

Letter from Florida.

PEACH TREES IN BLOOM
EARLY IN JANUARY,

AND GARDEN BEING PLANTED.

JANUARY AS PLEASANT AS JUNE.

Do Pensacola, Fla. Jan. 14, 1888.
Editor Progress: No doubt this will find you frozen up or snowed under. As I write my windows are up, no fire, and the thermometer 65° above zero, although this winter has not been so pleasant as last, there being more rain. Spring has come and people are planting their gardens. Peach trees are in bloom. Now for fear you won't believe this assertion I send you some blossoms in this letter.

The "boom" at this place is not booming like it was last winter. I think this is on account of the railroad "hogs" in and through the South. Yet several houses are going up and the court house and jail are on the way. The jail is now ready for the iron roof. A large hotel is being built at Marianna, (a town east of here) which gives work to several of our mechanics. I am working on the New York hotel here. It was partly built last winter, and is being finished now. The same man (Mr. Scott) runs a hotel at Chattanooga, N. Y., in the summer, and the one here, in the winter.

I feel very much improved in health since I came here and feel more like work than I did at home. I think this is a very healthy place. It can be excelled for catarrh, throat, lung disease, asthma, and many other affections. It is a fact it is a benefit for most all diseases, even political afflictions it has in some cases, checked.

The Jacksonville Sub Tropical Exposition is going to be a good show. It commences next week. They have fitted out a car filled with a great variety of products of Florida—a car made especially for that purpose—and it is now on its way to Washington City. From there it will run through the north and stop at all the large cities. The manager was informed "right then and there" that Bloomington, Ind., is a very large city, and we spoke of the many objects of interest, such as the great "Artesian Gusher," "Union Depot," "Round House," and other attractions. But don't fail to see the car if it stops at Bloomington.

South Florida is shipping an immense quantity of young orange trees to California, which gives Florida a rep. on her oranges.

There are quite a number of hunters here this winter who, bring in deer by going out some ten miles and often only five or six.

The Bloomington colony are all well and hearty. I have gained eight pounds in weight since coming down here, and weigh more than I ever did before; so you see it agrees with me.

Hoping, Mr. Editor, that this letter may find you in better health than when I last saw you, I remain Yours, &c. J. H. W.

TALE OF A BLIZZARD.

JUST HOW COLD IT CAN GET IN DAKOTA.

TERRIBLE SACRIFICE OF A FAMILY.

It was in the smoking car of a train on the "Monon," and some one had asked him how cold he had seen it in Dakota.

"Well, sir, I'll relate a little experience of 1876," he replied as he threw his stub away. "I was then operating a sawmill on Fat Injun Creek, and counting a girl about thirteen miles off. One night in February, when the thermometer stood 26 degrees above zero, I rode over to see her. The family consisted of herself, father, mother, two young children and a Chinaman cook. I was warmly received, and the old folks said: 'Just gone off to bed, when a blizzard came howling down Dead Man's Gulch. Snow came with it, and inside of an hour the house was blanketed in. The thermometer kept going down and down and before 3 o'clock next morning the mercury was dead out of sight. There was mighty little fuel for the fire, and the last stick was gone before daylight. We burned up floors, chairs, bedsteads, tables, but the cold kept growing more severe, and along toward night the father mother, and two children were frozen to death."

"You don't mean it?" whispered one of his listeners.

"Every word of it."

"How did the girl escape?"

"I had her on my lap, with my arms around her. The old woman, when she found death approaching, begged me to hug her too, but I refused. There's no monon about me. But for my presence of mind I should not be here to-day."

PROTECT OUR BREAD.

The machinery of the law cannot be put at work too speedily or too vigorously against the wholesale adulteration of the things we eat. Both the health and the pockets of the people demand protection.

There is no article of food in general use more wickedly adulterated than the lower grades of baking powder.

For raising bread, biscuit or other food only the very best and purest baking powder should be employed. The use of the ordinary cream of tartar, or of baking powders containing lime, alum and phosphates, carries deleterious ingredients into the food to the prejudice of the life and health of the consumer.

The sale of adulterated baking powders has been prohibited by statute in several localities. It will be in the interests of the public health when their sale is made a misdemeanor everywhere, and the penalties of the law are rigidly enforced.

The ordinary baking powder contains either lime, which, introduced into the system in too free quantities, causes serious disorders of the kidneys; alum, a corrosive poison, or lime phosphates, which are condemned by physicians as deleterious in their effect when taken under certain physical conditions. The Royal is the only baking powder on the market that is free from lime, alum and phosphates, and absolutely pure.

The absolute purity of the Royal Baking Powder makes it pre-eminently the most useful and wholesome leavening agent known. Containing no lime, alum, phosphate or other impurity, it leaves no alkaline or other residuum in the food, and its use always insures pure, light and sweet bread, biscuit and cake, that are perfectly digestible and wholesome whether hot or cold, fresh or stale. Its leavening power has been determined the highest whenever tested by official authority, and all chemists and writers on food hygiene commend it for its sterling qualities.

I then got up and threw the old woman in for a back log, and used the children to think in with.

"How did the girl take it?"

"All right until just before daylight. Then she suddenly remembered that the old man had \$150 in his vest pocket when I flung him on and this of course was lost. She reproached me for my carelessness, and one word brought on another until I plainly realized that she was no wife for me. I told her as much, and she went off to sulk in a corner. I sat toasting my shins before the grateful fire for a quarter of an hour, and then looked around and found her dead.

"You don't say! Was she frozen?"

"Stiff as a crowbar. Affairs must have been shaped by the hands of Providence, for it was two hours longer before the blizzard broke, and I had to use her for firewood. Not having any more small children to think in with, she burst like a log of swamp elm, and the end of my nose was frozen within five feet of the fire. She was just about gone when the blizzard broke, and I dog my way out."

"And you actually burned up that whole family to save your own infernal carcass?"

"Well, what could I do?"

"You look a-here!" continued the other, "I'm in a strange State now, and don't know the laws, and don't want to get into jail; but I live in St. Thomas, Canada, and if ever I catch you onto Canadian soil and don't mail daylight out of you, then may St. Peter go back on me at heaven's gate!"

The Dakota man bowed his head and would say no more, although he had not told what became of the Chinaman.

"Spirit Control of People."

A work of the above title is about to appear from the publication office of Philbrook & Dean, Chicago, written by R. B. Philbrook, author of "What and Where is God?" "Work of Electricity in Nature," "Cause and Cure of Disease," and other scientific works.

The work is claimed to be a complete Spirit History of all the essential operations of spirit people in producing events and controlling the affairs of mortal people—governmental, religious, political, social and personal. Every event of the world of consequence is considered; and the author in spirit life and the purpose of the event given, with details and particulars, and all matters, names and dates, are as fully set forth as in any historical work.

A full description of spirit authors, of all literary works, including bibles and books of a religious worship, poems, songs or the music of songs, many dramatic writings, all paintings of extraordinary merit, and the inventions of people of consequence is to be given, and the spirit author is named. The uncovering of spirit operations in human affairs extends from the commencement of civilization to the present day, and all the operations of the people of our own country, of a public character, are found to be a result of a spirit control of persons.

The book will be as full a history of the important events of both spirit and mortal worlds as is wanted by a people. It is perhaps well to say, that it is correct in all the most surprising, and interesting of all literary works. When the work reaches us we shall give our own opinion upon it.

The work will be sold by subscription and by book dealers.

In another column we print the advertisement of the New York Mail and Express, and commend it to our readers as a national newspaper, carefully edited, and adapted to the wants and tastes of intelligent readers throughout the entire country. It is a clean paper, free from sensational trash, misallied news, which defiles the pages of too many city papers.

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—One of the things Gen. Grant said twelve years ago as to the future of the Democratic party is about to come true. In St. Louis, speaking of the prospects of Democratic control, the general said: "Whenever the Democratic party comes near to a control of the country it will break its back across the Allegheny mountains on the tariff question."

—The question whether the wheat of Manitoba can be transported through Hudson's Bay direct to Liverpool is of serious moment to this country as well as to Canada. On this subject in The American Magazine for February, J. Macdonald Oxley will throw whatever light recent exploring expeditions can afford aided by illustrations and details of existence in a region where mercury freezes solid.

—"What do you think of Europe?" asked an American musician who was contemplating a trip abroad. "Disgusted," replied Curd Jones, "with my trip. The Black Sea is green, the Red sea is grey, the White sea is blue, the black forest is green, and the Blue Danube is yellow."

—A new thing is a clock with ordinary works, that will run for a year without attention. An electric battery concealed in the case winds up the clock from day to day or week as the need may be. Once in a great while the battery must be renewed, but that is all the care the clock calls for.

—The death of Charles Self, the son-in-law of Professor Bryant, which was reported in The News of the 6th inst., is attributed by his physicians to the smoking of cigars. He was confined to the house but a few days, and was seriously sick but a few hours. Few young men were more robust in health or had a brighter future.—Indianapolis News.

—The Duty of the Hour. [National Tribune.] Comrades, it is our duty to plant ourselves firmly on the platform that there must be no reduction in the Nation's revenues until it pays its debts to the soldiers.

Let us be earnest and unite in asserting that any repudiation of the just claims of the men who fought the country's battles is more dishonorable than would have been the repudiation of the debts due the bondholders.

Not a dollar must be taken off the revenue nor from the surplus while there is a veteran in the poor house, or while any soldier is denied the relief which his services and his sacrifices in the field earned for him.

Let us inscribe the recommendations of the National G. A. R. Pension Committee on our banner, and rally around it in solid ranks for a battle which shall not end except with complete victory.

If we do this, disabled veterans and their widows, orphans and dependent parents all over the country will rise up and call us blessed.

—The time has come when the newspapers in the South who are trying to take care of Southern interests and build up the country and make the people independent, shall speak out and let the country know exactly where we stand and what we mean. We mean to say that the South can not be carried by the Democratic party on Mr. Waterson's Kentucky idea. If it should be adopted by the Demo-

TAXES FOR 1887.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tax Duplicate for the State, County and other Taxes for the Year 1887 is now in my hands, and I am ready to receive the Taxes thereon charged.

I have also received the Turnpike Duplicate, for the collection of Taxes on the following roads: **ROGERS, STEPHENS, HIGHT AND WYLLIE.** The following table shows the Rate of Taxation on each one hundred dollars' worth of Property, and also on each Poll, in the several corporations in Monroe County, Indiana, for the year 1887:

TOWNSHIPS AND CORPORATIONS.	Polls.	State Tax.	State School Tax.	County School Tax.	County Fund.	Co. Tax.	Township.	Tuition Tax.	Sp. School.	Add. Road.	Pike Repairs.	Tot without Road.	Road Tax.	TOTAL.
Bean Blossom,	2	00	12	16	1	00	10	10	10	14	1 1/2	1 66	10	1 76
Washington,	2	00	12	16	1	00	10	10	10	14	1 1/2	1 60	10	1 70
Marion,	2	00	12	16	1	00	15	10	10	5	1 1/2	1 60	10	1 70
Benton,	2	00	12	16	1	00	20	10	15	5	1 1/2	1 80	4	1 84
Bloomington,	2	00	12	16	1	00	20	10	10	10	1 1/2	1 70	16	1 86
Richland,	2	00	12	16	1	00	5	16	5	1 1/2	1 56	15	1	1 71
Van Buren,	2	00	12	16	1	00	10	6	10	1 1/2	1 56	10	1	1 66
Perry,	2	00	12	16	1	00	6	8	6	1 1/2	1 50	10	1	1 60
Salt Creek,	2	00	12	16	1	00	10	5	15	4	1 1/2	1 64	10	1 74
P. Ik,	2	00	12	16	1	00	16	20	1 1/2	1 66	10	1	1	1 76
Star Creek,	2	00	12	16	1	00	10	5	26	4	1 1/2	1 74	16	1 80
Clear Creek,	2	00	12	16	1	00	5	4	5	1 1/2	1 44	10	1	1 54
Indian Creek,	2	00	12	16	1	00	5	4	5	1 1/2	1 30	1	1	1 36
City of Bloomington,	2	00	12	16	1	00				1 1/2	1 95	1	1	1 96
City of Ellettsville,	2	25	12	16	1	00	25	40		1 1/2	1 95	1	1	1 96
Town														

In addition to the above there is charged to each person owning, keeping or harboring within the County One Male Dog, \$1 00; One Female Dog, \$2 00. Each additional Dog, \$2 00.

The Taxes as above stated can be paid at the Office of the County Treasurer, in the City of Bloomington, until the Third Monday in April, 1888, without penalty.

Taxes become due on the first of January, and the tax-payer may pay the full amount of such taxes on or before the Third Monday in April, or may, at his option, pay one-half thereof on or before the said Third Monday in April, and the remaining half on or before the First Monday in November, in the manner prescribed by law. All Road Taxes to be added to the first installment.

When first installment is not paid prior to Third Monday in April, the Taxes for the whole year become delinquent.

The Treasurer will not be responsible for the penalty and charges on Delinquent Taxes, resulting from any omission of the person paying to state definitely on what property, in whose name, and in what Township or Corporation it was assessed.

Please examine your receipts before leaving the office and see that they include all your property, if you have lands in different townships, or if your personal is in another township from your real estate, please mention the fact. From the great number of tax-payers in the county the Treasurer cannot know what each man wishes to pay on. Call early and pay your taxes promptly, by so doing you will save penalty, interest and costs, and me a very unpleasant duty. Also see that change is correctly made.

Persons owing delinquent taxes should pay them at once. The late law is of such a character that there is no option left the Treasurer but to enforce the collection of delinquent taxes, however much they may regret to collect the same, by sale of property.

The owner of property on the first day of April in any year, shall be liable for the taxes of that year. The purchaser of property on the first day of April, shall be considered as the owner on that day.—Sec. 103.

The Treasurer has no option in rebating the Penalty on taxes allowed to be delinquent. Tax-payers are particularly notified that all the Road Tax is due and payable with the first installment. No credit will be allowed on Road Tax unless the receipt is presented. Road Receipts will not be received in payment of second installment of Taxes. No County Orders will be endorsed for persons owing Delinquent Taxes.

The ANNUAL SALE of Delinquent Lands and Lots will take place on the Second Monday of February, 1888.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION:

Tax-payers should examine their receipts before leaving the Treasurer's Office, and see that they are correct. Those who have lands or other property in more than one Township, must see that they have a receipt for all.

JAMES H. GASTON, Treasurer Monroe County.

Bloomington, Indiana, January 4, 1888.

eratic party in its next convention, then we will lose from three to five states in the South, and probably more.—Nashville American (Dem.)

—An intelligent exchange, in referring to the tobacco habit, says: "Tobacco may not be a necessity, but at the same time a chronic user of the weed would walk a good many miles for a chew or a smoke rather than go without it. The habit gets a firmer grip on its victim than alcohol or any other habit save lying. Once the latter has been fully acquired it is incurable."

—The late Daniel Manning accounted for his success in life mainly by the fact that he began early to save money. He so adjusted his expenses, in other words, as to leave a margin on the credit side at the end of each week. Thus he acquired methodical and economical habits which served him profitably at every stage of his career. The plan of living within one's earnings, however little, for a rainy day, looks to be very simple and easy, but in fact it is the hardest thing that the average citizen has to learn in his efforts to get ahead in the world.

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