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ORANGE COUNTY.

THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND HEALTHFUL SECTION OF FLORIDA.

Its Wide Range of Agricultural and Horticultural Products, and Its Special Adaptability to the Requirements of the Industrious and Thrifty Settler.

When the name Orange County was selected for the portion of Florida now bearing that title, there was no qualms of speaking, but few orange groves within its borders. The Indian River Country and the vicinity of St. Augustine being the most prominent sections for the cultivation of citrus fruits. To-day the orange, lemon, grape and fruit trees of old Orange outnumber those of any other county in Florida, and the citrus fruits raised within the county command the very highest prices in the fruit markets of the world.

The county has deservedly won the name of producing as fine oranges, lemons, limes and other citrus fruits as can be obtained anywhere on the face of the globe. Those who are fortunate enough to possess a bearing grove in this county and industrious enough to properly care for it, are assured a competency for themselves and their posterity; as its usefulness does not cease with one man's life time, but it continues to yield its fruit in abundance for hundreds of years.

This county, while the natural home of the citrus family has also proven itself a most successful producer of peaches, grapes, pineapples, guavas, bananas, and all of the semi-tropical fruits. It is also particularly adapted to the growing of watermelons, strawberries, blackberries and other small fruits.

Every vegetable known to any portion of the United States can be successfully grown here, corn, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, peas, okra, cabbage, squash, cauliflower, beets, radishes and lettuce, being among the leading products.

All points in Orange county are easily accessible to the intending settler as six railroads traverse it namely:
The South Florida Division of the Savannah, Florida and Western railroad, the Florida Central and Peninsula, the East Florida and Atlantic, the Orange Belt, the Florida Midland and Sanford and Indian River. Information as to the maps and connections with these roads and the points which they respectively reach, can be obtained at any railroad station in the United States.

The people who are most needed in this section and who will meet a hearty welcome in every portion of the county are those who come with a determination to till the soil, or make a home, not for the idle and shiftless but the thrifty, honest and industrious; to all of the former class no matter what their title, Orange county offers a hearty welcome in every portion of the county.

The most productive and healthful section of its wide range of agricultural and horticultural products, and Orange county, Florida.

Its church and school facilities are surpassed by few of the localities in the older states. Its public school system is excellent and good private schools exist in various sections of the county.

At Winter Park, four miles from Orlando, the county seat, Rollins College is in successful operation and has both preparatory and collegiate departments, with a corps of most competent and popular instructors.

WHY YOU SHOULD LOCATE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

It is the healthiest part of the healthy State of Florida.

It is free from insect pests than any other portion of the state and as free as the most other sections of the union.

The water cannot be surpassed for purity and wholesomeness.

It has a greater variety of soil and more desirable location for settlement than any other part of the state.

It abounds in beautiful clear water lakes well stocked with fish.

It lies midway between the natural track of storms and is consequently not subject to the frequent severe storms, tornadoes and cyclones which visit other sections of the country.

It is the natural physical center of the Orange Belt, and this lucid golden fruit tree attains a perfection unequalled elsewhere.

Its climatic conditions and diversity of soil are such that a greater variety of fruits and vegetables can be grown in Orange county than in any other section of the country.

Without disapprobation to other localities, it may truthfully be asserted that Orange county has a more wide-spread, enterprising, moral, cultured, well-to-do population than any other county.

Its increase in population, wealth, cultivated area, progressive agriculturists and horticulturists, enterprising merchants and in fact in all the factors that constitute the highest elements of modern civilization is greater than any other section of the state.

Its climate is delightful and healthful. The days are balmy throughout the year and the nights are cool and refreshing even in the midsommer. Many people have ignorantly had the idea that though the climate during the winter months is delightful it must be oppressively hot in summer; but this is a misapprehension. Many of the residents consider the summers as more enjoyable than in any other part of the Union. It is also the season when work is not pressing and opportunities are afforded for agreeable pleasure. The soil, climate, quality, and the only requirement for a cool, enjoyable place to get in the shade.

School Report.

ORLANDO, Fla., June 30, 1893.

Synopsis of annual report of Superintendent of Public Schools of Orange county for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893:

Total number of schools taught past year... 73
Total number of white schools taught past year... 35
Total number of colored schools taught past year... 38
Total enrollment, both schools... 2,734
Total enrollment, white pupils... 1,923
Total enrollment, white pupils... 1,327
Total enrollment, colored pupils... 608
Total enrollment, colored pupils... 520
Total number of teachers, both races... 41
Total number of white teachers... 38
Total number of colored teachers... 9
Total number of white male pupils... 890
Total number of white male pupils... 727
Total number of negro male pupils... 107
Total number of negro female pupils... 71
Assessed value of property, personal and real... 14,747,677
Number of miles traveled... 97,5
Amount of tax raised... 108,690
Received from common school fund... 2,045,21
Paid white teachers... 20,814,10
Paid colored teachers... 6,177,00
Total amount expended for school purposes... 29,783,97
Total amount of surplus... 21,706,10
Amount drawn from surplus... 5,096,47

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. BEEK, Sup't.

More fruit and vegetables were produced in and around Orlando this year over the preceding years than ever before, prices for the same having been lower than usual. We are getting on the right track; when our people get to work, in a systematic, business manner, we will be the most prosperous people in the country. —Orlando Sentinel.
BIRD'S-EYE VIEWS TO MEDIUM SIZE.

TRUTHFUL PARAGRAPHER POINTS ABOUT THE COUNTY SEAT OF ORANGE.

A Bustling Little City Amidst the Groves and Lakes of the Great Orange Belt of South Florida.

Orlando has a daily and two weekly papers. The Orange County Reporter (daily and weekly), and the South Florida Sentinel (weekly).

The Orlando Ice Factory, with a capacity of twenty tons per day, supplies the city with pure ice made from combined water, delivered daily to any point within the corporate limits.

The city is fortunate in the possession of an efficient volunteer fire department, whose credit is due the fact that no fire since its organization and equipment has there been a single disastrous fire.

Orlando is the county seat, and is near the geographical center of Orange county.

Orlando's Ice Factory embraces one extensive saw and planing mill with lumber yard and facilities for the manufacture of all articles in soft or hard woods. Every class of wood work is promptly executed in the establishment.

As a health resort Orlando can successfully compete with any place on the face of the globe. No epidemic of any kind has ever visited it, and its mortality record is far below the average of towns of its size in any part of the country.

The Masonic fraternity is represented in Orlando by a flourishing Blue Lodge, a Chapter and Knights Templar, besides which the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor and Knights of Daum each have a large, active membership.

Frequent analysis of the water furnished by the Orlando Water and Sewage Company has proven it to be far above the average in purity and healthfulness. The Western Union and South Florida Telegraph companies have offices located here with connections to all parts of the world.

Orlando has a system of hard, smooth streets, made from a combination of peculiar red clay and sand, which furnish miles of comfortable and easy roads, alike acceptable to man and beast. These clayed streets have become famous and are cited all over the state as pat for adoption by other towns.

Excellent waterworks are in operation in the town. They are a combination of the Holy and standpipe systems, and have given great satisfaction ever since their establishment. They supply the town with pure water from a clear lake just outside the corporate limits, frequent analysis having proven the water from this lake to be far above the average city water supply in purity.

The Orlando Water Works have a capacity of 2,500,000 gallons per day, and furnishes ample protection from fire, in connection with a well-equipped fire department.

Nearly every mercantile business is represented in Orlando, and the town possesses a number of manufacturing establishments which are in a flourishing condition, among which may be mentioned two carriage and wagon factories, two South Florida foundry and machine shops, an ice factory, gas works, cigar factory, etc.

Orlando's Ice Factory furnishes daily to the citizens, an excellent quality of clear, pure ice made from distilled water. This ice is delivered every morning and evening, to the consumers throughout the town, and is far better in solidity and purity to the natural ice harvested from the lakes and rivers of the North.

Nearly every religious denomination has its church edifice in Orlando. The Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists and Catholics all have substantial churches and regular services. The Baptists contemplate the erection of a handsome brick church building upon an eligible lot they have purchased in the heart of the city, and the Catholics own nearly a whole square adjacent to their church, upon a portion of which they have placed a large school house, known as St. Joseph's Academy, and conducted by the sisters of St. Joseph as a boarding and day school. The Christian church has an organization here, and is now negotiating for the purchase of a lot for church purposes. The colored people have four comfortable church edifices.

Orlando is supplied with excellent educational facilities. The public school of the town is in a most satisfactory condition, having a capable and energetic principal, with a corps of experienced instructors as his assistants. The institution embraces several grades, from the primary department to the high school, and includes a business department, in which a thorough business training may be secured, all without cost to the pupil, except for books.

Besides the free school and the Catholic school before mentioned, there are good private schools for young children, and the Rollins College, at Winter Park, four miles distant, with convenient boys' and girls' facilities morning and evening, affords an excellent opportunity for those who wish to take advantage of a collegiate course.
The Southern Fertilizer Works is another of Orlando's substantial industries. The establishment is compounding a number of special brands of Orange tree and vegetable fertilizers of a high grade which have gained an enviable reputation. The establishment also mixes fertilizers in order by any formula preferred by patrons, and gives such universal satisfaction that it makes a friend and continued customer of every man who gives them a trial order.

Orlando has the best police force and regulators in the state.

The South Florida Foundry and Machine Works, of Orlando, have the most complete equipment for brass and iron casting in South Florida and are kept busy in the execution of orders from all portions of the state. The establishment makes a specialty of large iron works and has in operation heavy trip hammers and other machinery for giving the heaviest character of work. The industrial enterprise employs a number of the most skilled workmen, selected for their experience in well-known and extensive foundries and brass and iron manufacturing establishments of the west.

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GOtha.

THE PROSPEROUS SETTLEMENT OF THRIFTY GERMANS IN WEST ORANGE.


One of the most attractive portions of the county either for a winter home or the cultivation of the wide range of products mentioned in the general article on Orange County on another page of this paper is Gotha, a thriving German settlement about nine miles west of Orlando.

The town's population is made up almost altogether of thrifty Germans who have attractive homes among orange groves and on the margins of the crystalline waters of clear lakes.

Lake Olivia upon the shores of which the first residence of any consequence was built, is a picturesque body of water about 50 feet deep, whose banks present a gradual and symmetrical terrace most admirably adapted for the location of villa residences. The waters of the lake are pure and remarkably clear and it abounds in black bass, bream and perch. On the margin of this lake Mr. H. A. Hempel (known all over the world as the inventor of that boon to printers, Hempel's adjustable quoins) about twelve years ago erected a handsome and commodious villa residence and surrounded it with young orange trees, many of which to-day are bearing hundred of boxes of the luscious golden fruit.

Through Mr. Hempel, a native of Gotha, Germany, the place derived its name. From this period the real beginning of Gotha as a settlement was made, though several years previously a party of Cincinnati gentlemen, including H. P. Belknap, J. A. Mohr, the Murray family and H. G. Moore had settled in the vicinity.

Mr. Charles Koehne, one of the most active and progressive of the residents of the place started a general mercantile store here in 1885, which from that time to the present has most satisfactorily supplied the needs of the town and surrounding country.

A school house was erected in 1885, and was inaugurated with impressive and appropriate ceremonies on July 15 of that year. It was formerly owned by the Turner Society, of Gotha, which comprised many of the substantial citizens of the town, but their organization transferred it to the public school district last year, 1897, and the commodious and comfortable structure is devoted to the use of the admirable free school system of the county. Mr. H. P. Belknap, a competent instructor with experience in some of the best schools at the north is the principal.

The Turner Society, of Gotha, organized in the spring of 1885, and in 1886 finished the erection of a commodious hall, the inauguration of which in the spring of 1888 was the occasion of a gala time among the German residents and their friends, many of the representative people of Orlando and other sections of the state, visiting the town and joining in the jollification.

The opening of the Florida Midland railroad to this point in 1889, marked another era in the town and fully 500 people were entertained with true German hospitality in the Turner Hall.

A neat Lutheran church edifice is one of the features of the community, standing upon a fine elevation and overlooking several of the beautiful lakes which surround the town. Its present minister is Rev. Charles Brommer.

While the population of Gotha is largely made up of thrifty, industrious Germans it has a goodly sprinkling of American and Englishmen; many attractive groves and gardens in the vicinity being owned by former citizens of the northern states and many from Georgia and North Carolina.

Some of the most successful young orange groves of the county are located in and around Gotha and the place presents a most admirable location for a hotel and sanitarium. Messrs. Koehne and W. Thomsen have offered free, a valuable tract of land on the main street, to the German Gymnastic Organization of America, upon which to build a home for disabled members. Similar offers and assistance is assured for the establishment of any enterprise or undertaking which will assure to the benefit of the settlement.

GOtha enjoys a deserved reputation as being one of the healthiest, thriftiest and happiest of settlements in the great orange belt of Southern Florida. Good people of all nationalities and all sections receive a hearty welcome.

Detailed information in regard to the prices of real estate, condition and character of the country, its principal products, etc., may be obtained by addressing D. Golbeck, 437 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill., or Messrs. Koehne, Gotha, Fla.
ILLUSTRATED ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

FRAGMENTARY FACTS.

SHORT ITEMS AND NOTEWORTHY POINTERS.

Interesting Notes Gathered at Random from All Over Orange County.

The editor of the Tarpon Springs Truth has a bamboo tree that grows a foot taller each day. The Florida Times-Union anticipates that the time will come when the Floridan bays can rig themselves out in handsome garb made from the pineapple fiber.

The orange crop around Orange Lake will exceed the estimates made in the spring by 40 per cent. Mr. Sampson will have 50,000 boxes, when three months ago his estimate was $8,000.—Daily Banner.

The orange grove of Mr. P. J. Parra- more is one of the finest in this section, and he will have a very large crop this year, as the trees will, apparently, average approximately ten boxes to the tree.—Sanford Chronicle.

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Capt. J. Polviet, of Orange Springs, Manager of the Manatee Lake plantation, says that the trees have matured 17,000, or 3,000 boxes per tree or 10 acres to the tree, averaging 150 to the box. In the DeCameron grove, north of town, he has a wonderful effect. To-day the trees have 351 boxes of fruit, and from 40 to 50 acres have been matured, all of which are now in the shops. The trees have large fruit, and on the 61 trees 900 boxes of fruit were gathered, and the 61 acres have netted $125 per box on the tree, you get a profit of $1.125 from this acre. —Deland Record.

Mr. W. H. Lane can show the doubting ones exactly what pluck, energy and perseverance can accomplish in Florida. His place is in the midst: mammoth sand hill trees, and he raises cabbage with sold white head that weigh thirteen pounds, nearly Irish potatoes that would make a snug month's supply water. Sweet potatoes, sugar, syrup, rice, pinders, peas and watermelons; he raises an abundance of everything, in fact, that good farmer plants, makes his own meal and hard, lives at home and has an abundance to sell, and yet has plenty of time to hunt and fish and enjoy life. In addition to farming he manufactures the finest syrup barrels that are made.—Brooksville News.

Mr. Walter Westcott, son of Mr. L. P. Westcott, well known as one of the most industrious young men about Orlando, has cultivated a tract of ground adjoining his father's. Here, side by side, father and son have created two profitable fruit and vegetable farms out of a tract that three years ago was a pine forest, and which will, in a very short time, bring a man a yearly income to both average. What they have created with the very best irrigating arrangements, having water pumped by steam through pipes laid in parts of the tracts where the soil is not salted, and, in fact, many devices in the shape of labor-saving machinery are disposed of the problem of making these the model groves, vineyards and gardens in this section.

Some of Orange County’s Fruits.

Field peaches thrive with little care or cultivation.

Guava grows almost wild with the slightest cultivation.

The Japan plum and Japan persimmon both do exceedingly well.

Pecan nuts, almonds and other nuts can be profitably cultivated.

The Peach in its early varieties offers a high remuneration for its cultivation.

Tobacco can be raised in this county equal to the celebrated Sumatra leaf.

The pineapple is one of the easiest and most profitable fruits cultivated in the county.

Corn is fast becoming one of the staple crops and can be most profitably raised in Orange county soil.

White Niagara grape vines are prolific bearers in this county, many of them yielding over a ton of fruit to the acre.

Besides the orange, other citrus fruits, namely, the lemon, lime, shadlock and grape are largely grown and are profitable products.

Cotton, though not grown to any extent in the county now, having been abandoned for the orange, grape and vegetable culture, can be cultivated with great success.

Oranges find their natural home here and those from the well-cultivated groves of Orange county are as much sought after in the Northern markets as the famous Indian River fruit.

Strawberries are one of the most successfully grown small fruits ripening in January, February and March and commanding very high prices when shipped early to Northern markets, is now. Since the best imported apples is reduced to a minimum, we may reasonably expect an increase in the number of people who will be supplied with the very best of the season can furnish. It is reliable informed that a large grower at Lake Worth, who has been here to look over the field, is anxious to sell his interest down there and engage heavily in the pine industry in Orange county.

The large number of orders coming in to the South Florida Foundry and Machine Works, this city, would indicate that work that will not shut up with that institution early this summer. The foundry is now moulding heavy iron columns, fronts, etc., for the mammoth hall and armory building in Leeiburg, as well as for the new building of P. A. Ross, at Eustis. Negotiations are now on hand for getting up screens and washers for the Land Phosphates Company.

Orange Statistics.  

Estimated crop, season 1884 and 1885, 600,000 boxes.

1885 and 1886, estimated crop, 900,000 boxes.

1886 and 1887, estimated crop, 1,200,000 boxes.

1887 and 1888, estimated crop, 1,450,000 boxes.

1888 and 1889, estimated crop, 1,900,000 boxes.

1890 and 1891, estimated crop, 2,150,000 boxes.

1891 and 1892, estimated crop, 5,751,825 boxes.

1892 and 1893, estimated crop, 3,000,000 boxes; general average so far, $1.10 per box.

Culture of Pepples in Orange County.

In the matter of pineapple culture, Orange county comes next to the Indian river and Lake Worth sections. Of course the acreage on the southeastern coast is much greater, but the product here is just as fine, and the proceeds per acre just as satisfactory as obtained in those Lake Worth, or any other section on the peninsula.

Herefore an erroneous opinion has prevailed to the effect that the climate of the lower Indian river and Lake Worth was better adapted to pine culture than that of this section. That opinion prevailed much more generally when the culture of the ordinary varieties of fruit was the rule, but since the introduction of the various new varieties has been going on, it has been found necessary to select them. The planting of the common pine is being entirely abandoned here, and the finer kinds are being cultivated.

In view of this fact there is no reason why Orange county should not become widely famous for its productions of pines, as it is pretty well known as fine fruit is grown here as anywhere, and the climate is known to be there is no more danger from frost here than elsewhere, and that the very best imported apples is reduced to a minimum, we may reasonably expect an increase in the number of people who will be supplied with the very best of the season can furnish. It is reliable informed that a large grower at Lake Worth, who has been here to look over the field, is anxious to sell his interest down there and engage heavily in the pine industry in Orange county.

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F. G. BALDWIN.

Forest City, Orange county, Florida.

This Will Not Interest You Unless

you desire a lovely home in the midst of a beautiful orange grove, with other fruit and shade trees and flowers, or unless you wish for a thirsty bearing orange grove investment. I have a few extra


cornes, and your interest received, which, I shall be pleased to shae to homemakers or investors.

F. G. BALDWIN.
APOPKA—CLAY SPRINGS

THE CENTER OF A PICTURESQUE AND HILLSCY SECTION OF ORANGE COUNTY.

A Locality Bountifully Endowed by Nature for the Comfortable and Healthful Settlement of Mankind.

Apopka.

This town on the F. C. & P., and Florida Midland Railroads is about 18 miles from the county seat of Orange county and possesses unsurpassed natural advantages which entitle it to the consideration and investigation of all seekers after homes and profitable investments in Florida.

The country about Apopka is hilly and gently undulating, interspersed with numerous clear water lakes, which add a charm to the locality and vary the monotony of the water ending reaches of pine woods, which is characteristic of most sections of Florida. Water is obtained at a depth of from twelve to fifty feet, and miles from the town will be made apparent that the conditions of the Apopka section for healthfulness are unexceptionable. Many other localities make the same claim, but with high rolling lands, pure freestone water (a great thing in warm countries), and even tire absence of swampy mire, it is justly asserted that this locality has no superior and few equals in this respect. In point to a large number of individuals, residents for many years, who have found relief, or peculiar comfort in the climate.

To the northeast is Clay Springs, an immense boiling sulphur spring, which is the source of the Mims B. riva river; this river empties into the St. Johns, 16 miles to the north. Clay Springs has already obtained a wide reputation on account of the curative value of its waters, and is visited by hundreds of invalids and pleasure-seekers every season; the scenery is beautiful, the bathing refreshing and healthful and the country around is the best to be found for hunting and fishing.

Communiators on Florida all agree that the conditions and features of the Apopka district are most conducive to health, and in their publications have generally given it special mention in this particular. Great stress is laid on this fact, as this is the first thought and prime consideration of the newcomer.

Apopka ships from 40,000 to 50,000 boxes of oranges each season, and these figures will be largely increased in a few years, as the route of the groves that are tributary to the town, are young and are increasing in bearing capacity each year; these figures prove the perfect adaptability of the section to orange growing; the country is dotted with groves in every direction, and they are generally well kept, and under such conditions always productive. Orange buyers recognize the fact that the groves yield a superior quality of fruit, and they are on hand each season to purchase the product of the trees at a premium, which furnishes a home market, and filling felt in the early history of orange growing. Oranges take the lead, but the character of the land is such that all kinds of sweet fruits may be grown to advantage. Early market gardening is a source of great profit to the cultivator, of the soil on the hammock lands of Lake Apopka.

The saw grass lands, 10,000 acres or more in extent to the north of Lake Apopka, are destined to be a prolific source of revenue to the fortunate owners, and will be developed in a way to be of natural advantage to Apopka; this extensive area of unimproved land is an alluvial deposit of rice land, and by special analysis is a proven to be the richest land in the State, already producing rice, and fertility the noted sugar lands of the Kissimme valley.

With health and advantages for wealth, the section of country about Apopka invites the thrifty and provident people of every State in the Union, and the good citizens of foreign countries as well.

The man of moderate means will find the investment is safe, and the capital will have no difficulty in selecting a picturesque spot for a winter residence, where the arts of man coupled with the Florida's south of winter do not furnish him with an ideal home for his declining years.

Apopka offers exceptional inducements for the erection of a good subsistence hotel with ample capacity and accommodations for the thousands of winter tourists who visit this section of Florida, and most liberal concessions in the shape of a choice hotel site will be made to any reliable first-class hotel tower who will erect an adequate hotel building here.

Dream Lake is the most attractive feature of our location, and even the most underdeveloped state, is the principal resort of our town people. It is one vast pool of pure spring water, of about twenty-five acres in extent, very deep, even at the water's edge, and with no marsh or margin of grass. The land rises immediately from the water's edge, and on either side, the elevation is sufficient to furnish extended views and elegant locations for building; two sites in particular could not be improved upon for hotel purposes, and are reserved for that purpose.

Apopka is situated at the head of Central avenue, about three-quarters of a mile from the postoffice, railroad stations, and stores, and is connected with the business part of the town by a plank walks. In summer it is nearly a perfect oval, and is skirted on the east and west, by the lovely shores of R. B. Witham, giving a tropical effect as viewed from the opposite shore. The hard skirting the lake is rich, and just suited to the southern Palm and all kinds of ornamental trees and shrubbery, which in the after development, would tend to partially tropical effect to the locality. Black bass can be taken in abundance with a trot or live bait. Some of the finest bearing orange groves in this section immediately adjoin the Dream Lake property, and the location has other features which make it most desirable for development as a first-class winter resort.

The hotel facilities at Apopka are inadequate. The Good House, a small frame building, has been the only hotel in town for many years, and has been kept open all the year, but a great need is felt for a large first-class hotel for the entertainment of winter tourists and housekeepers.

Apopka has an excellent school with an attendance of over 100 pupils, and its churches are sufficient to supply the religious needs of the community, being four in number, and comprising Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Congregational organizations. The manufacturing enterprises of the place comprise light furniture, millinery, the Dress and Millinery Works, and Moyer's Box Co., the former under the proprietorship of J. W. Emerson, Manager, is a flourishing concern. The Florida Midland Railroads, is most convenient establishment for all the surrounding country.

To G. H. Davis and J. R. Sharpe are the leading grocers of the place, W. C. Cannon conducts a fine bakery, T. P. Hyslop, retails in the building hardware and furnishing goods. S. W. Edgedick & Co. lead in the handling of hay, grain and standing fertilizers, cotton seed meal, cottonseed, lime, brick, shingles, flour, feed, etc. Frank H. Davids and J. R. Sharpe are the Apopka dealers in real estate, and any information desired will be gladly and promptly furnished by either of them.

Clay Springs.

Clay Springs is situated about twelve miles south of Apopka, and is the county seat of Orange county. One of the chief attractions of this already noted resort is the series of sulphur springs located there the waters of which furnish curative baths of wonderful efficacy in restoring health to those suffering from rheumatism and chronic diseases. Going down a somewhat deep declivity for a hundred and fifty yards, the visitor suddenly comes upon a boiling pool a hundred feet in diameter, from the center of which issues a vast volume of water with the force that resembles the boilimg of a volcano. By the sides of which is ground high and the banks bold. From the other side flows a stream of water two to four feet in depth, and forty feet broad, forming a river which is navigable for small steamboats from the St. Johns river sixteen miles north. The pool proper is four or five feet deep, except the immediate opening through which the water comes up. Here it is several feet in depth, the force of the boiling water is so strong that even the strongest swimmer is in no danger of drowning, as they find it impossible to hold themselves over the opening. The water will in every case carry them to the edge of the pool, where they can rest upon the bottom, which is firm and smooth. The water is arsienial mineral, with a temperature of 72 degrees the year round.

Plymouth, Orange County, Florida.

This place is situated 16 miles northwest of Orlando, the county seat, on the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad, and is in the highest and healthiest part of the Lake Kirtland. The natural beauty of acres of orange groves of all ages add greatly to the beauty of the country. To those wishing to invest in an orange grove or wild land we can offer as good bargains as any part of the State. Those in search of a place to locate can find lands or groves to suit their means. We have as good pine and hammock land as can be found in the State. Our settlers are all thrifty and intelligent, and we claim that the homes and orange groves they have made during their residence here are something to be proud of. We have a beautiful church, a good day school and a first class hotel.

The railroad facilities are good. The groves show that this is one of the most favored sections of the State. The Winter Visitors will find first-class accommodations, either at the hotels or in private families. To those wishing to spend the winter, or who are seeking a home of investment, we say: COME AND SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL AND SATISFY YOURSELVES BEFORE LOCATING ELSEWHERE.

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ILLUSTRATED ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROSPEROUS TOWNS.

WINTER PARK, FOREST CITY, PALM SPRINGS AND LAKE BRANTLEY.

A Cluster of Orange County Settlements Which Offer Excellent Opportunities for the Selection of a Winter Home, Permanent Settlement or Tourist Resort.

This beautiful region has been known for and has been a winter home to many of our citizens who had possession until 1850; and since then, until 1890, its distance from transportation facilities prevented Florida tourists from seeing the most beautiful part of the state.

The advent of the railway in 1891 opened the region to travel, and now hundreds of first-class families, representing nearly every State in the Union, live hereabouts summer and winter, cultivating the orange and other tropical fruits.

The thousands of acres of beautiful high-rolling land, covered with magnificent canals, lined here and there with crystal lakes, are being rapidly cut up into 80 and 160 acres farms, and occupied by new families, and in a short time the beautiful and permanent community is being rapidly built up.

The main idea of the projectors of Winter Park was to have in the centre of this beautiful region a beautiful winter resort for people who wish to escape from the cold and blustering weather of their homes, enjoying the fruits of cold, oranges, grapefruit, consumption, etc.; a combination of beautiful villas in the midst of orange groves, upon acre-lots running to the shores of crystal lakes; a dozen or more of large, first-class hotels along the ten miles of lake frontage, a resort for the winter, what Saratoga, Long Branch, etc., are for the summer.

The location of Winter Park is perfect for such a scheme. Its 6 square miles, embracing over 4,000 acres, is a beautiful high-rolling land, covered with tall and majestic pines far enough apart to permit teams to be driven here and there; a beautiful natural grove, and not a forest; its beautiful lakes scattered over the tract give over ten miles of beautiful lake frontage as can be found in the world. The whole State of Florida is challenged to produce a prettier or healthier spot. Look everywhere, but be sure and see Winter Park before locating.

The town plan of Winter Park has for its central idea a park of ten acres to be planned with tropical fruits and flowers.

Four large lakes on the north, south, east, west, connected by canals through which handsome steam launchies, right in the town, while seven others of more area and picturesque are.

The very best societies, the finest schools, and hotel accommodations unsurpassed by any summer or winter resort in the country are some of Winter Park's features.

There are three churches. Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist within three minutes walk of the center of the town.

THE SEMINOLE.

This magnificent hotel of 200 rooms, in Winter Park, is almost located upon high land, between two beautiful lakes about a half-mile apart, the ground gently sloping to the shores of both; and from the promenade on top, it lakes can be seen; sparkling like crystal gems, among the majestic pine and fruitful orange trees.

The Seminole has been made as perfect and complete in every department as money and skill could make it.

It has a spacious and elegant office, parlor, parlors, dining room, etc., for the best of kitchen appointments, large airy sleeping rooms (single and en suite), many of them with bath-rooms and open fireplace, barber shop, steam laundry, billiard-hall, and a plaza 500 feet long, and ranging in width from 10 to 24 feet, from which beautiful views of lakes, pines, flowers and orange groves are obtained.

It is furnished throughout in the very best manner, being the aim of the proprietors to have the Seminole obtain and retain the reputation of being equal, if not superior, to any hotel in Florida.

Amusement has been provided for in tennis and croquet grounds, bowling-alleys, billiard-hall, billiards, tennis, etc., with good saddles and driving horses, an excellent orchestra to charm the ear and lead the dance, the best of rowing and sail boats, and two steam yachts to run from lake to lake, to enable picnic and excursion parties to visit orange groves and points of interest along the several miles of lake frontage embraced in Winter Park.

Forest City.

Forest City is on the Orange Belt Railroad. It has a first class grocery store and postoffice kept by Mr. G. W. Cooley, a school house and church connected, the gift of Mr. J. G. Hower, and a very pretty depot. It is fifteen miles from Sanford intermediate stations from Orlando, and has two trains each way daily. It is easily reached by coming to Sanford and taking the Orange Belt out.

Just across the street is the fine forty acre grove of Mr. J. G. Hower of Cleveland, O. It is nearly all budded trees and were set out twelve years ago. They are now in good bearing. The grove has a splendid system of irrigation and is under the efficient management of G. W. Cooley.

Nearest of the store is the house and store of Mr. F. G. Baldwin, in his bearing grove of 800 seedling trees. His grove is supplied with an irrigation system.

West of the store is the residence of Mr. George Reed in his grove one pretty mile of orange groves.

The very best Orange County Settlements Which Offer Excellent Opportunities for the Selection of a Winter Home, Permanent Settlement or Tourist Resort.

This country is healthy and free from malaria. Drinking water is obtained from cisterns and wells which are from twelve to fifteen deep.

The Wakefield runs northward through the settlement, passing about one quarter of a mile west of Palm Springs. This is a pretty stream of water, running very clear.

Palm Springs is a winter resort, being some miles from Orlando, the county seat, and twelve miles from Sanford on the St. Johns river. The two railways running three trains daily each way, make it very accessible from all points of the country.

New settlers are desired and will be shown all courtesy by the citizens living here.

Lake Brantley.

Lake Brantley station is on the Florida Midland railroad, fifteen miles from Sanford and ten miles from Orlando. It is in the centre of a fine orange growing country. A short distance north of the station is a pretty Union Chapel that is free to all denominations to worship in. Just a little further north is the lake from which the station takes its name. This is a beautiful sheet of water, a half mile long and one mile wide at its north end. It is a celebrated place for sailing and fishing, surrounded by good bearing groves. At the south end on an elevation overlooking the whole lake is situated the handsome residence of G. W. Lawton, surrounded by his grove of 1,000 trees heavily laden with fruit. Just east of this is the grove and residence of Carl Cushing. At the eastern end of the lake and a little distance from it is the house and bearing grove of S. F. Shepherd. Close to the station is the eight acre bearing grove of J. G. Hower, of Cleveland, O. West of the station is the large merchant sawmill of A. D. Starbard that daily turns out thousands of feet of fine lumber.

During the orange packing season he runs in connection with the mill, a fruit market and in winter he has a grocery store to supply his hands. There are many other houses and groves in this vicinity that will take too much space to mention.

The health of this section cannot be surpassed. Malarial fevers are unknown. The thermometer rarely reaches 96° in summer and seldom falls to 31° in winter. The elevation of the land and the station is sixty feet above the lake. A seeker after a healthy home or profitable grove will find it here.
ROLLINS COLLEGE.

UNRIVALED IN MODERN EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

Unexcelled in the Beauty and Picturequeness of Location.

ROLLINS COLLEGE is the name of the late A. W. Rollins, of Chicago, the most liberal donor to its endowments. Knowles Hall was the gift of the late F. H. Knowles, Esq., of Worcester, Mass., who gave the money to erect it and three other buildings. The Lyman Gymnasium is the gift of Mr. F. W. Lyman, of Minneapolis, Minn.

FOUNDED.

Rollins College is a product of the new era in Florida. It was founded by those who felt the need of an institution here maintaining the highest standard of learning, employing modern methods of instruction, and affording careful Christian training. It was incorporated by act of the legislature of Florida April 28, 1886, and on the 4th of November of the same year.

LOCATION.

Rollins College is located at Winter Park, Fla., four miles north of Orlando, the county seat of Orange county. It is on the line of the South Florida railroad, extending from Sanford to Tampa. It is also upon the line of the East Florida and Atlantic railroad, which connects at Orlando with the Florida Central and Peninsula railroad.

WINTER PARK.

It is situated in the beautiful lake region of Florida. The land is what is called "high pine," somewhat rolling, and broken with numerous beautiful lakes. The forest is mostly of the stately southern pine, but at frequent points upon the lake margins the woodland scenery is diversified by barrens of oak, magnolias, etc. In the immediate vicinity of Winter Park there are a dozen lakes, some of considerable size: as, Ocoee, Virginia, Maitland, Killarney. From the shores of these lakes beautiful slopes rise often to the height of 20 feet, making most desirable sites for building. There are here already many handsome villas and valuable orange groves. It is an ideal spot for learning and for residence. In natural scenery it is among the most beautiful places in Florida. It is probably as beautiful as any place in the world; its buildings and other improvements are usually neat and tasteful; it is free from saloons, and its citizens are of a high order morally; it has ready access to the commercial world, and yet it is sufficiently removed from the noise and bustle of business to afford an agreeable retirement. It is clean, quiet, spacious, beautiful. Here are the best conditions for studious pursuits; here may be pleasant homes.

GENTLEMEN'S COTTAGE.

with these. The cottage for ladies will accommodate about seventy persons. It has a reception room, two parlors, bath and cold water, studies in London, English, and Ber­lin, Germany. There is a thorough and carefully graded course upon the piano, and voice culture is a specialty.

The Art department is one of growing interest. Free instruction in drawing is given to all students of the institution for two years. To train the eye, to de­velop the sense of the beautiful, to ele­vate and refine the taste, are important things in the education of youth.

Physical Training is a subject which is receiving increased attention in all progressive schools. The facilities for such training in the Lyman Gymnasium are ample, and the instruction employs methods approved by the latest science upon the subject.

Students from any department may enter classes in Education and in Book­keeping without extra charge.

ADMISSION.

Students may enter at any time. It is greatly to their advantage to enter at the beginning of a term. Candidates for admission to any of the departments must furnish satisfactory evidence of good character and ability. All applicants are subject to examination in the studies of the course antecedent to the grade which they wish to enter, but a certif­icate from another institution as to work done in these studies may be accepted in lieu of an examination. Students who do not wish to take a full course are permitted to select such studies as they can pursue to advantage, provided they bring a written request from their par­ents or guardians designating the sub­ject desired.

Ladies and gentlemen are admitted on the same terms, pursues the same studies and receives the same honors.

HEALTH.

The mild and salubrious climate of Florida is known the world over. Dr. Henry B. Foster, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., who has a national reputation, says: "No place in Florida is more healthful than Winter Park."

Many parents come to Florida for the sake of their children's health. If to the mildness and salubrity of the climate we add other conditions promotive of health, we may expect the very best results. The pretty and safe residential conditions of Rollins College will enable parents to give special attention to the health of the students. The best sanitary conditions are maintained at Rollins College. The health, if not the best, is of a high order.

If young people who suffer from catarrh or throat troubles will spend a few years here during the growing period of life, they may expect great benefit and probable cure.

EXPENSE.

In the school year there are two terms of twelve weeks each, and one term of nine weeks. The average cost of room, board and tuition is about $700.00 per school year.

CALENDAR.

Fall Term: Opens Tuesday, October 2, 1893, and closes Friday, December 21.

Winter Term: Opens Tuesday, January 3, 1894, and closes Friday, March 23.

Spring Term: Opens Tuesday, April 3, and closes Thursday, May 31.

Fall Term: Opens Tuesday, October 2, 1894, and closes Friday, December 21.

Any further information can be had by addressing J. B. Ford, A. M., Acting President.

"It has been my privilege to see much of Rollins College and I was deeply impressed with the worth of the work done there, and I do not see where in the Southern tier of States there is another institution which might be better made a source of Christian light to all that re­gion."

JULIUS BREYLA, D. D., LL. D., Ex-President Ambros College, Mass.

"No place in Florida is more healthful for more benefit than Rollins College."

HENRY B. FOSTER, M. D., Clifton Springs, N. Y.
OAKLAND.

THE GREAT VEGETABLE REGION OF ORANGE COUNTY.

Some of the Main Reasons Why It is One of the Best Points in the County for the Location of the Industrious Settler.

Oakland welcomes all.

Oakland has rich hammock soil.

Oakland has a comfortable hotel.

Oakland enjoys water protection from frost.

Oakland has excellent churches and schools.

Oakland is one of the healthiest towns in the world.

Oakland has progressive and substantial merchants.

Oakland has a prosperous fish shipping establishment.

Oakland is in the heart of the orange growing belt of Florida.

All of Oakland’s citizens pull together for the community’s good.

Oakland has two railroads passing through its corporate limits.

Oakland’s inhabitants are made up of the very best elements of society.

Oakland is within a short railroad ride of the best fishing in the State.

Oakland possesses a comfortably fitted up assembly hall for the use of its citizens.

Oakland challenges all creation to compete with her in beauty of location, and healthfulness.

Oakland and vicinity is admirably adapted to the growth of early vegetables for northern markets.

Oakland has one of the best nurseries in the State, where all kinds of tropical plants, fruit trees and rare shrubs can be obtained.

Oakland possesses all advantages that any other section of Florida offers, and has many which no other locality in the State can furnish.

Oakland don’t have to depend on the outside world for a living, but raises almost everything necessary for comfortable existence right at home.

LOCATION.—The western extremity of Orange county, lying on a high ridge of land between Lake Apopka on the north, and Johns Lake of the south, 60 feet above the former and about 40 above the latter, in a beautiful oak grove of about 100 acres.

SURROUNDING COUNTRY.—Laid high rolling and particularly adapted to orange growing and truck farming. Cafe- taria and tomatoes raised in great quantity for northern market. Principal orange groves are on hammock land around Johns Lake and Lake Apopka. The belt of hammock around Lake Apopka, about one-fourth mile wide and extending around the entire southern shore of Lake Apopka. Residences all back from lake, and surrounded by graves only excelled by those on hammock land.

RAILROAD FACILITIES. —First the Orange Belt railway, completed to this point in fall of ’86, makes through connections, both for freight and passenger for Jacksonville and northern points, by way of Sanford, carrying U. S. mails and Southern Express. Second, the Tavares & Gulf railroad, daily trains for Tavares where connections is made with F. C. & F. railway, for Jacksonville and the north.

TOWNS. — Has eight stores, as follows, every advantage in their respective line.

A mayor and board of aldermen manage the affairs of the town, and everything is being done by them to make Oakland a comfortable place for her residents, and a pleasant resting place for visitors. No great effort has ever been made to induce winter tourists to stop among us, but those who have stayed here, have expressed themselves well pleased with the beautiful locality, and the pleasant society surrounding it. So many people live just outside of the town limits that it would not be fair to name the exact population of Oakland proper. So less than 500 people get their mail through the Oakland post-office.

One thousand feet of candy sidewalk were laid last year, and as means afford, additions will be made. The material for this, the red clay is found in exhaustless quantities about two miles from town right along the track of the railway, underlaying the Apopka sand hills, the back-bone-ridge of Florida, the rolling establishment.

LAKES.-Oakland is within a short railroad ride of the best fishing in the State.

Deer Island.—These beautiful reserves, established by John F. Rolfinia in 1886, and under the able management of A. E. Chauflin, have enabled the people of Orange county to procure not only every variety of the citrus family, but all kinds of tropical plants, flowers, shrubs and shade trees. Special attention has been given to the orange tree, and thrifty trees of all kinds can be obtained. During the past three years thousands of trees have been shipped to California, which goes to show that Florida is recognized even there as the home of the orange. The nursery was first located on Deer Island, in Lake John, but for lack of space the Deer Island Nursery Co. has recently been obliged to purchase eighty acres of land one mile southeast of Oakland, all of which has been cleared, fenced and planted. Extensive hot houses have been built, and an irrigating plant put in. This company is in a better position now than ever before to supply anything in their line.

Cottey & Williams.—Oakland’s hardware, hay and fertilizer store is as complete in its line as any store of the kind. These enterprising young Englishmen devote their entire time to their business, and their success is assured.

Brock & Rollins, our only grocery men, carry a complete stock and do an extensive business. A stock and also be made of Mrs. Wilcox, who carries a large line of groceries and dry goods; also J. W. Coggs, grocer and meat market, and J. H. Ashb, green grocer; Mrs. Barker millinery and dress making, and Vivian & McDowell, livery, sale and feed stables; horses and carriages of all kinds always to be had, and boarding, good and cheap. Oakland is a well-planned city, with a complete stock of groceries and dry goods, a well-planned city, with a complete stock of drugs and household goods, just as a late, and all goods are promptly and properly done. This firm also supplies the town with milk, and keeps for sale a breed of cows best adapted to the climate.

The general health is most excellent, and can stand comparison with any other locality in Florida. No contagious diseases have ever visited Oakland. One doctor manages to make a living here by spreading his practice over a thickly settled country no less than ten miles square. J. G. Bradshaw & Co. carry a complete stock of drugs and medicines, and fill all necessary prescriptions. They also have a good line of stationery, fancy goods and soda water.

The rich lands around these lakes have been cultivated and occupied long before Columbus and his followers came to these shores, as the remains of the Indians implements and pottery in the hammock fields show. Numerous mounds also bear witness thereof.

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Sanford owes its name to its founder, General George Sanford, now deceased. While minister to Belgium he visited this region and was impressed by the location on Lake Monroe, of what was then known as the Levy Grant, and its eligibility for a city, owned by General Joseph Tringnan, famous in the civil war love of the South, as the "hero of Olustee."

At that early day (immediately after the war) Gen. Sanford conceived, and crystallized in prophetic language the idea that Lake Monroe was, practically, at the mouth of New York harbor, it being the head of navigation of the St. Johns river, and the natural distributing point for South Florida. History in many particulars verifies the accuracy of his present conception. Sanford had become the distributing center of population of the civilized world, and enjoys to-day the proud fruition of Lake Monroe—Sanford—which is the embryo town now so rapidly building, and the only one that is ready for the beginning of its conversion into a "broad gauge," and the only in Florida, which it is proposed to make, with all the leading denominations of the state. Sanford was granted a legislative charter in 1887. 

At the beginning of its existence, and during its growth, Sanford, the partially realized first generations of its founder’s dream, and the product of its inevitability, began to agitate the public mind; but it was not until 1890 that such a state of affairs was realized.

In that year General and Mrs. L. E. Grant visited Sanford, and, as all things were then ready for the beginning of the work on the projected line of road from Sanford to Orlando, General Grant was invited to, and did, throw the first spade-full of dirt by way of inauguration of the new enterprise, soon to become the southernmost railroad in the United States. The road rapidly progressed to completion far, as the "narrow gauge," and laid with rail weighing but sixteen pounds to the yard, it was the stimul of most anxious expectations for the new enterprise, soon to become the southernmost railroad in the United States. The road rapidly progressed to completion far, and by the time it was ready to begin the seasonal population of the country to the south of us. Consequently, the subject of the construction of a railroad into Sanford began to agitate the public mind; but it was not until 1890 that such a state of affairs was realized.

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It is the beginning of the railroad which her position as the head of navigation for large vessels on the St Johns river, that is the only avenue of connection with the outside world; and that it was the northern terminus of the only railroad in South Florida, tapping the finest section of the peninsula. Such, indeed, were the facts; hence, from, at first, only a few persons, its population quickly increased to scores, from scores to hundreds, and from hundreds to thousands, to who, naturally enough, clambered for enlarged and quickened modes of communication and transportation, and such roads were needed and constructed in order to be required to supply the needs of a live town.

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Prominent among the wants of such a people as had made Sanford their home, and the natural outgrowth of the public necessities, was the construction of more railroads to accommodate the concentrating tides of travel and trade and provide for their rapid distribution to ultimate points of destination. It is not surprising, therefore, that within a few years the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West, the Sanford and Lake Atlantic, and the Orange Belt railroads—final terminating at Sanford, which are in the immediate connection, have been built in rapid succession. As the result, there is no point in or out of the State of Florida, north, south, east or west, which has not been reached by the track of business or pleasure, and no trade center to and from which the products of innumerable needs of an advanced and advancing civilization may not be quickly and cheaply received and distributed.

Other lines still are to be built and their capacity of distribution already unsurpassed, which will further to be increased (some fifty trains per day now arrive and depart from Sanford). Judging the future, we have no more fruitful grounds, nor more actual needs, to meet the requirements of an ever-expanding development, and the daily multiplying demands for ingress and egress through this great city of South Florida, they will be built. The march of progress is onward; thus, space and all the incidents of life to date, rapid andstricted travel and trade are being removed; and as Sanford is on the "highway of nations," the very gate should be open to the grand march of progress the world has ever seen, it must be that brain, muscle and money that work the track of the grand destiny that awaits her.

Already it is known that the S. O. & A., recently purchased by Mr. Flagler, is to come directly into Sanford, either north or south of Lake Monroe, thus adding another to its many radiating connections, and affording quick and direct access to the Atlantic coast for seekers after health or pleasure.

Sanford's Growth.

Sanford is a fully equipped town and has within it the already established interest, and around it is the favorable stimulus of experimentable development. It has only to grow. It has various manufacturing industries; it has an established and rapidly increasing trade, wholesale and retail; it has water works, gas works, fire companies, a military company, churches, a brass band and a cornet band, a music circle or choral society, schools, banks, parks, a band of trade, a building and loan association, florists, fruit dealers, telegraph and express agents, insurance agents, life and property, etc. In fact it has, either in esse or esse, all the conditions that make for health, happiness and prosperity of all who are or may become its inhabitants, and conditions for the attainment of a development unsurpassed by any other city in Florida.

Sanford is regularly laid out; her wide streets all run east and west, and are numbered from one to one hundred. The avenues and cross streets new and new, have been named after trees. They all end in the lake on the north, and rise gradually to the southward until Tenth street. They average an elevation of twenty-five feet above the lake, thus furnishing perfect natural surface drainage. All the streets and avenues are paved, and the sidewalks of red sandstone, which, in a few years, will add much to the attractiveness of the city.

The public schools of Sanford are among the best in the state, and the question of building additional handsome school houses is being agitated, and they will, no doubt, soon be built. The question of bonding the city for building modern school houses, paving the streets, sewerage, etc., is now pending and will doubtless pass. In the matter of paving the streets, Sanford is peculiarly fortunate, in that it is not found except for loading and transportation. Bordering the St. Johns river are millions of tons of decomposed rock, and gravel, and sand. This, when spread upon the surface, forms a cement, not so hard as to injure the limbs of animals, but smooth, firm and durable. It is, perhaps, the cheapest paving material in the world.

Sanford has an excellent system of water works, which furnish water for drinking, and also for fire protection. The water is brought in pipes from a source of water entirely free from pollution from the city. The city is lighted by gas of a quality superior. The city authorities have already established fire lines, and many handsome brick structures have been erected, and several more are in contemplation. Sanford has a finely equipped postoffice and two telegraph lines.

Her hotel facilities are unsurpassed by any town south of the St. Johns river, and can be entertained at one from to four dollars per day, and as a winter resort, Sanford is unsurpassed. Statistics show that it is one of the healthiest spots in the globe.

Sanford is almost entirely free from insect pests, having no gnats and but few mosquitoes. The climate is delightful, and there is not a day in summer that a refreshing breeze does not blow from across the lake, and not a night that a blanket is not comfortable.

Sanford is well supplied with churches, all the leading denominations having excellent houses of worship. The Free Masons, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Red Men have all in this city, and the conclusion may be said that for health, pleasure, and business prospects, Sanford is unsurpassed, and by all the people of the United States. It combines more advantages, has more that is to be desired, and fewer objectionable features than any place of its size in the United States.

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SANFORD, THE GATE CITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, AT ONE GLANCE.
At Altamonte, about a mile down the road, is Mr. W. W. Rollins, one of the most energetic and progressive business men of the State, who is in the process of erecting a fine residence suitable for the climate, and adding to the beauty of the lake region of Florida. The house is being built in the style of the best American architecture, and will be a model of its kind. The lake is a magnificent lake, and the house will be a most desirable home for any person desiring to enjoy the benefits of a climate suited to health. The house will be completed next spring, and the grounds will be well planted with choice trees and shrubs, and will be a most desirable place for a family to reside.
OVIODE THE ENTERPRISING BUSINESS CENTER

To the southward from Lake Jesup is the eastern part of a county devoted deservedly to the famous orange grove, in Range thirty-one east and township twenty-one south, is a broad and diversified tract of fertile and healthful country that has no superior in all the 60,000 square miles of laud, beautiful and delicious Floridas. In this township are to be seen nearly every variety of soil that can be found in the length, and breadth of the State, choice high and low hammock, exact small tracts of scrub and flat land, and then a miniature cypruss swamp or grass plain, rich bayheaths with inexhaustible vintage, fertile muck awaiting drainage and utilization, beautifully rolling lands covered with a vigorous growth of the longleafed Southern Pine, and the most variable variety of a soil. These chuter lands are also adorned with charming shapes in the shape of lovely coves and waters with firm shores that make the most delightful of building sites.

Scattered here and there, over this banana field, you have the describings of hundreds of people, plains, and home gardens, cultivated fields and pasture lands, of the wealthiest-giving, evergreen trees that not only enshrine the beholder but also bring thousands and thousands of dollars to the owners as an encouragement for their continuation in well doing. The making of orange groves is the chief pursuit of the people, they find time to give a good degree of attention to many other industries. Truck gardens are an important feature, especially on the line of the rail road and some of the smaller lakes—these broad sheets of water mitigating the occasional cold blasts from the north and softening the froshy sting from these gnomes of the snow banks and blizzards that overwhelm the northern regions.

A moderate degree of attention is being given to the growing of lemons and the acerage will be largely increased as the profitableness of this product becomes better and better known. The growing of small fruits is also increasing very rapidly and nearly all are endeavoring to increase their variety as it is found by experience that not only is the soil and climate unsurpassed for the production of the choicest varieties of oranges, but also of the hosts of fruits and other productions that thrive in Florida. Grapes, in abundance, are grown about nearly every residence, while many add to them, lemons, limes, grape fruit, shackeスピードs, citruses, pineapples, strawberry, raisins, peaches, pears, Kalisy and other Japan as well as native fruits, plum persimmons, etc. Both soil and climate prove themselves adapted to the growth and fruitfulness of grape and large quantities of variety are now grown; while the number of vines set out each year is increased from year to year. In fact the quantity of all kinds of small fruits is increasing greatly from year to year. Many have olives, date palms, peaches, sea-camphor and a variety of other plants obtained from the Department of Agriculture at Washington. There is an establishment of a nursery here, during the past year, that makes a specialty of importing and propating all kinds of plants useful for fruit, flowers, and ornamental purposes, and with certainty that we shall possess the most valuable kinds that the world affords; that the residences of our people will be bowers of beauty, and that this whole section will soon blossom into beautiful gardens and fertile productive fields. In fact, there is no section that offers greater natural inducements to those seeking to make for themselves a faire share in a beautiful and healthful section of country convenient to transportation and to the great centers of commerce.

The business center of the Lake Jesup section, is at Oviedo, two miles south of Lake Jesup, through which body of water and St. Johns river, the regular steamers transport their produce to any their supply from Jacksonville, the Tampa and Indian River Railways, which extends the seventeen miles from Sanford through Oviedo, to the principal city of Lake Charms, one mile to the railroad system of the country.

The East Florida and Atlantic railroad, branch of the Florida Central and Peninsular trunk line, connects Oviedo, the county seat, with Sanford, and is the model, young, bearing orange grove. It consists of eight acres, and has already paid for its entire cost and paid a clear profit of $5,000. The Orange county is in this section, and it is the most picturesque railroad route through any portion of Florida.

The population of the Oviedo precinct is about 700 with 139 registered voters. Quite a village is built in this vicinity of this thriving section. The main streets being run on the lines of Sections ten and fifteen which corner about 1,000 acres, of which 400 has been occupied by the owner of this grove, the Old Orange. This section will soon blossom into lovely homes in a beautiful, fertile and attractive section of the State. The same, with the same spirit, with the same amount of inducements to make for themselves a faire share in the manufacture of the most pleasant and attractive section of the State.

A Remarkable Orange Grove

We are indebted to the Editor of the Oviedo Chronicle, for the following description of one of the most prominent orange groves in Florida. He says: We inquired of Mr. J. H. King, the very able superintendent of Dr. Hasky Voorhees's famous orange grove on Geo Hammock, how many boxes of oranges the grove turned out this season, and he replied that the output of oranges amounted to over 4,000 boxes, less than 10,000, but that there were several hundred boxes of lemons shipped, which brought the total amount of fruit to just about 10,000 boxes.

Perhaps a few facts in regard to this grove would not be out of place here, although we have not been able to obtain all the information we desired for this article.

This grove was planted with seedling trees during the winter of 1875-76. It consists of twenty-four acres. Like all other groves, this grove was given the best attention, but it was not necessary to supply the trees with the finest fertilizers, up to the time they came into full bearing, as the virgin soil was found rich enough to come the trees to grow thriftily without any stimulant.

The grove began to bear satisfactorily, when seven years old, but its growth was slow for six years. During these several years thereof before it produced a paying crop, it continued to improve and produce increasing crops, until 1889, when it was eight years old, it reached its full, bearing capacity. That season the trees present a very attractive appearance, and there are five miles around. It was loaded with oranges to such an extent as even the most valuable grower never dreamt of. In fact, it shows that the grove was not only a paying grove in the season of 1889, but before a box was gathered, the moneys froze in the man loaves of the harvest, as the grove not only supplied the garden, the grove and the doctor to the work of gathering the crop. That was somewhat discouraging but the Doctor is not the man to worry over a matter of that kind.

The next year after the freeze, there was not a crop at all over the grove. So, however, in this grove, for, when the season's shipments were footed up it was found that 9,000 boxes of fruit had been sold. The season another year off the grove and it produced the lightest crop since it began to grow. The next season the grove got back to business again, and Dr. Foster drew on his commission man in Boston, for 7,400 boxes of oranges.

Right here we wish to say that books have been kept on keeping every expenditure of the grove and the receipts of the same, and the figures show that up until this year the grove was fourteen year old, enough fruit was sold from it to cover every cent that had been expended upon the grove and the Doctor was as now an owner of a twenty-four acre grove that, practically, had not cost him a cent and which could not be purchased for $90,000.

As we mentioned in the beginning of this article, the crop this year amounted to 10,000 boxes. The fruit was sold to Mr. W. D. Freeman & Co., of Sanford, for $1.75 per box, delivered on the car, which is considered a very fair price and the above firm have made a handsome profit on the sale of the fruit. Mr. King says that the picking, packing, box material and all the work connected with it cost him $1.10 per box, or 11 cents per box. This leaves a net profit of $1.45 per box, or $11,500 net for this season's crop. Now let us deduct the expenses of the grove, which amount to all the fertilizers used, etc., this Mr. King places at $1,500, which includes his own salary. Deducing from this the above amount and we see that the grove has paid a clear profit of $15,000, or $541.66 profit per acre.

GRASS GROWING AT OVIEDO

In connection to the bearing grove around Oviedo, there are 600 acres of young trees that will, during the next few years, come into bearing, each year adding more bearing groves. The older trees also increasing their capacity for producing fruit, so that the crop in this section will reach upward of 300,000 boxes.

Among some of the noted bearing groves is that of Capt. M. E. Krook, of Upper Sanford, on which the crop of the season was 1,500 to 1,800 boxes a season. The Alexander grove of 40 acres, which, when sold by the owner, contained 13,000 boxes, of fruit, is joining this, one and one-half acres belonging to J. O. Jels, of Hawkinsville, Ga., who has rushed $11,000 for this grove because, besides the orange groves each year to pay its owner an in

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EAST ORANGE.

SEVERAL THRIVING SETTLEMENTS IN THE EAST END OF THE COUNTY.

Chuluota is a Seminole Indian word, signifying beautiful view, or Belleview. It is a thriving young town, located on the southwest quarter of section twenty-eight, in township twenty-one south, range thirty-two east. For beauty of scenery and healthfulness it cannot be exceeded in the state.

To those acquainted with the salubrity of this climate, it is almost superfluous to say that there are no accimating fevers or prevalent diseases ever known here.

A graded public school, with nearly half a hundred enrolled pupils, is being successfully conducted by a competent teacher.

One church building (Baptist), one Baptist school, and occasional services by other denominations.

There are two general merchandise stores, one shoe shop, one hotel and a saw-mill to comprise the business portion of the community.

A daily mail service to keep the people advised to what is going on in the world.

Chuluota is surrounded by beautiful Hammocks, Beautiful Orange groves and vegetables are rapidly increased in the community.

Chuluota is located in the eastern portion of the county, on the line of the projected railroad from Orlando to Indian river, and but six miles east of the present terminus on the railroad. The Lake Jessup & Atlantic railroad is also projected through Chuluota with probable terminus at St. Cloud, in the cloud belt of the state.

Chuluota was surveyed and platted some eight years ago, and alternate lots put on the market at $100 each. The town has one store, post office, school house, saw mill, etc., and is surrounded by a fertile and attractive country.

Grape growing has proven successful. Many fine bearing and young orange groves can be seen here, all grown from scion with care and skill. Almost any product in the vegetable kingdom can be raised here. Fruits of various sorts doubtless will stimulate a person can raise both fruits and vegetables in paying quantities.

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For the amusement of the guests there are tennis courts and croquet grounds. There is also a well-equipped livery, where carriages and saddle horses may be had at short notice. Boats are kept on Lake Standish free for the use of all guests of the house.

The Lake Standish House is a strictly first-class hotel and is managed by a Northern man, who brings his help with him every season. Terms will be given on application. Persons desirous of having rooms in advance, or of learning more about this popular home, can do so by addressing HERBERT E. SMITH, Proprietor, Plymouth, Orange Co., Fla.

Plymouth and Its Beauties

Plymouth is admitted by all who have seen it, to be one of the loveliest spots in Florida. It is situated nearly in the center of the State, its atmosphere is famed as being so pure that it is enjoyed by all who reside in it. Plymouth is reached by express and telegraph office and four trains daily. There is a first class hotel—the Lake Standish House—a fine new church, a good school and a number of nice comfortable homes whose walls keep homes and pleasant surroundings attest the thrift and success of the people who live here.

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