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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1889.

No. 16.

## SIXTY AND SIX; or, A Fountain of Youth.

[THE CENTURY.]

Light of the morning,  
Darling of dawning,  
Blithe little, lithe little daughter of mine!  
While with thee ranging  
Sure I'm exchanging  
Sixty of my years for six years like thine.  
Wings cannot vie with thee,  
Lightly I fly with thee,  
Gay as the thistle-down over the lea;  
Life is all magic,  
Comie or tragic,  
Played as thou playest it daily with me.  
  
Floating and ringing  
Thy merry singing  
Comes when the light comes, like that of  
the birds.  
List to the play of it!  
This is the way of it;  
All's in the music and naught in the words—  
Glad or grief-laden,  
Schubert or Haydn,  
Ballad of Erin or merry Scotch lay,  
Like an evangel  
Some baby angel  
Brought from sky-nursery stealing away.  
  
Surely I know it,  
Artist nor poet  
Guesses my treasure of jubilant hours,  
Sorrows, what are they?  
Nearer or far, they  
Vanish in sunshine like dew from the flowers.  
Years, I am glad of them—  
Would that I had of them  
More and yet more, while thus mingled  
with thine.  
Age, I make light of it,  
Fear not the sight of it,  
Time's but our playmate, whose toys are  
divine.  
—Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

## THE FLORIDA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Second annual meeting will be held in Orlando, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. — Wednesday at 11 a. m. the meeting will open with speeches, president's address, and reports of secretary and treasurer. At 2 p. m., reports of Ad Interim and Nomenclature committees. At 7:30 p. m., reports of committees on grapes, figs, kaki, and fertilizers. Thursday, 9 a.

m., committee on citrus fruits. At 2 p. m., committees on peaches, strawberries and miscellaneous. At 7:30 p. m., election of officers, reports of committees on incorporation, native fruits, and entomology. Friday, 9 a. m., committees on tropical fruits, and transportation. At 2 p. m., committees on vegetables, ornamentals, and pears and apples.

Members will be entitled to one fare rates on railroads and special hotel rates. Membership fee, \$1.00. The meeting should be attended by all who want to keep up with the procession in the growing of fruits and flowers in Florida.

## ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

MR. DUDLEY W. ADAMS writes to the *Florida Dispatch* his experience in paying taxes; and the statement is food for thought for every one interested in the progress of our State. The first venture of a new settler is in buying a piece of land. He is probably inexperienced in Florida soils, and naturally regards his purchase as a more or less risky one. He estimates accordingly what he can afford to risk out of his small capital. If the price of land is too high he concludes that the game is not worth the candle, and goes back where he came from. Cheaper land would have encouraged him to try the experiment, feeling that if he finally failed or had to change his location he might still not have sunk all he had. This feeling is amply justified by the many examples to be seen of men who have invested all they had in a first venture in land and planting, and have left the melancholy wreck behind them to tell the story of their folly. Hence anything which tends to encourage long holding of land for speculative prices is a bar to rapid settlement. The land may be worth the price asked, but can the new-comer, not sure of his discrimination between the honest offer of good land and the sharper's praise of what is worthless, nor of his ability to immediately make the best land profi-

table, afford to risk the full price? Generally not. Again, are there not thousands of desirable settlers ready to come, who have not the capital to buy at high prices, but who if they once get a start will become valuable citizens and help us all to build up a prosperous community? There can be no doubt of it. What folly then to encourage speculators to stand in their way, and to put unjust taxes upon their modest improvements as soon as they get here. It is of a piece with our absurd occupation taxes and antiquated road laws. If we want immigration and improvement we should not frame our laws to put a premium on absentee, non-improving land-holding, and a tax on honest, hard-working settlers. If we want an industrious, progressive community we should not put a premium on idleness and a tax on useful occupation. Here is Mr. Adams's account:

Now, take notice everybody! The speculator's wild land on which no improvement is made, and which is held for speculative purposes, and which produces nothing to add to the wealth of the State, and is held at high prices that keeps out actual settlers—those lands are assessed at \$1.25 to \$5.00 per acre. That sum is often only one-eighth to one-twentieth of the actual value of the lands, while improvements are assessed at a much higher rate.

One of my friends comes to Florida and buys forty acres of this land which is assessed at \$5.00 per acre, paying \$60 per acre for it. If he goes home to New England and leaves it unimproved, it will remain assessed at \$200.00, though it cost him \$2,400, and he will pay tax only on \$200.00. Supposing he comes here to Tangerine to settle and puts a fence around his forty acres, deadens the timber and breaks up the land at a total cost of \$175.00, the land is at once "jumped on to" by the assessor and \$20.00 per acre added to the assessment for the improvements. In short, \$2,400.00 invested in wild land is assessed at



\$200.00, and \$175.00 invested in improvements is assessed at \$800.00; that is, the wild land of the speculator is assessed at much less than its value, and the man who comes here and improves his land, is punished by having his improvements assessed at more than they ever cost and more than they are worth.

#### The Progress of Florida.

The Savannah News confesses that Florida is a popular subject with writers and speakers. The articles that have been written and the addresses that have been delivered on Florida would fill a good many volumes, and yet people go right on writing and speaking just as if the theme were a new one, and the public listens with unabated interest. The truth is that Florida's growth is so remarkable that there is always something new to be said about it, while the oft-told story does not lose its interest by repetition. There were serious drawbacks to her progress, but they have been overcome to a great extent, and the natural advantages which she possesses have attracted both immigrants and capital. Her wonderful climate, her fertile soil producing nearly everything that can be found in other Southern states, and some things that cannot, and her inducements to investors, have been extensively advertised, and with what result may be seen by a comparison of her condition today with that of ten years ago. The attention given to educational matters has been a great aid to her progress. Other southern states might learn some valuable lessons from the more recent history of Florida's growth. As great as has been the growth, however, it promises to be still greater. The progress Florida has made has been in the face of obstacles, as has been stated, and these having been removed for the most part, she is now prepared to make longer and more rapid strides than ever before. The prospect is that the census of 1900 will contain the record of great things accomplished in Florida. *Lake Helen "Life."*

A. J. Drexel, the banker, is about to found an industrial college for women at Wayne, Pa., at a cost of \$1,500,000.

A report comes by way of Germany that a novel use of electricity has been made in India, for the prevention of the intrusion of snakes into dwellings. Before all the doors and around the house two wires are laid, connected with an induction apparatus. Should a snake attempt to crawl over the wires, he receives a shock of electricity, which either kills or frightens him into a hasty retreat.

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**WINTER PARK, APRIL 19, 1889.**

**JOTTINGS.**

W. C. Comstock and family left on the 11th for their home in Chicago.

Col. Peckham and family will leave on the 25th. Their summer headquarters are now at Newport, R. I.

Last Monday night's train took Mr. Earl, Mr. and Miss Bartlett, and Charlie Chubb to the North for the summer.

Mrs. T. N. Howard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Capen and Mrs. E. Capen will leave the first of next week for the North. T. N. Howard will remain for a short time yet.

The new firm of Ergood and Davies, successors to Robt. White, Jr., make their bow to the public and invite an inspection. These gentlemen are both among the pioneer residents. They are widely and favorably known and we bespeak for them success in full measure for their new enterprise.

Buildings in sight for the immediate future are the elegant house of Mr. J. W. Wells on Lake Maitland for which the contract is let to Pierce and Torry, the pretty depot of the O. & W. P., contracted for by W. C. Stubblefield, a large addition to one of the present houses here, and several others in prospect which are not definitely settled yet.

On Monday, the 8th, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins and children, and the balance of their party left via St. Augustine and Washington for their homes in Worcester, and letters since received tell of their pleasant journey and safe arrival at Washington where Mr. and Mrs.

Knowles are taking much needed rest, at Hotel Normandie, the balance of the party having gone on.

The season at the Seminole ended on the 4th, and the work of closing it all up and leaving it for the summer was begun. The guests were all away by noon of that day, about the last to depart being a personally conducted party of Cuban excursionists, under the able leadership of Mr. Arnold of the S. F. R. R., who left on the 10 o'clock train of the O. & W. P. R. R. for Orlando, and were to leave there at 2:35 for Tampa. The work of closing went rapidly on under the eyes of Col. Paige, all the carpets being overhauled and left in the best possible shape for the summer.

As soon as the Fanny Knowles stopped running through the canal, the drawbridge of the O. & W. P. R. R. was built across it and the extension was started for Osceola. At this writing it is completed to Lakemont, the pretty name selected for the station on Judge Mizell's property. It will be completed and running on schedule time to the present terminal point by the 25th probably. Meantime work is progressing on the organization of the Park association on Judge Mizell's property; several applications for its use for picnic purposes are already on file, and it looks as though it would be a most popular enterprise.

On Wednesday, the 10th, Col. Paige and family, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Lake, M. E. Love and a very pleasant party left on a Monarch car kindly put at their disposal by the Pullman Company. They were accompanied as far as St. Augustine by Col. Mrs. and Miss Peckham. At St. Augustine they put a long streamer on the car with the Hotel Seminole fully described, which streamer was to remain on until the car reached Boston, thus heralding our name and fame on every foot of the journey. After their departure the finishing touches were put on by Mr. Butler in closing the house, and it is now in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dorn, as custodians, Walter Simpson, as gardener and Mr. Alcott, as engineer for the summer.

A dispatch was received from Hon.

E. R. Gunby on the 17th containing the announcement of the receipt of an official letter from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, to the effect that the finding of the Circuit court in the Incorporation case had been affirmed. This places our town on a perfectly legal basis, and settles the question, as we hope, for all time. We sincerely hope that all discussion of the subject will now be dropped by both sides and that all will now work in harmony for the growth and development of our section. We hope that all will see the necessity for our very life's sake, of a prompt, intelligent carrying out of the directions of the State board of Health by the town officials, which shall be cheerfully acquiesced in by all of our citizens and the good work helped on. We honor the motives of those who have seen fit to oppose the present plan of incorporation and while we have been of the side opposite to them, we hereby extend our hand to each and every one of them and say honestly and candidly that the past is forgotten and our only plan in future is to help on that perfect harmony between us all without which the effective working of the machinery will be hindered. Both sides have made mistakes, the individual members of both sides have said many foolish and bitter things; let's drop the whole discussion, let it never be mentioned again, but with a firm united purpose, press forward to the glorious destiny for which nature intended Winter Park. We have many powerful friends who will use their influence and their funds to help on the work, and with a united effort our future is certainly grand and prosperous. Fill up to the brim the largest pipe that can be found, pass it around the circle, and as each brother takes a long, deep whiff, let's all watch the smoke as it circles up and see in it only the pleasant forecast of peace, harmony and prosperity.

**The Florida Everglades.**

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One great trouble that peach growers have to contend with is the scarcity of crates, the making of which will keep many of the smaller mills busy, or at least give them work enough to keep them employed from now until the crop is sent away.

Oranges are not the only fruit that is profitable in Orange county.—*Sanford Mascotte.*

#### The Nicaragua Canal.

The first survey for the canal was made as far back as 1850, and civil engineers have continued to affirm the entire feasibility of the work; in aid of which nature has excavated the major part of the route, and supplied it with the necessary water. The canal starts at the mouth of the San Juan river, at Greytown, on the Gulf of Mexico, and runs west by north 170 miles to Crito, on the Pacific ocean. With the exception of forty miles, this route is simply improving and locking a natural water way. Length nearly twice that of the Suez canal, and vastly more costly. The canal is expected to accommodate thirty-two ships a day. The tolls, therefore, would need to be at least \$600 per ship per trip through, to enable the canal to pay even a small dividend on the cost. The passage will be made it is said, in thirty hours. The saving in distances will be from 6,000 to 7,000 miles in voyages from Great Britain, New York, and New Orleans, to San Francisco and the Orient, as compared with doubling Cape Horn.

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One great trouble that peach growers have to contend with is the scarcity of crates, the making of which will keep many of the smaller mills busy, or at least give them work enough to keep them employed from now until the crop is sent away.

Oranges are not the only fruit that is profitable in Orange county.—*Sanford Mascotte.*

#### The Nicaragua Canal.

The first survey for the canal was made as far back as 1850, and civil engineers have continued to affirm the entire feasibility of the work; in aid of which nature has excavated the major part of the route, and supplied it with the necessary water. The canal starts at the mouth of the San Juan river, at Greytown, on the Gulf of Mexico, and runs west by north 170 miles to Crito, on the Pacific ocean. With the exception of forty miles, this route is simply improving and locking a natural water way. Length nearly twice that of the Suez canal, and vastly more costly. The canal is expected to accommodate thirty-two ships a day. The tolls, therefore, would need to be at least \$600 per ship per trip through, to enable the canal to pay even a small dividend on the cost. The passage will be made it is said, in thirty hours. The saving in distances will be from 6,000 to 7,000 miles in voyages from Great Britain, New York, and New Orleans, to San Francisco and the Orient, as compared with doubling Cape Horn.

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