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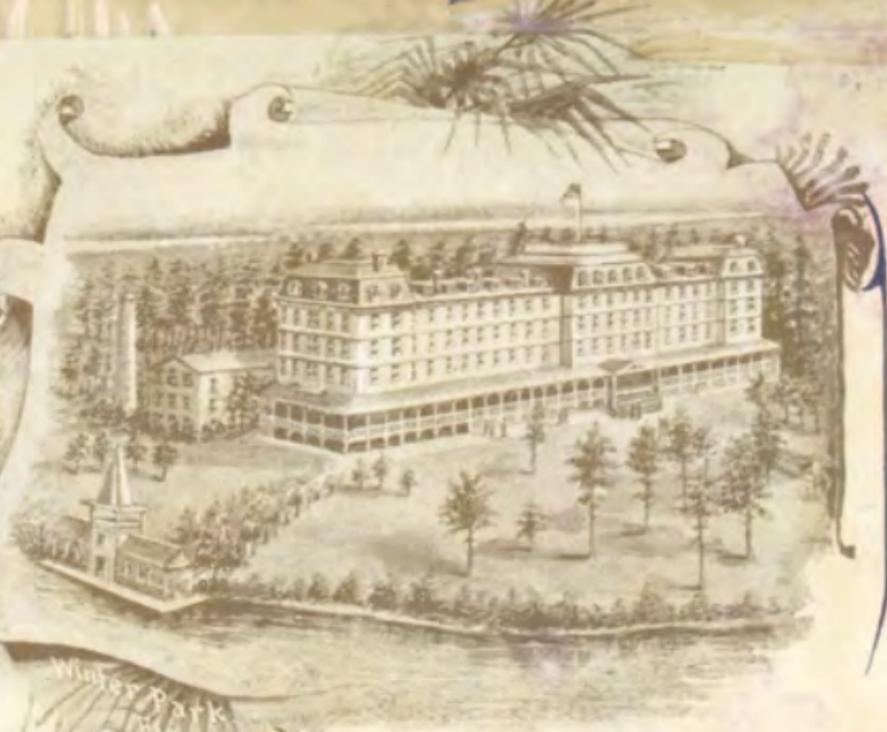
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The
Seminole



Winter
Park
Fla.

D. P. Hathaway.

RESIDENT MANAGER.

for Plant System

1894

Winter Park and The Seminole.



THIS PLEASANT RESORT, situated on the line of the Savannah, Florida & Western Railway (South Florida Division), 133 miles south of Jacksonville and 100 north of Tampa, among the Pines and the beautiful clear-water lakes of Orange County, surrounded by numerous thrifty orange groves and delightful winter homes of Northern visitors, is especially noted for its healthfulness, its balmy climate and dry atmosphere, affording relief from catarrhal and pulmonary affections.

When people began to flock into Central and South Florida, it did not take them long to learn that one of the finest and most beautiful sections of the State lay exactly in the heart of the peninsula. There, green hills were separated from

each other by beautiful lakes of clear, fresh water. The hills were covered by forests of clean, tall, straight pines; the lakes connected one with another, making a chain that ran through the whole neighborhood; the soil was good, the air was pure, and the climate was delightful. In this favored region a number of Northern people settled, and founded Winter Park. . . .

. . . It used to be that the tourist business to Florida depended on the severity of the weather at the North; but that was in the days when the climate was the only attraction, and there was a doubt as to the hotel accommodations. Now, the mild winters have no appreciable effect, and the very cold ones have but a slight effect on the increase. This is attributable only to the superior railway service and the great improvement in the hotel accommodations all over the State and in Cuba. . . .

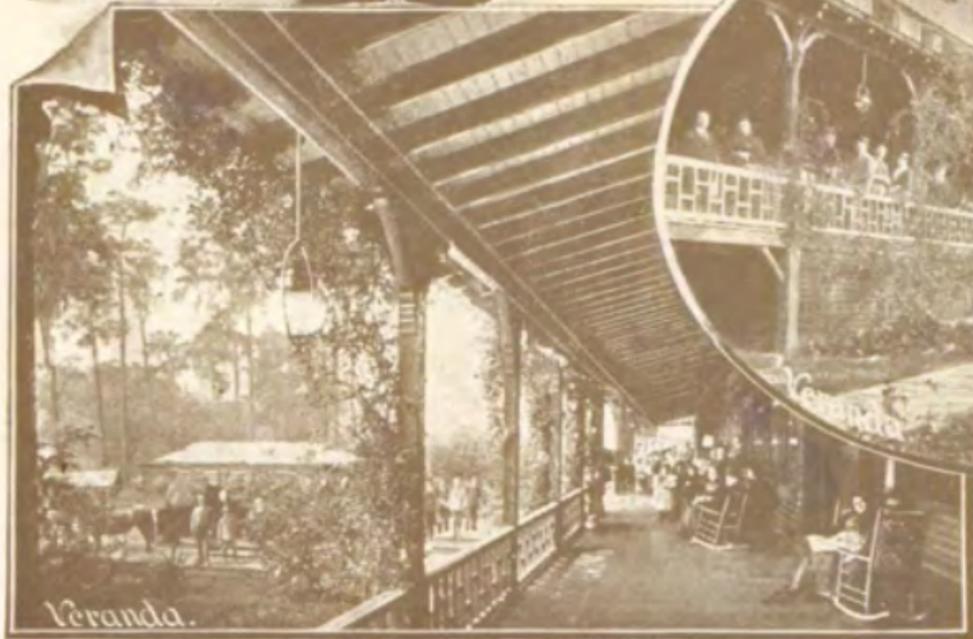
. . . The first of these hotels of the Plant System of management that induces the traveler from his home and then influences him to break his journey, is at Winter Park, and bears the beautiful Indian name "Seminole," in remembrance of the tribe of the Noble Reds that once roamed this country, and a few of whose descendants occasionally come to the front to see how magnificently the pale faces have desecrated their hunting grounds. . . .

WINTER PARK is in the midst of the lake region, and yet has an altitude of over a hundred feet above tide water, with excellent drainage. There are lakes and lakes everywhere, not some miles away, but in front of the hotel and behind it, to the left and to the right, delightful little lakes of clear, fresh water, abounding in fish. Yet, withal, the air is fine and dry, and there is no more delightful location anywhere in the world than at Winter Park, and no more cozy, pleasant place to live than at the Seminole. . . .

THE SEMINOLE is a hotel of most modern construction, with every device for the comfort and convenience of the four hundred guests which it can easily accommodate. It is thoroughly complete in all its appointments. In the corridors and public rooms are steam radiators, while all rooms which are "*en suite*" have open fire-places. The water is from a never-failing driven well, and a careful analysis by eminent chemists proves it to be as pure as that of the noted Poland Springs in Maine. . . .

AMUSEMENTS : Billiards, bowling, tennis, croquet, fishing, saddle and driving horses, steam, sail and row boats, and a first-class orchestra day and evening, and guides for hunting parties, while the railroad, mail and telegraph facilities make it unequaled in the South as a winter resort.

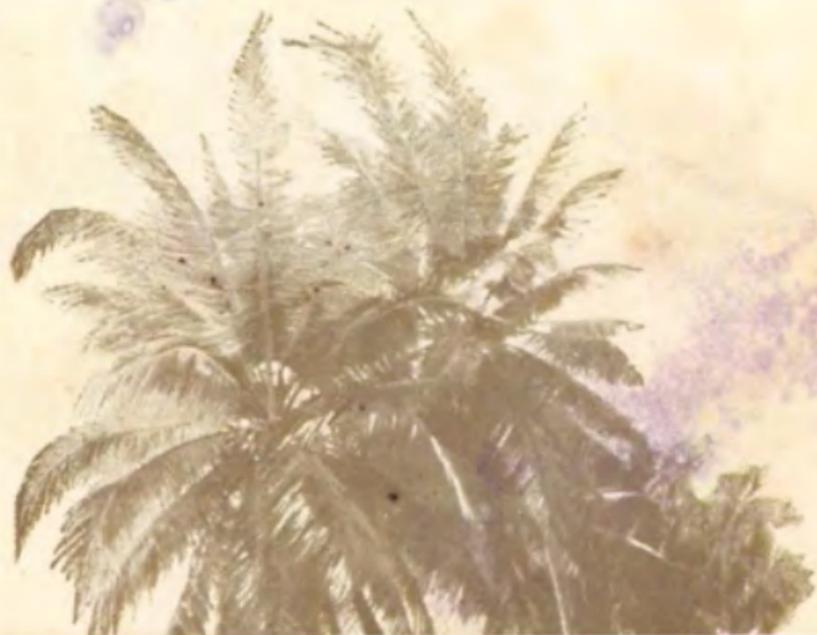
THE SEMINOLE.



. . SEASON OF 1894. . .

THE Seminole Hotel
will open for the
reception of guests Janu-
ary 1, 1894.

Diagrams and special
information may be ob-
tained by addressing the
Manager at Winter Park,
Florida.



Transient Rate, \$4.00 per Day.
Special terms for two weeks or longer.

D. P. HATHAWAY,
RESIDENT MANAGER THE SEMINOLE;

ALSO OF
PROSPECT HOUSE,
SHELTER ISLAND HEIGHTS, N. Y.

J. H. KING, MANAGER PLANT SYSTEM OF HOTELS.
TAMPA BAY HOTEL, TAMPA. THE INN, PORT TAMPA. SEMINOLE, WINTER PARK.



FROM "THE CLIMATOLOGIST," JULY, 1892.

BY J. L. B. EAGER, M. D.,
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA.

As so little has been written, and yet so much is said, about our delightful climate, I shall, without one word of exaggeration, attempt to tell of the advantages which I *know* about, and correct the fallacies of evil reports which have reached my hearing.

First, as to location.

Winter Park is situated on the peninsula of Florida, in about its narrowest portion, being 40 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and 80 miles east of the Gulf of Mexico. Commencing at a point about seven and one half miles south of Sanford, which is virtually the head of navigation on the St. John's River, there rises an eminence of ground which gradually assumes a height of 200 feet at this point, and again receding to the south a distance of about ten miles. This affords us a water-shed both to the north and south, which condition is proven by the directions in which our beautiful lakes empty themselves by means of swiftly-flowing streams connecting one with the other. This, you perceive, gives us an altitude whose area is unequalled in the State, and especially in the peninsular portion thereof, which is, indeed, the most desirable for those requiring a uniform temperature.

Winter Park is about 133 miles south of Jacksonville and 95 miles north of Tampa, and on a direct railroad system from all points in the North, more especially New York, Philadelphia and Washington, from which points through-car service is maintained between those and intermediate places and Winter Park, making this resort very easy of access to tourists.

The surrounding country about Winter Park is made up of high pine lands — *no marshes nor stagnant ponds*, but, instead, a chain of beautiful clear-water lakes fed by never-failing springs of fresh, unimpregnated, soft water, filled with fishes of various species.

The society is composed of the well-to-do members of New England, New York and Pennsylvania families, most of whom own their winter residences here, and occupy them from October to June each year ; and the objection sometimes raised to Florida homes being of transient occupancy can be emphatically denied and authenticated by answering, "Yankee-like," by asking another, and that is : "Where, in any city or town in the North, will you find a home, inhabited by the same class of people, which is occupied by them as many consecutive months in the year?" Think of the many houses closed for the summer and winter vacations, their occupants either at the sea-side or mountain resorts or in Florida.

Winter Park has an excellent college, with a patronage of from 150 to 200 pupils ; a splendid public school with a daily average attendance of 50 scholars, and a private kindergarten. The church privileges are unexcelled — Episcopal, Congregational and Methodist denominations being established. Hotel accommodations are first class in every particular, and rates are as varied as our patronage demands.

I have been in practice in this town nearly six years, being one of the unfortunates who were forced to leave the North on account of the inability to withstand the cold winters and preserve my usefulness at the same time. Within that time there has not been an epidemic of any character in the town or its surroundings, nor is there any history of there ever having been one previous thereto. *There is absolutely no malaria here.* I wish I could emphasize this point to my satisfaction and your conviction. I have yet to treat one case of any disease in which malaria was a factor or complication *in which the poison was acquired in this vicinity.*

Realizing this almost never-failing complication of pathological conditions in the North and West by personal contact while in practice in both sections, I make this statement comparatively, in order to refute a common error on the part of the profession and laity with reference to this subject.

A peculiar and pleasing fact is noticeable on the shores of our lakes ; namely, the entire absence of any unwholesome, green deposit known as "scum," which is often an objectionable

feature of a large number of our Northern lakes, or ponds. The water is as clear as crystal to the lake's edge.

It is kept in constant motion by the ever-prevailing breezes which blow either from the ocean or gulf, and thereby is constantly being purified. These breezes, as they traverse the pine forests, come laden with balsamic odors, which are quite noticeable, especially so to the new-comer. This of itself is very wholesome, and many have spoken of the salutary effects produced by breathing such an atmosphere.

As a home for children, I believe the high pine lands of Florida cannot be excelled. There is scarcely a day in the year that they cannot be out of doors, breathing plenty of pure air and having plenty of exercise.

As lecturer on chemistry at Rollins College, I have had occasion to analyze a large number of specimens of the water taken from the driven wells of many property owners within the town limits, and I have found an entire absence of any organic impurities whatsoever; and, further, I have been able to use water recently pumped from these wells, without distillation, for demonstrations of chemical reactions where the alkalis would have interfered with such experiments. Our drinking water contains no organic, sulphur or lime impurities. Purer water cannot be found anywhere.

In the absence of personally-recorded everyday conditions, relative to the thermometrical, barometrical and hydrometrical changes of our atmosphere, it is sufficient to add that from April 1st until June 1st we have little or no rainfall. The thermometer during that time ranges equally every day from 65° F. to 72° F. between the hours of 4 P. M. until 9 A. M., and from 72° F. to 85° F. the balance of the twenty-four hours. Commencing June 1st, the rainy season sets in, and we expect and do get a refreshing shower every day between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. The temperature at this season of the year is equable from day to day, but varies during the twenty-four hours; from 3 or 4 P. M. until 6 A. M. the thermometer rarely marks above 75° or 78° , but from morning until the shower falls it gradually rises to 90° or 98° , very rarely reaching 100° , and with

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