaccida*, calls attention to only one of many of our wild flowers that may be easily domesticated, and are well worth the trouble. We have the *Canna* in our own garden, had no trouble in transplanting, and it is doing well. The flower is as delicate and beautiful as any the florist has to offer. Search the woods, friends, and see how many pretty things are waiting for you to bring them home.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.**Reduction of Taxes.**

It is a cause for congratulation, that Florida's material prosperity and advancement are such that in my opinion an economical administration of her government can be conducted with a State tax reduced from the rate fixed by the Legislature, and believing that no more money should be taken from the tax-payers than is absolutely required for such economical administration; therefore, I, Edward A. Perry, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby reduce the State tax for the year 1888, to four mills upon the dollar, and I do hereby order that there be levied and collected upon the real and personal property in the different

counties for the year 1888, a State tax of no more than three mills upon the dollar for general revenue, and the constitutional school tax of one mill.

E. A. Perry.

JOTTINGS.

All the girls in the College dining room department left on the 30th for the North.

Watermelons are now coming into market quite plentifully. They are very nice this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox, relatives of Mr. R. R. Thayer, left on the 30th for their northern home.

Mr. E. L. Coan and Major Noble attended Decoration Day exercises at Orlando on the 30th.

Mr. Wm. C. Comstock and family left for their home in Chicago on the 18th. They will return early in the fall.

We hope to have some fine descriptive letters from Mr. Chase during his trip abroad for the readers of *LOCHMEDE*.

Rev. F. C. Potter returns from New York today or tomorrow and will resume the duties of his pastorate on Sunday.

We had the pleasure of a short call from Geo. H. Fernald, one of Sanford's most enterprising business men, the past week.

Young Joseph Dorn hooked a water-moccasin on his fish-hook a few days ago, much to the surprise of both the fisher and the fished.

The faculty of Rollins College are invited to a meeting of *Esto Perpetua* at Mr. Bidwell's, near Orladno, on the night of June first. They will go down in carriages.

Dr., Mrs. and Raymond Alden, Miss Macdonald, Mr. Potter, Mr. Klemmer, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Bartley, Mr. Elsworth, Mr. A. MacCallum and Joe Welborne are among the departures for this week.

Wilkes & Co. are going to build two neat cottages for rent on Ohio avenue. They have purchased the land of Mr. H. A. Smith. If they will furnish them only a little, they can find renters readily.

To conform to the almost universal custom in the Southland, the Methodist Church will try the experiment of holding its Sunday School at half past nine in the morning, beginning next Sunday, June 3rd.

The exhibition of the pupils for the purpose of getting a printing press and printing a paper for their society, was postponed on Friday evening until Saturday

at which time it was held. It was a success and we understand that they have enough money to procure the press.

The literary people are under obligations to Mrs. Edgar Richmond for a very nice donation of books. By the way, the shelves that Deacon Larrabee built last fall, and which were thought large enough to last for a long time, are about filled up, and with as nice a selection as one would find in libraries of much more pretention.

We are in receipt of a paper from Worcester, Mass., giving a full description of Mr. F. B. Knowles' stock-farm near that place. Mr. Knowles is now engaged in making "Elmwood Farm" very attractive to both man and beast, and from the description of the luxurious quarters that he has fixed up for some of his blooded cattle, they should be happy, and not, as some men would do, strike and lie out of them.

Mrs. S. Killing, whose husband lately bought five acres of land of Mr. Lane and built on it, met with a severe and perhaps fatal accident on the 18th. While taking some bread from the oven, her clothes caught fire, and before it could be put out she was terribly burned. Next day she gave birth to twin girls, both dead, which complicated matters badly. She is making a splendid fight for life, and we sincerely hope she may be spared to her husband and little family.

Mr. Woodruff's snake is at last no more. After being the center of attraction during the winter, producing occasionally, perhaps, the belief that such things abound around here, whereas they don't, it has calmly eaten a rabbit and two squirrels, got itself put out in the sun, quietly folded its dreaded rattles and passed away to snake heaven, where neither trouble nor sorrow shall annoy its peace and happiness more. *Veni, vidi, sic gloria mundi*, et al.

We are glad to announce that Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hall have concluded a lease for five years of Mr. Ergood's hotel building, and will manage a first-class all-the-year-round hotel there. Mr. Hall, since he has been connected with Mr. White's store, has made many friends here, as has also his estimable wife. They have had long experience in running a hotel, and can be depended on to run one that will be a credit to the town and a profit to them. Mr. Ergood leaves next week to purchase the furniture for fitting it up.

We heartily commend the plan of the Knights of Pythias and the Orlando *Record* for thoroughly advertising our section. The Knights are a very powerful

body in the North and are composed of some of the best people. Their national convention at Cincinnati will be largely attended and we think the chance to advertise Florida is one that no town in South Florida can afford to lose. Let's all get together and fill up the car with exhibits, printed matter and as many copies of the *Record* as we can possibly send.

Mr. Clinton B. Davids left for New York on the 22d, whither he went to take his twin daughters, for whom he has found a home there. Mrs. J. C. Stovin, after having cared for one of them since its birth, very kindly went along with Mr. Davids to take care of them until they reached their destination. Mr. Davids will be gone about ten days; Mrs. Stovin until fall. Mrs. C. H. Lord, of Orlando, came up with the other baby the day before. She has had charge of it almost ever since their mother gave up her life to give them birth.

Lloyd H. Donkel has closed up his business here, and left on the 23d for the North, to try his hand in getting capitalists interested in his new road-wagon. The plans and specifications look very plausible, and if the wagon will work, as Mr. Donkel has every confidence it will, it will revolutionize light traveling to business, etc., such as is now done by bi-or tri-cycle, or horse and buggy. We wish for him the fullest success in his undertaking, as he has worked hard on this for a long time, and deserves plenty of financial and substantial success.

Sunday, at 1 p. m., at the residence of A. H. Paul occurred the funeral of John Olson who died of consumption on the 26th. Mr. Olson came here with his wife last fall for the benefit of his health. They made their home at Mr. Paul's and had strong hopes of his recovery. The disease had, however, secured too strong a hold and he gradually declined until his death. He was an Odd Fellow and the members of that organization were very kind. The funeral was under their charge and they provided watchers and cared for him a great deal during his sickness.

The families of both S. S. and J. S. Capen left on the 21st for the summer at the North. Mrs. S. S. and son Jerome will visit in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Ill., Minnesota, etc. Mrs. C. M. Capen will probably be at Hyde Park, Ill., for the summer. Mrs. J. S. Capen and daughter Louise will be in Bloomington most of the summer, with occasional trips to neighboring towns. Mr. Dana Howard, nephew of J. S. Capen,

went with them to his home at Hyde Park, very much benefited by his stay here. S. S. and J. S. expect to "batch" it this summer, and look for the sympathy of the community in their efforts to construct flap-jacks, etc.

In a drive through the South Apopka country a few days ago we were more than ever struck by what the future of this part of Florida is bound to be and we felt sad to see the different products going to waste for the want of some way to take care of them. Acre after acre of tomatoes too ripe to ship, bushels on bushels of cukes rotting and wasting on the vines. It seemed to us that we saw enough stuff going to waste on that short drive to have paid the way of a large canning factory handsomely. The prospect for guavas is fine and so far as we know, there is no way provided to care for them and to turn them into the most delicious jelly and marmalade that can be found.

Then, too, we passed by fields of the various kinds of fibrous plants, all doing well, and in fact we do not believe that in a drive of fifteen miles over a country practically but four or five years old, anywhere in the world, one can see the variety and quantity of products that he can see in that region. Now we see no reason why the region just around us cannot produce just as well as that all the vegetables, etc., they raise, and with the country all opened up, with plenty of good old-fashioned farming going on, and with factories and transportation to take care of all of it, this country has the capacity to become wealthy, if we never saw a Northern tourist, but with the great crowds of them that are bound to come, we shall become one of the wealthiest and most independent States in the Union. The sooner the land speculation business drops out of sight and our people go to farming, the sooner this happy result will be arrived at.

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Canna Flaccida.

This native species of Canna has been recommended in these columns once or twice. But sometimes a good thing is overlooked or passed by simply because it is not a foreigner with a high sounding name.

The above named plant is a striking example. In some places it is so common as to be looked upon as a weed. Yet we have no Canna in cultivation whose flowers can compare with it in delicate beauty.

The blossoms resemble an Iris flower in shape and appearance more than a Canna. They are over two inches in diameter the narrow way and about five inches across the other way. The petals are light straw color, very delicate, and the edges are crimped.

The plant grows vigorously and blooms profusely all summer. It prefers moist, rich soil but will do well on high, dry land. The only objection to its cultivation is the fact that it suckers very rapidly and unless watched, and the tops kept hoed off as it spreads, it will take up more room than is desirable. *Florida Dispatch.*

Lilium Longiflorum.

A correspondent of Park's *Floral Magazine* says:

Those who do not feel that their purse is long enough to purchase bulbs of Lilium Longiflorum can find an excellent substitute in the white Datura Metel, the seeds of which can be had for five cents per package. The flowers are as snowy white as a lily, and very fragrant. They open at night and remain till the next evening.

A Cuban, named Rafael Perez, is trying the experiment of raising some Cuban food products in Orange county. One of them is the yamey, which is a large tuber, black and scaly outside, sometimes weighing thirty pounds. When cooked it resembles the Irish potato, and is so nutritious as to be largely used for food in Cuba. Another is called malanga, and is a very rich and palatable tuber, with an arrow-shaped leaf. Senor Perez is confident that both of these plants will grow there.

The Vermont maple sugar crop this spring is estimated at 15,000,000 pounds.

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Mangoes are quite plentiful in the city now, and many people are beginning to like them who never endured them before. A taste for this unique fruit is rapidly acquired, and is never lost. The more one eats, the more he wants. Thousands of mango seed are planted, and if no big freeze comes, there will be many bearing trees around Orlando in a few years. All of Orlando's older residents remember the large mango tree that stood in the northern part of the city, before the freeze of 1886. It was about eight years old, and bore many bushels of mangoes of a size and flavor equal to anything we have seen from Cuba. The tree will survive our winter climate as long as the thermometer registers no lower than 28°. Below that, the tree is in danger of being frozen to the ground, and that is the end of it, for it never sprouts up again from the root. *Orlando Reporter.*

The *Tampa Daily Journal* of May 9th says: This morning the editor of the *Journal* had the pleasure of walking into the beautiful garden of Mrs. Friebele, and inspecting the magnificent date palm tree which is bearing its first fruit this year. The trunk of this tree is over two feet in diameter and about twenty feet high, and is only thirteen years old. The idea has prevailed here that the date palm would not fruit until it reached a more advanced age, and therefore this tree is a great curiosity. Doubtless this development will greatly encourage the culture of this tree in this section of the State, as the fruit is quite luscious, and, besides, the tree is unsurpassed for ornamental purposes.

Col. T. W. Higginson, in a pleasant talk about the homely New England saying that "it takes but three generations from shirt-sleeves to shirt-sleeves," expounds his text after this fashion: A man pinches himself to secure for his boy an education or some form of start in life; the son is successful in making a fortune; the grandson has not the discipline of poverty, but meets the perils of wealth, they overcome him, the property vanishes, and the great-grandson is born poor after all. As a result, wealth in this country is rarely more than a generation or two old.

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