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No. 24.

THE SPRINGTIME.

[TOLEDO BLADE.]

The croaker has croaked his croak, and he
Has kicked a kick as hard as can be,
And said, he said, as he looked at me,
"Not a word about spring will I hear."

'Twill make him as mad as mad I fear,
But I'll whisper, whisper soft in your ear,
It's my candid opinion he's queer, he's queer,
As a croaker can possibly be.

And I'll tell you a secret, a secret, my dears,
He'll have to put wool, put wool in his ears,
And wrap up his nose and all of his toes,
And flee to a land hibernial.

For if he stays here, stays here, he will find
That the sun, the sun, and the warm south
wind,

With birds, bees and flowers are closely
combined.

To tell the glad story of the springtime.

The moon-man laughs and laughs with glee,
And the stars all wink and wink at me,
As much as to say, you'll see, you'll see,
That something will be sure to happen.

A fat robin redbreast over the way
Is singing a jubilant roundelay;
And I think I hear, I hear him say,
That something is going to happen.

So the croaker may croak, may croak at me,
And may kick, may kick as hard as can be,
But he'll have to hear, you'll see, you'll see,
That springtime is coming, is coming.

SOMETHING IS COMING.

The circular which we print below is one of great importance to all who are interested in the success of Florida. More and more, year by year, Florida is becoming a fruit-raising State, and although the raising of fruit is still in its infancy here, and in many ways only an experiment, yet the experiment is rapidly reaching that stage where ultimate success is no longer doubtful, and the experimental part is reduced to a determination of varieties of fruit and methods of culture, rather than any further doubt of the main question. That we can raise fruit, and good fruit, is no longer questionable, but just how good we may be able to make it, and what is the best way to go to work to make it as good as possible, are questions upon which we may well expend our utmost ingenuity and skill for a long time yet, if not indefinitely. The coming meeting and exhibition will offer the best possible opportunity to show to competent judges, whose opinions will be respected and carry weight in all parts of the world, just what we have accomplished. The quantity of our best fruits as yet produced is so small, in proportion to the mass of inferior quality annually thrown upon the market by careless or inexperienced growers, that most people still form their ideas of Florida fruits from very inadequate data. Let us show these gentlemen, when they come here to make acquaintance with our products upon their native soil, what it is upon which we base such confident assertions of our ability to beat the world in raising fruits. Let us show them that what they have seen in the market as Florida fruits are in most cases not to be looked at by the side of those which really indicate the results now within easy reach of intelligent growers, but which at the time when trees now bearing were planted had been brought within sight of so few planters that the present crops hardly show them. Then let them see the fine budded groves which have been planted in later years, and see that budded trees of the finest varieties can now be had from our nurserymen for the same price formerly asked for the nondescript stock that used to be planted, and they will readily see that the fruit market is destined to undergo an astonishing change within a few years. The comparatively coarse fruit, which now forms the bulk of our product, will then be superseded by finer sorts, and common grades will either be sold very cheap or be used up for making wines, preserves, etc., and seldom be seen in the markets outside the State. It can hardly be doubted that within the next ten years Florida will produce such an abundance of fine fruit that the grades now common in the market will have no more chance for competition than a native apple has with the fine grafted varieties that monopolize the market.

The native apple may still be seen at the cider press, but never on the fruit market, and so the nondescript thing now sold as a Florida orange will always have its value for wine or marmalade, but will soon have to take a back seat as fruit, and then the world will see what is now known to the initiated, that Florida is destined to set the pace for the world in the raising of the fruits peculiar to her latitude. There will probably be a lively competition among the towns of the State for the honor of entertaining the society, and wherever they meet it should be a matter of course that they pay a visit to Winter Park, and see the combination of productive lands and beautiful surroundings that we have to show them.

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THE AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The American Pomological Society having, at its last session, held in Boston, Mass., on Sept. 14, 1887, been invited to hold its next session in Florida; and said invitation having been accepted unanimously, the special committee appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the American Pomological Society, having submitted the matter to the "Florida Horticultural Society," recently organized at Ocala, this organization has instructed its secretary to issue this circular.

To the fruit growers of Florida, who are cordially invited to combine their efforts and make the Twenty-second Session of the National Society the largest, as well as the most useful, meeting ever held by the Society.

The American Pomological Society was organized in 1848, and has held regular biennial sessions, in various sections of the Eastern, Western and Middle States, with one session in Baltimore, Maryland, and one in Richmond, Virginia.

The forthcoming session will therefore be the first held in the Southern section of the Union. This offers the fruit growers of Florida the grandest opportunity to bring their products

before the world, in the most practicable manner possible. The advantages which must necessarily ensue, from the assembling of the foremost Pomologists of the United States, from Maine to Texas, and from New England to California, as well as a large delegation from the British Provinces and probably from England, cannot be too highly impressed on every public-spirited citizen and well-wisher of Florida's progress. The welfare of our State depends largely upon the advancement in cultivating the many classes of fruits which find nowhere else in the United States such congenial climate for their production. And we now have the best opportunity of showing the world the wonderful capabilities of this State as the home of the citrus family of fruits, as well as other sub-tropical products, which together make our resources both varied and most valuable.

The twenty-second session of the American Pomological Society will be held in Florida commencing Wednesday, February 6th, 1889, at 10 o'clock a.m., and continuing for three days. The place of meeting will be fixed during the summer, depending on facilities offered for hotel accommodations, the action of the transportation companies, and the interest manifested by the people at various points throughout the State.

At the same time and place an exhibition of fruits and plants by the Florida Horticultural Society, where the general exhibition made by members and State societies, affiliated with the national organization, will also be held. From past experience, these exhibits are conceded to be the most scientifically classified and elaborate ever brought before the pomological world, and will afford the unique opportunity of comparing the best products of the Pacific slope, the British provinces, the Western, Eastern, Middle and Southern States, with those grown in the various sections of Florida.

Aside from the grand exhibit of fruits from every section of our Union and British provinces, we shall have the pleasure of welcoming in our midst the most advanced pomologists, to whose efforts the American fruit grower owes much of his success.

It is useless to urge the claims of the American Pomological Society upon

the fruit growers of Florida, who are familiar with the work it has performed during the forty years of its existence. It was the pioneer society which brought before the world the wonderful fruit-producing resources of this continent. Its work has been elevating American pomologists and pomology. It is the only organization in the world which has, through the free publication of its elaborate fruit catalogues and proceedings given such aid to the public, and brought American fruits prominently before the nations of Europe.

Well may it be proud of having reached such eminence as to be the guide, to be followed willingly by the great societies of the Old World. Let there be united effort to convince our guest, that the welcome extended when inviting them to come to us, is more than empty words.

GEO. L. TABER,

Secretary Florida Horticultural Society,
Glen St. Mary, Fla., May 31, 1888.

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WINTER PARK, JUNE 15, 1888.

We think "something is coming" besides the Pomological Society, but we shall not give it away quite yet. We merely rise to remark that it would be but prudent for the croakers to get their trunks aired and dusted, ready for a speedy emigration. "for if they stay here, stay here, they will find" that this part of the country has no further use for them, and no time to listen to their lucubrations.

On the whole we are disposed not to quarrel with the natural laws that give us a freeze about once in fifty years or so. That one two years ago was pretty tough, and has made us all work like beavers ever since to maintain our foothold, but then, it froze out a horde of leeches that were fattening on the opportunities of flush times, and left honest men a chance to do business with only honest competition to meet. It has thus given the more solid and permanent but less aggressive class a chance to take root and occupy the ground, and henceforth our growth will partake less of the unsubstantiated "boom," which had its use in first breaking out the way, and more of the healthy, natural advance of a country which grows because people recognize its value and will have it. Naturally they needed a little time to convince them that the freeze would not be repeated at once, and we who were here have had to nurse our patience while they were recovering their confidence, but the signs are not few that public confidence in the permanent value of our State is rapidly returning, and is all the more secure for the severe shock it has safely endured. The solid foundation and natural

attractions of Winter Park will ensure for her a full share of this new growth, with no fear that it will ever go backward, or ever cease to advance.

The word spoken by Jotter in favor of our public school should not be lost, and, fortunately, we do not think there is any danger that it will be. Our people are too intelligent to allow Winter Park to be anywhere but in the front rank in so important a matter. As there is no probability of the public funds available for the purpose being materially increased, the only addition that can be made to the resources of a public school must come from free gifts of those who appreciate the necessity of the case. Certainly it will be a long time before the public funds can be expected to provide a public school fully equipped with all the modern apparatus of instruction to which most of us have been accustomed in older communities, and it is equally certain that it would not be a very heavy tax upon the solid men of our community to fit out one such school, up to the grammar school grade. The high school could hardly be reached yet, and is not needed, its place being well supplied by the college. Such a school would be one of the most powerful attractions that we could possibly offer to settlers of the right class to locate among us, and we trust we may see it an accomplished fact before the next school year opens.

While we have no wish to divert any possible aid from the public school, we think that the establishment of a cemetery need not be left until the school is fully provided for. The two need not interfere in the slightest degree. The school must rest its claim upon benevolence and public spirit. The cemetery may be made a profitable enterprise, which the self-interest of those concerned will keep up without appeal to the public. It will be much safer and surer to be a public pride and pleasure, if made by private enterprise in this way, than if done by charitable contributions, and the well known profit of such enterprises when rightly managed should suffice to induce the necessary initial investment, especially when coupled with the desire on the part of moneyed men to make

the town a desirable place of residence, as a means of increasing the value of their present interests here. There may seem room for a certain amount of sentimental objection to making the disposal of our dead a matter of private speculation, but it is the result we are after, and the means need not be made unpleasantly conspicuous. All the most beautiful cemeteries in the country have been made in this way, and as a matter of experience it has proved itself by far the most efficient and satisfactory.

JOTTINGS.

Mr. J. C. Chase of Sanford was in town on the 13th.

The many friends that Senator Chase of Rhode Island made while here, will be glad of his re-election.

Our jeweller, Mr. Woodruff, is going away for a few weeks. Don't know where, and he don't tell anybody. We can't be blamed for surmising. His store will be closed during his absence.

Last Sunday was children's day at the Congregational Church, and a very pleasant program by the children, with entertaining remarks by Dr. Hooker and others, took the place of the regular morning services.

Mr. H. S. Chubb after seeing his family safely and pleasantly located on Look-out Mt., near Chattanooga, Tenn., and all nicely on the road to the recovery of health, returned on the 12th, and is now busily at work on the large properties he manages.

We made a slight mistake in our reference to Mr. Kedney's pinery, last week, which we wish to correct. First, he has 15000, instead of 1500, pine-apples, and second, the land is about two acres. While we are on this subject we will say that Mr. Kedney has perhaps the finest grape vines that can be seen anywhere. He took some wild grape vines last January, and grafted the white Niagara into them. They have made a wonderful growth, have some fine grapes on them, and he showed us a leaf off one of the vines that measured 21 by 24 inches. His place on Lake Maitland is well worth seeing.

Mr. J. H. Abbott has bidden good-bye to his family, who have gone North to spend the summer. He has joined the "can't-get-aways here at the Park," has moved all his furniture here, and on the return of his people in the fall, will become a citizen of Winter Park. We feel that

he is a great acquisition to the place; for with his intimate knowledge of civil engineering, he is a valuable addition to our professional ranks, and as an educated christian gentleman, in which qualities his wife equally shines, they are heartily welcomed to the society of our place. How-d'ye, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, we are glad to see you.

Items are "skase". We have drummed on our lovely climate; and it is as fine as silk, until we fear we weary our readers. We have praised our fruits, vegetables and flowers until, despairing of doing the subject justice, we have given up the battle. We have tried to tell where all our people are and what they are doing, and in fact have tried to do the "local" column justice, but we, as a people, are too quiet, civil and civilized for a real, live, interesting local, and sometimes we pine for a fight, a fire, a murder or something on which we can fill up the columns. Come to think of it, though, we would rather have the columns empty, than depend on the sensational, and so will ask all our friends to hand in anything of local interest they may come across to fill out with.

The closing exercises of the public schools took place on the 13th. They were very pleasant. In this connection we wish to say a few words in praise of Mrs. Maxson, who has so ably and faithfully conducted the school during the past winter, and at such an inadequate salary. It is a disgrace to Orange county, to Florida and to Winter Park that anybody should be asked to teach for the miserable pittance the law allows, and we hope that the day is not far distant when we shall have good public schools, in comfortable buildings built for the purpose and, with the teachers paid handsomely. To Mr. John R. Ergood we are indebted for a room to hold the school in, and he should receive the thanks of the community for the same. To the Winter Park company we are indebted for the desks used, and to Hon. John R. Mizell for the stove. Now while we favor a cemetery here, we do think that a public school well equipped and not depending on charity from anybody is first and foremost in importance, and should be secured first before anything else is done.

Mr. Farrer, of Kinderhook, N. Y., who has been here before, accompanied by Mr. C. W. Hammond of Buffalo, N. Y., who represents a large company of Michigan salt and lumber men, were here last week looking after some investments in Florida and more especially the Orlando and Lake Jesup R. R. The Michigan party

is headed by Mr. W. R. Burt, a man of great wealth and at present democratic candidate for governor of Michigan. Should this party decide to take hold in this section of Florida, they will doubtless invest quite heavily, and as Mr. Hammond seemed very well pleased we are led to hope that they will become interested with us in developing the country. The party was shown around Orlando, Winter Park and vicinity by Messrs. Mizell, Haines, Wilcott, Abbott, Capen and Major Marks; we put the Major last for the purpose of calling attention to the good work he is always doing in the interests of Florida. Give us a dozen men who will work as energetically and faithfully as Major Marks, and we will promise to double discount any State in the Union in growth and progress.

Captains of Education.

We have captains of industry and finance. Why have we not captains of education—men of leisure and culture, capable of enthusiasm and initiative, ready to throw themselves into such a cause and give it their earnest consideration, their generous and active support?

Among the Greeks, Plato, Socrates, and Epictetus were the teachers. Where shall we look for our great leaders, masters, patrons even, who will see education in its true light, and force us to recognize teaching as one of the grandest of the arts—the art of arts, for it goes to the building up of the artist himself, and of even nobler types of humanity?—*The Century*.

Some Pumpkins.

What will Northern people say if I tell that pumpkin vines live and bear here, you might say, perpetually. About a year ago I mentioned a vine on the place of Mr. Chas. Moore which had lived and borne for over two years, and to-day I have eaten pumpkins from that same vine. The seed was planted in the fall of 1885; and it began blooming that winter and has continued bearing ever since, having produced, probably, two hundred and fifty pumpkins in that time, and although it has suffered severely by the past dry weather, it is still alive and has four ripe and five green pumpkins on it, by actual count to-day. This is no "Georgia ghost story," but actual facts. Mr. Chas. Moore is dead, but his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, is still living on the place, and she will take pleasure in showing anyone the

vine, which she considers one of her most valuable pets. She has another vine of the same Indian pumpkin variety which is now in full bearing, the seed of which was planted in the fall of 1886. Connecticut pumpkins are at a discount in this part of the tropics.—*Lake Worth item, Titusville Star*.



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This native vine is worthy of more general cultivation. It grows wild in most of the hammocks in this State, and can be easily obtained by any one desiring a strong, vigorous vine that will make a dense shade in the shortest possible time. It has the disadvantage of being deciduous, but there are places where it may be desirable to have shade in summer and sunshine in winter. The following from the *Western Tree Planter*, we can heartily endorse:

"The common Virginia Creeper has become a great favorite in London for covering walls, and is generally preferred to Ivy."

The above paragraph I read recently in a newspaper, and I am glad to know that this is so appreciated in England. The Virginia Creeper (*Ampelopsis quinquefolia*), often, but erroneously called woodbine, is a lovely vine, and is so easily grown that every yard or garden should have at least one of them.

I have a number of these vines covering a shed, about one hundred and fifty feet long and twenty feet high, and it is one of the handsomest features of my garden. The leaves are a dark glossy green, and the vines that have a warm exposure will color beautifully in the autumn, from the darkest shade of maroon to the most brilliant scarlet.

It is a very hardy vine, needing no care or protection in the winter, and is one of the earliest to cheer us with its buds in the spring; and no insects nor worms live or harbor on it.

It can be grown from the seed or from cuttings, as it will root easily at the joints, or from sprouts. It needs little or no cultivation and makes a beautiful covering for an unsightly wall, fence or building.—*Florida Dispatch*.

Sigma says in the *Reporter* that near Orlando there is a bearing Malaga grape vine raised there from the seed. More than that, it is full of very fine fruit. Grapes in all stages of early bud, blossom and half grown fruit can be seen on this vine, which is quite full of bunches. The largest fruit exhibits all the features of the genuine Malaga; the shape is a perfect oval, the skin is firm, and the flesh reflects that greenish, translucent appearance that is peculiar to that variety. The vine is four years old from the seed, and nearly two and a half inches in diameter.

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