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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1889.

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## BEGIN.

"Lose this day loitering, 'twill be the same story  
To-morrow, and the rest more dilatory.  
This indecision brings its own delays.  
And days are lost tormenting over days.  
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute!  
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it!  
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.  
Only engage, and the mind grows heated,  
Begin, and the work will be completed.

## ARBOR DAY.

"Jock, when ye hae naething else to do, ye may be aye sticking in a tree; it will be growing Jock, when ye're sleeping." Such was the hint given by an old Scotch laird in his death-bed advice to his son, and the wisdom of his words struck Scott so forcibly that he embodied them literally in his tale, *The Heart of Midlothian*. It is perhaps a hundred years since they were first spoken, if they were even then entirely original, but how few people there are yet who take them to heart and act upon them. The comparatively recent institution of Arbor Day is intended as a yearly reminder of the same idea, and is one which should be observed and encouraged, for there is no investment which pays better than the planting of a useful tree. Reckon the first cost of a row of shade trees along a street, and the slight care they afterwards require, and then consider how many years they will stand there, and how many thousands of people will find pleasure and comfort in their shade, and say whether it would not pay well to plant them if the cost were twenty times as much as it is.

The same thing may be said of flowering trees and shrubs, vines, etc., for beautifying your house and grounds. What is more effective and lasting, or gives more universal satisfaction and pleasure, than a fine rosebush, or a climbing rose over a doorway? You can get from reliable florists any number of the best varieties of roses, rooted

slips, at five to ten cents apiece, and with reasonable attention they will soon make fine bushes. This, of course, would not give you the freshest novelties, but well-known favorites, which hold their own when many of the high priced novelties are forgotten. If each one does what he can to beautify his own place, the aggregate is a beautiful town, and the increased satisfaction and pleasure of living in such a town more than repays each individual for his share of the expense, while such a town never fails to attract the best class of strangers to visit it and settle in it. Nor are ornamental plants less in place around stores and other business houses than around dwellings. Who that has an eye for beauty and refinement has not somewhere entered a store or restaurant, or other place of business, and experienced a pleasant surprise in noting the evidences of taste in the proprietor shown by the planting of a few flowers or shrubs in the ground or in pots? Does not any one feel in entering such a place an instinctive assurance that he will have the satisfaction of dealing with a gentleman or a lady, and that from one who thus shows his appreciation of refining surroundings he need fear no want of appreciation of his own personal feelings, no rudeness nor unfair treatment of any kind? Think how you have felt yourself, and whether you would not like others to feel the same predisposition in your favor.

When we come to fruit trees we are on ground that is familiar to the thoughts of everybody in Florida. We suppose there is hardly a man in the State who has not figured more or less on the profits of fruit growing and the possibility of his planting five or ten acres, or more, as an investment. But how many are there who realize that even a few dollars, now and then, spent in adding a few trees at a time and providing for their care, will almost before they know it count up to the possession of quite a handsome little property. No savings bank ever

approached, either in safety or rate of interest, the returns to be realized in that way, and yet few seem to take advantage of a method of saving and accumulation that is at every one's door. Even if one buy the choicest budded trees, the cost of a few now and then is very little, and with very little trouble even that may be saved. A few seeds planted, and a little care and fertilizing will produce all the stocks he can plant at a nominal cost, and trees set when small and budded in place are better than those transplanted when larger. There appears to be a saving in time by planting well grown nursery stock, but for a man who proposes to accumulate his grove by slow saving and piecemeal additions, we doubt whether the end would not be attained quite as quickly and cheaply, especially if he can save time more easily than cash, by planting his own seed and doing his own cultivation. Whichever plan be adopted it will pay and pay well, and no man with a reasonable share of life before him can spend half an hour better than to sit down and figure a little on the result to be gained by putting fifty cents a week, if he can afford no more, into this kind of a savings bank. He will be astonished to find what a handsome grove he may own in ten years' time at even that small rate of saving, while if he can make it a dollar a week he can more than double the result or gain the same result in less time. It will be slow work at first, but after he gets a few trees to bearing, so that they will help him to do more, he will go on at an ever increasing rate. It is like the man whose wages were to be one cent the first month, two cents the second, four cents the third, and so on, doubling each month. At the end of five years he had a big return for his whole time, although at first he seemed to be getting nothing.

So in a town, although there may be no fruit to come from the first trees to help pay for the later planting, yet there will be what is better. The sight



of the good accomplished by a few men and a few dollars the first year will encourage more to help the next, and so by an increasing stimulation of local pride and ambition, and encouragement of the spirit of co-operation by larger and larger numbers of people, the results will grow year by year, until in a few years the people will be astonished to see how much can be done just by the faithful observance of one day in each year, and the natural growth of interest in town improvement that would come from it. Let the few who have faith to try it start in this year, and get as many others to do so as possible, and see how fast the good spirit will spread.

The Sanford *Muscatte* last Saturday printed a letter from Havana, which is of great importance to those who are seeking the means of reducing our danger from yellow fever imported from that well known breeding place. It describes the methods of certain small vessels which hail from Havana and combine the business of fishing and smuggling, exposing us to the constant risk of their smuggling in the fever as well as the rum and cigars by which they thrive. It is said that these boats, holding only a permit to fish on the high seas, and therefore having no right near our shores, are often seen about the unfrequented inlets of our coast, and at other times exchange cargoes at sea with confederates who hail from our ports. If cornered they run ashore and share profits with the wreckers, who get half the cargo for salvage. Nothing but a constant patrol and sharp look-out can do anything to intercept this traffic, and we shall never be safe from it until the United States government details at least two small, swift steam patrol boats under the revenue department to watch our Gulf coast.

Owing to the continuous rainy weather, the orange train in charge of Mr. F. L. Redding did not leave here this week, but if two or three days of fair weather can be secured he will start next week. He has already made arrangements with railroad men all along the route to have the train put through in the shortest possible time, and it is surprising to see the interest they have taken in the arrangement. The Cincinnati market is bare of Florida oranges, and prices are very good, russets especially being quoted very high.—*Oviedo Chronicle*.

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**WINTER PARK, FEB. 1, 1889.**

THURSDAY, February 14th is Arbor Day. Don't forget it, nor make any other plans for that day to interfere with the planting of something, if only a rose bush.

Why is this not a good time to designate a suitable and convenient lot for a public school, and let the children begin with this Arbor Day to set out trees on and around it. They would be interested in preparing for their future school house, and much might be done to increase its future value and attractiveness by getting a few good trees in early. Even if the house could not be built for a year or two yet, the trees would be growing, and the time would be saved in the ultimate improvement of the place.

GENERAL Manager Haines, of the Plant Steamship Line, writes to the *Times-Union* of last Saturday a long account of the history of his line, with a statement of the precautions taken to prevent any danger of importing yellow fever from Havana by their ships. Without endorsing his gloomy forebodings of utter ruin to South Florida and the west coast in particular—its development, has, we think, gone too far to be so easily abandoned—should the Plant steamers be forced to discontinue their service in summer, we think he makes a good case for allowing them to continue their regular trips as heretofore. We have always deprecated the panicky extremes of our local authorities, believing that a continuance of as nearly normal conditions of trade and life in general as is possible, with the due observance of reasonable safe-

guards, much more likely to conduce to the general health of the State, as well as its business interests, than such exhibitions of foolish fright as we have too often seen. We trust that our authorities, State and national, will direct their attention to the real source of danger in the ignorant and irresponsible small trade and smuggling, rather than make a hasty attack upon a great public convenience which is intelligently and responsibly managed.

We have no desire to enter into a controversy with our neighbor, the *Mascotte*, on the subject of railroad earnings, but we are not prepared to admit that our statement was the result of such absolute ignorance of railway matters as that paper sees fit to charge us with. In this railway age the very school boys know the points he mentions, but unfortunately we have not the childlike confidence in railway book-keeping which he seems to have, and we think we could put him up to a trick worth two of his simple-minded plan of merely issuing more stock or bonds whenever a little addition to the plant of a railway is demanded. That is, and should be, the last resort, not the first. If a man wants to improve his private property, he may keep on depositing the profits of his business in bank, or using them otherwise, and simply raise a loan somewhere to make the improvement, but if he is an economical man he will hardly make his first figures that way. He will try to save what he can, and get in a day's work now and then, until he gradually accomplishes his purpose. If all other means fail and time is really pressing, he may as a last resort borrow thence essary money to complete the work. So with a railway. If it is complete, and only needs the ordinary repairs and replacement of worn out material to keep it going, the expense account can be kept down to a figure that will generally leave a margin of profit, but if, as in the case of our Florida roads, it has still many points at which it needs additions and improvements, or is constantly making extensions, it will be good management to turn the spare time of the repair gangs, work trains, shops, etc., to useful account in such

work, and save as much as possible of the extra expense otherwise necessary. This additional track will be added, new stations built, new yards laid out, graded and tracked, and all sorts of additions made to property of the road. The more of such work there is needed, the more pressure will be laid on the foremen to find time for it. They will find themselves overloaded, and demand larger gangs. The extra labor and material thus supplied for the department of maintenance will seldom be kept accurate account of apart from that expended by the same hands on strictly necessary repairs of old property. Even so heavy an item as the change of gauge, or relaying with heavier rail, of a whole road, if it can possibly be paid for out of funds in hand, will often be charged to maintenance instead of construction, and not a cent of new stock or bonds ever thought of. In such ways it is very easy for even large profits to disappear almost unconsciously to the managers of the road, much less to any outsider. Stockholders in railways are continually grumbling at this very thing, as curtailing their immediate profits, although it is often largely to their own future advantage, if they could but understand the business of the road enough to see it. Few even of railway employees, outside of the maintenance department, realize the true state of such cases, and not always those in that department, so we are not surprised that our neighbor, even after serving on the staff of some railway, should overlook it, but we trust that after thinking it over he may be less ready in future to charge his neighbors with ignorance quite so hastily.

**JOTTINGS.**

Mrs. C. M. Livingston is quite ill.

Winthrop Sargent, Jr., of Philadelphia, was here on the 29th.

We regret to hear of the illness of Prof. Smith. Dr. Porter is attending him.

Mr. Little, who is stopping at the Seminole, went to Kissimmee hunting, on the 29th.

Dr. and Mrs. Crane and daughter have got settled in their pretty cottage on Interlachen avenue.

The long talked of fence around the depot park is now under way and will



probably be completed within a short time. It is being built by R. R. Thayer.

The office of the Winter Park Company has been handsomely painted and makes a very attractive appearance.

Col. Paige had strawberries for his guests on the 29th; he would have had them sooner but for the cold rains.

Messrs. Davidson, McCoy and Taylor, all prominent railroad men in the South, were at the Seminole the past week.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at White's Hall next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 5th, at four o'clock.

Town council held a meeting on the 29th and decided to go ahead with the collection of taxes and with town work generally.

Mr. Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard of Conn. and Mr. O. D. Burt of Kansas City are at the Seminole. They are friends of Dr. Eager.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Knowles, accompanied by President Seelye of Amherst College, and Loring A. Chase, are expected on February 1st.

Yum! yum! That fresh Huyler's candy at Miss Richardson's is fine! She has made arrangements to have it come perfectly fresh frequently.

With two first-class livery stables here the public ought to be well served in that line, and certainly no town the size of Winter Park can show a better lot of rigs than we can.

The O. & W. P. R. R., having been very much delayed by the complete giving out of their locomotive, has secured another one and in a very few days now will be running regularly.

Rev. A. H. Missilline has purchased the Lord property on Indiana avenue, and Chas. H. Lord, the former owner, arrived here last week from New Hampshire to close up the trade.

We are sorry that we neglected to give Dr. Henkel proper credit for the large collection of fruits and vegetables that he added to the Company's exhibition from his beautiful property, Claremont Place.

Rev. P. J. Reeves, the newly appointed pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach next Sunday morning at White's Hall, subject "The Cleansing Power." Also, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5th, on "The Fierce Demoniac."

We share with the balance of the community in the joyous prospect of the heavy rains ceasing. We have never

heard of the water being higher at this season of the year, and have heard several people considering the feasibility of building an ark if the rain kept on much longer.

T. N. Howard, a prominent wholesaler of boots and shoes in Chicago, arrived with his family on the 24th. They are stopping with his brother-in-law, J. S. Capen, and are delighted with Florida and especially Winter Park.

Mr. J. M. Lee, of the Hotel Indian river at Rockledge, was a guest of the Seminole on the 29th. He predicts the biggest crowd that South Florida has ever seen during the months of February and March, and from his long and intimate acquaintance with the traveling public in South Florida, he is, perhaps, as well qualified to judge of that fact as anybody in the State.

Among the arrivals at the Seminole the past week are Surgeon Major Harvey and wife, Calcutta; J. C. Hunter, Atlanta; Geo. W. Dewey, Goldston, N. C.; E. B. Jordan, Ontario; James E. Tate, Baltimore; W. H. Wheatley, Palm Springs, Fla.; E. Flaurand, New York; L. A. Cheatham and Agnes A. Moore, Reading, Penn.; Mrs. and Miss Whittemore, Nantucket, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Upham, Medfield, Mass.; H. H. Donohoo, St. Louis, Mo.; H. H. Collier, Albany, Ga.; M. M. Goodrich, Geo. H. Wagner, Chas. M. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lewis, Miss L. M. Bostwick, New York; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Spratt, Mich.; A. L. Aldrich and Fredk. Estabrook, Boston; Rev. B. F. Brown, Zellwood; J. M. Sawyer and S. P. Janion, Bigelow; D. S. Arnold, Brooklyn; H. J. Roberts, Conway; C. E. Garratt, Lakeland; Mrs. E. E. Kidd and Mrs. Griswold, Rochester, N. Y.; R. J. Monroe Metcalfe, Fort Meade; W. C. Comstock, Chicago; P. Peckham, St. Louis.

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### The Fruit Cure.

One or two pounds of fresh, ripe fruit eaten daily by most persons would make doctors' visits less frequent. There seems to be a cleansing action to good acid fruit, and especially to the apple and grape. Children and the young should be allowed all they wish. In Delaware, doctors sometimes send certain patients into the peach orchards and tell them to eat all they want. Wilson, the ornithologist, suffered with a chronic malaria, which his medical advisers could not cure, and he cured himself by eating wild strawberries. Once I cured myself of malaria by going into a vineyard and eating grapes every day for a week, all I wanted; several pounds a day.—*Life in Florida.*

### Our Climate.

Three years ago, on the 10th day of January, was the big freeze that almost demoralized Florida. It broke the orange grove boom and reduced prices of land and groves much below their actual value. Small trees in active growth suffered the most in this vicinity. The large, bearing trees had the fruit frozen, and a few shed their leaves.

The result was beneficial to the State. We have kept on with our development; the old groves have large crops, and the younger trees are coming into bearing. All evil effects we have outgrown. We are to-day progressing the fastest of any State in the Union. The freeze was beneficial to us in several ways. It stopped wild speculation; it made people go slow; it proved that oranges can be frozen, but the trees remain unhurt; it proved that the loss of one crop did not ruin us. It has turned the attention of agriculturists to other things than oranges, so that "the eggs will not all be in one basket." It is continually proving that Florida will increase rapidly in population. It proved that five acres of land well taken care of are better than fifty acres half cultivated, and a great deal more it has proved to the person who will think.—*Sanford Argus.*

The Chautauqua plan of combining a summer resort with a lecture system is spreading, and has been adopted in a number of States. It has been urged against the reading circles, which are

now so popular, that they give superficial instruction. The courses of reading appear sufficiently thorough, so far as they go, and they certainly attract the attention of people who would otherwise miss the benefit (even superficial) which they derive from a regular course of reading. The Americans have turned their attention with equal earnestness to the forming of clubs. There are Shakespeare clubs and sketching clubs and organizations for everything that can add to the stock of knowledge of the members.—*Indianapolis News.*

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