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FLORIDA'S VISITORS.

When Juan Ponce de Leon, searching for the fabled fountain of Perpetual Youth, discovered Florida, April 2nd, A. D. 1512, he came as near the realization of the fable as any explorer of earthly countries, perhaps, ever will. For three centuries this early discovered part figured but little in our country's history.

Real worth is not always the first to show itself. Of late, Florida is asserting herself. The benefits she offers are now being enjoyed by many who have sought in vain for them elsewhere. As a sanitarium she has no rival. Very many come here whose physical constitutions are not sufficiently strong to resist the deleterious effects of a more northern and rigorous climate, and find in the more equable climate, and sea breezes, a speedy relief, and often permanent cure of disease, and thus turn back the shadow on their dial, and in a sense renew their youth. While this is true of many, some, alas! find the work of the destroyer too nearly accomplished to admit of help, and are obliged to succumb. Procrastination is the thief of time.

There is another class of visitors to the Land of Flowers, and few of them return to their homes disappointed. They come to seek rest and recreation from the too confining work of the counting-room, school-room and office, and other overstraining occupations. Leaving business cares behind them, their nervous tension is relaxed, and by being free and easy for a few weeks or months in our commodious hotels, on our lakes and rivers, recuperate their wasted energies and thus renew their youth.

Commercial men see here fields ripening for the harvest. There is now, and must ever be, a large and increasing demand for northern goods in Florida, and her exports will be counted by increasing millions. If commercial men do not renew their youth by visiting the Land of Flowers, they, no doubt, renew their ambition. Enterprising capitalists see in this comparatively

new State a place of safe and profitable investment; and they do not hesitate to step in and occupy. Large amounts are unhesitatingly invested in hotels, railroads and other improvements.

All these classes of visitors are heartily welcomed by the permanent settlers. But there is a class not so desirable to society, not so helpful to the country, nor so well pleased with it—people who seem to have the impression that here the richest fruits grow spontaneously, and that they may indulge in luxurious ease, and in a little time be possessed of a fortune without the usual application of mind and muscle. These, however, soon become convinced of their mistake, and return (if they have means enough left) to their former homes, with many hard things to say of Florida. Like Moses spies, they will carry back rich samples of the wonderful fruits, and say to their friends, "This is the fruit of the land, but we saw giants there." These are not likely to renew their youth by coming to Florida; neither will the country be benefited by their coming, but their number is not large. Let no one be deceived. It requires as much mind and muscle, as much push or energy, as much sacrifice and patient waiting to secure a fortune in Florida as in any other country. But he who has these qualifications can and will succeed.—*E. in Florida Dispatch.*

FLORIDA SAW-GRASS SOIL.

The agents of Florida Mortgage and Investment Company recently sent to Edinburg, Scotland, a sample of Florida saw-grass soil taken at random from the lands of the company in South Florida. It was analyzed by Dr. A. P. Aitken, chemist to the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland. The certificate received by the *News-Herald* from Col. James M. Creamer, of the Disston Drainage Company, reads as follows:

Analysis of sample saw grass soil received from the Florida Mortgage and Improvement Company, limited, 22nd March, 1887:

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|---|-------|
| Natural Moisture..... | 29.66 |
| Organic Matter..... | 53.27 |
| Mineral Matter, (ash)..... | 17.07 |
| 100.00 | |
| Mineral Matter soluble in cold Hydrochloric Acid, 3.28. | |
| Lime..... | 1.13 |
| Magnesia..... | .21 |
| Potash..... | .04 |
| Soda..... | .04 |
| Oxide of Iron..... | .69 |
| Alumina..... | .57 |
| Phosphoric Acid..... | .06 |
| Sulphuric Acid..... | .09 |
| Chloride..... | .02 |
| Sol. Silicic Acid..... | .07 |
| 3.28 | |
| Organic matter contains Nitrogen 2.48. | |
| (Ammonia, 3.02). | |

This is a most remarkable soil. It resembles in texture and composition the finest potting mould. The amount of heterogeneous organic matter contained in it, is what one expects to find in a manure rather than a soil. If the sample is representative of the soil found over an area of any considerable extent, it must be a district of extraordinary fertility, and if it is any great depth it will be a mine of wealth to the agriculturist. I have never seen a sample of soil so attractive, or containing in it to such a degree those characteristics of a soil that indicate fertility.

(Signed) A. P. AITKEN.

The *Kissimmee Ledger*, from which we take the above, says: "We do not wonder that Dr. Aitken says it is a most remarkable soil, and that it more nearly resembles a manure than a soil." Neither will our readers wonder when they remember that this soil was formed by the rank growth of swamp vegetation alternately growing up and dying out year after year for countless ages. As the result of the drainage operations these swamps have been reclaimed, and where once waterfowl and alligators held undisputed sway, now flourish some of the finest plantations, not only in this section, but in any portion of the wide world. We are aware that this assertion is an exceedingly broad one, but

we make it conscientiously and without hesitation; confident that its formation as outlined above, and the analysis of Dr. Aitken, will satisfy all thinking minds of its truthfulness.

The analysis by Prof. Kirchhoff of sugar-cane produced on this soil needs no comments; it shows conclusively that Florida has nothing to fear from Louisiana as a rival in the production of sugar. And at the great New Orleans Exposition three years ago, with not only Louisiana, but Mexico, Central and South America, and Cuba as contestants, this reclaimed land at Southport, at the foot of Lake Tohopekaliga, produced the sugar cane which took the first premium over all other cane producing countries.

But the soil is by no means more specially adapted to the production of sugar-cane than of almost any other plant or vegetable. Tobacco thrives and flourishes in a manner which astounds and amazes the planters of famous tobacco sections. Cabbage has been produced on it weighing 36½ pounds; cauliflowers weighing 20 pounds; ruta bagas 15 pounds; radishes, 7 pounds; sweet potatoes, 12½ pounds; onions, 2 pounds and 7 ounces, and tomatoes, 2 pounds and 1 ounce; and the rate of yield per acre is often in keeping with the size attained by the above mentioned specimens.

To the farmers of the North and West we can say in all candor, no where can you obtain such yields in return for your labor as on the reclaimed lands of Osceola county, and your crops will be ready for the market at a time when, at a very low estimate, you can realize at least double the price that a later crop will bring you in the North.

Pickling Limes.

Messrs. Blake and Ripley, Boston agents of the Florida Fruit Exchange, give the following recipe for pickling limes. They say they can handle all they can get put up in this way:

Allow the limes to remain on trees until bright yellow. Pick and put in tight barrels or casks and immediately cover with ocean water, or water made salt with eight quarts of rock salt dissolved to a barrel of water. This is necessary, as the pores of the skin seal over after being picked, and will not

take the pickle. After remaining one week draw off the water and renew as before; allow them to remain one week more, draw off the water, renew as before. Fill the barrels solid full of limes as they shrink. They are now ready for market. Cooper well, as the limes will spoil if the water leaks out.

Florida Farming.

To sum it up, farming in Florida, as elsewhere, requires as much forethought, tact and skill as does any other business. Success depends in a large degree, upon the energy and intelligence displayed in the work. There must be no hap-hazard way of proceeding. Farming is a business. When and how to plant, and the best way of cultivation; what are the best paying crops, and how they may best be marketed; what kind of stock, and how best managed and improved—all go to make up a study of farming.

Let the same degree of intelligence, skill and application be used in farming as in other callings, and we are confident that the results will compare favorably with the output of like capital involved in speculation. Then compare the wear and tear of the different occupations upon the human

system, and the prosperous farmer will be found to be the most happy, contented and free man that walks on terra firma.—*Green Cove Spring.*

To Keep the Boys on the Farm.

How to make farmers of the boys: Give them something of their own to care for at odd hours. A lamb, a garden patch, a calf, or any portion of a crop; one thing this year, another next, and allow them to take care of it. They will very quickly inform themselves of all the "best methods" in the neighborhood.—*Prairie Farmer.*

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WINTER PARK, AUG 3, 1888.

Outing for August will be a thoroughly representative and seasonable number. A glance at the contents reveals how attractive this magazine must prove to every class of readers. The sportsman can here find articles and records of his favorite sport, and the weary worker of the toiling city has cast about him a pleasant aroma of the breezy upland forests.

The local mails have again been taken from us, and we are even worse off than last summer. Our Winter Park agent and correspondents cannot get letters to us in Longwood, eight miles away, in less than twenty-four hours from the time they are mailed, and we have no chance to send an answer until another twenty-four hours after we receive their letters. There is but one mail a day from each place for all points: A letter leaving Winter Park at 5 p. m. goes to Orlando and waits for the midnight mail north. This takes it to Sanford, where it lies until next evening, when the same train by which it started from Winter Park brings it to Longwood. Twenty-four hours later the same train will take an answer direct to Winter Park. There is a way mail by this train in one direction all right, but the return mail passing at midnight neither takes nor delivers mails except at Orlando and Sanford. We imperatively need a northward way mail, and with two trains by which it might be carried there seems no good reason why we should not have it. People down this way are tired, and rapidly getting ready to "bounce the duffers that bungle the mails;" for we well remember that under previous

administrations our service was steadily increased and improved, while under the present one it has as steadily been cut down and reduced in efficiency.

Our late appearance this week is partly owing to the absence of the editor for several days, in attending the republican State convention at Ocala.

Both the great parties have now placed their tickets in the field, and both lists of candidates are reasonably good. Neither of the candidates for governor has been prominent in politics before, and it remains for the campaign now to begin to discover their relative strength. A first glance would seem to show some advantages on the side of the republican candidate. Mr. Shipman is a man of mature years and experience, of calm and dispassionate temperament, coupled with a physical constitution that will enable him to carry the burden of office easily and gracefully. His presence is at once dignified and engaging. The democratic candidate, Mr. Fleming, is a much younger man, of rather spare figure, and nervous temperament. His manner is pleasant and gentlemanly, but he does not give the impression of easy confidence in his own proved strength that Mr. Shipman does. Mr. Fleming goes into the campaign handicapped with an explicit agreement, if elected, to make all his local appointments in accordance with the wishes of his party in the district concerned, without reference to any other evidence of the fitness of the candidate, while Mr. Shipman is entirely untrammelled by his party, and would be free to appoint such men as he thought fit. This means, in the event of Mr. Fleming's election, the perpetuation of the so-called "side-show election" system, by which when a local office is to be filled by the governor's appointment, an election is held at which only members of his own party are allowed to vote, and the governor is bound to appoint the candidate so chosen. Such elections of course are but slimly attended, and are therefore easily controlled for selfish ends by the political wire-pullers, which naturally leads to the system of ring-rule by which many of our counties are now burdened. One of the best results of Mr. Shipman's elec-

tion would be the overthrow of this system.

Another abuse, which Mr. Fleming would be powerless to remove, is the system of terrorism and fraud maintained by his party in a few of the counties where a majority of the voters are negroes. Here in Orange, as in most of the counties of the State, we are as free to go and come, to hold such meetings, speak such sentiments, and vote such tickets as we may wish, as in any State in the Union, and our votes are honestly counted by inspectors of both parties. It seems hard for us to believe that any other condition of things prevails in any part of the State, but it is only two weeks since, that in Jefferson county, a republican convention being called to meet on Saturday, a party of men called the preceding midnight on a white man, a gentleman of considerable property, who was the recognized leader of the republicans in the county, and escorting him to the county line advised him not to return. His property and various interests are there, and he is guilty of no unlawful act, but so far as that county is concerned, he is virtually an outlaw, and dare not return; for, should he do so, his life would probably pay the forfeit, and no jury in the county would dare convict his murderers. A similar condition of things exists in Madison county, and Gadsden and Jackson are little if any better. Of course, if such things can precede an election, it is useless to look, in those counties, for a free vote or a fair count, and every vote for Mr. Shipman will be a protest against that state of things, as unworthy of the fair fame of our State as a peaceable, law-abiding community, which all good citizens wish it to be, and which all the rest of it is.

For these two reasons, especially, we think it to the interest of all citizens who desire good government, whatever their preference may be in national politics, to vote the republican ticket for State officers.

JOTTINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruton are to be congratulated on the arrival of a cute little stranger at their house.

Mrs. Stovin returned from an extended trip at the North last week. She came

with Mr. H. S. Kedney, who has been looking at his baronial castle in the Catskills.

We are using a Sackett fountain pen, which is "as handy as a pocket in a shirt." We don't get a cent for advertising them, and we haven't them for sale, but they are a fine institution, nevertheless.

Mr. W. R. Smith is the proud possessor of a handsome scarf-pin with which an intimate friend in Washington remembered him on his birthday last week. Wish we had a friend and a birthday soon.

Mr. John R. Ergood writes of being nicely situated in the Virginia mountains, but of being anxious and uneasy to get back to Winter Park. Be it ever so huckleberry, there's no place like Winter Park.

Messrs. Chubb and Mizell have been away all this week, at the State republican convention. They report a good convention, and feel pretty confident that their side will win in the November contest. We shall see.

Mr. C. W. Ward has a downcast and far away look—cause why, his wife has gone to New Hampshire on a visit, to return no more till the snow flies. Sorry for you, C. W., but you've got lots of company in this neck of timber.

A letter from Rev. Oliver Crane tells of a pleasant sojourn at Saratoga Springs, married only by Mrs. Crane having the rheumatism. Dr. Crane thinks that she will have to come to Winter Park to get rid of that, and writes a very enthusiastic letter about the prospects of Winter Park for the future.

Dr. Eager is going to join the throng who will welcome James G. Blaine on his return from Europe. Why don't we get some cheap rates for such occasions down here? A person can go from any place West cheaper than he can stay at home, but when it comes to any such inducements down here, they fail to materialize. We suppose Col. Plant and his fellow railroaders in the South know more about running railroads than we do, but they must allow us to put in a big 2 once in a while.

No, there is no use in finding fault, but then, we feel just like it, when we receive to-day's Orlando paper to-morrow afternoon, and when we cannot possibly answer a letter from Longwood so that a man there can hear from us within two days after his letter is sent. We could tie a letter on a gopher's back, send him to Longwood, and get an answer back

via the same line, before Uncle Sam, by the present schedule, can perform the same service. Well, probably we have no business to be a new country, or we would not be so neglected by the postal authorities.

The election for assessor came off on July 31st, at White's Hall, which was kindly donated for the occasion, and considering that there was but one candidate, that it was a special election, and in midsummer when so many are away, the vote was quite heavy. Messrs. Alcott, Barrows and Coan were the judges and Mr. Ward the clerk, and the result was for Samuel S. Capen. Forty-nine for S. S. Capen; two evidently intended for the same person, and two for E. L. Maxson, who was not a candidate. Mr. Capen will enter upon the duties of his office at once, and by the use of the accurate maps drawn by Mr. Abbott, we shall probably have the most accurate assessment that it is possible to make.

On Tuesday evening at seven o'clock occurred the death of Harry Dieffenderfer at the house of his father, Mr. J. W. Dieffenderfer. He was taken down with fever quite a while ago, from which he had almost recovered, when his mother was taken sick, and Harry waited on her and in other ways overworked, was taken with a relapse, which took the form of inflammation of the stomach, and died after an illness of about a week. Harry was a pleasant, agreeable young gentleman, a student at Rollins College and a general favorite with his teachers and fellow students. The funeral was held from the house on Wednesday, August 1st, the pall bearers being six of his fellow students at college. The remains were taken to the Orlando Cemetery for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Dieffenderfer have the profound sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Winter Park, Aug. 1, '88. If not called for in thirty days will be sent to the Dead Letter Office:

Brown, George.
Blake, E. Nelson, Jr.
Hall, Madison.
Ingersoll, Marian P.
Miller, Mary E.
Marroe, Joseph.
Olinger, F. W.
Price, John.
Price, Miss Annie.
Small, Emma.
Swift, Lute D. (letter and postal).
Wilmot, Robt.
White, Jane.
White, R. H.

When calling for the above, please say "advertised."

Jno. R. Ergood, P. M.

To the Voters of Orange County.

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"The *Magnolia Fuscata* grows from ten to fifteen feet high, and as much in diameter. It is graceful in habit, and if not pruned up, (we prefer it unpruned), its lower limbs will rest on the ground, and its form will be a perfect globe. Its leaves are bright, glossy green, not quite so large or dark as the *Camelia*. Early in spring it is literally loaded with its cream colored blossoms, and the air for yards around will be heavy with their fragrance. It is usually propagated by layers, as the seed are uncertain about coming up, and of so slow a growth for some years afterwards as to discourage most amateurs.

"*Olea Fragrans* or Sweet Olive rivals the *Magnolia Fuscata* in beauty and perfume. It is of upright growth, but very symmetrical. Its foliage is dark and shining, and its small cream colored flowers, which are borne in clusters, would be unattractive but for their delicate, yet penetrating perfume. It blooms most freely during winter, but it is never entirely without blooms.

"The *Camelia Japonica* is a well known and deservedly popular evergreen, and if its cultivation were a little better understood, we think every one would grow at least two or three plants of it. It wants rather stiff soil that will settle firm around the roots, and this ought never to be hoed or disturbed more than an inch or two deep, just enough to get rid of the grass and weeds. Like most evergreens, it is of slow growth for several years after transplanting, and during that time, should be protected in hot weather from the midday sun. Once its roots have taken hold of the soil and are firmly established, it will grow rapidly and need no further protection. Its season of blooming is during winter and spring; some varieties blooming early in December; others not before April."

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