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Orange County, Florida.

WORLDS FAIR SUPPLEMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY REPORTER, ORLANDO, FLA.

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 comparatively 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. Today the orange, lemon, grape fruit and lime 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 raised 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, guayas, 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, cabbages, squashes, 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 Peninsular, the East Florida and Atlantic, the Orange Belt, the Florida Midland and Sanford and Indian River. Information as to the means 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

to every man who is ready, willing and able to diligently assist in working out his own destiny, it offers as fine climate, healthful surroundings, productive soil and best opportunities for ultimate success as any section of the universe.

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.



ORANGE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

come and unsurpassed advantages. To the capitalist who seeks a profitable investment the county holds out flattering inducements in the way of openings for cigar and canning factories, manufacturing for novelties in native wood, furniture, and other industries.

To the man who desires an attractive home among the fragrant orange blossoms and clear water lakes, Orange county furnishes the ideal spot of God's universe.

To the man of moderate capital who desires to provide a comfortable and profit creating home for his declining years and a satisfactory heritage for his children, a residence, besides a ten acre orange grove in this county, furnishes the safest and surest investment.

To the man who seeks a locality wherein to live in idleness and upon the energy and thrift of others, Orange holds out no inducements or attractions, but

WHY YOU SHOULD LOCATE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

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

It is freer from insect pests than any other portion of the state and as free as 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 locations 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 luscious golden-fruit here 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 disparagement to other localities, it may truthfully be asserted that Orange county has a more wide-awake, 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.

Its climate is delightful and healthful. The days are pleasant throughout the year and the nights are cool and refreshing even in the midsummer. 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 mistake. Many of the residents consider the summers even more enjoyable than the winters, and our own experience convinces us that the summer months are more agreeable here than in any other part of the Union. It is also the season when work is not pressing and opportunities are afforded for agreeable leisure. The air is rarely, or never, sultry, and the only requirement for a cool, enjoyable place is 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	55
Total number colored schools taught past year	18
Total enrollment, both races	2,734
Total enrollment, white pupils	1,826
Total average, white pupils	1,317
Total enrollment, colored pupils	928
Total average, colored pupils	681
Total number of teachers, both races	101
Total number of white teachers	73
Total number of colored teachers	29
Total number of white male pupils	899
Total number of white female pupils	927
Total number of negro male pupils	457
Total number of negro female pupils	471
Assessed value of property, personal and real	\$4,754,477.00
Number of mills levied	3 1/2
Amount of tax raised	\$16,640.65
Received from common school fund	20,438.21
Received from Comptroller	4,267.89
Paid white teachers	20,818.10
Paid colored teachers	6,970.50
Total amount expended for school purposes	29,762.57
Total amount collected for school purposes	24,706.10
Amount drawn from surplus	5,056.47

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BEEKS, Supt.

More fruit and vegetables were produced in and around Orlando this year than ever before; prices for the same having also been lower than usual. We are getting on the right track; when our people get to producing what they consume, we will be the most prosperous people in the country.—Orlando Sentinel.

ORLANDO'S STORY.

TRUTHFUL PARAGRAPHIC POINTS ABOUT THE COUNTY SEAT OF ORANGE.

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

Bass, bream and perch abound in the lakes about Orlando.

Orlando extends a hearty welcome to all worthy new comers.

It has the very best class of people for residents and property owners.

Orlando is remarkably free from mosquitoes and other insect pests.

The Orlando Gas Company supplies the city with excellent gas at moderate rates.

Orlando is located amidst a chain of clear water lakes, thirteen of them being in and around.

The vicinity of Orlando possesses some of the largest and most profitable orange groves in the state.

All visitors to Orlando pronounce its drinking water as pure as that found in any portion of the land.

The Niagara Villa Vineyard, just outside of town, is one of the largest and most flourishing graperies in Florida.

One of the most profitable pineries, where the choicest pineapples are grown, is located within the corporate limits.

The Orlando Building and Loan Association, organized October 27, 1887, is one of the successful institutions of the town.

Orlando's population is cosmopolitan in the extreme, nearly every state and foreign country being represented by its inhabitants.

A street railroad is seriously talked of to traverse the principal streets of the town, and extend to the South Florida Fair grounds.

Orlando possesses five good hotels of medium size and numerous boarding houses, which offer excellent accommodations to the public.

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 condensed water, delivered daily to any point within the corporate limits.

The city is fortunate in the possession of an efficient volunteer fire department, to whose credit is due the fact that not since its organization and equipment has there been a single disastrous fire.

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



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ORLANDO.

It is the most populous town in the county, having about 5,000 people within its corporate limits and on its outskirts.

Three railroads—the Florida Central and Peninsular, the South Florida Division of the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway, and the East Florida and Atlantic—provide ample traveling facilities to all parts of the country.

Highland Lake, to the north of the town, furnishes an unlimited supply of pure water, which is utilized by the Orlando Water Works and Sewerage Company in giving the city an ample and effective water service, surpassed by no town in the Union.



BUMBO BLOCK.

The Orlando Novelty Works 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

The Orlando Water Works have a capacity of 2,000,000 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, the 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. The manufactured ice 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 tasty 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 train facilities morning and evening, affords an excellent opportunity for those who wish to take advantage of a collegiate course.

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 Damon each have a large, active membership.

Frequent analysis of the water furnished by the Orlando Water and Sewerage 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 patterns for adoption by other towns.

Excellent waterworks are in operation in the town. They are a combination of the Holly 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.

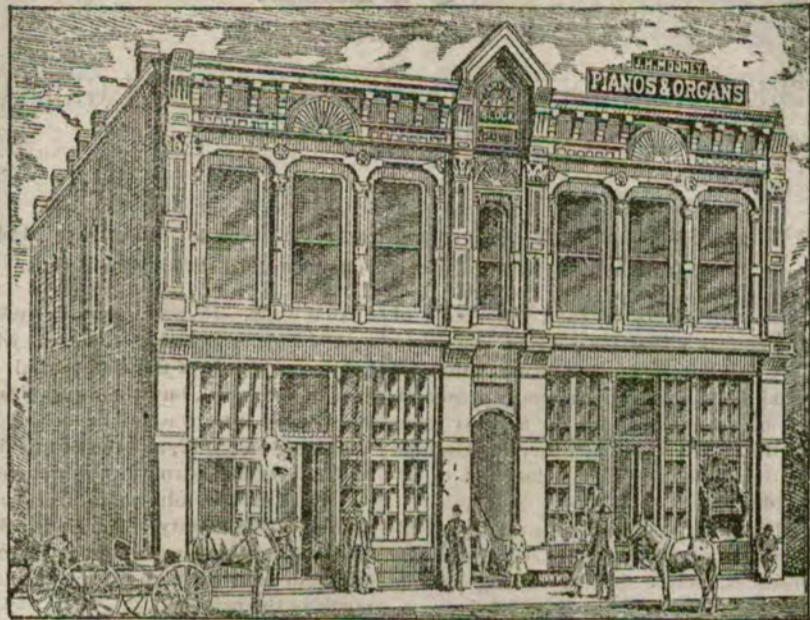


SOUTH FLORIDA FOUNDRY AND MACHINE CO.

ILLUSTRATED ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.



CHARLESTON BLOCK.



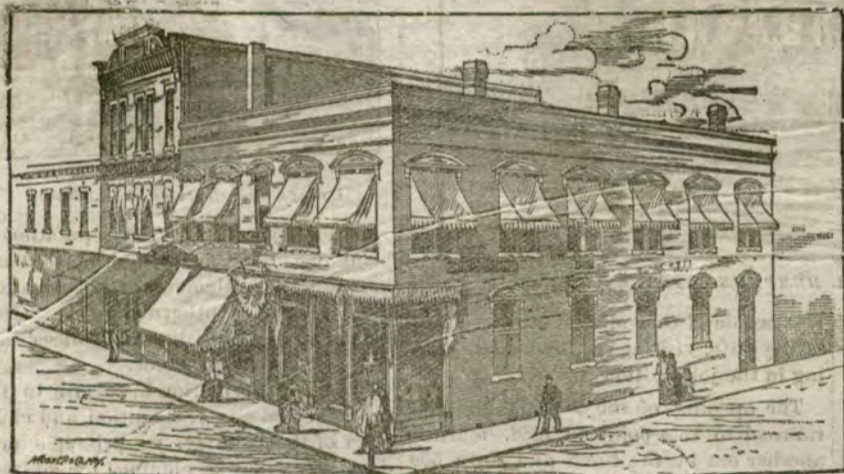
MOONEY BLOCK.



PASSENGER DEPOT, SOUTH FLORIDA RAILROAD.



EXHIBITION HALL, SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR ASSOCIATION.



CORNER PINE AND COURT STREETS.



ARMORY AND MARKET HOUSE.

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 to 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 doing the heaviest character of work. This 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 east.

The Orlando Novelty Works under the ownership of Messrs. Boykin and Erickson, has attained an excellent reputation for promptness in the filling of orders and the accuracy of its work. The range of the firms facilities embraces everything in wood from fancy novelties in orange and pelmetto to the heaviest plain and molded wood work for large buildings. In prices the establishment is a successful competitor with some of the most careful and closest figurers in this line in Florida, and its constantly increasing orders is evidence of the satisfaction it gives to customers.

The South Florida Fair Association of Orlando is a corporation which has been most successfully inaugurated. It held its initial exposition last February. The association has erected convenient and attractive buildings and stables, race track and pleasure grounds on an eighty acre tract of land adjacent to the picturesque Lake Holden, just one mile and a half southwest of the town, where it is proposed to hold annual horticultural exhibitions and racing events. It is the purpose of the association by providing ample and convenient stables to induce the wintering of the best racing stock of the country here.

GOTHA.

THE PROSPEROUS SETTLEMENT OF THRIFTY GERMANS IN WEST ORANGE.

A Congenial Community of German-American Citizens Who Have Made a Lovely Settlement in the Piney Woods Around Picturesque Lakes.

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 crystal 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 30 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 quoin,) 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.

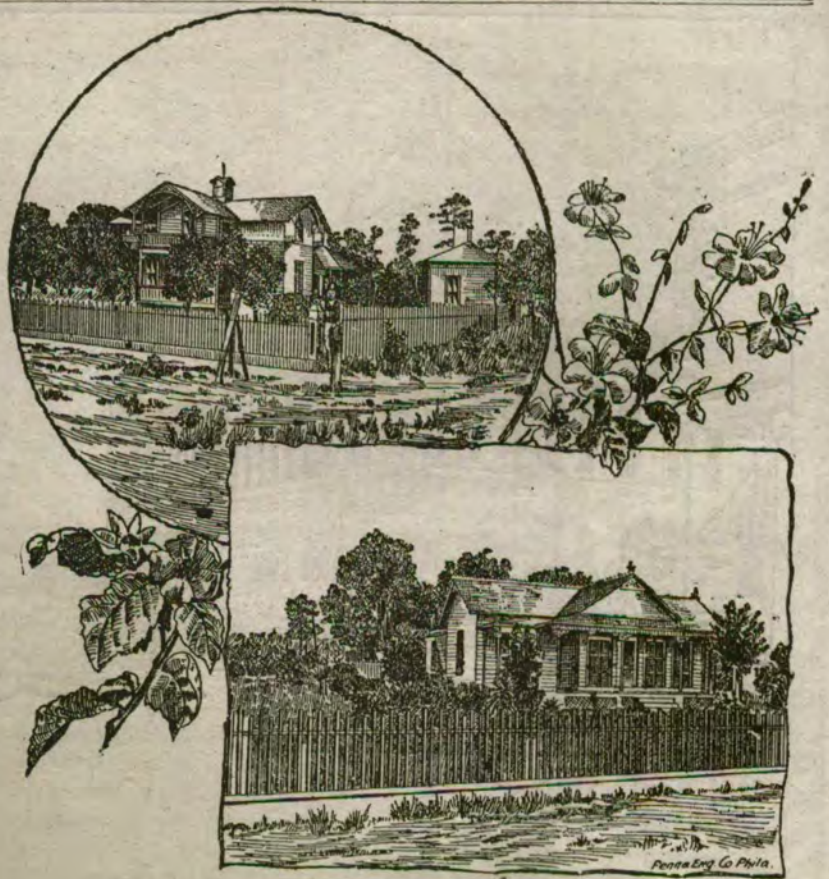
Through Mr. Hempel, a native of Gotha, Germany, the place derived its name. From this period the real beginning of Gotha as a settlement was made, though several years previously a party of Cincinnati gentlemen, including H. P. Belknap, J. A. Mohr, the Murray family and H. C. Moore had settled in the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

Mr. Charles Koehne, one of the most active and progressive of the residents of the place started a general merchandise 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 14,

of that year. It was formerly owned by the Turner Society, of Gotha, which comprises many of the substantial citizens of the town, but their organization transferred it to the public school district last year, 1892, and the commodious and comfortable structure is devoted to the uses 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 1886 was the occasion of a gala time among the German residents and their friends, many of the representa-



COTTAGES OF J. NUNNEMACHER AND A. MEINECKE.

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 Dr. Thomarson 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 enure to the benefit of the settlement.



VIEW ON LAKE OLIVIA AND H. A. HEMPEL'S COTTAGE AND GROVE.



Cottage and Grove of C. H. Starke.

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 principle products, etc., may be obtained by addressing D. Golbeck, 433 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill., or Chas. Koehne, Gotha, Fla.

tive people of Orlando and other sections of the state, visiting the town and joining in the jollification.

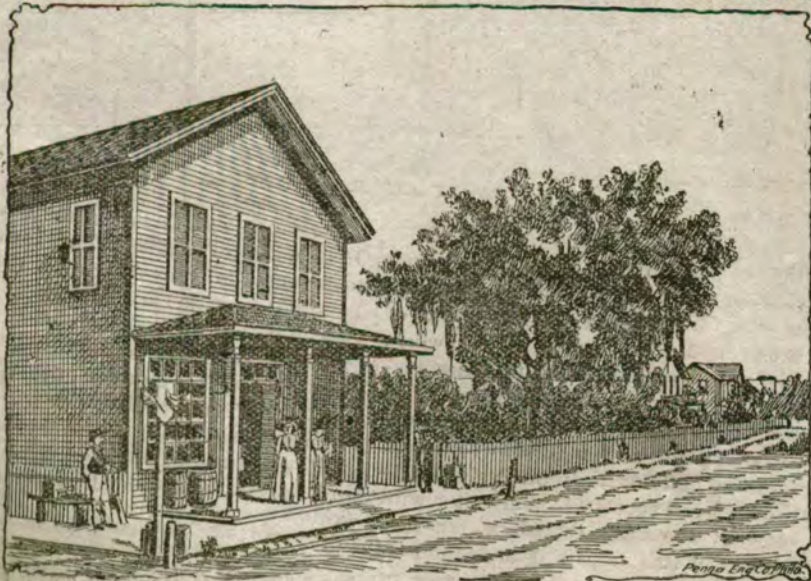
The opening of the Florida Midland railroad to this point in 1888, marked another era in the town and fully 500 people were entertained with true German hospitality in the Turner Hall.

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.



Cottages of R. Richter and Theodore Ahrens.



G. KOEHNE'S STORE AND STREET VIEW.

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 Florida belle can rig herself 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 or 50 per cent. Mr. Sampson will have 50,000 boxes, when three months ago his crop was estimated at 35,000.—Ocala Banner.

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

If you wish to keep posted about Florida, and especially Orange County, you should subscribe for the ORANGE COUNTY REPORTER, a large nine column paper. Terms \$.00 per year. Address, S. R. Hudson, Proprietor, Orlando, Fla.

Capt. J. Poitevant, of Ocean Springs, Miss., has purchased Sneed's Island from Mr. W. H. Vanderipe, paying \$3,000 for it. Capt. Poitevant has eighty acres in grove, half of it in bearing in the Patterson hammock.—Manatee Advocate.

Up to the commencement of this week the steamer Santa Lucia had brought up 12,528 crates of pineapples for shipments over the Flagler railway, which, we are told, is nearly three-fifths of the entire crop of pineapples on Indian River this season.—Titusville Advocate.

Some one writes to the Times-Union that he has a process for keeping oranges in their natural state, at a small cost, for an indefinite period, and proposes to make a test by shipping to New York two boxes of the tender Indian river oranges and having them reshipped to Florida.—Florida Agriculturist.

Capt. W. C. Nutt, Orange county's tax assessor, who has just completed the agricultural statistics of the county for last year, is gratified at the remarkable increase in the acreage under cultivation and the consequent heavier aggregate yield over that of the previous year. This year the increase will be still greater than it was last year.

A lady in Eustis, the latter part of May, planted out a shoot from a mulberry tree. That shoot was young and ambitious, and full of energy. In a week it had taken root, in another it had a little sprout of its own, and to-day, six weeks after the sprout was put in the ground it has mulberries, nearly fully developed upon it. As we have before reiterated, great country this Florida.

A May and June bloom on our orange trees is nothing remarkable, but when the trees commence to put on bloom as late as July, as they are doing now, it is decidedly out of the regular order of

things. A gentleman from Sanford, who is now traveling by wagon over this section of Lake county, says that the groves around here are a marvel to him. On all hands he finds a healthy and profuse bloom, while the trees universally look in splendid condition.—Eustis Lake Region.

The older an orange tree grows the larger the crop i yields. Some trees of this state have fully matured 12,000 to 15,000 oranges per tree or 100 boxes to the tree, averaging 150 to the box. In the DeCameron grove, north of town, the old Jim Bennett place, there are 61 trees, about one acre, which are 22 years old, and from these 61 trees 900 boxes of fruit were gathered last season. Say they netted \$1.25 per box on the tree, you get a profit of \$1,125 from this acre.—DeLand Record.

The greatest fish State in the Union is Florida. Massachusetts may rank first if the bulk weight of coarse fish is the standard. But the warm waters of Florida produces the most delicious of salt water fish, and in infinite variety. Those most highly prized by delicate New York palates are taken from the coasts and estuaries of this State. Florida contributes large quantities of fish to New York. They are sent by railroad to Savannah, which is the clearing house of the Southern fish trade as well as of the cotton trade. From there they come to New York by steamer.—New York Herald.

Mr. H. W. Lane can show the doubting ones exactly what pluck, energy and perseverance can accomplish in Florida. His place is in the much maligned sandhills, yet he raises cabbage with solid white head that weigh thirteen pounds, mealy Irish potatoes that would make an epicure's mouth water. Sweet potatoes, sugar, syrup, rice, pinders, peas and watermelons; he raises an abundance of everything, in fact, that a good farmer plants, makes his own meat and lard, 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 what was three years ago a pine forest, and which will, in a very short time, bring a handsome yearly income to both of them. They have supplied the places with the very best irrigating arrangements, having water pumped by steam through pipes laid in all parts of the tract where needed, and, in fact, many devices in the shape of labor-saving machinery are disposed about the premises to assist in making these the model groves, vineyards and gardens in this section,

Some of Orange County's Products.

Field peas thrive with little care or cultivation.

Guavas grow 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 tillage.

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

The pineapple is one of the safest 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, shaddock and grape fruit 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 the 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 North, as they have no competition during the months mentioned.

Sugar-cane attains great perfection and is a highly valuable crop. The syrup from Orange county cane is of superior quality and commands a good price. Six hundred gallons have been made from one acre of cane and the average yield is from 200 to 400 gallons.

The raising of early vegetables for shipment to Northern markets, is, now, and always will be extremely profitable in Orange county. This business, which began in a small way a few years ago, has already assumed very extensive proportions, and will, in all time to come, prove a most important and profitable industry.

Tomatoes, cucumbers and beans thus far have been the leading articles for shipment. The tomato has been the most profitable. The fall and winter months are best suited for vegetable growing. Beans, peas, cucumbers, potatoes and cabbages can be grown at seasons which command for them monopolizing prices, and are placed on the Northern and Western markets while their country is still white with snow. Beets, turnips, cress, lettuce, onions, asparagus, radishes, sweet potatoes and every known vegetable is raised to perfection.

Orange Statistics.

Estimated crop, season 1884 and 1885, 600,000 box.
 1885 and 1886, estimated crop, 900,000 boxes.
 1886 and 1887, estimated crop, 1,250,000 boxes.
 1887 and 1888, estimated crop, 1,450,000 boxes.
 1888 and 1889, estimated crop, 1,900,000 boxes.
 1889 and 1890, estimated crop, 2,150,000 boxes.
 1890 and 1891, estimated crop, 2,460,000 boxes.
 1891 and 1892, estimated crop, 5,761,843 boxes.
 1892 and 1893, estimated crop, 3,950,000 boxes; general average so far, \$1.00 per box.

Culture of Pineapples 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 southeast coast is much larger than in this county, but the fruit produced here is just as fine, and the proceeds per acre just as satisfactory as are obtained in the famous Lake Worth, or any other section on the peninsula.

Heretofore 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 and culture of finer varieties has been going on, it has been found necessary to shed them. The planting of the common pines is being almost entirely abandoned down there, 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 when it is known that there is no more danger from frost here than elsewhere, and that the expense of producing the best imported apples is reduced to a minimum, we may reasonably expect an impetus in the business. We have been reliably informed that a large grower at Lake Worth, who has been here to look over the field, is anxious to sell out 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 will not slacken up with that institution very early this summer. The foundry is now moulding heavy iron columns, fronts, etc., for the masonic hall and armory building in Leesburg, as well as for the new building of P. A. Ross, at Eustis. Negotiations are now on hand for putting up screens and washers for the Land Pebble Phosphate Company.

This Will Not Interest You Unless

you desire a lovely home in the midst of a beautiful bearing orange grove, with other fruit and shade trees, vines and flowers; or unless you wish for a thrifty bearing orange grove for investment. I have a few EXTRA CHOICE properties, convenient to transportation, which I shall be pleased to show to homeseekers or investors.

F. C. BALDWIN,

Forest City, Orange County, Florida.

APOPKA & CLAY SPRINGS

THE CENTER OF A PICTURESQUE AND HILLY 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 13 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 high and gently undulating, interspersed with numerous clear water lakes, which add a charm to the locality and vary the monotony of the never 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. From these features it 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 item in warm countries), and entire absence of swamps or marshes, we are justified in the assertion that this locality has no superior and few equals in this respect. We might point to a number of individuals, residents for many years, who have found relief, or permanent cure, from such diseases as consumption, asthma and rheumatism. It is enough, however, to say that the site of Apopka was selected by a physician many years ago, on account of its peculiar conditions for salubrity and his long continued residence, and present good health attest the wisdom of his choice. To the northeast is Clay Springs, an immense boiling sulphur spring, which is the source of the Wekiva 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.

Commentators 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 most 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 kept well, 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 on the trees at paying prices; this furnishes a home market, a long felt want in the early history of orange growing. Oranges take the lead, but the character of the land is such that all kinds of semi-tropical fruits can be grown to advantage. Early market gardening is a source of great profit to the cultivators of the soil on the hammock lands of Lake Apopka.

The saw grass lands, 20,000 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 muck land is an alluvial deposit of centuries, and by chemical analysis is proven to be the richest land in the state, even exceeding in fertility the noted sugar lands of the Kissimmee 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 he seeks, and the capi-

talist will have no difficulty in selecting a picturesque spot for a winter residence, where the arts of man coupled with the gifts of nature will furnish him with an ideal home for his declining years.

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

Dream Lake is the most attractive feature of our location, and, even in its partially undeveloped 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 every 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.

The lake 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 plank walks. In outline it is nearly a perfect oval, and is skirted on the east shore with a growth of Bay, Magnolia, etc., giving a tropical effect as viewed from the oppositeshore. The land skirting the lake is rich, and just suited to the growth of Palms and all kinds of ornamental trees and shrubbery, which in the after development, would tend to give a tropical effect to the locality. Black bass can be taken in abundance with troll 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 Scott House, a small well kept hotel with several good boarding houses kept open all the year, but a great need is felt for a large first-class hotel for the entertainment of winter tourists and homeseekers.

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 Congre-

gational organizations. The manufacturing enterprises of the place comprise the Florida Iron and Wood Works and Moyers' Box Head Co., the former under the proprietorship of J. W. Emerson, Manager, is a branch of the Salem Iron Works, in Salem, N. C. The principal business of the works is the making and repairing of mill machinery. It is not only a great advantage to those locating and building in Apopka, but by it being situated right at the intersection of the F. C. & P. and Florida Midland railroads, is most convenient establishment for all the surrounding country.

T. C. Darby and H. H. Witherington are the leading grocers of the place. W. C. Cannon conducts a fine bakery. T. G. Hyer carries a large line of builders hardware and housefurnishing goods. S. W. Eldredge & Co. lead in the handling of hay, grain and standard fertilizers, cotton seed meal, cement, lime, brick, shingles, flour, feed, etc. Frank H. Davis 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 from Orlando, 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 to health those suffering from rheumatism and cutaneous 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 comes a vast volume of water with the force that resembles the boiling of a vast cauldron. On three sides the ground is 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 distant. The pool proper is four or five feet deep, except the immediate opening through which the water comes up. Here it is several feet deeper, but the force of the boiling water is so strong that even the weakest 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 artesian 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 Region. The natural scenery is grand, and the hundreds 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 People,

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. Winter Visitors will find first-class accommodations, either at the hotel or in private families. To those wishing to spend the winter, or who are seeking a home or investment, we say: COME AND SEE THIS SECTION AND SATISFY YOURSELVES BEFORE LOCATING ELSEWHERE.

SIGNED COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS, { J. A. SMITH,
GEO. C. CAMPBELL,
E. C. SWAN.

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 only about ten years; the Indians had possession until 1860; and since then, until 1880, its distance from transportation facilities prevented Florida tourists from seeing the most beautiful part of the state.

The advent of the railroad in 1830 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 Southern pines, and dotted here and there with crystal lakes, are being rapidly cut up into 5 and 10 acre farms, and occupied by new families; and a splendid 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 thriving community a beautiful winter resort for people who wish to escape from the cold and blustering weather so fruitful of colds, coughs, diphtheria, consumption, etc.; a collection 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 beautiful high-rolling land, covered with tall and majestic pines far enough apart to permit teams to be driven anywhere at will; a beautiful natural grove, and not a forest; 11 beautiful lakes scattered over the tract give over ten miles of as 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 planted with tropical fruits and flowers.

Four large lakes on the north, south, east, west, connected by canals through which ply handsome steam launches, are right in the town, while seven others of varying size add to the picturesqueness of the locality.

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 attractions.

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 superbly 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, 11 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, ample parlors, dining-room 42x100 feet, the best of kitchen appointments, large airy sleeping rooms (single and en suite; many of them with bath-rooms and open

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 good system of irrigation and is under the efficient management of G. W. Cooley. Northeast of the store is the house and grove of Mr. Cooley. About one mile east is the celebrated grove of the Bradley Fertilizer Company. Adjoining this on the south is the one hundred acre grove of George Frost of Boston. Circling the north and west sides of Spring Lake, joining Mr. Frost's on the east is the Westinghouse grove of fifteen acres. These three groves have good irrigation plants and receive the best of care. North of the Bradley grove there is an almost continuous body of two hundred acres of groves owned by different parties in lots of from five to twenty acres.

About one mile northeast of the store is the residence of F. G. Baldwin, in his bearing grove of 500 seedling trees. His grove is supplied with an irrigation plant.

West of the store is the residence of Mr. George Reed in his grove on a pretty lake. Just west of this lake is the beautiful grove of Oliver Turney. His house is built on a high hill overlooking the grove and surrounding country. A little

great reputation for the cure of rheumatism and other diseases.

The country surrounding the spring is high, rolling pine land with sandy soil, underlaid with clay at from two to eight feet below the surface. This character of soil and subsoil with elevation to give drainage is considered by orange growers to be the ideal soil for the orange. This is fully attested by the great number of fine bearing groves in this vicinity; the oranges are of the finest flavor and firm enough to ship to the most distant markets and the trees are almost entirely free from any disease. They bear early and heavily.

Nearly all the States have representatives among our citizens. There are also several Englishmen and Swedes. All are enterprising and industrious and are developing our country as fast as possible.

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

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

Palm Springs is thirteen miles from Orlando, the county seat, and twelve miles from Sanford on the St. Johns river. The two railroads running three trains daily each way, make it very accessible from all points of the county.

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 one and a half miles long and one mile wide at its north end. It is a celebrated place for sailing and fishing. The lake is surrounded by good bearing groves. At the south end on an elevation overlooking the whole lake is situated the handsome residence of G. W. Lewton, 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 northeast end of the lake and a little distance from it is the house and bearing grove of S. P. 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. Starbird that daily turns out thousands of feet of the best pine lumber. During the orange packing season he runs in connection with the mill, a boxhead machine. 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 32° in winter. The elevation of the land around the station is sixty feet above the lake. A seeker after a healthful home or profitable grove will find it here.



THE SEMINOLE, WINTER PARK.

fireplaces), barber-shop, steam-laundry, billiard-hall, and a piazza 567 feet long, and ranging in width from 16 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, it 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, fishing-tackle, livery with good saddle and driving horses, an excellent orchestra to charm the ear and lead the dance, the best of row 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 combined, the gift of Mr. J. G. Hower, and a very pretty depot. It is fifteen miles from Sanford and nine miles from Orlando, and has two trains each way daily. It is easily reached by coming to Sanford and taking the Orange Belt out,

further on is the home of Albert Tenney on the top of an elevation that slopes gradually down to the edge of Tenney Lake. Between the house and lake lies his profitable bearing grove of 400 trees loaded with fruit. On the high hill fronting the lake on the west is the grove and home of A. D. Starbird. South of the store a short distance is Hœcquist lake surrounded by pretty orange groves.

At no point in this section can one be out of sight of one or more groves. This will eventually be settled up until it will be one almost unbroken grove.

Palm Springs.

Palm Springs is located at the junction of the Florida Midland and Orange Belt railroads. It contains a general merchandise and feed store, postoffice, depot packing house and a Congregational church.

The spring from which the place takes its name is about one quarter of a mile north of the store. It is beautiful blue sulphur water. The basin is about forty feet across and three feet deep.

Hoosier Spring is a short distance west of the store. It is from six to eight feet deep and with deep blue water. These springs are a favorite resort for bathing and picnic parties; the oak and hickory trees surrounding them make a dense shade. These sulphur springs have a

ROLLINS COLLEGE.

UNRIVALLED IN MODERN EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT,

Unexcelled in the Beauty and Picturesqueness of Location.

FOUNDING.

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, 1885, and was opened for the admission of students on the 4th of November of the same year.

BENEFACTORS.

The college bears the name of the late A. W. Rollins, of Chicago, the most liberal donor to its endowments. Knowles Hall takes its name from the late F. B. 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.

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 Peninsular railroad.

WINTER PARK

Is situated in the far-famed lake region of Florida. The land is what is called "high pine," somewhat rolling, and be-studded 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 hammocks of oak, magnolias, etc. In the immediate vicinity of Winter Park there are a dozen lakes, some of them of considerable size; as, Osceola, Virginia, Maitland, Killarney. From the shores of these lakes beautiful slopes rise often to the height of 30 feet, making most desirable sites for building. There are here already many handsome villas and valuable orange groves. It is an ideal spot for a seat of learning and for residence. In natural scenery it is among the most beautiful places in Florida. It is probably as healthful 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 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.



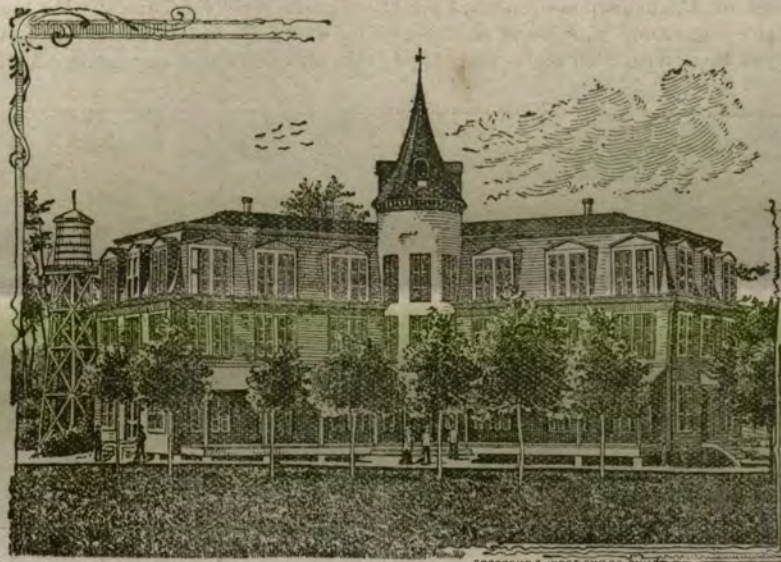
GENTLEMEN'S COTTAGE.

GROUNDS.

The college campus is in the southern part of the town. It consists of twenty acres, lying upon the northwest shore of Lake Virginia, and rising thirty feet above the waters of this "Queen of the Lakes." This elevation is always pleasantly breezy, and affords enchanting views in every direction. A large part of the ground is covered with Bermuda grass, making a pleasant lawn and play ground.

BUILDINGS.

There are six buildings. Knowles Hall contains seven large recitation rooms, the Library and the Chapel. The Lyman Gymnasium is a handsome building, completely equipped with modern gymnastic appliances. There are two cottages for boys. Each contains a reception room and single rooms for about thirty students, besides teachers who live



LADIES' COTTAGE.

with them. The cottage for ladies will accommodate about seventy persons. It has a reception room, two parlors, bath rooms supplied with hot and cold water, and the entire building is heated by the hot water system. It is a delightful home for the young ladies. Another building contains the dining room, kitchen, store room, etc.

GROWTH.

The number of instructors has increased from six the first year to fourteen the present. The number of students in all grades has increased from seventy-seven to one hundred and sixty-two; the number above common branches from thirty-six to one hundred and six.

RANGE OF INSTRUCTION.

There are seven departments: Collegiate, Academic, Preparatory, Musical, Art, and Physical Training.

The Collegiate courses are two—Classical and Scientific. The conditions of admission to this department are as high, and the work to be done before receiving its degrees as great,

as in the best colleges.

The Academic course is for those who do not want a college course. It occupies four years, beginning with Algebra. It omits Greek and Latin, and contains English studies, History, Natural Science and Modern Languages.

The Preparatory courses are two—the Classical and the Scientific, of four years each, beginning with first year in Latin and Algebra. The work in these courses is sufficiently comprehensive and thorough to fit for entrance to any college.

The Sub-preparatory department has a three years' course, beginning with the Fourth Reader grade, and carrying the pupil to the beginning of Algebra and Latin.

The Musical department is an important feature of the institution. Great pains has been taken to engage the best instructors. They are graduates



KNOWLES HALL.

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, pursue the same studies and receive 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 college endeavors to give special attention to the health of the students. The best sanitary conditions are maintained about the buildings, abundant and wholesome food is furnished at the table, and there is daily physical exercise in a well-appointed gymnasium.

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 certain benefit and probable cure.

EXPENSES.

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 \$170.00 per school year.

CALENDAR.

Fall Term: Opens Tuesday, October 3, 1893, and closes Friday, December 22.
Winter Term: Opens Tuesday, January 2, 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. H. 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 SEELYE, D. D., LL. D.,
Ex-President Amherst College, Mass.
"No place in Florida is more healthful or more beautiful."

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 sea 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.—Land high rolling and particularly adapted to orange growing and truck farming. Cabbage 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 grove 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. & P. railway, for Jacksonville and the north.

THE TOWN.—Has eight stores, as fol-



LAKE SCENE IN ORANGE COUNTY.

lows: Five general stores, one hardware and hay, grain and fertilizer, millinery, and one drug store, a good country hotel of thirty rooms, a first class livery, sale and feed stable, a number of handsome residences, all of which are and have always been occupied. Not a vacant building of any kind can be found. (The colored population have quarters by themselves, but, still are under control of the Town Government.) A large hall arranged for entertainments of all kinds.

The general offices of the Orange Belt railway are located here, as also are their repair shops. These shops are very complete, containing improved machinery and car and engine repairing of all kinds is done. A well 960 feet deep affords most excellent water and the supply seems unlimited. At present some 150,000 gallons per day are pumped out of it, and in a very short time pipes will be laid and the entire town supplied with water. This will give everybody the purest water for drinking, and afford a most excellent protection against fire.

A beautiful park of natural oaks, containing about five acres, is located in the center of the town overlooking Lake Apopka, and, picnics, barbecues, etc., are frequently held there. Two churches and a two-story school building, afford

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 rich country 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. No less than 500 people get their mail through the Oakland post-office.

One thousand feet of clay 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.

Truck growing for northern markets is together with orange growing the principal business of the population. The operations may be said to commence in August, when the land is prepared and the seed planted in beds for the fall

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

DEER ISLAND NURSERIES.—These beautiful nurseries, established by John F. Rollins in 1883, and under the able management of A. E. Champlin, 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.

COPNER & WILLIAMS.—Oakland's hardware, hay, grain 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 & Kolmer, our enterprising grocery men, carry a complete stock and do an extensive business. Also made of Menefee & Davis, who carry a large line of groceries and dry goods; also J. W. Clark, groceries and meat market, and J. H. Asher, green grocer; Mrs. Barker, millinery and dress making, and Vivian & McDonald, livery, sale and feed stables; horses and carriages of all kinds always to be had, and hauling, grove work, etc. 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.



This shows that people here are not confined to one crop, but are busy most the year round, with the exception of for two months in the summer, when a vacation is taken. This is one of the principal vegetable sections in Florida, and the profits are considerable. One feature peculiar for this section is that the lands are so situated that the growers can live in town and enjoy the facilities and society of a cultivated and pleasant life while attending to his agricultural pursuits.

THE GATE CITY.

THE PROGRESSIVE AND THRIFTY TOWN ON LAKE MONROE.

Groves and Gardens, Machine Shops and Other Industries in and Around the Town.

Sanford owes its name to its founder, General Henry S. 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 Trinegan, famous in the civil war lore of the South, as the "hero of Olustee."

At that early day (immediately after the war) Gen. Sanford conceived, and crystalized 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 prescient conception. A beautiful city has been built upon the south shore of Lake Monroe—Sanford—which is connected by water and rail with the marts of trade and the teeming centers of population of the civilized world, and enjoys to-day the proud title of the "Gate City of South Florida."

Local jealousies, legislative tardiness and personal greed have delayed the full and anticipated development; nevertheless Sanford, the partially realized fruition of its founder's dream, and the product in part of his liberality and fostering care, is but little over a day's journey from the metropolis of the nation, and is the gate of entrance for the annually increasing tide of trade and travel to this semi-tropical empire of our great country.

THE FIRST STROKE.

The grant on which Sanford stands was purchased by General Sanford in 1870, and at once a wharf was built and a large store was erected and supplied with goods, which soon began to attract the trade of the sparse population of the surrounding country. A postoffice was established, or rather the office at Melonville—then the only landing on the south side of Lake Monroe—was removed to Sanford. Soon after this, in order to accommodate the annually increasing flow of tourists to this section and afford a comfortable temporary home to the health-seekers who came to enjoy the genial sunshine and invigorating breezes of South Florida, the Sanford house was erected and at once became the resort of hundreds of winter visitors.

BUILDING THE CITY.

As a necessity of the situation, an extensive saw-mill, embracing machinery adapted to various purposes, was built, which not only supplied lumber for the embryo town now so rapidly building, but furnished material for converting the log cabins of the people of the surrounding country into comfortable framed dwellings. In ten years from the beginning of the first improvements, Sanford had become the distributing office for forty-six postoffices in the interior, whereas, at the outset, it and one other were the only offices in this section

of the state. In 1875, the Sanford house and Monroe house having been built, and the South Florida Journal (now the Sanford Journal) having been established, the town was regularly laid out on the broad and comprehensive plan on which it is built.

THE FIRST RAILROAD.

A significant fact illustrating the effect of the founding of the town of Sanford, upon the transportation facilities of the country, is that in ten years from the time the first stick of timber of its virgin forest was cut, ten steamers were plowing the waters of the St. Johns, instead of two as in 1870. These increased facilities, while greatly adding to the comfort and convenience of the people of Sanford and immediate vicinity, in trade, travel and mail privileges, but imperfectly met the needs of the rapidly multiplying population of the country to the south of us. Consequently, the subject of the construction of a railroad from Sanford to some point to the southward began to agitate the public mind; but it was not until 1880 that such a project assumed definite shape.

In that year General and Mrs. U. S. Grant visited Sanford, and, as all things were then ready for the beginning of work on the projected line of road from Sanford to Orlando, General Grant was invited to, and did, throw the first spadeful 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 as far as Orlando, and though only a "narrow gauge," and laid with rails weighing but sixteen pounds to the yard, it was the stimulus of most astounding railroad connection throughout the state, and the harbinger of a general development both phenomenal and gratifying. Of the extension of the South Florida railroad to Tampa, its conversion into a "broad gauge," its purchase by Mr. H. Plant, its potency as a developer of the country through which it runs, and its position as a part of a grand trunk line over which the traffic and travel of the nations are daily and hourly passing, it may not be proper to speak in this connection, and we leave the subject, only remarking, that its construction has added thousands to the population of Florida, increased real estate values by millions of dollars and filled the cup of human happiness to a degree beyond computation.

SANFORD'S GROWTH.

It is scarcely necessary to say that Sanford's growth was greatly accelerated by the favoring fact of her position at the head of navigation for large steamers on the St. Johns river, then 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; thence, from, at first, only a

few persons, its population quickly increased to scores, from scores to hundreds, and from hundreds to thousands, who, naturally enough, clamored for enlarged and quickened modes of communication and transportation, and such local improvements and conveniences as are required to supply the needs of a live town.

MORE RAILROADS.

Prominent among the wants of such a people as had made Sanford their home, and the natural outcrop of the public confidence which her position and phenomenal development begat, was the construction of more railroads to accommodate the centering 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 Eustis, the Sanford and Indian River, the Sanford and Titusville, the Florida Midland, the St. Johns, Orange City and Atlantic, and the Orange Belt railroads—all terminating at Sanford, directly or by close connections—were 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 may not be reached by the traveler for business or pleasure, and no trade center to and from which the products of industry and the needs of an advanced and advancing civilization may not be quickly and cheaply received and distributed.

Other lines still are to be built and a capacity of distribution already unsurpassed is still further to be enlarged (some fifty trains per day now arrive and depart from Sanford). Judging the future by the past, if more are needed to meet the requirements of an ever-expanding development, and the daily multiplying demands for ingress and egress through this Gate City of South Florida, they will be built. The march of progress is onward; time, space and all the impediments to safe, rapid and unrestricted travel and traffic are being removed; and as Sanford is on the "highway of nations," the very gate of entrance and exit to the grandest march of progress the world has ever seen, it must be that brain, muscle and money will keep her in 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 ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

Sanford is a fully equipped town and has within it the already established nucleus, and around it the favoring causes of illimitable development. It has only to grow. It has various manufacturing industries; it has an established and daily increasing trade, wholesale and retail; it has water works, gas works, fire companies, a military company, churches, a brass band unsurpassed in the state, a chautauqua circle, a choral society, schools, banks, a board of trade, a building and loan association, newspapers, hotels, the telegraph, express agents, insurance agents, life and property, etc. In fact it has, either in esse or posse, all the conditions essential to the 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.

GENERALITIES.

Sanford is regularly laid out; her wide streets all run east and west, and are numbered from one to ten. The avenues run north and south, and, with two or three exceptions, are named after trees. They all end in the lake on the north, and rise gradually to the southward until at 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 planted with shade trees, which, in a few years, will add much to the comfort and beauty 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 the material costs nothing except for loading and transportation. Bordering the St. Johns river are millions of tons of decomposed fresh water shell—snail, periwinkle, etc. 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.

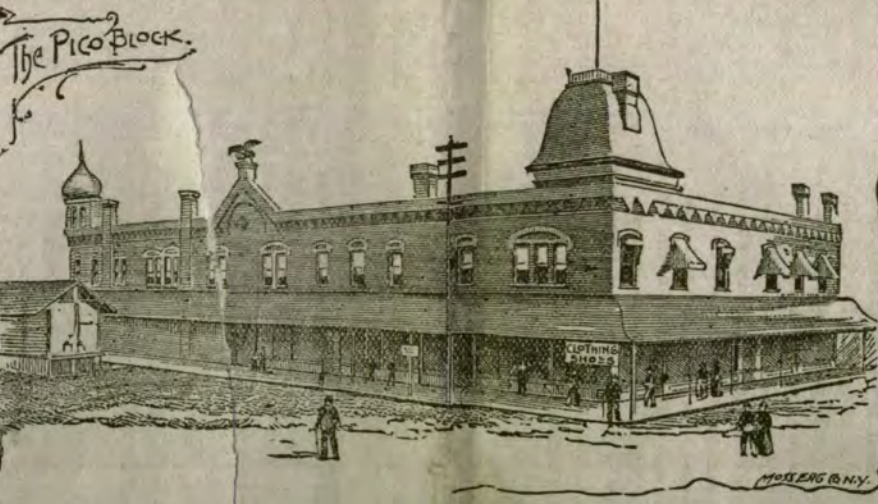
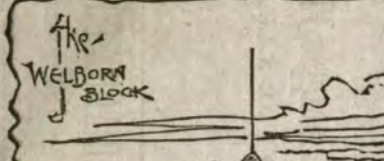
Sanford has an excellent system of water works, which furnish water for drinking, and also for fire protection. The water is brought in pipes from a beautiful clear-water lake, two miles from the city. The city is lighted by gas of a superior quality. The city authorities have lately established fire limits, 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 Jacksonville. Visitors can be entertained at from one to four dollars per day, and as a winter resort, Sanford is unsurpassed. Statistics show that it is one of the healthiest spots on 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 good working lodges. In conclusion it may be said that for health, pleasure, and business prospects, Sanford is unsurpassed by any city or town in the United States. It combines more advantages, has more that is to be desired, and fewer objectionable features than any place of equal size in the country.

Among the large number of flourishing business establishments in Sanford, none command greater esteem, popularity and confidence than A. V. French & Co., Hardware; Leneghan & Haskell, Wholesale Grocers; First National Bank; Sanford Loan & Trust Co., Sanford Ice Co.; Geo. H. Fernald, Hardware; Chase & Co., Fertilizers, etc., and J. no. E. Pace, General Merchandise.



MAITLAND.

SURROUNDED BY A CHAIN OF CLEAR WATER LAKES.

A Picturesque Town in the Heart of Orange County, with Productive Lands, Good Society, and a Healthful Climate.

The beautiful locality of Maitland is on the South Florida Division of the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway, seven miles from Orlando and twelve miles from Sanford. Rows of beautiful oaks shade its streets and avenues; parks, groves and the most beautiful clear water lakes full of the finest fish, decorate this favored section. Most of its forest lands which have not been put into orange and fruit farms equal many of the finest city parks throughout the world, where thousands of dollars have been expended for improvement.

The land is comparatively level and the soil is sandy and of a greyish color, with mostly yellow subsoil admirably adapted to the growth of the orange, which flourishes to an extent, under proper care, that makes its culture the principal pursuit of the inhabitants.

Some of the finest, largest and most profitable orange groves in the State, are to be found here. There are few, if any, places in the State that produce more of this beautiful and paying fruit.

During the fall and winter season, large packing houses which give employment to many laborers, are taxed to their utmost capacity to prepare for market, this golden fruit.

Growing of the orange is so fascinating together with the beauty, profit and healthfulness of the climate that many professional men of great intelligence and retired capitalists are here engaged in it. The grape fruit which has become so popular of late as a tonic and health-giving fruit, thrives well here and is very profitable. The fruit from one tree in this section sold the past season for \$125.

Lemons are grown to some extent and limes do well. Peaches yield handsomely and pears and plums to some extent. The Scuppernong and White Niagara grapes grow magnificently and produce abundant crops from which the finest wines can be made.

Field crops of most all kinds can be grown successfully.

Because of the comparative immunity of this section from late frosts, it is destined to become a leading place as it is of the orange, in the production of early vegetables and melons for the Northern markets.

Fortunes here await the judicious fruit and vegetable grower, and all who will stick, dig and save and who know what to do, when to do and how to do.

It has been truly said that there is but one Florida, and it is equally true that there is but one Maitland, with all its possibilities in Florida. It is the place where poverty stalketh not abroad, with impunity and unmolested, but is colared by our brave, thorough-going and energetic citizens, and downed as an usurper. All are worshipping and learning to worship successfully at the throne of Apollo.

It is one of the finest health and winter resorts. Many come here every year and are healed and benefitted. Thus becoming enamored of the many attractions and virtues of the country and showing their appreciation in a substan-

tial way, by becoming citizens and casting their lots with the destiny of the country.

Two miles to the north is the beautiful Altamonte Springs Hotel, where Mrs. U. S. Grant and family have spent so pleasantly two winters.

There are a number of boarding houses and hotels which were taxed to their utmost to take care of the winter guests the past season. The Park House, under the skillful management of Mr. E. J. Steel who knows how to cater to and capture the most fastidious epicure, was filled to overflowing, and a brighter, happier, more intelligent lot of winter guests were never entertained in Florida.

The Maitland House, presided over by the kind and ever-obliging Mrs. Bringle, who captures, soul and body, without fail, of all her guests, did a fine business last season.

Among the enterprising business men of the place, we find the firm of Heard & Vaughan, who carry on a fine grocery business, together with a drug store. Mr. Heard has just been appointed postmaster and has the largest and finest set of postoffice furniture ever in this section.

Mr. G. T. Stith, ex-postmaster, is one of the most solid citizens and runs a general grocery, dry goods and feed establishment, now presided over by Mr. Jerry Townsend, in a business-like manner that betokens continued success.

B. A. Galloway runs a dry goods and notion store and caters well to the people with the best bargains to be found in this line.

Mr. E. Turner, mayor of the place, is a retired merchant—having made a sufficiency in trade at this place to now take his ease, but he is still in the beautiful and paying business of raising oranges.

Among the land agents we find the genial Mr. W. B. Jackson, who has a large grove and land interests and who is ever-ready to serve the home seeker.

Mr. S. B. Hill is the proprietor of the Hopeland Nurseries, where the finest orange trees in the State are grown. He also has some of the finest orange groves in this section. Mr. Hill is by profession a lawyer, but on the completion of his studies, his health was considerably run down, and he very wisely adopted the grove and nursery business for the time, which he has made a success and has also regained his health.

Major Sidney Herbert is a retired newspaper man and devotes his time to the care of his fine grove and place, and writing pleasurable paragraphs for the newspapers throughout the country.

Mr. L. L. Stone and son are two of the most energetic and successful men of the country. Besides their large, charming and profitable place they carry on an extensive carbonized stone works. We want ten thousand such men to develop the resources of the country and show to the world what we can do.

Mr. W. O. Ralls is a contractor and builder, and in addition to doing some of the finest work of the trade, is raising a handsome orange grove.

Dr. C. C. Haskell, brother of the late

editor of the Boston Herald, is President of one of the Sanford Banks and interested in one of the most extensive mercantile establishments of the same place, but has his beautiful home and a fine orange grove at Maitland.

Mr. C. H. Hall, president of a Bank at Ishpeming, Mich., has a most beautiful winter home on the spot of old Fort Maitland, which is one of the handsomest places in the country.

Mr. L. F. Domerich, one of the extensive silk importers of the United States, and a mercantile man of New York City, has one of the finest winter residences here, and his \$50,000 orange grove, which he bought from Superintendent B. R. Swoope of the South Florida Railroad, is one of the finest, if not the finest, groves in Florida.

Dr. W. A. Heard has a dry goods store and Dr. R. T. Packwood attends to the Æsculapian art.

William H. Barlow has a wood, blacksmith and general repair shop.

The district school and Rollins College at Winter Park, three miles distant, afford ample opportunity for the education of the rising generation, and many people of the North bring their delicate children here for school during the winter months.

There are Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and Catholic churches.

The Free and Accepted Masons have a well-organized lodge.

Altamonte.

Altamonte Station, on the South Florida railroad, is not Altamonte. The town and post office of Altamonte are on the line of both the Orange Belt and the Florida Midland railroads, and the region which bears the name is embraced in a circle of about two miles' radius, taking the postoffice as a center. Nowhere in the state is there a finer body of land, settled by people of greater intelligence and progressive ideas. It is valuable, high, rolling pine land, and heavily timbered.

At Altamonte Springs, about a mile west of Altamonte Station, is located "The Altamonte," an attractive and popular hotel under the management of Mr. H. W. Priest, a well known New England hotel man, who has made the house famous as a winter resort for wealthy Bostonians and other New Englanders. The hotel itself is most admirably located among the pines upon an eminence overlooking the picturesque lakes, and is a most delightful place at which to spend a few days or a winter's sojourn.

An Orange Grove Wonder.

Mr. S. B. Hill, of Maitland, has the champion young grove of Orange county. In the latter part of March, 1892, he transplanted from his "Hopeland nurseries" twelve hundred and six thrifty budded orange trees, placing them on a newly cleared piece of land about eight acres in extent on Lake Faith, one of the chain of three clear water lakes, (Faith, Hope and Charity), which lie contiguous to Maitland.

The trees were planted but 15 feet apart and were stripped of every leaf, branch and twig, nothing being left when put into the ground but the stump, standing about 5 feet high. To-day July 17, 1893, these trees have symmetrically beautiful tops with healthy dark green foliage, most of them having a number of half grown fruit hanging from their outer branches, the owner estimating that five hundred boxes will be gathered from the grove during the next year's crop.

One hundred and fifty boxes are said to have been its yield the past season, when the trees had been transplanted from the nursery but fourteen months before. This is a remarkable showing, and Mr. Hill thinks he has solved the problem of quick returns from orange trees by his method of setting out the larger thrifty budded trees of the nursery. Not further than fifteen feet apart and deep down in the ground, say from six to eight inches or even a foot below the surface.

The grove mentioned above as treated in this manner has certainly attained most astonishing results for one so youthful, and its thrifty appearance, uniformity of size and dark green foliage are assuredly a practical demonstration that the method has most decided merit.

The same gentleman set in April last a thousand budded trees in the same manner, on a place adjoining the above, which at the present time give promise of as surprising results as the twelve hundred and six, first mentioned.

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To the southward from Lake Jesup in the eastern part of far and deservedly famed Orange county, 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 lalmy, healthful and delicious Florida. In the 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, very small tracts of scrub and flat lands, now and then a miniature cypress swamp or grass pond, rich bayheads with inexhaustible treasures of pure vegetable muck awaiting drainage and utilization, beautifully rolling lands covered with a vigorous growth of the long-leaved Southern pine, interspersed with a variety of oaks. These choicer lands are also adorned with charming jewels in the shape of lovely clear water lakes with firm shores that make the most delightful of building sites.

Scattered here and there, over this broad and attractive area are the dwellings of several hundreds of people, pleasant home gardens, cultivated fields and orange groves containing about 100,000 of these wealth-giving, evergreen trees that not only enrapture the beholder but also bring thousands and thousands of dollars to the owners as an encouragement for their continuance in well doing. Though 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 south shore of Lake Jesup and some of the smaller lakes—these broad sheets of water mitigating the occasional cold blasts from the North and extracting the frosty sting from these reminders of the snow banks and blizzards that overwhelm the denizens of more Northern regions.

A moderate degree of attention is being given to the growing of lemons and the acreage 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. Guavas, in abundance, are grown about nearly every residence, while many add to them, lemons, limes, grape fruit, shaddocks, citrons, pineapples, strawberries, peaches, pears, Kelsey and other Japan as well as native plums. Japan persimmons, etc. Both soil and climate prove to be especially adapted to the growth and fruitage of grapes and large quantities of many varieties are now grown; while the number of vines set out is being largely 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, pecans, tea, camphor and a variety of other plants obtained from the De-

partment of Agriculture at Washington, while the establishment of a nursery here, during the past year, that makes a specialty of importing and propagating all kinds of plants useful for fruit, flower or ornament, gives us an assurance of certainty that we shall possess the most valuable kinds that the whole 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 lovely homes in a beautiful, fertile and healthful section of country convenient to transportation and to the great centers of the country.

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 river steamers transport their products to and their supplies from Jacksonville. The Sanford and Indian River Railroad, which extends the seventeen miles from Sanford through Oviedo, to the pretty suburb of Lake Charm, one mile to the east, connects this section with the whole railroad system of the country.

The East Florida and Atlantic road, a branch of the Florida Central and Peninsular trunk line, connects Orlando, the county seat, with Oviedo, and is the most picturesque railroad route through any portion of Florida.

The population of the Oviedo precinct is about 700 with 130 registered voters. Quite a village is built in this vicinity, the houses being handsome and attractive. The main streets being run on the lines between Sections ten and fifteen and nine and sixteen which corner about one quarter of a mile west of the railroad depot.

A Remarkable Orange Grove.

We are indebted to the Editor of the Oviedo Chronicle, for the following description of one of the most profitable orange groves in Florida. He says: We inquired of Mr. J. H. King, the very able superintendent of Dr. Henry Foster's famous orange grove on Gee Hammock, how many boxes of oranges the grove turned out this season, and he replied that the output of oranges amounted to a few hundred 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 week.

This grove was planted with seedling trees during the winter of 1875-76. It consists of twenty-four acres. Like everything else the Doctor does, this grove was given the best of attention, but it was not necessary to supply the trees with the least fertilizer, up to the time they came into full bearing, as the virgin soil was found rich enough to

cause the trees to grow thriftily without any stimulant.

The grove began to bear scatteringly, when it was six years old, but it was several years thereafter before it produced a paying crop. It continued to improve and produce increasing crops each year, until 1886, when it was ten years old, it reached its full, bearing capacity. That season the trees presented a sight that attracted people for many miles around. It was loaded with oranges to such an extent as even the most sanguine grower never dreamt of. It was estimated that the grove contained from 8,000 to 10,000 boxes, but before a box was gathered, the memorable freeze of the 8th of January, of that year, came along and relieved the Doctor of 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 a light crop all over the State. Not so, however, in this grove, for, when the season's shipments were footed up it was found that 9,800 boxes of fruit had been sent to market. The season of 1889 was an off year with the grove and it produced the lightest crop since it began to bear—3,200 boxes. The next year, 1890, the grove got back to business again, and Dr. Foster drew on his commission man in Boston, for 7,740 boxes of oranges.

Right here we wish to say that books have been kept showing every expenditure of the grove and the receipts of the same, and the figures show that up to 1890, when the grove was fourteen years old, enough fruit was sold from it to cover every cent that had been expended on it, and the Doctor was now the owner of a twenty-four acre grove that, practically, had not cost him a cent and which could not be purchased for \$50,000.

As we mentioned in the beginning of this article, the crop this year amounted to 10,000 boxes. The fruit was sold to L. W. Sherman & Co., of Boston, for \$1.75 per box, delivered on the cars, which is considered a very fair price and the above firm have made a handsome profit from the sale of the fruit. Mr. King says that the picking, packing, box material and all the work connected with putting up the fruit cost thirty cents per box. This leaves a net profit of \$1.45 per box, or \$14,500 net for this season's crop. Now let us deduct the expense of taking care of the grove for the year, all fertilizers used, etc.; this Mr. King places at \$1,500, which includes his own salary. Deducting this from the above amount and we see that the grove has paid a clear profit of \$13,000, or \$541.66 profit per acre.

ORANGE GROWING AT OVIEDO.

In addition to the bearing acreage around Oviedo, there are 600 acres of young trees that will, during the next few years, come into bearing, each year adding to the bearing groves, and the older trees also increasing their capacity for producing fruit, so that the crop in five years' time will reach upward of 200,000 boxes.

Among some of the noted bearing groves is that of Capt. M. E. Brock, of six acres, from which the captain picks 1,500 to 1,800 boxes a season. The Alexander grove of 80 acres, which, two years ago contained 10,000 boxes. Adjoining this, one and one-half acres belonging to J. O. Jelks, of Hawkinsville, Ga., who has refused \$11,000 for this small grove because it produces enough oranges each year to pay its owner an in-

come of ten per cent on the amount. This gentleman has been in the business for 23 years, and is, to-day, the most enthusiastic orange grower in the country, and is adding continually to his acreage, and now owns over fifty acres of grove. His brother, Dr. E.A. Jelks, of Quitman, Ga., is also an enthusiast in the business and is considered one of the most successful growers. He owns a grove of eight acres that yield an average income of \$2,500 per annum. The trees are beauties and many of them produce from fifteen to twenty boxes in a season. Many of these trees have a spread of branches of thirty feet across. Nearing Lake Charm are situated the Mead grove, producing a crop of 4,000 boxes, and right on Lake Charm, is the model, young, bearing grove of Rev. R. W. Lawton, and up to this season has produced about 9,000 boxes of oranges. It consists of eight acres, and has already paid for its entire cost and paid a handsome profit besides, and from now on the grove will pay handsome profits.

Adjoining Dr. Foster's grove at Lake Charm, is the fine grove of Dr. West, of Nashville, Tenn, which yields annually about 4,000 boxes of fruit. And so we might go on and tell of scores of other groves, to prove that as an orange growing section, Oviedo cannot be surpassed by any other section.

Ocoee.

This is a substantial settlement with a number of general merchandise stores, postoffice, steam saw mill, etc., located on Starke Lake, about two miles south of Lake Apopka.

Some of the prominently attractive features of the place are its immunity from malarial diseases, its great healthfulness, pure water, and the good fruit and garden lands which lie adjacent to the town.

The people of Ocoee and vicinity are enterprising, moral and intelligent. Each one seems to be too much engrossed in his own affairs, and too well satisfied with the success which attends his efforts, to allow any feelings of malice or envy to exist in his mind. There are no neighborhood quarrels. Justices of the peace have few or no official duties, a busy, thriving people, all rejoicing in the general prosperity of a section, and all confident that this particular locality, when fully developed, will be one of the richest and most attractive to be found anywhere, bearing nothing but good will toward each other. Such communities naturally attract strangers, and secure the best citizens from coming immigration.

A fertile agricultural district surrounds the town, and vegetable gardening, together with fruit growing, are extensively and profitably carried on.

Church and school facilities are excellent. Transportation facilities are good, and the country surrounding the village for miles is thickly settled with prosperous fruit and vegetable growers.

Ocoee's favored location, by reason of water protection from surrounding lakes gives it immunity from damaging frosts, making it one of the very best localities in the State for the growing of early vegetables for Northern markets.

Paola.

This is six miles west of Sanford, with a surrounding country similar to that of Gabriella and other thriving towns of Orange county. Some of the largest and best paying orange groves in the county are in this section,

ILLUSTRATED ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Sylvan Lake and Upsala.

Two thrifty settlements near the northern border line of the county are peopled principally with active, energetic and industrious Swedes all of whom have made within a very short period comfortable homes and profitable groves and gardens, by the exercise of industry and perseverance, and without capital to begin with.

Tangerine and Bay Ridge.

Both of these localities are famous for the success attained here in Orange culture. Tangerine being the place where Dudley W. Adams, President of the Florida Horticultural Society, has made a bearing grove but a few years old which yields him a princely income every year, and is known as a model grove. The two places are in the northern portion of the county, and are easy of access.

Pinecastle.

Pinecastle is about five miles directly south of the county seat, bordering on the west bank of Lake Conway. It has within its immediate vicinity some of the most prosperous orange groves, and is famous as the home of Will. Wallace Harney, the poet and magazine writer, and whose quaint castle, built of native pine, gave rise to the name of the place. Lands in this vicinity are good and can be obtained at moderate prices.

The Lake Butler Section.

This is one of the most attractive and picturesque portions of Orange county. Here orange groves and vegetable gardens are nestled amidst a chain of beautiful lakes, of which Butler and Downs are the largest and most noted. The Lake Butler region is noted as coupling the advantages of good soil with high, rolling, picturesque landscape, together with excellent bass fishing. These combined attractive features making it a favorite section for either the home seeker, sportsman or horticulturist.

McDonald.

The above is the name of the railroad station, five miles northwest of Apopka, on the line of the Florida Central & Peninsular railroad. The land is very high and rolling, interspersed with numerous pretty and clear water lakes. One of the best sawmills in the country is located here, and manufactures lumber of excellent quality. Numerous valuable groves are here, and there is desirable land to be had at reasonable rates. Those who were farmers before coming have vegetables and milk for home use and sale. Some neat dwellings are here, and the acreage in orange groves is constantly increasing.

Conway.

The settlement is a thriving one about three miles south of Orlando, on the eastern shores and contiguous to the famous Lake Conway, a magnificent body of clear, pure water about four miles in length and varying in width from one-half to one mile. The lake abounds in fine fish, black bass being very plentiful and many having been caught weighing ten and twelve pounds each.

The country around the lake is dotted with neat cottages and homes, substantial and enterprising Englishmen making up the majority of the settlers.

The land in this vicinity is admirably adapted to the cultivation of all the citrus fruits, and the soil is considered among the richest in the high pine districts of the country.

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Chuluota.

Chuluota is a Seminole Indian word, signifying beautiful view, or Bellevue. 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 excelled in the state.

To those acquainted with the salubrity of this climate, it is almost superfluous to say that there are no acclimating 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 and one Union Sunday school, with occasional church services by other denominations.

One general merchandise store, one shoe shop, one hotel and a saw-mill comprise the business portion of the community.

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

Prices of lumber ranges from \$12 to \$15 per 1,000 feet. Shingles, pine and cypress, sell at \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4 per thousand.

The substantial advantages of this portion of the county can readily be told without embodying a single fable in the narration. A gentle undulating plateau from one to three miles in width, commencing near Maitland and running thence easterly to this place, and southeasterly for a number of miles, the water flowing to the St. John's east, and the Ekonlokhatchie west, the latter stream finding its way into the former seven miles northwest from Chuluota.

Twenty or more clear water lakes, with inlets and outlets, keeping up a never-ending supply of pure, limpid water, suited to all purposes, are interspersed within a radius of three miles of Lake Mills upon the southwest bank of which Chuluota is built. This entire system of lakes empty into the Ekonlokhatchie, flowing thence into the St. John's river, losing itself in the insatiate maw of Old Ocean.

Vegetables and fruits succeed admirably. Within an area of two miles of Chuluota are growing more than 8,500 full bearing orange trees, occupying sixty acres of land, and about two hundred acres upon which 15,000 young orange trees have been set out, from one to six years from setting. Numerous badded trees, three years from setting, have borne fifteen to thirty-five oranges the past season.

One fruit grower has set out twenty acres in kakis, and nearly every one has a few trees. The kaki has proven very satisfactory, and the area will be greatly enlarged. A more luscious fruit would be hard to find, even in this land of varied productions and unlimited possibilities.

Bananas, grapes and pineapples are proving remunerative, and are being more largely cultivated. Grapes especially are receiving considerable consideration from the entire county and state. It is an exploded fallacy that grapes cannot be successfully grown in Florida. The simple fact is that the experimental period has passed and the earnest, persistent and intelligent cultivation of the grape and its rapidly increasing acreage ought to be a sufficient argument for everybody, except chronic croakers, that the industry has come stay.

Strawberries, too, can be made remunerative, and will be largely planted when we get quick transportation. They can be made to yield for months—Christmas until the fourth of July—by judicious cultivation.

Factories for canning and evaporating fruits and vegetables would give our people constant employment, and naturally require a large increase for laborers, besides making these industries remunerative to the enterprising owners.

Gabriella.

This town is situated on the railroad, nine miles northeast of Orlando, and seven miles southwest of Oviedo. It has a church, school, postoffice and sawmill; the surrounding country is rolling, healthy and interspersed with beautiful lakes and orange groves; pineapples and other semi-tropical fruits and vegetables flourish here, and the people are enterprising, industrious and all pulling together.

Lake Irma.

This is a thriving community two and a half miles from Gabriella on the railroad running from Orlando via Winter Park and Oviedo; they have a postoffice, store and a school, the land is high and three sparkling lakes are in view of the postoffice.

Geneva.

Situated as she is, snugly encircled by the waters of the St. Johns and Ekonlokhatchie river, and Lakes Jessup and Harney, Geneva is almost an island, with an area of nearly fifty square miles of excellent land, varying from the high grey hammock suitable for oranges and the fertile low hammock for gardening to first class pine lands and rich black prairie lands.

Our community is prosperous, progressive and pious, quiet and unassuming. We have two churches, two stores and postoffice; public schools with large attendance, wharves where steamboats land regularly. Geneva ships annually several thousand boxes of oranges and vegetables. Some of the finest truck gardens in the county are to be found within the bounds. The large apiaries are flourishing features.

Geneva can show as many and as fine pineapples as any community in this or any adjoining county.

Chuluota

Is located in the eastern portion of the county, on the line of the projected railroad from Oviedo to Indian river, and but six miles east of the present terminus of that road. The Lake Jessup & Atlantic railroad is also projected through Chuluota with probable terminus at St. Cloud, in the sugar 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 in the vicinity. Almost any product in the vegetable kingdom can be raised here. Fruits of various sorts do well. With ordinary attention a person can raise both fruits and vegetables in paying quantities.

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LAKE STANDISH HOUSE, PLYMOUTH, FLA.

Lake Standish House

This hotel, built five years ago, has steadily grown in favor, until now it is recognized as one of the best kept hotels in South Florida. Among its patrons every year are well-known people of the New England and Middle States, as well as from the city of Chicago, Minnesota and other States. Among the hotel's guests are many who make the Lake Standish House their winter home, season after season.

The hotel is situated on a hill, at an elevation of seventy feet above the clear waters of Lake Standish and is surrounded by beautiful pine forests, miles in extent, while in its immediate vicinity are many of the finest orange groves in the State. The house was built for comfort, and has large rooms, hot and cold baths on the second floor; while the table is provided with all the delicacies of the season. Its table is also bountifully supplied with all kinds of vegetables gathered fresh every day, from an extensive garden run in connection with the house.

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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 in Orange county, and is on the highest land in South Florida—being over 300 feet above tide level. Situated as it is on the backbone of the State, its atmosphere is fanned continuously by breezes from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

Among the natural attractions of Plymouth may be mentioned its beautiful, clear, fresh water lakes, of which there are thirteen within the town limits. One of the first things to impress the Northern visitor on his arrival, is the high, rolling pine land, which everywhere greets him, and characterizes Plymouth as being different from what he was led to expect—after having traveled over other portions



VIEW ON LAKE STANDISH.

been caught in its waters by one person, in less than one day. Among the fish in the lakes may be mentioned trout, bream and shad—specimens weighing from three to six pounds, being frequently taken.

For a man with a good dog, there is plenty of sport in shooting quail, of which the woods are full. There are also quantities of rabbits, squirrels and foxes, in the immediate vicinity of Plymouth; while deer, and even bears, may be shot by traveling a distance of five or six miles.

The beautiful rides and drives in and around Plymouth, constitute one of the pleasantest amusements of the Northern visitors. Scarcely a day passes, that one does not meet gay parties going hither and thither, on horseback and in carriages, over a country which has no counterpart in any other portion of our land, in the matter of beautiful and enchanting scenery.

Excursions are frequently made by parties from Plymouth's hotel, to Clay Springs, the Ocklawaha River and the Indian River country. Clay Springs is

the incoming stream rushes upward, above the natural level of the springs, a foot or more. So great is the force of the upward movement that none but a very strong swimmer can pass through the center of what is called the "boil" of the water. The waters of these springs are very strongly impregnated with sulphur and are considered valuable in curing rheumatic complaints. In fact, the writer has a personal knowledge of a number of cures which have been effected in severe chronic cases.

Plymouth and Its Growth.

Eight years ago there was no railroad connecting Plymouth with the outer world, and people who came here had to come by teams from a station some ten or twelve miles distant. We now have a station on the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad, an 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 well kept lawns and pleasant surroundings attest the thrift and success of the people who live here.



ORANGE GROVE IN PLYMOUTH.

is a billiard and pool room, as well as tennis and croquet grounds. There is also a well-equipped livery, where carriage 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 en-

of Florida. Beautiful views abound everywhere, and there is scarcely a spot in Plymouth from which a pretty blending of sparkling water, majestic pines and the dark green foliage of the orange groves, is not visible.

In most of the lakes can be had fine fishing. Lake Standish in particular—having been stocked with black bass several years ago—affords splendid amusement to the professional angler. As many as seventy-five or eighty fish have



PINE FOREST IN PLYMOUTH.

about five miles from Plymouth, and the trip there affords an excellent drive through one of the most beautiful portions of Florida. Scarcely a day passes during which the springs are not visited by tourists and picnic parties from far and near, who spend the day boating and fishing in the Wekiva River and in bathing in the springs. The springs themselves are well worth a visit. The water enters from the bottom with a boiling or bubbling effect and with such force that

There have been cleared and planted in orange trees, between 500 and 600 acres of land in Plymouth, during the past six years, and more land is almost constantly being cleared preparatory to planting out orange and lemon trees.

Scarcely a month passes that property does not change hands, and Plymouth keeps steadily going forward and is destined to be one of the thriftiest and most prosperous villages in Orange county. Thousands of boxes of oranges are shipped from Plymouth annually—each year adding a large increase to the previous season's shipment.