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## THE YELLOW FEVER IN FLORIDA.

[The following account of the yellow fever in Florida was written by our townsman, Dr. H. C. Jones, for the *Congregationalist*, from which we copy. It is the only connected account of the progress of the disease from its importation into Key West last year to the present time which we have seen, and will therefore, we think, be of interest to our readers.]

Until July, 1887, yellow fever in epidemic form had not visited the peninsular portion of Florida within ten years. Its introduction is accounted for by the Surgeon-General, M. H. S., as follows: A family named Bolios, who had kept hotel in various places in Havana, the last being Quinta Avenida, or Fifth Avenue Hotel, unfortunately for Florida, emigrated to Key West. Their household effects could not be shipped by the regular lines, but were carried by a "tramp" ship called the Cochran, not now running. There being no local or government quarantine, these were not officially objected to, and were landed and stored over a restaurant kept by a man named Baker. The Baker family soon took the fever and died, and it speedily became epidemic. An Italian fruit dealer carried the disease to Tampa by secretly smuggling fruit from Havana and Key West into Tampa, in violation of an edict of the county board of health. After the epidemic last year, there was some mismanagement, not likely to be repeated in the light of this year's sad experience, by which the disease hibernated in the State somewhere, to reappear in Jacksonville this summer; just when or how is not yet clearly settled.

On Aug. 8, public announcement was made of the epidemic, and an exodus of citizens ensued which tested the capacity of all lines of transportation out of the city. From this time, or soon after, until the 27th of November, there was never a break in the daily record of new cases, and but few days without deaths. On the latter date, just after a few sharp frosts, the

record was broken, and neither new cases nor deaths were reported in Duval county for twenty-four hours. Since then but a few sporadic cases have occurred, chiefly in the suburbs, and at the time of writing it is stated that not one case in the city is now under treatment.

There have been in Duval county a total of 4,705 cases, with a death list of 412, or about one in twelve, a very slight mortality indeed. In Fernandina the mortality was still less, but the genuineness of the fever was demonstrated by the infection of the Gainesville Guards, who were sent there to suppress a threatened riot of strikers, before the true character of the disease was admitted.

To comprehend properly the status of affairs here, let it not be forgotten that Florida is the largest State east of the Mississippi. It has an area of 59,268 square miles, as against 55,414 for Illinois, 49,170 for New York, and about 45,000 for Pennsylvania. This vast area, calculated to contain over 37,000,000 acres, is divided into forty-five counties, of which only seven have been involved in the epidemic, viz.: Duval, Nassau, Baker and Alachua in the northern portion; Hillsboro', Manatee and Volusia in the south. The points invaded are as follows: in Duval county, Jacksonville and its suburbs; in Nassau county (adjoining Duval on the north-east), Fernandina and its environment, with a slight outbreak at Callahan; in Baker county, at Macclenny and Sanderson, two small towns near together, to which places it was carried by refugees from Jacksonville, and where it found a favorable condition for development; in Alachua county, at Gainesville, where it was more fatal, although the aggregate mortality was rendered small by a prompt depopulation of the place; in Hillsboro' county, at Tampa, where the fever raged last year, there has been enough of the disease to keep the city under ban. Among the sad losses there was the beloved wife of the brave Congregational minister, Rev.

Sidney Crawford. Plant City, also in Hillsboro' county, a venerable settlement, but city only in name, said to be unfavorably situated for healthfulness, and generally regarded by our people as the hibernating spot for the fever, has been shut in all summer by quarantine restrictions, and suffered not a little from the fever. In Volusia county, late in the season, as a result of culpable negligence of sanitary precautions, an outbreak occurred at Enterprise, until recently the county seat. The epidemic prevailed but a few weeks, and did not extend to any other point in the county.

The remainder of the State's vast area is in unusually good sanitary condition with proportionate healthfulness. That this should be so is not surprising, since, in the absence of a State health board, each of the forty-five counties has been under the despotic sway of a county board of five, including two physicians, appointed by the Governor, with practically unlimited power, and from whose decisions there was no legal appeal. With power, funds, and popular clamor to back them, these gentlemen vied with each other in stringency of regulations, and, despite the inconveniences and even absurdities of some of the edicts, the general result was of public benefit.

In justice to Florida as a national winter sanitarium, it is but fair to remind the reader that yellow fever is a disease of summer, in the United States at least. It follows as a corollary that winter visitors may visit with impunity places which have not been infected. Nay, more: in view of our early frosts, and the Government's thorough disinfection and fumigation, a fortnight's margin after the last case is reported is a sufficient safeguard in going to the lately infected places. This applies only to visitors; he who comes to such places with a view to permanent residence must assume the risk of the possible reappearance of the fever next summer.

[Then follow answers to certain questions naturally asked by strangers.



which we briefly summarize: Total number of deaths from yellow fever in the State 500. Percentage of recovery 93. After effects no worse than other fevers. Florida people not generally disturbed except by effect on business. More cases among the blacks, although they were attacked later, but greater mortality among whites. No danger to winter visitors, and if fever reappears next summer it will probably be summarily ended. Ultimate effect upon the State likely to be a stimulus and reaction to greater prosperity than otherwise. Epidemic fostered by bad sanitary conditions, but safety to be sought primarily in a strict and complete national quarantine.

#### Florida's Progress.

During the past eight years Florida in its entirety has increased 211 per cent. in valuation. The ratio is 3 times as much as Alabama.

5	Georgia.
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7	North Carolina.
8	South
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and this increase is largely within the orange belt. Within that time there has been a freeze (only excelled by that of 1835) which caused a material depreciation of values. Prices of fruit have fallen from \$10 to \$16 per thousand to \$6.66, with expected fall to \$5 per thousand, or 75 cts. on the trees when near transportation.—*Sanford Mascotte.*

Messrs. J. W. and F. D. Waite made 180 gallons of syrup recently from less than an acre of sugar cane. Putting this yield of syrup at 60 cents per gallon, which is a low figure, it foots up \$108. A crop that will pay \$100 per acre is surely worth raising.—*Bellevue Blade.*

A contrivance has lately been introduced on the railroads in Russia to indicate the next station at which the train will stop. It is a dial, the index of which points to the name of the station. One is set up in every car, and the indices of all are moved at once by electricity, working from the locomotive.

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**WINTER PARK, JAN. 11, 1889.**

THE re-establishment of the local mail by daylight is a convenience that can only be fully appreciated by those who do business between different towns on the line of the mail route. So long as a letter can go to a distant large city, and be answered, or the goods shipped, as quickly as a neighboring town, the small local business is deprived of the natural advantage of its position, which is generally the only advantage it has to offset the larger stock and more complete appliances of the city establishment. Take away the advantage of quick response to orders, and the local business must starve. Thus it often makes all the difference between success or failure whether it takes six or twelve or twenty-four or forty-eight hours to get an answer by mail from a neighboring town. The special importance of this point arises from the fact that it is just such small local businesses that most of our towns are more or less dependent upon for their growth, and the depression of business for a year or more past in Sanford and Orlando, as well as in smaller towns, may be ascribed in much larger measure than many people realize to the absurdly inadequate mail service, which as mere way stations on the route to Havana, we have had to put up with. Previous to the opening of that route we were comparatively well served, because the service was designed for us, and met our wants, but since then we have been practically ignored a great part of the time, and nothing but the through service properly attended to. This, at a time when other causes tended to depress business, has been the last straw that has

broken up more than one good business. We hope the local mail has come to stay, for the benefit of local business, and not simply to pet our winter tourists for a few months.

PRIVATE cars are getting to be so common and every day a matter that they excite hardly more comment than private carriages did a hundred years ago, and it would not be wonderful if another hundred years should see some form of private conveyance by rail almost as common as private carriages are now. Then instead of going to the station and elbowing through a crowd to find a seat, a party of friends, perhaps scattering through two or three cars, we would take our places quietly in our own more or less modest coaches, and when the time came be attached by some contrivance yet to be invented, by which there would be less delay about it than now, and not be obliged to change until we reached our destination. That is only the next step beyond our present way of taking a section in a sleeper or a chair in a parlor car, and the frequency of private cars even now is such that special accommodations are demanded for them. There is talk, we hear, of a special shelter for them at our station, and soon we may expect that convenient stalls will be provided at many places, into which they may be conveniently run from a train. As they multiply still more the detention of trains by frequent dropping and taking on cars will be such a serious matter that inventors will be busy devising some quicker and easier way of doing it. Instead of backing in and picking out here and there cars in a string of a dozen or so, by a dozen separate shifts, we must be able to make a slight pause on the main track for proper connection, and by frequent branch switches pull out our cars anywhere, or by a round-house plan select the one wanted from any stall. A still better plan would be to have each private car provided with a little donkey engine or electric motor, sufficient for shifting purposes, and, while the train stopped at the station let the cars run up and couple on by their own motors. With an electric motor the whole apparatus could be under the car, and no space would be occupied inside at

all, as the necessary switches for operating would be on the platforms. Then half a dozen cars to take up would occasion no more delay than a single one standing alone does now, if so much. What now seems only an idle speculation, serving the turn of a scribbler to fill a country paper, may not be so very distant a reality as the reader may think. The hundred years may dwindle to twenty, or even less, before the first steps are taken.

**JOTTINGS.**

Col. Paige went to Sanford on the 10th on a business trip.

Rev. Mr. Missildine and family have moved into C. H. Lord's house on Indiana avenue.

General and Mrs. Harney, and Miss Garvey, of St. Louis, were at the Seminole Sunday the 6th.

Miss Sparrell has arrived and is busy getting ready to occupy her commodious cottage on Interlachen avenue.

Miss Crowe has decided to locate here, has rented Mr. Gamwell's house and moved in. She is delighted with the place.

Major and Mayor Marks, accompanied by Mr. Seal of Kentucky, made the Park a visit on the 10th. Call again, gentlemen.

Bent's orchestra from New York city is at the Seminole for the season and discourses sweet music daily from the parlors and verandas.

We are happy to announce that the local mail is once more running and we can now hear from Orlando the same week in which we send a letter there.

A. M. Hyer's new stable is about completed and will be occupied about the 11th. He has some very nice stock and will be a decided addition to the place.

The mild weather at the North is probably keeping tourists at home until later than usual. They are coming, though, and we are bound to have a first-class season.

The fruit display at the Company's office was added to the past week by some fine grape fruits from the Anchorage grove and some elegant limes from Judge Mizell's.

As these items are written the private car, Ellenita, belonging to the Central R. R. of Georgia, is on the side track with a party aboard for the Seminole, particulars next week.



We are glad to find that every carpenter, painter, mason and laborer in our midst is busy, and it is a hard matter to get enough men to do any job of work a person may wish to have done.

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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

OPENS JANUARY 1, 1880

Located on the Highest Ground in Florida.

NO MALARIA \*O\* NO MARSH  
SICKNESS UNKNOWN

TO DRAWING ROOM CARS FROM JERSEY CITY, BY PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, 7:55

TO WINTER PARK WITHOUT CHANGE 7:55

SEND FOR GUIDE:

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SET OUT. LAND CLEARED  
AND GROVES CULTIVATED.

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A beautiful location on the Water-shed or backbone of Florida, with nine beautiful lakes of running water; with the Hotel Seminole, accommodating 400 guests; with Rollins College and its 100 students, with an able faculty under Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D., President. It is one of the most charming resorts in the State. Thousands have visited it to find health and recreation this winter, and none have gone away disappointed. Its educational advantages and its healthfulness, its location and its easy access by railroad makes it the most desirable and loveliest spot in Florida.

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We believe in the natural resources and beauty of our Town, our County and our State, and it is our mission to make others do so too.

Our capacity for usefulness in this way is only limited by our means, which depend entirely upon the support accorded us.

The work is for the good of all alike, and we therefore hope for the help of all to support our enterprise and make it a power for progress.

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