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FLORIDA HOTELS.

FLORIDA HOTELS in winter pay handsomely. The business is growing better every year. Many excellent hotel sites of the North are winter resorts in Florida. If you desire to see what the best is, do not fail to investigate the advantages of Winter Park, that beautiful and healthy winter resort upon the high, rolling pine-lands of Orange County. A glance at the map upon the other side will give you an idea of its location.

The town is bounded on three sides by three deep, (600 ft.), clear-water lakes, Maitland, Osceola, and Virginia, each receiving about a square mile, and having grand views rising gradually to a height of fifty feet, and giving you two views of splendid lake-views for miles and miles. Words cannot do justice to the natural beauty of the place. It is as beautiful a spot as can be found in all Florida, and as healthy a place as can be found in the United States. (See enclosed circular.)

It is just the place in every respect for a grand hotel resort, and you will not see what you can do. The three now in operation upon these lakes are full to overflowing every winter. The South Florida Railroad, built by Peabody & Co. of the "Boston Herald," runs through the center of the town, with four daily trains; and the depot is only a quarter mile from the lakes.

You may hear all about the proprietors of Winter Park, in Boston, of T. G. Webster, at Kilduff, Peabody, & Co.'s building house, at St. Albans, French & Co.'s grocery house, in New York, of Henry Dillon, Esq., president of Cuban Pacific Railroad, 200 Broadway, east 2d, in Chicago, of Charles Crampton, Esq., president Traders' Investment Company, 100 La Salle Street.

Send the following, from "The Jacksonville Daily Call" of March 15, 1892.

WINTER PARK, ORANGE COUNTY.

WINTER PARK, ORANGE COUNTY, FLA. THE FOUR-MILLION-DOLLAR TOWN, BUILT BY IT AND ITS PROPRIETORS AS A GRAND HOTEL RESORT AND A RESORT FOR THE WEALTHY AND FASHION OF THE WORLD.

Stores of people here this winter within Winter Park; and, though the place is new, the natural advantages are so nearly perfect for the building up of a healthful winter resort, that all who have gone away delighted, and several have secured lake-front lots upon which to build winter villas. One hotel is nearly done, and the landowner's depot in the State of Florida has just been built. Located on the South Florida Railroad, eighteen miles south of Maitland and one hundred ten from the St. John's River, upon high, rolling pine land, it is as healthy a spot as can be found in the entire State.

The following letter expresses the opinion of all who visit this charming spot.—

GENERAL P. L. LANE AND JAMES CO., JACKSONVILLE, MARCH 15, 1892.

Messrs. Chapman and Chase, Winter Park, Orange County, Fla.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your request to express in writing what I said to you after my visit over Winter Park at the lake, etc., I will say that, to my mind, your Florida, I have seen many beautiful spots, both on my own lake and elsewhere; but I can honestly say that you have as beautiful a location for a town of winter resorts as any place I have seen.

Two six hundred acres of high rolling pine lands; four two miles of high and wide, log lake shores; four three beautiful, deep, clear-water lakes, each covering about six hundred acres, and connected by running streams with the St. John's River, twenty miles distant; four fine daily trains; your proposed line of steam yachts upon this chain of lakes; your elevation of a hundred feet above the St. John's River, and your freedom from fog and malaria;—are all big elements in favor of your plan of building Winter Park a grand hotel center, and a resort for the wealth and fashion of the South; and I can not emphatically recommend to all who are looking for a beautiful and healthy location, to look at the magnificent sites that you offer at Winter Park. The fine views of lakes, pine, and orange groves I had from the third story of your town, were beautiful beyond any words of mine to describe. Wishing you all success, I am

Very truly yours,

HAMILTON DREWITT.

The proprietors can be found from ten to eleven daily until Nov. 1, 1892, at Atlantic French & Co.'s, corner Broadway and Franklin Streets, Boston (opposite of market), with maps, pamphlets, and stereoscopic views. After Nov. 1 address them,—

CHAPMAN & CHASE, WINTER PARK, ORANGE COUNTY, FLA.

Look all over Florida; but to save and see Winter Park before leaving. Special inducements offered to the right parties.

A Northern sportsman says: An indication of what may be expected in Florida by the sportsman, and enterprise is furnished in the case of Mr. Wilson Phelps, of Winter Park, in Orange County, Florida, who went there from Chicago in 1875. He is a native of New York State, and he had suffered for thirty years with rheumatic troubles. He bought 249 acres of land and, impeded 150, after a contest. He has overcome his troubles, worked in his fields as hard as any of his tired men, both summer and winter. He says there is less rheumatism and strain in the system in Florida than in the North. He has sold three tracts of his land at \$20 to \$30 an acre, thereby securing neighbors; he will have over 3,000 trees on his new land, he says including several thousands of others, has his finest residence in that section—a costly location on Lake Osceola, made pleasant with pine, chestnut trees, ponds, etc. He says, as he says in his letter, he never knew anything like this in any surrounding country, with the exception of his best, to which there is a railway in the North and West. What one has done, what one can do.

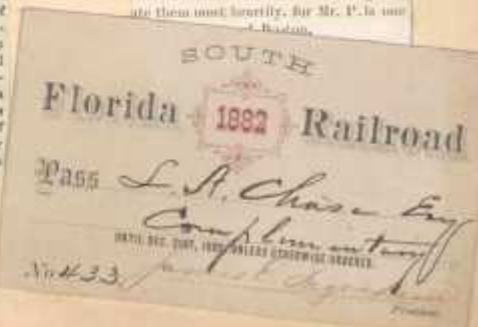
A Former Bloomingtonian's Big Venture.

Most of our readers will remember Mr. L. A. Chase, formerly business manager of the Photograph, and will be glad to learn that he has hit the time which promises to lead to fortune. Mr. Chase went to Florida about a year ago and concluded to locate. After feeling of several schemes, he has finally shaped his future and embarked upon the giant enterprise of owning a town. Mr. Chase has associated himself with Mr. Oliver E. Chapman, of Canine, Mass., son of the late O. B. Chapman, son of the builders of the Union Pacific railway and for a number of years one of its directors. These gentlemen have selected the site for a town and purchased six hundred acres of land on the line of the South Florida railway, eighteen miles south of the town of Maitland and between Maitland and Wilcox. The tract gives them two miles frontage on three beautiful lakes, the Maitland, Osceola, and Virginia, and it is their intention to make it a first-class park for the winter residences of Northern and Southern gentlemen of wealth. Mr. Chase is a man of energy and bright ideas and we hope to see him succeed.

By the way, every sportsman ought to see the beautiful four-acre vegetable garden of Mr. Lawrence, at Winter Park, as it shows what can be done in that line when an effort is made. Sweet potatoes weighing 6 pounds, from this garden, were exhibited at the late Fair. Visitors are welcome at all times.

Mr. Chase can be found at the Sanford House, in Sanford, and Mr. Chapman, at Maitland, in Dr. Hanks' house for the present. They hope soon to be bringing at Winter Park, with a permanent office, to Sanford.

The proprietors of Winter Park are residing over the fact that Mr. Publisher, the chief owner of the South Florida R. R., has selected one of their finest lake resorts for a winter home. We congratulate them most heartily. For Mr. P.'s name and address, see our circular.



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"FLORIDA FELLOWS" AGAIN.

Showing Orange Trees—Maitland—Winter Park—Florida Power

is the titular of Orange Trees

The crop of oranges is exhausted, and the trees are now blossoming for the crops of 1882 and 1883. We feel stated over the prospect. The trees are growing rapidly. Many of them are white with bloom, giving evidence of a large crop of fruit in the fall.

Vegetables have done well. Cabbage is selling at stores at \$1.00 in thirty cents per bush, with some demand for all raised. All kinds of truck in good demand. There is a growing need for good produce, as present crops will not supply home consumption.

Maitland, our own town (not named), and Winter Park will consume all we can raise.

Since mentioning Winter Park, may we be excused from saying a few words about the beautiful town. Winter Park embraces over 600 acres of beautiful pine land, situated on lakes Maitland, Virginia and Osope, giving nearly two miles of lake frontage for residence lots. It is one mile northwest of Maitland and just about half mile southwest of Lake Howell, making it the central attraction of these three important points. Messrs. Chapman & Chase, the proprietors and owners of the land, comprising the town site, deserve much credit for giving to us such an attraction, using their ample means in erecting handsome public buildings, depots, etc., and laying out beautiful drives and thoroughfares for the benefit of the public. They are well known, introducing to make Winter Park not only a thing of beauty, but a solid, permanent city of winter residences, each having from one to ten acres to improve in an orange grove and other tropical fruits, all fronting on broad avenues, centering in the park, at the depot. These lots are only sold to persons that will improve them, thus insuring a resident with each sale.

Would that we could have more such men as Messrs. Chapman & Chase to develop our country. Such solid men give encouragement to others, showing to the world that South Florida is not an ephemeral thing, but something tangible that will stand the storms of centuries, living on and on through all time, growing in her worth, beauty and usefulness, coming only with the will of Him who created it.

John Lee, Florida.

15 Mar. 1882

J. A. Chase, of Chapman & Chase, proprietors of the new town of Winter Park, Orange County, is stopping for two or three days at the Depot. Winter Park is three miles south of Maitland, Florida, delightfully located on the South Florida Railroad upon the high rolling pine lands of the famous Maitland and Osope lakes, with a frontage of two miles upon these two beautiful clear water lakes, thirty feet deep—Maitland Osope and Virginia—with a height only one-fourth of a mile from the lakes. One hotel is nearly ready, and there are splendid sites for several others. Mr. Chase has with him large maps of the town, which he will be pleased to show to all parties interested, during the day, at 45 Bay Street.

WINTER PARK, FLORIDA COURTESY.

What beautiful places, the 4,000,000
 Acres Res. Florida is and its Pros-
 pects as a Great State, Country and
 a Resort for the South and
 Eastern of the World.

Scores of people have this winter visited
 Winter Park, and though the place is now
 the ideal advantages are so early perfect
 for the building in of a fashionable winter
 resort, that all have gone away delighted, and
 several have opened lake front, acre lots ap-
 proach to build winter villas. One hotel
 is nearly done and the headquarters depot in
 the State of Florida has just been built. Located
 on the North Florida Railroad eighteen
 miles south of Seaside and 100 feet above
 the St. Johns river, spot high, rolling pine
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 in the entire State.

The following is to express the opinion
 of all who visit this charming spot:

George F. C. Lane and Edna, Co.
 Jacksonville, March 8
 Messrs. Chapman and Chase, Winter Park,
 Orange County, Fla.

REMEMBERED is remembered with your re-
 quest to express in writing what I said to
 you when my wife came Winter Park on the
 15th ult. I will not that by my travels over
 Florida I have seen many beautiful spots
 as far as my own lands and elsewhere, but I
 can honestly say that you have as beautiful
 a location for a tourist winter home as any
 place I have seen.

Your 600 acres of high rolling pine lands,
 nine two miles of high and winding lake
 shores, fruit trees, beautiful drops, winter
 water falls, such covering about 800 acres
 and connected by running streams with the
 St. Johns river, fertile miles distant, your
 fine daily trains, your proposed line of
 winter paths upon the chain of lakes your
 elevation of sea level, but above the St.
 Johns river, and your beautiful pine logs and
 materials are all big advantages in favor of your
 plan of making Winter Park a grand hotel
 center, and a resort for the south and
 Eastern of the North, and I can most en-
 thusiastically recommend hotel men looking for
 a desirable and healthy location, to look at
 the magnificent site that you offer at Winter
 Park. The fine views of lake, stream, and
 orange groves I had from the third story of
 your hotel, were beautiful beyond any words
 of mine to describe. Wishing you all suc-
 cess, I am

Very truly yours,
 GEORGE F. C. LANE.

Mr. Chase, one of the proprietors of Win-
 ter Park, was here last Friday from 10 to 3
 West Bay street, and in the evening at
 No. 12, where he will be pleased to show
 large maps and plans of Winter Park to
 hotel men, and also to my own looking for a
 location for a fashionable style or a winter
 home. For particulars address Chapman &
 Chase, Winter Park, Orange county, Florida.

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Winter Park Apr. 23rd, 1882

Chapman & Chase to W. S. Lane

to building Depot at Winter Park Station

contract job \$325.00

entry work on ceiling & finishing
 waiting room 15.00

\$340.00

donation by Galt Rec'd 10 days
 \$2.62 23.62

bal Due \$316.38

Rec'd Payment W. S. Lane

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We the undersigned agree to pay the amounts set against our names for the purpose of building a depot at Winter Park on the South Florida Rail Road

Chase & Chapman
Dr. Ira Geor

150
150 00
50 00

Paid

Palmer

John R. Mizell

S. S. Salt

Lewis Lawrence

J. C. Stovin

Conway

W. C. Comstock

Wilson Phelps

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Chase & Chapman	150	
Dr. Ira Geor	150	Paid
Palmer	50	Paid
John R. Mizell	25	
S. S. Salt	25	In work
Lewis Lawrence	100	
J. C. Stovin	50	
Conway	50	
W. C. Comstock	100	
Wilson Phelps	25	
R. R. Thayer	8	In work
Total	675	

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Personal

Mr. J. R. Lee, proprietor of The Hotel, left with his family and family with her. As looks on yesterday. During their stay in Jacksonville they were welcomed everywhere to every house, who will remember and appreciate them, not only for their wonderful services in public entertainments, but for a beautiful private dinner which were had there.

The last of the winter season—and in fact to walk the last—in Dr. J. R. Taylor, an able Physician of Wilmington, Del. He returned to Jacksonville with his friends until the doors of his hotel (The Duval) were closed to further patronage. Dr. Taylor is a warm-hearted, a faithful adherent of our State. He has a wonderful faith in Florida's soil, air and climate, and he is ever ready to give in an intelligent way his reasons for the faith that he has. He has written a portion of his large name in orange county land, and will in the future be more identified with us, spending his winter months with his family. He left on yesterday for Wilmington. 5-1-25

CHAPMAN & CHASE are at long-
pale of bottom-making a garden spot
Winter Park, and bringing it to the notice of the world. They are conducting the survey of the town, and on Sunday last filed a skillfully executed map showing lots, streets, avenues, etc., with original land lines, all appropriate, in the office of the Clerk of the Court. A series of fine views have recently been taken of some of the more striking features of Winter Park society, which give the stranger a good idea of the beauties of the locality. This is destined soon to become a fashionable resort, and Chapman & Chase are the men to make a success of it.
5-15-82

Winter Park
May 13th 1882

Chapman & Chase

To

Allen & Holdren

For carrying mail from
Jacksonville to Winter Park from
April 8th to May 13th

20 Days @ 50 15.00

Received Payment
Allen & Holdren

We the undersigned, agree to pay the amounts set against our names for the purpose of building a depot at Winter Park on the South Florida Rail Road

	150	
Chase & Chapman	150.00	
Dr. Ira Guer	50.00	Paid
Palmer	25.00	Paid
John R. McGill	25	
A. G. Bell	25	In work
Lewis Lawrence	100	
J. C. Stone	50	
Conroy	50	
A. G. Connelly	100	
William Hays	\$25.00	
R. R. Hayes	25	In work
	50	

Paroled.

Mr. J. M. Lee, proprietor of The Depot, set with his available and lovely wife, Atlanta on yesterday. During their stay in Jacksonville they have indulged themselves in many frolics, who will remember and appreciate them, not only for their watchful attention to public accommodations, but for a beautiful private vision which adorned their lives.

The last of the winter visitors—and he might be well so called—Dr. J. H. Tatum, an able physician of Wilmington, Del. He remained in Jacksonville with his friends until the close of his visit (The Depot) were closed to further passages. Dr. Tatum is a warm friend and faithful adherent of our State (He has a wonderful talk in Florida's soil, air and climate, and he is ever ready to give it an intelligent way. He has received a portion of his large income by George's only land, and will in the future be more identified with us, spending his winter months with his family. He left on yesterday for Wilmington. 5-1-82

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Chapman & Chase

To

Allen & Holden Dr

To balance of money from
mail order for Park, from
April 8th to May 13th
25 Days @ .50 15.00

Received Payment
Allen & Holden

CLAYTON HOUSE
WILMINGTON, DEL.
GEORGE W. ORTLIP,
Proprietor

Wilmington, Del., May 1882

Messrs. Chapman & Chase
Winter Park, Orange County, Florida
Gentlemen

At the suggestion of Dr. H. Foster of Clifton Springs, New York, I visited Maitland, Orange County, Florida, in search of a healthy locality, he having recommended that section of Country as the healthiest in the South; and your place laid out for a City called Winter Park about two miles South of Maitland, I visited almost daily for nearly three weeks and must say that for beauty and healthfulness it cannot be excelled in any part of Florida or the United States. It might truly be called the Italy of America, lying as it does on the Banks of the beautiful pure Spring Water Lakes Osceola, and Virginia, on the East; and by the majestic Pine Forests on the West, North and South; and its soft balsamic atmosphere makes it a most desirable place for the Invalid or others who wish a mild climate for the Winter.

Truly Yours
J.R. Tatum M D

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CLAYTON HOUSE

WILMINGTON, DEL.

GEORGE W. ORTLIP,

PROPRIETOR.

Wilmington, Del., May 1882

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We stop the following from the
Daily Pentagraph, published at
Bloomington, Illinois which contains
of our country, and shows a good life is
doing:

A SOLE ENTERPRISE
At the Green House there is a plain,
unpretending citizen, who, with his fam-
ily, is spending the summer here. His
name is John F. Minton, and he is a
resident of Louisville, Ky., a place which
will soon become his home. He writes

Florida and its Resources.
Mr. T. A. Chase, formerly of this city,
gives a talk on Florida in general and
particular. Mr. Chase,
gentleman of capital, in-
land in Orange county,
out a town which they
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climate unsurpassed for
suns. Some big oranges
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apples. Four thousand
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one dollar each in New
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Mr. Chase is evidently
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were examined and
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Very Respectfully
John C. Engle

We city the following from the *Panther*, published at Bloomington, Illinois which has been of our prosperity and shows what he is doing:

Mr. L. A. Chase, formerly of this city, was President of the Liberty League of Chicago, and his name is well known in this city. He is a man of high character and high attainments. He is a man of high character and high attainments. He is a man of high character and high attainments.

A man of Florida, formerly of Chicago county, who has been a resident of Winter Park, Florida, for several years. He is a man of high character and high attainments. He is a man of high character and high attainments.

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We also received a letter from Mr. Chase by the same mail, from which we extract the following:

Florida, I am delighted to see by the last report that the school house is now in progress, and that the arrangements are being made for the school. The school house is now in progress, and the arrangements are being made for the school.

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.....On Tuesday evening, by special invitation, I met with a company of ladies and gentlemen at the residence of William Hawley Smith, on First avenue. The gathering was not large, but it became very enthusiastic before the evening was over.

It included some of the most intelligent and influential people of the city, who came together to meet Mr. L. A. Chase, formerly a real estate dealer of Chicago, now the popular proprietor of Winter Park, Florida. Mr. Chase entertained his visitors the whole evening with glowing and eloquent descriptions of the beauty and healthfulness of the part of Florida in which the town of Winter Park is located. He illustrated his talk by large maps of the State, economy and town, and by numerous stereoscopic views of the scenery of the vicinity. Winter Park is located about 200 hundred miles up the St. Johns river, and is destined to become a most famous resort for invalids and people who cannot endure the rigors of our northern winters. For this purpose it was especially selected, and everything has been done to make it one of the most attractive resorts in the State of Florida. It is one hundred feet above the river, above all malarious sites, in the beautiful pine region, and bordered by a chain of clear and beautiful lakes. From Mr. Chase's descriptions of the place it must be a paradise for people who are seeking the healthful air of a tropical winter. The proprietor is a man whose word is to be relied on implicitly, and the company was delighted with his descriptions of the country, and its characteristics and his own in particular. A large number from Bloomington will go down to Winter Park during the holidays, and it is quite probable that a number of Floridian people will join it. From the idea that I got of the place there is no better locality in Florida for spending a delightful winter.

Florida, Dec. 12-82
Mr. L. A. Chase, formerly of the Bloomington Panther, now of Florida, is in the city, stopping with Mr. Hawley Smith. Mr. Chase has been in Florida, and spent a winter at winter quarters for several people. He has formed a company of southern capitalists, and is making a good thing out of his winter. To-night he gave a talk on the plan, and his description of Florida life, to a company of gentlemen and others, of the number of Mr. Smith, on First avenue.

At the Ocean House there is a plain, unpretending citizen, who, with his family, is spending the summer here. His name is John P. Morton, and he is a resident of Louisville, Ky., where which will over honor his necessity. To this gentleman is kindly invited for the erection of a noble charity, viz: the erection of a building at Louisville which is to be known as the "Home for the Female and Infirmary for the sick of both sexes." The main story of the central building, was left with appropriate ceremony on All Saints Day, and the work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The building will be as nearly finished as possible in the present state of architecture in this country. The interior will contain more than one hundred rooms of covered way for their respective purposes in all which abundant sunlight, heat and ventilation are carefully provided for. The interest of this institution are to be for the white race of every rank and creed, and its special objects are to provide:—A home for aged and helpless females; apartments for the "Home of the Innocents," lately established in that city; a home for working women; an infirmary for the sick of either sex, who will be treated by qualified and experienced physicians, and specially cared for and nursed by specially skilled, well-trained, and devoted "sisters" as nurses; and a home for those same "sisters" who are willing to devote themselves to the service of Christ in works of mercy and charity.

It is intended to have prayers every morning and evening, and divine service every Sunday, which all of the inmates of the houses are expected to attend, unless prevented by sickness or other reasonable cause.

Mr. Morton hopes to see the institution in thorough working order at an early day, for then the great aim and object of his honorable life will have been accomplished, and he can then feel that he has left something behind him which will be of lasting benefit to his race and his fellowmen. Mr. Morton is one of the most distinguished citizens of Kentucky.—Newport News, Rhode Island.

The name of John P. Morton, is well known in this county, and the hundreds of improvements in this town and county can be attributed to this good man's wisdom and enterprise. After reading the foregoing article, he called upon his financial agents (Augs & Drew) and asked them how much money Mr. Morton had in this county. They seemed surprised upon the subject as they said Mr. Morton did not desire any notice upon the subject. Upon examination of the records pertaining over sixty thousand dollars in his favor. We so reported to Messrs. Augs & Drew and they then told us that the interest upon the said amount was not for Mr. Morton personally, but that it went to maintain the "Home" in all its expenses, after the same was put into operation, so that people who pay interest to him, are not paying it to a syphoc, but are contributing to a great and good charity, viz: helping to support the widows and orphans of the country.

December 2-14-82
Florida Lecture

.....We write from the Bloomington Panther, that L. A. Chase, to whom we reported a few weeks since, as being in the latter part, with Florida, for his subject, has been lecturing in Bloomington and Natural in large numbers, composed of the best citizens. That journal says:

A man of Florida, formerly of Orange county, and a resident of the town of Winter Park, of which Mr. Chase is one of the proprietors, gave of unusual assistance to the audience in following the speaker. He is as well and as friendly known in this community that his hearers were willing to accept his statements without the ordinary doubts that are usually made by audiences in such occasions.

In an hour's talk he gave a vivid sketch of the salient features of his adopted state. The interest felt in this subject by our citizens was evidenced by the large attendance that he rendered from the beginning to the close.

There has been so much interest excited on the subject of Florida life that it would be an easy matter to form a good company to make a voyage of discovery in that direction.

About the same time of excitement exists here, though those most interested have hardly received the lecture news. Mr. Chase will lecture at Maule's Hall to-night and describe a "big" adventure, as we would not be in thoroughly treatment with his subject, and to do so, comes to this vicinity.

Florida and its Resources.

Mr. L. A. Chase, formerly of this city, gave a talk on Florida in general and Winter Park in particular. Mr. Chase, with another gentleman of capital, invested largely in land in Orange county, and have laid out a town which they named Winter Park. According to the speaker's idea it is the garden spot of the world, with a climate unsurpassed for health and pleasure. Some big estates were laid of large or part of sweet potatoes, oranges and pine apples. Four thousand oranges to a tree, worth eighty dollars, and pine apples at one dollar each in New York city, were among the products of Orange county. Mr. Chase is evidently an enthusiast on Florida, as everything he said was in favor and nothing against. He emphatically denied that it is the land of snakes and alligators, although he did not deny that such things were to be found, but he said they would go in the opposite direction from human beings. He said nothing about sand flies and mosquitoes, so we may infer they do not exist. Though altogether the remarks were interesting, and to one who has an inclination to go to that country, would have a favorable tendency. At the close of the lecture a number of attractive stereoscopic views were exhibited and admired.

9-6-82

LECTURES ON FLORIDA.—Country Gentleman: L. A. CHASE, of Winter Park, has been delivering lectures on Florida to the people of Bloomington, Ill. The local papers speak in very complimentary terms of Mr. Chase and his lectures, and state that his audience was composed of the best citizens of the place, including leading capitalists. The Panther says:

Mr. Chase may be relied upon in all respects as an honorable gentleman, whose statements can be accepted without hesitation. There has been so much interest excited on the subject of Florida here that it would be an easy matter to induce a good sized company to make a voyage of discovery in that direction. Some of our railroads would do well to confer with Mr. Chase upon the subject.

Oct 9-82

Messrs. Chapman & Chase, proprietors of Winter Park, are again at hand after a summer spent in the North. They have been endeavoring to promote an interest in Florida, and it is fair to suppose that they have succeeded. They are both full of energy and are systematic in whatever they undertake, and with their own enthusiastic love for Florida it would be strange if they did not awaken an interest on the part of others.

Mr. L. A. Chase, of Winter Park, called on in Saturday last. He reports that he is a desirable candidate, and anticipates a large number of visitors to the Park, and likewise in Orange county. He has been lecturing in the past some twenty, principally in the Orange county and the much Florida Railroad, and has been in Winter Park, Ill. again.

12-14-82

The Winter Park store building, 31855 erected by Chapman & Chase, was rented for 3 years by Messrs. Edward & Willie of Washington, D. C., who opened with a fine stock of goods in September last. They are doing a fine business, drawing a large trade from the surrounding country. They make a specialty of unpacking and shipping.

The post office has been removed from the hotel to the store, and the former devoted to it has been elegantly fitted up. The mail does a steady business. Postmaster Chapman has made Inspector Ergood his deputy.

The Hotel Rogers, on the high western shore of lovely Lake Oseola, is in full and perfect running order under the management of Mrs. A. E. Rogers. It has accommodations for about 40 guests and its excellent table and charming and healthy location will soon make it a popular resort. Mrs. Rogers is from Spring-Field, Mass., and a fine type of a Yankee housewife.

The Town Hall over the store is one of the best in the country. It is 30x55 feet in size. Its fine large stage and splendid floor will make it a popular place for parties, societies and entertainments of various kinds.

A Sunday School was organized in the Town Hall last Sunday, Eve. (Feb. 27) being present—Dea. Larrabee, late of Hyde Park, Mass., was chosen superintendent, H. H. Berry Assistant Superintendent, and James Kilguswood Secretary. The school will meet in the Town Hall every Sunday at 3 p. m., and every body is invited to be present.

The ladies are being so busy preparing for a Christmas tree on Monday, the 25th. The Town Hall is being nicely decorated and presents are being prepared for all children residing in the vicinity. Santa Claus will arrive at 6.30 p. m. with an abundant supply.

Mr. D. E. Chapman's villa on Lake Oseola is rapidly approaching completion. Mrs. Lattie Clark, a wealthy lady from Minneapolis, has part of the lumber for her villa upon the ground. Her lot is directly opposite the Rogers House.

Among the guests in the Rogers House is Mrs. A. W. Lyman and daughter of Minneapolis. Mrs. L. is the wife of one of the largest wholesale druggists in the northwest. Mr. Lyman has secured a lake front upon Oseola and will build a fine house at an early day.

Henry Washington Esq., for many years manager of the Chicago Evening Journal, is one of the new comers. He has rented part of Mr. Lane's building, into which he has just moved with his family. Mr. H. first settled in DeLaird, but after a few months residence there concluded that he preferred Orange county and selected Winter Park for his future home.

John R. Ergood Esq., lately of the wholesale grocery house of A. G. Ergood & Co. in Washington, D. C., moved his family into the new and beautiful villa he has just completed on Lake Oseola. Mr. E. is another example of what Orange county climate will do. Here is his statement: "I was taken with a severe hemorrhage of the lungs and the bleeding continued for 21 days. The paroxysms of coughing were very severe. A consultation of my physicians resulted in agreeing that a winter in Florida would doubtless prolong my life, as I would hardly be able to survive another winter North. They hastened my departure and I left Washington Oct. 20, 1882. I had to be assisted to the depot with great care and made my journey south very slowly. A residence of a few months in the vicinity of Winter Park made me comparatively a well man and I became so enthusiastic on the wonderful climate and decided to make my home here. I have gained fully in strength and weight and have no hemorrhages. My cure is considered by Washington but little short of a miracle and I wish that everybody suffering from lung troubles could know what I know. I am working hard every day in my store." Mr. Ergood is a first class gentleman and he and his charming and cultivated wife are great additions to the society of Winter Park.

Register 12-21-82



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425. Nicollet Ave.

Minneapolis, Minn. 6/16 1882

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Winter Park Florida

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Winter Park Dec 16th / 82

Chapman + Chase Ds to W. S Lane
to building Store at W Park

Contract job \$ 5.00.00
extra work on inside 15.00
515.00

Rec'd to cash 480.00
695

139 lbs nails @ 3^c 170
100 ft 2x 120
50 " ceiling 22^c 110
489.75

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bal Due \$ 25.25

Received Payment W S Lane



\$ 50 Boston July 25 1882

Washington National Bank

Pay to the order of A Mc Chase
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