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THE FOOL'S PRAYER.

The royal feast was done; the king
Sought some new sport to banish care,
And to his jester cried: "Sir Fool,
Kneel, now, and make for us a prayer."

The jester doffed his cap and bells,
And stood the court before;
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool;
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

'Tis not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and light, O Lord, we stay;
'Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

These clumsy feet, still in the mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well meaning hands we thrust
Among the heartstrings of a friend.

The ill timed truth we might have kept;
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how greatly it had rung?

Our faults no tenderness could ask,
The chastening stripes must cleanse
them all;
But for our blunders—oh! in shame
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

Earth bears no bays for mistakes;
Men crown the knave, and scourge the fool
That did his will; but thou, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose
The king, and sought his garden cool,
And walked apart, and murmured low,
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

—Edward R. Sill.

In this country the people are supposed to be king, and the theory is that the combination of many minds will result in a wiser course than a sole dependance upon one, but sometimes we have good reason to pray, like the king, "Oh, Lord be merciful to us, a fool," for all put together we not unfrequently sum up as "a fool." We are led to this train of thought by the unreasoning clamor that has

lately gone up all over the State for a tariff of a dollar a box on oranges. We are a firm believer in the principle and practice of a protective tariff, but it is not a panacea for all economic ills; it is rather a sharp edged tool, very effective for its proper work, but equally effective to destroy as to build up, if its edge be turned in that direction. The limit of its use is reached when it makes the price of any article sufficient to enable the producer of it to live, to induce enough men to engage in the business to supply the market, and to make the business profitable enough to give the consumer the benefit of competition in the supply. When we pass that limit we make at the most, a temporary boom, that must as surely result in subsequent depression as overfeeding a tree must result in subsequent die-back. Quite as likely, however, we miss even the temporary boom, and in the case of oranges we should be pretty sure to do so.

At the season when our oranges are placed on the northern market, they are not a necessity of life or health; they are practically a pure luxury. As such, if we are to dispose of a large quantity of them we must furnish them at a price within the reach of the mass of the people. We can never hope to market our crop if we restrict the sale to customers who can afford to pay the retail prices corresponding to three dollars or more a box at wholesale. Two dollars a box is probably at least as high as we can hope to keep the average price of our oranges laid down in good condition in the northern cities, and it will not be many years before we shall have to be satisfied with a dollar and a half, simply because the market will not take our increasing crops at a higher figure. Thus the simple abundance of home production will soon entirely exclude foreign fruit during the season of home supply, by necessitating a wider market, and so obliging us to make prices that will take in the poor as well as the rich. This result is indeed already

nearly reached. Very little fruit is now ordered from abroad to arrive before it is supposed by the dealers that our crop will be practically exhausted, and unprofitable sales of such fruit arriving too soon are forcing such importations lower and later every year.

What we need, therefore, is not a means of raising the price, but rather a means of lowering it, so that the size of the market may increase with the increase of our crops. That means that instead of putting on a tariff that will, if effective in raising the price, only result in cutting down the demand, we must find a way to save a living profit for the grower out of the price we now get. This can certainly be done, and the only reason it is not done now is that the grower has to shoulder all the risks of transportation and marketing. Once make the transportation companies responsible for loss through carelessness and unnecessary delays on their part, and secure an honest and capable handling of the fruit on arrival, and there is no reason why the grower should not save a fair profit out of an average price of \$1.50 per box. But if fruit is to rot on the road or the price to be pocketed by dishonest commission men, it makes very little difference to the grower whether the market quotation be one dollar or five dollars a box; he gets nothing for his share just the same. In fact an artificially inflated market would only tend to keep alive the present abuses, and so stand in the way of any further increase in our production, while a reduction of the business to bed rock is bringing an ever increasing pressure to bear on the railways and marketing agents to do the business right as the only way to continue to have any business to do.

For these reasons we would not, if we could, raise the average market quotations above what they have been the present season. The price is already quite as high as it will pay us to have it. This is a matter in which it will pay to look before we leap.

The Grape Boom.

Out at Niagara Villa, Messrs. Haynes, Young and Bailey are making preparations to put up a packing house for handling their coming grape crop, according to the *Orlando Reporter*. They express great satisfaction at the indications for fruit, and say that they expect a large yield. If the crop turns out as well as they think it will, and the vines are loaded with ripe fruit early in June, and some enterprising capitalist can be induced to come down and take a look at it, there will be no trouble at all in getting Northern money invested in White Niagara vineyards here.

Drowning Out the Cattle.

The *Altoona Register* says that cattle men in the extreme southern portion of the State are threatening to petition the Governor against the Okeechobee Land and Drainage Company to restrain the operations of the latter. The cattle men claim that the company, in opening up the channel of the upper Kissimmee river, is causing the water to run down so rapidly as to inundate a large per cent. of the grazing lands, thus rendering them totally unfit for the only use that section of the country has ever been good for.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has been experimenting with iron cross-ties, but they have not given satisfaction, and white oak ties have been substituted. The wooden tie yields sufficiently to the motion of the train to make the riding easy and comfortable, while the iron tie fails to give on the roadbed of broken stone, and makes the riding hard and unpleasant to the passengers as well as wearing on the locomotive and rolling stock.—*The Age of Steel*.

Last year the net returns for peaches shipped from Tallahassee amounted to over ten thousand dollars. This year many young orchards will come into bearing, and the older orchards will bear a largely increased crop, which will make the shipments this season amount to fully five times what they were last year, and thousands of acres are now being set in orchards.

Empty spools make nice racks to hang clothing or towels on. Drive nails through them so the head will sink in the end of the spool. No danger of rust in using them. You can paint them if desired.

An increased acreage is being planted in oats in Jefferson county this spring. One man is putting in two hundred acres.

Florida strawberries have recently been bringing two dollars a quart in New York and other Northern cities.

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WINTER PARK, MAR. 1, 1889.

THE farmers' alliances in the northern part of the State are boycotting guano, because the price has been raised too high.

WE have received a copy of the *Chautauqua Camp and Fireside*, giving details of the coming South Florida Assembly at Mt. Dora. The program extends from Tuesday, March 19th, to Friday, March 29th, inclusive, and promises to be an instructive and enjoyable one. Season tickets are \$1.50 and daily tickets 25 cents. Provision is made for renting tents with or without cots and other furniture, and board on the grounds and in the village. The railroads have promised half rates within the State and larger reductions beyond. The weather at that time is as sure to be pleasant as weather ever is, and everything promises well for a large and successful assembly.

WE would like to suggest to the managers of our new railway a chance to make an addition to their income, and to let many people see a little of the town and their line at the same time. We think if the present ten o'clock train to Orlando could be put just late enough to enable people to take the horse car across from the South Florida to the Seminole station, without hurrying, and the fact advertised well at Sanford and way stations that by making this digression a delightful pleasure excursion could be included in a trip to Orlando, at the expense of fifteen minutes extra time, many would avail themselves of the opportunity. The return trip could be made in the same way to

connect with the 12:35 train for Sanford. Some would take it in one way, and some the other, and some would probably do both.

A Pleasant Walk.

One day this week we had a little misfortune which led to a pleasure that was a full compensation. We missed the only train by which we could reach Orlando in time for some business there, and as it was pleasant and not too warm, set out on foot, thinking to see the line of our new railway more in detail than we had yet done on the way. The track not being fully ballasted yet, the walking was in many parts tiresome, but the succession of pretty hammock and lake views is so constant all the way from Winter Park to the Orlando water tower, where we diverged, that the roughness of the footing was almost forgotten in the interest excited by the surrounding country. We do not know where the walk can be duplicated in Florida in point of beautiful surroundings, and although most of our readers have probably passed over the ground in the cars, we think a walk over it would still be a revelation to most of them, for in walking one can stop when and where he pleases and have time to take in the view, a large part of which he must miss as he is whirled rapidly through it in the cars. The walk is a very convenient one too, for there are so many station platforms that one may start out at a convenient time of day, and dismiss all care about the return, simply walking as far as he may feel inclined, and waiting at the nearest platform for the train to bring him back. If he like he may see the line in sections, going out on the train each time to where he left off before, walking half a mile or more, and returning again by the train. In this way the road would furnish six or eight pleasant little outings, with a new field for healthful exercise each time, and we doubt if many would try the experiment once without thinking each and every one of his trips worth repeating. Then when he had satisfied himself with the line itself, he might take each station, and find several pleasant walks diverging from it. Altogether he could well occupy occasional spare times for

one to three months with such trips, and hardly exhaust the resources of the line. Indeed, if he were other than a pleasure seeking tourist he might find it hard to get time during a year to see it all as often as he would like. The line is destined to add very greatly to the many existing attractions of Winter Park as a place of residence or winter sojourn, simply through the many delightful short excursions which it offers, to say nothing of its other advantages.

JOTTINGS.

C. L. S. C. met at Mrs. Paul's this week.

Judge Fullerton, of Buffalo, N. Y., is at the Seminole.

Mrs. C. H. Hutchins and family came this week and are at the Seminole.

J. C. Came, of the billiard factory of Brunswick and Balke Co. is at the Seminole.

Benj. Esterbrook, of the celebrated cigar firm of Esterbrook and Eaton of Boston, Mass., is at the Seminole.

Dr. Hexamer, editor of the *American Agriculturist*, and Benj. J. Smith of Cambridge, Mass., were of the Pomological party.

H. McK. Twombly, son-in-law of W. H. Vanderbilt, with quite a large and distinguished party are expected at the Seminole about March 1st.

Mr. F. A. Smith, of Portland, Maine, conducted a prayer meeting at White's Hall last Sunday evening, at which the largest congregation of the season was present.

Rollins College is the happy recipient of Rev. A. B. Dilley's fine private library, which handsome gift was presented by Mr. Dilley on a recent visit here from his home on Indian river.

A party of young people from Orlando will have a hop at the Seminole on Monday evening, March 4th. A special train on the O. & W. P. will bring them, and a delightful time is anticipated.

There was a very pleasant tea-party at the residence of Mr. Griswold in Osceola, given by Dr. and Mrs. Eager to the members of the "Happy Hours" whist club. There were present Mr.

and Mrs. Paul, Mr. and Miss Hungerford, brother and sister of Mrs. Paul, Miss Wilcox of New York, Mr. MacCallum, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Miss Peckham and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Capen.

Mr. Hendricks, a prominent member of the staff of the New York *Tribune*, is spending a few days with his friend, Col. W. F. Paige. He is greatly pleased with the Pomological Society, whose meeting he has attended, with Florida, and especially with Winter Park.

The floral contributions at the services of the Methodist church at White's Hall attract deserved notice. One piece was taken to the store of C. J. Ladd on Monday and was greatly admired by many visitors during the three days it remained in condition.

We think that perhaps Walter Lamay is as happy a boy as Orange county holds, for the reason that he was presented by his teacher, Miss Lena Mizell, with a very handsome book at the close of school, for regular attendance and for general excellence in deportment and scholarship.

An entertainment will be given at White's Hall, next Tuesday evening by the children and young people of the Methodist Sunday School in Orlando, for the benefit of the building fund of the Methodist church in Winter Park. At the intermission and after the entertainment, ice cream and cake will be served, and for this a small charge will be made. It is expected that the attendance will be large and the affair successful in every way.

A part of the Pomological Society from Ocala made us a short call on the 26th. They had been attending the National Pomological convention at Ocala, and conducted by Col. D. H. Elliott, took a trip to the Gulf coast. The party was headed by that eminent pomologist and nurseryman, P. J. Berckmans, of Augusta, Ga., and contained many leading writers and workers in the fruit interests of the whole nation. They took one of Mr. Paige's fine dinners, looked at the beautiful panorama of nature from the promenade on top of Hotel Seminole, took a short drive through the College grounds and most of them left at three o'clock for St. Augustine

and home. Two gentlemen, Benj. P. Ware of Marblehead, and O. B. Hadwin of Worcester, Mass., friends of Mr. Knowles, stayed over night and took a trip in the "Fanny Knowles." All expressed great delight at Winter Park and many promised to return and see the place more thoroughly.

Dancing at Ergood's Hall.

The Seminole Club gave a very nice party at Ergood's Hall on the 27th. The music was by Bent's orchestra who played the following excellent program:

1. MARCH	Seminole	Bent
2. LANCERS	Carnival	Wiegand
3. WALTZ	To Mr. Rutland	Braham
4. SCHOTTISCHE	The Owl Club	Wiegand
5. POLKA		Thos. Messina
6. REEL AND JIG	To Our Employer	Bent
INTERMISSION		
7. RE-ENTREE MARCH		Bent
8. QUADRILLE		Strauss
9. WALTZ	Pete	Braham
10. LANCERS		Wiegand
11. POLKA		Thos. Messina
12. WALTZ	Home, Sweet Home	Bent

The boys and girls joined heartily in the delightful occasion and the event marks a very pleasant episode in their lives.

The details were in care of the following able committees: Officers of the club; Frank Donohue, president; Wm. Woods, vice-president; Wm. McDonald, treasurer; Pat. Kearns, sergeant-at-arms; R. W. Perrott, floor manager; John Stone, secretary. Reception committee, Wm. Gaffney, chairman, Dell Link and Wm. Cotton. Committee of arrangements, Chas. Engel, chairman, Jerry Hogan and Wm. Emans. Floor committee, F. James, chairman, C. Conner, F. Farrell and T. O. Leary.

The hall was nicely decorated and everything went off in an orderly and pleasant manner.

Church Services.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. Rev. R. F. Brown, Rector.

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Catching Them in the Act.

Application for a patent on an electric light method of instantaneous photography has been made by two gentlemen recently. The apparatus is designed especially for the detection of burglars. It can be so arranged that a burglar, in entering a bank, office, or dwelling, will in his operations, touch something which will cause a flash and result in his being photographed. A number of cameras may be placed in a room and a variety of views taken simultaneously. The tell tale wire can be fastened to the knob of a safe or door, so that the intruder can not avoid touching it, thus disclosing his identity.—*Press Dispatch*.

The Government pays to the railroads annually for carrying the mails, \$20,000,000. At the present rate of increase it will be but few years until the amount reaches \$40,000,000, if the present rate of compensation is maintained.—*Pittsburgh Times*.

Some one has made the distinction, as between vice and virtue, that for virtue you have a price to receive, while for vice you have a price to pay.

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