

The Sea Breeze.

Lower Pinellas First Newspaper

Copies of all issues

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While "The Sea Breeze" carried no news of earth shaking importance, its 17 issues did chronicle the daily comings and goings of the people of the entire lower peninsula - the events that were of importance in their daily lives. Thus, perusing it can give us some idea of life in pioneer Pinellas County.

Editorially, "The Sea Breeze" spoke up for better roads, a railroad, better mail service, more interest in Sunday School, more harmony amongst the citizens, more cooperation among the settlements on the "point." More than once it spoke up strongly against liquor.

Of interest to rail fans would be several articles in "The Sea Breeze" to the effect that surveyors of the SILVER SPRINGS, OCALA & GULF RAILROAD were working in the area in an apparent attempt to beat the ORANGE BELT to the Gulf of Mexico port on lower Pinellas. The SSO&G actually built to the Gulf at Homosassa in 1888.

In April, 1887 "The Sea Breeze" after issuing Vol. 2, No. 1 was merged into the "Herald." A Mr. Langstreth became publisher and R.E. Neeld became editor. H.M. Langstreth was a resident of Disston City, and was mentioned in the "The Sea Breeze" of December 1, 1886. R.E. Neeld was one of four brothers who came to Florida from Alabama in 1873. He moved to Big Bayou on the Pinellas peninsula in 1876 where he operated a small grocery store. Neeld decendents were still "active, if not prominent" in St. Petersburg in 1972 (2). The final issue of "The Sea Breeze" made no mention of its forthcoming demise, and if any issues of the "Herald" were actually published apparently none have survived.

Some of the settlements mentioned in "The Sea Breeze" and their approximate locations were:

DISSTON CITY (Bonifacio Post Office) Pop. 150 (3) - Gulfport, between Lake View Ave. (Gulfport Blvd.) and the waterfront.

PINELLAS, Pop. 100 - Along the north shore of Big Bayou in the Driftwood area.

NEW CADIZ, Slightly south of 40th St. and 42nd Ave. So., on a point of land which no longer exists.

JOHN'S PASS (a mainland village, not the waterway between Treasure Island and Madeira Beach) Pop. 80 - Between Park Street and the Bay, about where Abercrombie Park is located.

PAUL'S LANDING - Downtown St. Petersburg, on the waterfront.

BAYVIEW, Pop. 150 - On upper Tampa Bay, behind today's Clearwater Mall.

CLEAR WATER, Pop. 75 - On the waterfront of downtown Clearwater.

SOUTHERLAND - Palm Harbor

GRASSY POINT - Port Tampa

NOTES:

(1) Hurley, Frank T., Jr., "Surf, Sand, and Postcard Sunsets," St. Petersburg, 1977

(2) Fuller, Walter P., "St. Petersburg and its People," St. Petersburg, 1972

(3) All population figures from Rand McNally "Family Atlas", 1891

Additional information came from Straub's History of Pinellas County, from both of Grismer's Histories of St. Petersburg, and from "The Sea Breeze."

The Sea Breeze.

FIRST NEWSPAPER of the LOWER PINELLAS PENINSULA - April 1, 1886

On June 23, 1887 the "Tampa Journal" said:

"In 1885 Mr. (W.J.) McPherson came to Disston City from Deland, and on the first day of the following April (1886) issued the first number of "The Sea Breeze." On the first day of the following April (1887) it was merged into the "Herald."

Thus, in one brief paragraph the beginning and the end of the first newspaper published on the lower PINELLAS peninsula was reported!

In the upper portion of the peninsula the "West Hillsborough Times" had first been published in Dunedin in 1884, moved to Clear Water the same year, moved again to St. Petersburg in 1892 with its name changed to the "St. Petersburg Times."

W.J. (Will) McPherson was one of three sons of Elias B. McPherson who had homesteaded 168 acres of today's St. Petersburg Beach in 1885. Besides "The Sea Breeze", the McPhersons, father and sons, operated a job printing business, a lumber yard, a contracting business, and a general business agency, all in Disston City (today's Gulfport). See Hurley (1), and ads in "The Sea Breeze." Besides all that activity, Elias B. (the father) was superintendent of the Disston City Sunday School.

According to W.J. McPherson's own writings he was a very young man. "The Sea Breeze" of March 1, 1887 said:

"Another voter added to the list in this precinct on February 17th; Ye editor having attained his majority on that day. Congratulations and subscriptions are in order."

So, McPherson was only 20 when he founded "The Sea Breeze."

According to Fuller (2), Page 81, W.J. McPherson was assisted in publishing "The Sea Breeze" by G.W. Bennett, "a veteran newspaperman." ("The Sea Breeze", Vol. 1, No. 1, in an article about Bennett says, "We are indebted to him for assistance in our office.") There are indications in several issues of the paper that E.B. McPherson, W.J.'s father, also had a hand in the publication. Fuller credits Bennett with hand cutting, from a block of black mangrove wood, the flagstaff of the paper, first used in Vol. 1, No. 3. The actual hand cut flagstaff, reproduced above, is on display at the St. Petersburg Historical Museum, and is used as the flagstaff of the newsletter of the St. Petersburg Historical Society.

The Disston City of the 1880's was no metropolis, but it was the largest settlement of lower Pinellas with a population of 150. No other settlement south of Bayview had a population of over 100. Those settlers were farmers, fishermen, small merchants, skilled tradesmen, and a sprinkling of real estate agents. The earliest arrivals had acquired their land by homesteading, generally in blocks of 160 acres or more. Later arrivals had to pay for their land, usually purchasing five or ten acre tracts from one of the Hamilton Disston Land Companies or from one of the homesteaders.

Seventeen issues of "The Sea Breeze" were published during its one year of existence. A complete file of original copies of all seventeen issues is located in the archives of the St. Petersburg Historical Society at the Museum. The following copies were made from those original issues.

The seventeen issues were:

VOLUME 1	No. 1,	April	1,	1886,	1 Page,	
	No. 2,	May	11,	1886,	2 Pages,	
	No. 3,	June	15,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 4,	July	1,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 5,	July	15,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 6,	Aug.	2,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 7,	Aug.	16,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 8,	Sept.	15,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 9,	Oct.	1,	1886,	2 Pages,	
	No. 10,	Oct.	15,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 11,	Nov.	5,	1886,	2 Pages,	
	No. 12,	Nov.	15,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 13,	Dec.	1,	1886,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 14,	Jan.	1,	1887,	4 Pages,	(x)
	No. 15,	Feb.	1,	1887,	4 Pages,	
	No. 16,	March	1,	1887,	4 Pages,	
VOLUME 2	No. 1,	April	1,	1887,	4 Pages,	

NOTE: (x) Page 4 of each of these 10 issues consisted of identical full page ads of the Wm. B. Miranda Real Estate Agency, agents for the Hamilton Disston Land Companies.

The following copies were originally reproduced on a modern copy machine by Willard B. Simonds in 1982. As he noted at the time, over the past 100 years, the original paper had yellowed badly, the ink had faded, and in many cases the ink had bled through the paper. Consequently, the copies, while readable, are less than perfect.

Willard B. Simonds
Gulfport, Florida
February 25, 1982

THE SEA BREEZE.

Vol. I. No. 1

W. J. McPherson Publisher.

Price 1 cent.

THE BREEZE.

BONIFACIO, FLA., APRIL 1, 1886.

W. J. McPHERSON & CO., Editors.

OUR MOTTO, "We blow for all."

Rates of Advertising.

Very reasonable, and strictly cash.

SALUTATORY.

The Editors of the SEA BREEZE in making their bows before the people, wish to say that they are here to stay, and serve the public, especially the residents of Point Pinellas.

Having secured a Gordon rotary Job Press and an outfit of new type, will say to all who have any work in our line, such as bill and letter-heads, posters, cards, etc., can be accommodated at short notice, and at reasonable terms.

We expect to increase in size and velocity as we progress, and continue to blow for the benefit of all interested.

W. J. McPHERSON & CO.

Fine mullet on the market again.

The Sanitarium, well it hath not yet materialized though rumor saith it is coming.

The Sloop Seabird has changed hands, Frank Fuch having bought it.

Remember that there is preaching every Sunday at the Miranda school house.

Capt. A. Miranda is the model farmer and stock-raiser of this coast. His Irish potatoes are large enough to use, and his corn, beans, and tomatoes are looking fine. He keeps a fine lot of thorough-bred hogs of the Essex and China breeds.

Mr. J. R. Torres informs us that he has sold out his entire property here, except his stock of goods and one lot, through W. B. Miranda's Agency.

Col. J. McMahan was here over Sunday, and has let a contract to Royer & Davenport to put him up a dwelling, and expects to move here in May.

E. B. McPherson has commenced his buildings on Long Key, and ex-

pects to move over the bay soon.

Mr. H. Baumeister, our enterprising merchant has had extensive experience in canning fish, and is preparing to open up the business in our town. He has already prepared some samples, which all who have tried pronounce excellent.

Mr. W. B. Miranda is going up to New York, Boston, and other cities in May, in the interest of the Disston, Gulf Coast Land Co., and others, to induce emigration to this locality.

Our friend Admiral G. W. Bennett of St. Paul, Minn., has been looking over the peninsula and keys during the past week, expresses himself as well satisfied. States that he has three points in view that he will figure on. We hope that he may decide to locate in our midst. We are indebted to him for assistance in our office.

Mr. Stirling of Pinellas says he is on a warm trail of a steamer to run from here to Tampa via Pinellas.

He and other parties are looking the matter up, and have put in bids for the mail contract.

R. L. Locke has the lumber on the ground and the first story erected of his large store building.

He intends to enlarge his stock, and keep on hand a good supply of feed in connection with his grocery trade.

E. B. McPherson expects to go to DeLand next week, and while absent do some blowing for the benefit of Point Pinellas.

The Disston Sunday School meets every Sunday at 3 P. M. The interest continues, and we trust will increase. New supplies have been purchased, and all are invited to attend.

Messrs Calkins and Brengle have gone into the chicken business on Long Key. They report their fowls doing very well.

We expect to publish a larger sheet about May 1st, giving brief descriptions of the various points of interest on our coast. Persons desiring copies to send to friends are requested to give us notice.

CORRESPONDENTS WILL PLEASE NOTICE THAT OUR OFFICE IS AT DISSTON CITY, BONIFACIO P. O., POINT PINELLAS, HILLSBOROUGH CO., FLA. U. S. A.

THE OUTLOOK.

While the great business centres of the North are being shaken by the mighty upheavels, caused by the great battle between labor and capital, and business generally is stagnant even in the midst of abundant windfalls, we of South Western Florida rejoice that such matters concern us but little. Laborers generally seem to be well satisfied with their wages, and manage to spend what they get, without helping to support vendors of bug juice.

Prophets were never more promising for rapid improvements, both public and private on our beautiful peninsula than at present. We are confident, from the reports received that we are just upon the dawn of a mighty boom, which will at least wake up some of the fossils that live only in the flats, and reach even to the far North; the result of which will be to bring such crowds of emigrants, health, and pleasure seekers as was never seen before upon these beautiful bays. The O. S. S. & G. R. R. have given positive assurance that they intend to extend their road to the Point. The Sanitarium is looming up in bright colors again, in animation coming from a source that seems reliable, that the work of erecting suitable buildings will commence in the near future.

With these, valuable improvements, others are sure to follow, & it remains for us who are established here to be wise in our day and generation, and not go crazy in the thought of making great fortunes in a day; instead of becoming Shylocks extend open arms to those who may come amongst us, and not run up the price of our lands to enormous figures, and thus disgust and drive them from us. We must lay aside all petty bickerings and jealousies, and all pull together vigorously to help along one another in every effort at advancement, and give liberally toward the erection of churches and school houses, and prosperity will be sure to follow.

The tasks, the joys of earth, the same in
Heaven will be,
Only the little brook has widened to a sea.

Poore and content: is rich, and rich enough;
But riches, timeless, is as pure as winter
To him that ever fears he shall be poor.

Life should be full of earnest work,
Our hearts undashed by fortunes frown;
For perseverance conquer fate,
And merit seize the Victor's crown.

DRYGOODS, SHOES, & NOTIONS, HARDWARE & TOOLS, Tinware, Crockery, & Glassware,

—AT—

BAUMEISTERS.

BONIFACIO.

POINT PINELLAS.

This name is applied to the lower end of the point of land in the 8th western corner of Hillsborough Co. lying between Tampa & Boca Ceiga bays, extending north to the Clear Water and Bay View settlements.

It has long been noted for beauty and healthfulness. Its fine bays containing the finest of fish, clams, oysters, etc. in the greatest abundance, its freedom from frost, (last winter excepted,) make it most desirable as a place to engage in gardening and fruit raising; which fact many enterprising persons are taking advantage of. A goodly number of people from other states, & from the British Isles have recently settled here, and with the prospects of rail roads and other public improvements in the near future, Pt. Pinellas is destined soon to be one of the most noted localities on the western coast of Florida.

DISSTON CITY:

This rapidly growing town, one of prospective termini of the O. S. S. & G. R. R., is beautifully situated on the west side of Point Pinellas, on Boca Ceiga bay, about 3 miles from and in full view of Tampa bay and two miles from the gulf; from which the bay is there, separated by Long Key. It contains three stores, a good hotel, a large boarding house P. O., and the Sea Breeze printing office; also a fish canning factory in embryo, and a neat school house.

For health and beauty of location this town is unsurpassed by any on the western coast of Florida, and is destined in the near future to become a favorite resort for pleasure and health seekers.

A modern wit defines the difference between men and women:

"A man gives forty cents for a twenty-five cent thing he wants, & a woman gives forty cts. for a twenty-five cent thing she does not want."

FLORIDA

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENCY

—OF—

E. B. McPHERSON & SON,
DISSTON CITY,

BONIFACIO P. O. FLORIDA.
Business for non-residents and all others attended to promptly.

Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts, &c., drawn up. Lands located, and Titles examined. Land cleared. Houses erected, Groves planted and cared for, and all such matters given

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

J. R. TORRES & SON,

—OF—

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,
Foot of Dixie City Wharf,
DISSTON CITY, FLORIDA.

WM. B. MIRANDA,

Notary Public and Land Agent,
FLORIDA LAND & IMPROVEMENT
COMPANY.

And Disston City Land Co.

Business for sale in the new and prosperous town of Disston for sale. Improved and wild lands for sale. Lands located and selected at moderate charges. Groves set out, improved and taken care of. Interests of non-residents cared for. Abstracts of title a specialty. Titles examined. Collections made. Pinellas, Hillsborough County, Florida.

PINELLAS.

This thriving place is situated on the east side of the Point, on Tampa bay. It has a snug harbor for small vessels, and commands a fine view of the bay. The line of steamers to Cuba and N. O. passing in plain view. It contains some very neat houses, two stores that keep good stocks of general merchandise; and the Hotel Sterling, which would be an honor to a place of larger pretensions. Capt. Williams' mail boat and W. P. Neeld's pleasure yacht make trips to Tampa twice a week.

The P. O. is kept by Mr. Jno. A. Bethel, Prop. of the dock and warehouse.

This issue only was reduced
in copying
Original print area - 7" x 12"

The Sea Breeze.

VOL. I. No. 3.

DISSTON CITY, FLA., JUNE 15, 1886.

PRICE, 5 CENTS.

J. R. TORRES & SON,

—DEALERS IN—

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

Foot of Disston City Wharf.

DISSTON CITY, FLORIDA.

STOP AT THE
TAMPA HOUSE,
Tampa, Florida.

We guarantee as Good Accommodation as any Hotel in Tampa, if they do charge twice as much. Good Stable Accommodations. We mean what we say. Try us.

SPECIAL RATES TO PEOPLE FROM POINT PINELLAS.

THE
CASH STORE.

R. L. LOCKE, Prop'r.

A complete stock of staple goods, Groceries, &c., of a superior quality, always on hand. Also fine cigars and Tobacco, of Various Brands and Prices.

Corner of Baltimore St. and Virginia Avenue.

DISSTON CITY, FLORIDA.

DISSTON MILL!

G. L. KING, Prop'r.

PREPARED TO FILL BILLS AT SHORT NOTICE. LUMBER AT MILL,

\$12.00 per Thousand.

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GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION.

DISSTON CITY DOINGS.

Fine showers last week.

The steamboat is coming, "Suah."

The watermelon thief is abroad in the land.

We have no saloons on the Point and do not need any.

If you want to see some fine squashes take a look in our garden.

Our waters are teeming with fine fish. Mullet and tarpon are hard to excel.

Mr. Torres has two fig trees in his grove that are loaded with fruit which will soon be ripe.

Many of the orange trees on the Point will bear this year, but the crop will not be a large one.

Mercury marks 96 in the shade but the balmy breezes from our bays make it very pleasant.

Mr. Locke has moved into his new store, and now has the finest store-room on the Point. Call and see him.

The schooner Pearl, Capt. Axleton, from Pensacola, loaded with lumber, touched at the wharf, last Thursday.

W. B. Miranda, owner of steamer Tarpon, is having her overhauled, and proposes to put her in trim for running on our bays.

The Misses Nash brought in a fine lot of watermelons and blackberries, a few days ago, from their farm north of town.

The large steamer Chesapeake, from the St. John's river, en route to Memphis, lay at anchor off Mullet Key, Wednesday night of last week.

The schooner Jessie May, Capt. Edwards, came in from Key Largo, Friday, with a cargo of pineapple sprouts, cassava cuttings and banana roots. He reports prospects good for a fine crop of fruit on the Keys.

Wm. B. Miranda has returned from his trip to the northern states. He reports prospects good for emigration to this part of Florida, next fall.

Mr. Baumeister continues his experiments in canning fish, under some disadvantages. We can say of the cans sampled by us, that they were very fine.

Mr. J. S. Calkins has proved up on his claim on Long Key, and in company with Mr. Brengle has gone to Orlando. We hope to see them with us in the early fall.

Mr. Norman, from up the bay, continues to supply us with a variety of vegetables. He reports the new town, Hendersonville, making a start, several lots having recently been sold.

Mr. Torres is having some substantial improvements made in his store and post-office, preparatory to putting in a cabinet of post-office boxes. He wants to be ready for the steamer.

We are very glad to be able to announce that we are soon to have a steamer making three trips a week between Point Pinellas and Tampa, and carrying the mail, the route having been let to Mr. Chase, of Baltimore, to take effect July 1st.

WM. B. MIRANDA.

NOTARY PUBLIC AND

LAND AGENT

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Business lots in the new and prosperous town of Disston for sale. Improved and wild lands for sale. Lands located and selected at moderate charges. Groves set out, improved and taken care of. Interests of non-residents cared for. Abstracts of title a specialty. Titles examined. Collections made.

Pinellas, Hillsborough County, Florida.

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THE BREEZE.

BONIFACIO, FLA., MAY 11, 1886.

W. J. McPherson & Co., Editors.

OUR MOTTO, "We blow for all."

Rates of Advertising.

Very reasonable, and strictly cash.

Huckleberries will soon be ripe.

Tarponing is the order of the day.

Mr. Locke's large store building at Disston is nearing completion.

Mr. W. Roberts is now bringing some fine tarpon and red fish to market.

Several parties are expected to arrive here soon, from England, to make the Point their future home.

Get your flour of J. R. Torres & Son. The best Roller Patent \$7.25.

Mr. Odum is having good success gardening. He is shipping cukes and tomatoes to Philadelphia, and has a fine prospect for an early crop of melons.

Mr. Z. Phillips expects to move his family to his homestead on the Key as soon as he can get his house enclosed.

Mr. Baumister has received several cases of cans necessary to putting up fish in ship to Northern markets.

Captain McMahon has gone to Tampa after his family, which he will move into his new house at Disston this week.

Mr. A. Miranda has received a cargo of No. 1 cypress shingles that he will sell to parties desiring to build, at reasonable figures.

Labor troubles continue to increase throughout the North. Word comes from Chicago that May has been decided upon as the date at which all trades will demand that 8 hours constitute a day's labor at present wages. Planing mills in Milwaukee have all shut down on account of the demands of the Knights for 8 hours.

Corn at J. R. Torres & Son 85 cents per bushel. Fresh lot of Irish Potatoes and Onions at a bargain.

Mr. Norwood and brother, & Miss Lea, of London, England, arrived last week.

Our Editor, Foreman, Devil, &c has been on the sick list for a few days, which accounts for the late appearance of this issue.

Col. Tenner and Mr. Tyson have been taking in the Point the past week.

Messrs. Irving and Hartfield have a fine garden. They have shipped a number of crates of cukes and have a fine lot of tomatoes coming on.

The Orlando Daily Record reports an infant cyclone getting in its work near Kissimmee on the night of the 28th. It twisted up Clem Sullivan's house into kindling and pitched the children around among the pines, but fortunately none were badly hurt.

The young people of Disston met at the school house on Sat. May 1st. at 8 P. M., and organized a society to be known as the Point Pinellas Literary Association. The following officers were elected for three months; Pres., W. J. McPherson; V. Pres. H. M. Longstreth; Sec'y., W. A. Wood; Treas., E. C. McPherson; Librarian, C. A. Errington.

The society meets every Saturday at 8 P. M. All are invited to attend.

We trust that it will be the instrument for doing much good in the community.

The following letter explains itself.

CHAS. WATER, May 8th, 1886.

I have just received notice that our district Conference will convene at Lakeland May 27th. I am sorry for it will interfere with my appointment at your place on the 5th Sabbath. I have concluded to come myself the 3rd Sabbath, and Saturday the 15th, at 3 P. M., will hold services at Disston City, including the Lord's Supper.

W. H. Steinmeyer.

Mr. H. J. Cooper, Editor of the Tampa Guardian, made a flying visit down the bay to our peninsula recently, and expressed himself as much pleased with the beauties of the various points of interest.

To all who wish a well written article on Point Pinellas, we would refer them to the Guardian of the 5th inst. Mr. Cooper is making the Guardian one of the best papers in South Florida, and has stirred up Tampa by his recent exposures of ring schemes.

Our Senior, having just returned from a visit to Deland, reports business somewhat at a standstill there.

The frost having in a measure checked the mushroom growth of that beautiful inland town and vicinity. Many groves and nurseries were badly injured by the cold, and some in the low places about destroyed, but the people there are not of those who yield at trifles, and are hard at work to make good their losses. They have planted, extensively, a variety of fruit trees, such as peaches, pears, etc., and planted large fields of melons, tomatoes, cabbages, and other vegetables.

They are trimming and dressing their groves so that they will soon give little evidence of the great freeze. Many groves will have fair crops of fruit this season.

Orlando is building up quite rapidly, and Tampa is booming.

THE CASH STORE.

R. L. LOCKE, Prop'r.

A complete stock of staple goods, groceries, &c., of a superior quality always on hand. Fine Cigars and Tobacco of all kinds always on hand.

Corner of Baltimore St. and Virginia Avenue. DISSTON CITY, FLORIDA

An Entertainment was given at the Hotel Sterling, Thursday, evening May 29th, consisting of a theatrical performance, followed by a dance. The first act was a farcical comedy, entitled "Two Heads are Better than One", and caused much laughter. It was hard to say which was the most amusing, Mr. Joe Watt as Charles Conquest, under the table, or Mr. H. Beck as Sammy Maxwellton. The second act was a farce called "Done on Both Sides".

During this act Mr. John Watt being taken suddenly ill, had to retire, and P. J. Lawrence took his place. The acting was splendid for amateurs. After the performance the room was cleared, and the dancing commenced and was kept up until a late hour. The proceeds, \$10.50, are to be devoted to the purchasing of an organ to be used at the Miranda school house, to assist in Divine Services.

MARRIED—At the residence of Mr. H. Harrison, on Wednesday morning, May 12th, 1886, by Rev. Mr. Watt, Mr. H. H. Richardson, of Disston City, Fla., to Miss E. M. Lea, of London, England. They have our best wishes for a long and happy life.

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ADVERTISING: Reasonable, and strictly cash.

DISSTON CITY, FLA., JUNE 15, 1886.

A WORD WITH YOU.

We wish to say to the people on the Point that, if we can receive sufficient encouragement, we will issue a semi-monthly after July, and aim to give in a condensed, but readable, form all news and matters of local and general interest, and by a liberal distribution throughout the country, keep the people informed in regard to the peculiar advantages of our peninsula. We have faith in Point Pinellas, and our faith continues to grow. The Creator has done a great deal for this locality, and there a grand opening now for man to show what he can do, with an assurance of success to him who deserves it. To enable us to make the SEA BREEZE a success it will require the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the people in this vicinity, and not only will it require your assistance, but it will be necessary for some of us to make a sacrifice of means and time, with faith that in so doing we will eventually reap our reward in filling up our land with good people. So far we have received all the encouragement if not more than we could expect, as we were not prepared to make promises. You can now have an opportunity of helping us pay expenses by sending in subscriptions. We know our price is a little high, but at this rate we cannot expect any profits. We will be glad to receive communications from anyone on subjects of local interest.

Now let us all pull a long and a strong pull, altogether, as this summer will likely be our most severe trial.

DOWN THE COAST.

Through the kindness of Mr. G. W. Bennett we, in company with him on his sloop Lottie, took a cruise down the coast to Charlotte Harbor, taking in the various points of interest on the route, and spending

two weeks very pleasantly. Our first stop was at Sarasota, a thriving town on Sarasota Bay. It contains one of the finest hotels in South Florida. We then ran out into the Gulf, when Mr. Bennett advised ye editor to take off his shoes; a wise precaution, as everything else came up, (please say nothing about seasickness in our presence.) We stopped next at St. James, a town on the south end of Pine Island. The situation is very good, and it is destined to become a favorite seaside resort. Punta Rasa, the next place that we saw, is a telegraph station on the line running to Cuba.

We ran up the Caloosahatchee River as far as Ft. Myers, a pretty place of about 1000 inhabitants. Mr. T. A. Edison, the electrician, has two fine residences and a laboratory here. Among other curiosities we saw bearing cocoanut trees, and a large date palm that was planted by Gen. W. S. Hancock. There is a steamer running three times a week from there to Liverpool, a small town on Peace Creek. We spent part of an afternoon on Sanibel Island, celebrated for the line shells picked up on its beach.

The next place visited was the town of Charlotte Harbor at the mouth of Peace Creek. Punta Gorda, just opposite, is the southern terminus of the South Florida R. R.

Our leave of absence having expired, we started for home where we arrived safe and sound. We carried some SEA BREEZES along with us, but when the wind failed, or we ran on a bar (which we did regularly every night) we found that the trustiest breezes ~~that~~ we had were two long poles. I will close by saying we had a very pleasant time.

GRAPES.

There is no fruit more varied in its uses and of more value to man, when not perverted from its proper uses, than the fruit of the vine, and the evidences are not wanting that the cultivation of the grape can be made a success, and thus add another source of profit, as well as one of our chief luxuries, to the many already developed. Capt. A. Miranda has a vine of the Delaware vari-

ety that is now hanging full of fine bunches, and his neighbor Mr. Puig has the finest arbor we have seen for many days. He estimates that he has 500 full bunches on two vines, and on two Scuppernongs he will have bushels. Others on the Point have vines and all report good success as far as we have heard. The mocking bird seems to be the greatest enemy to the fruit.

THAT MAIL SERVICE.

The following is a copy of the official instructions received by postmaster Torres in regard to the new mail service:

"The Postmaster General has ordered that a contract be made with Wm. C. Chase, of Baltimore, Md., for carrying the mail in safe and suitable steamboats, from Tampa to Ellenton, six times per week and return, with side supply to Pinellas and Bonifacio three times per week and return, from July 1st, 1886, to June 30th, 1887. Deliver the mail accordingly, and report date of commencement of service."

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PINELLAS ITEMS.

No trouble to show goods at Ward's.

There is prospect of a boom here in the near future.

Mr. Sloan reports business good for this time of the year.

Do not forget that Ward keeps builders' hardware.

Shipment of vegetables from the Point has been quite lively for several weeks past.

Ward keeps an extensive stock of Patent Medicines. Come and see him.

Mr. Simon Bell is having good success raising the chickens that he hatches in his incubator.

Mr. Ward is having the land cleared and fenced, and intends to plant out an orange grove immediately.

Mr. R. Stanton, recently from England, has purchased fifteen acres of land, of Mr. Miller Neeld, for \$2250.

Ladies come and see the new stock of dress goods just received at Ward's.

The Fourth is to be celebrated in grand style—speaking, racing, baseball, etc., followed by a dance at night. Come and enjoy yourself.

If you are in want of good goods at low prices go to Ward's at Pinellas P. O.

Mr. John C. Williams, of Paul's Landing, has let a contract for the clearing of eighty acres of his land at that place, one half of which is said to be for the O., S. S. & G. R. R. Donated by him to that Company.

Shipment of tomatoes from Point Pinellas has been quite lively, for several weeks past. Mr. Odum and John A. Erwin, who are engaged in trucking on Bayview Avenue, have together shipped about one hundred crates and will continue to ship for a week or two. They report good returns. Mr. Erwin expects to commence shipping egg-plant, next week.

CEMETERY MEETING.

A meeting of the Disston City Cemetery Co. was held at the office of the President, Wm. B. Miranda. The former Treasurer having failed to qualify, Mr. Herman Baumeister was elected Treasurer. The Secretary, Mr. Smeltz, was authorized to obtain from the Disston City Land Company forty acres of land for cemetery uses, and as engineer of the Company, to lay out the same as soon as practicable.

Adjourned to meet at regular time of meeting, at Treasurer's office in Disston City.

H. A. SMELTZ, Sec'y.

ISLAND HOME RESORT.

Mr. J. S. Ball, the gentleman in charge of the Island Home Resort, near John's Pass, five miles northwest of here, gave us a pleasant call last Monday and left one of the company's circulars from which we give brief extracts:

"Island Home is intended to furnish a summer resort by the seaside and to be free from the usual vices found at general watering places. It is located on one of the most magnificent bays in Florida. Our land runs to John's Pass, and there is plenty of water and a safe harbor just inside the pass. All who see the beach at this point pronounce it the finest they ever saw. The surf bathing is perfect. It is in the center of the largest and one of the finest fishing grounds in Florida.

One of the objects of our Company in selecting this place was to give those who cannot keep their families at a hotel the chance of enjoying the coast at small cost. About the middle of the season a Camp Meeting, lasting two weeks, will be held by the M. E. Church. During the whole of the season religious services, together with literary and musical entertainments, will be supplied. The Company is now prepared to lease lots for 99 years. Full information can be had by writing to J. M. Auld, Secretary, Orlando, Florida."

Mrs. Barnett takes the lead on melons. She made a shipment of very fine ones to Tampa. She knows pretty well how to run a ranche for profit.

Rev. Mr. Steinmeyer will preach at the school house in Disston Saturday, June 19th at 8 P. M., and at the Miranda school house on Sunday at 11 A. M.

Capt. A. Miranda has the finest rice and corn that we have seen in Florida. He also has a large Avocado pear tree that is sending out a vigorous growth of new branches. He has a little paradise on the bay, and he seems to know the value of it.

An adjourned meeting was held at the Miranda school house on Saturday last, at which it was decided to hold the celebration on the 4th of July at Pinellas. The necessary committees were appointed and adjournment made to meet at same place Saturday, June 19th. A full attendance is desired.

With sorrow we record the death of Charles Angus Errington, from New Castle on the Tyne, England, which occurred at Mrs. Richardson's. The disease was meningitis, and we think was brought on by overwork and exposure. He was a promising young man and endeared himself to many here during his brief stay. We sympathize with his friends in their great loss.

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All business of a financial character transacted. Taxes returned and paid for non-residents; Loans nego-
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Disston City Doings.

Glorious Fourth!

Blow the hewgag!

Will you celebrate?

Let the Eagle scream!

Hot! Hotter!! Hottest!!!

Fine large watermelons are being brought to town by our farmers and are sold cheap.

J. R. Torres has our thanks for a plate of figs, of his own raising. They were splendid.

The latest rumor is that a Philadelphia man is going to put on a steamer to carry the mail.

We have been having fine showers lately, and people are busy setting out their sweet potato cuttings.

The Norwood brothers have removed to their place north of town, where they will make the wilderness blossom as the rose, if industry will do it.

Mr. Sheffield brought into Mr. Locke's store, the other day, some honey that is as nice as one could wish for.

Wm. B. Miranda left for Philadelphia, Tuesday, on important business, and expects to be gone two or three weeks.

Mrs. Barnett has some grape vines that are full of grapes of a superior quality. They make a fellow's mouth water to look at them, and they taste as good as they look.

The schooner Delia, Captain J. Low, has been at anchor here for several days past. E. B. McPherson has chartered her to go to Apalachicola for a cargo of lumber.

G. W. Anderson has been overhauling the steamer Tarpon, and expects to have her in running order soon. Mr. Anderson's family arrived on the schooner Cherub, last Tuesday, and are stopping at the hotel.

Capt. Barnett has sold to Miller Neeld, of Pinellas, his snug little boat, Dart, to be used in the bird business. Our old Neptune has quite a navy left, however—and a good one.

T. A. Whitted, a former resident of Disston, but at present staying at Palma Sola, has been visiting with friends on the Point, during the past week. He expects to spend the Fourth here.

Edward Torres and Charles Macpherson have purchased a gill net and intend to supply Disston with fish. They smoked some mullet, last week, that were as fine as any ever sold in Disston.

The shipping of vegetables from the Point has about stopped, on account of low prices and inability to compete with gardeners who live nearer to market, and therefore have less freight to pay.

The Ada Norman, Capt. Arthur, John's Pass, touched at the wharf, Monday night, on her way to Tampa. Among other things she had a shipment of poultry from Longley's chicken yards, at the Pass.

Our level-headed citizen, Farmer Mills looks "sort o' contented like," now-a-days as he drives in from his new home just north of town, with load after load of fancy watermelons, hen-fruit and other savory plunder from his ranche. We will miss our guess if he doesn't find a way to coin the dads' dollars out of this Florida sand.

Mr. Chase has thrown up his contract for carrying the mail by steamboat, so that we shall only get two mails a week as at present, instead of three, as expected, and will have to depend upon a sail-boat to bring it. However, as Capt. Williams has one of the fastest sharpies in these waters, our mail service is still more satisfactory than at many other places on the coast.

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BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

We have received several intimations, lately, that it would be to our interest, pecuniarily, to move our office elsewhere. So far we have not given these propositions serious consideration, preferring to wait and see how much interest and assistance we can expect from the people on the Point. We like Point Pinellas and have great faith in her future; our home is here, and we prefer to stay here and if we receive sufficient encouragement, will continue the publication of the SEA BREEZE, and enlarge it whenever circumstances warrant such action. Subscriptions are coming in at a fairly good rate,—but don't be afraid to send in yours, for fear we cannot keep track of the names and money,—the latter especially.

A BUNDLE OF STICKS.

The old fable of the bundle of sticks is familiar to everybody, and the moral it points is as valuable now as in ancient AEsop's, or any other body's day. You remember how the good old gentleman, out of patience with the dissensions of his graceless sons, took a bundle of fagots and showed them that, while it was plainly impossible to break the bundle of sticks as a whole, it was just as easy as tumbling off a log, to break them singly,—one by one;—over the boys' backs probably, though the story does not enlighten us on that point. Union is strength,—and the lesson of the sticks is well worth taking home to ourselves as a community.

Did you ever seriously study the topography of this little apex of the sub-peninsula people have chosen to call Point Pinellas? Take your map and look at it. There is only a morsel of it,—surely not enough for its present population to quarrel about. You have perhaps twenty-five or thirty square miles all

told. Many a closely built town of 100,000 has more territory. But instead of fifty foot lots, base your estimate on five and ten acre lots, with a fringe of villages along the waterside,—that is the ideal Point Pinellas. Already around the edges of the peninsula are springing up bright little hamlets, from John's Pass to the Coffee Pot, each with its peculiar attractions and advantages. Disston and Pinellas are only the vanguard of numerous little settlements which will ere long be rival business centres, and reaching out for trade and population. Strangers are coming in to prospect and settle; health-seekers will find their way hither, and what are you going to do with them? Shall we say because they do not locate at Disston, that they are not welcome to the Point? or because they pass Pinellas by they may therefore go to—Charlotte Harbor? It is not Pinellas nor Disston nor Leslie nor Miller nor Paul's Landing, but POINT PINELLAS as a whole, which should be considered. There is a diversity of tastes. Welcome the stranger wherever he locates.

Learn the Lesson of the Sticks. Put away every childish jealousy, as between individual citizens or towns, and all work together to up-build THE POINT. United we stand—Union is Strength!

DISSTON'S NEEDS.

Disston needs—A good bath-house, badly; A regular meat and fish-market; A smith and repair shop; A straight drug store; Streets cleaned up and shade trees planted in front of all dwellings; More rapid and regular transportation of some sort; More frequent mails; More interest taken in our Sunday School; More harmony and concert of action among our citizens; Every one to help keep THE BREEZE blowing. Now is the accepted time—now your golden opportunity.

Receiver Duval has been authorized by U. S. Circuit Judge Pardee to complete the F. R. & N. R. R. from its present terminus at Withlacoochee to the waters of Tampa Bay. Our neighbors over at the mouth of the Hillsborough are very properly jubilant over the prospect of the road coming to Tampa, and

we hope they will not be disappointed,—that is to say, if Receiver Duval should not decide to do just as all the other big lines are endeavoring to do, find deep water, sea room and a first-class terminus, on the Point.

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Pinellas Pencilings.

Mr. V. Leonardi lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

E. R. Ward expects to buy and build at Paul's Landing.

Mr. Ward has been busy setting out his orange grove. He has four acres of nice young trees.

A private school, to last two months, will be opened at the hall, next week, by Prof. F. M. Wright.

Mr. John C. Williams came over on the mail boat, Monday, and is staying at his place at Paul's Landing.

Our new citizen, Mr. Stanton, has let the contract for building a fine new house on his place west of town to E. B. McPherson of Disston.

Capt. Russell and several others went out sharking, in his schooner Emeline. The catch was not large but they say they had a good time.

Miller Neeld expects to go bird hunting and egg collecting in a few days. He intends to start a curiosity shop to supply northern visitors.

John Bethel has moved the post office into his warehouse, where he has a very cosy place fixed up in which to look after Uncle Sam's mail.

Captain Williams expects to bring down a number of Tampa people to help us celebrate the Fourth in proper style. He expects to come down Friday night and return Sunday.

John Erwin and wife arrived today from Lakeland, where their infant daughter died, last Monday. Their many friends sympathize with them deeply, in their great loss.

Messrs. Steele & Sloan have bought out Mr. E. R. Ward, and will continue to supply the people with the best goods at the lowest prices. They are now offering bargains in groceries and hardware. Call and see them.

All Around The Point.

A couple of young folks living out north have concluded that single blessedness is not to their taste. We wish them much happiness in their new relation.

Capt. A. Miranda has a pecan tree that is full of nuts. We might as well raise our own nuts and fruits here as to send north for them, and pay big prices for the inferior stuff that is sent here.

Capt. Arthur, of John's Pass, and Capt. Russell, of Pinellas, have arranged to conduct a boarding-house and restaurant in Tampa. They know how to do it, and we trust they will be successful in the enterprise.

Miller, the name that Hendersonville is known by now, is improving. The streets are 50 feet wide and the lots 200 feet square. One street has been cut out, and some of the property owners are intending to improve their lots as soon as possible.

Mr. John C. Williams informs us that he has commenced clearing the land preparatory to laying out a town at Paul's Landing. We hope to be able to devote considerable space in our next issue, in a description of the situation and natural advantages of the above mentioned place.

P. H. Pinchin leaves for Tarpon to-morrow, where he will stay a few days, and then goes from there to England by way of Philadelphia. He expects to be gone about two months. It is a noticeable fact that where a person stays in Florida a year or more, they seldom leave the state permanently. Why is it?

Mr. Cooper, of the Guardian, is thinking of establishing a home on the Point as a summer resort. We extend a welcome. We have a first class summer resort.

Gov. Safford came down from Tarpon, a few days ago, to look after his interests hereabouts. He gave us a call, and expressed himself very well pleased with our little paper, and made the printer happy by leaving a shiner with us. The Governor expects to go to Boston, soon, and will be gone some time.

While out riding, yesterday, we stopped at H. Harrison's place, on the lower end of Point Pinellas. The first thing that attracted our attention was a patch of watermelons and pumpkins. He has the nicest lot of pumpkins of anyone on the Point. From the upper story of the front porch one has a splendid view of the surrounding country. Mr. Harrison has been keeping a record of the temperature since last January, and very kindly furnished us with a copy.

J. E. Dye, of John's Pass, came down to Disston, last Saturday, after some provisions. He bought about five dollars' worth of goods, and then got one of Capt. Barnett's boats to go home in. When near Boca Ceiga Pass, he went forward to lower the sail, when a puff of wind struck the boat and upset it. The groceries were spilled out, and all lost, a sad experience for Mr. Dye, who is a poor man. Dye sat on the boat about two hours before she drifted into shallow water, when he righted things and came back to Disston. Not wishing to try his luck again on the water, he started for home by land, where he arrived Sunday morning.

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Disston City Doings.

Beef next Saturday!

Berries are getting scarce.

Fine showers every few days.

Now is a good time to plant sweet potatoes.

W. B. Miranda is expected back in a few days.

What is the latest news in regard to dough faces?

Mrs. James McMahan has gone to Tampa on a brief visit.

Saturday, July 3rd, was the hottest day that we have had so far.

Many thanks to Mr. Odum for those fine tomatoes that we got in his patch.

Mr. Mills has had a kitchen built to his house. He intends to have a stable put up soon.

John Erwin is making some substantial improvements on his place on Lake View Avenue.

Mrs. Lowe's youngest child had a very severe spasm Thursday afternoon, but is all right now.

The schooner Jessie May, Capt. Edwards, loaded with fruit, touched at the wharf last Thursday.

Mrs. Sterling and Mrs. Stanton, of Pinellas, were calling on their friends here last Thursday.

The Fourth passed off very quietly here; all of the young folks attended the celebration at Pinellas.

Any of our friends wanting a supply of mosquitoes should send their orders down this way, as we have a few to spare.

Subscriptions are coming in at a very fair rate, but not as fast as expected; send in yours and help to swell the list.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Willis, who has been sick for some time past, is able to get around just about as spry as ever.

Our fishermen, Torres and MacPherson are supplying us with fine fresh and smoked mullet.

Mr. Locke has a tasty little sign, that was painted by H. Richardson, showing the hours in which his store is kept open.

Messrs Anderson and Hamilton have opened a meat market here. They will only butcher once a week during the summer months.

The Cherub came in Sunday with Mrs. Hamilton and family aboard, and a load of household goods for Messrs Anderson and Hamilton.

R. L. Locke has bargained for ten acres of land on Bear creek, near the McLaughlin place. He has a fine piece of land and will improve it.

Mrs. Hewitt and family left Monday, on the Cherub, for Tampa, at which place they expect to stay permanently, as Mr. Hewitt has gone into the fish business there.

We need a Money Order office, as there is a large amount of money, for the size of the place, passing through this office. Paper money is hard to get, and stamps are not satisfactory.

Mr. Teeling, a brickmason, came up from Key West on the Ben. S. Curry, and left the same evening for Clear Water. He says there is but little work in his line being done there; most of the buildings that are being erected are wooden ones.

The Ben. S. Curry, Capt. Archer, John's Pass, lay at anchor here Tuesday night of last week. She took a load of watermelons to Key West, and brought back some pine apples, bananas, mangoes, etc. For once ye editor had all the pine apples that he could eat. Captain Archer says things are booming at Key West.

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THE GLORIOUS FOURTH!

AS SPENT AND CELEBRATED AT
PINELLAS ON BIG BAYOU.

I hope I need not go into a long and flowery preamble or introduction to my subject, since the SEA BREEZE'S space is limited, but will tell you, in a few lines, how we spent the day, attested our recollection, and honored the great event which all such gatherings commemorate. The belt of timber known as the "Pierson scrub" was selected as the most convenient place. Its dense shade, afforded by the large oak trees, was highly suggestive of picnic grounds. The committee appointed for the work had the grounds cleared of under-brush and ample table room awaited the lavish spread of good things which our lady folk had prepared. The opening ceremony was performed by W. P. Neeld who made a few remarks by way of introduction and then read, in a high tone of voice and in a very enthusiastic manner, the Declaration of Independence. Mr. C. W. Butler was then introduced and read in a patriotic spirit a well written composition prepared for the occasion, but as he did not deliver it in a loud tone I fear that many appreciative people in the background did not hear it, as they were interrupted by the silly prattle of some people to ignorant to know or appreciate the intention of the gathering. Mr. Butler said, among other good things, that all history attests that nations never stand still, they either go ahead or backwards, let our motto be ONWARD! The boys fixed up a big swing, but two Ft. Pinellas girls were too much for it and the bough broke—cradle fell—nobody hurt, ha! ha! Now the ladies prepare dinner. I cannot mention all who deserve extra thanks, but Mrs. Geo. R. Johnson

had that same big two bushel basket filled with chickens, iced cakes and oh, those melting delicious pies! We must mention Mrs. Bethel, Sloan, Odom, Meares, Holden, Stanton, Puig, Moffet, Kegy, Belcher, and many others who contributed liberally. After dinner the crowd went to the hotel and water's edge, where the tub race took place. Mr. Bethel rode the barrel, and Walter Roberts was the only one to paddle off in a tub. The Bayou was full of white winged sailboats loaded to the waters edge with joyous living freight. Next came the shooting match, which was very interesting to "the boys." I won't mention the names of those who missed the flying balls; Percy Neeld took the belt; men who seldom fail in the field lost ball after ball. The crowning event was the dance at night, which came off in the spacious hall of the Hotel Sterling.

For pretty and witty girls, fine and handsome young men, and genial old fellows, I'll stake my money on the Point.

W. P. N.

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Is the name of one of the finest locations for a city on Point Pinellas. It is situated on Tampa Bay, about three miles north of Pinellas. The banks are about fifteen feet high at the water's edge, and rise gradually at you go back from the bay, until they reach the height of fifty feet above the water a quarter of a mile back; so that it has a first class natural drainage towards the bay. The land is what is known as high pine—being covered with pine and oak trees, and saw palmetto.

The water advantages are unexcelled by any place between Key West and Cedar Keys. Vessels drawing nineteen feet of water can anchor within three quarters of a mile of the shore; so that it is only a question of time when Paul's Landing (under the new name that it will soon receive) will be the place from which our "white winged messengers of peace" will be going to and fro in their lawful business of strengthening the commercial relations between this country and our southern neighbors. Col. J. C.

Williams, the present owner of this place, has let a contract to S. Smith to clear eighty acres by Nov. 1st. As soon as cleared it will be laid off into town lots. Lots are to be 100 by 150 feet; streets 100 feet, and alleys twenty feet wide. Mr. Williams says he intends to build a breakwater in front of the place, and that he will donate one half of the eighty acres to the R. R. on very liberal conditions. Taking everything into consideration we believe this to be one of the best places (if not the best) on the Point to build up a town, and wish Mr. Williams the best of success.

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DISSTON CITY, FLA., JULY 15, 1886.

Pinellas Pencilings.

Who will be the next Benedict?

Sugar, at Sloan & Steele's, 14 lbs for \$1.00.

Miller Neeld returned from his trip, bird hunting, last week. He had very good success.

We call your attention to the low prices at which Sloan & Steele sell their goods.

Miller Neeld expects to build a curiosity shop and a dwelling here as soon as he can get the material.

Oh where! oh where! has our steamboat gone?

Oh where! oh where! can she be?

Wm. Neeld wants to sell his fine yacht, Mattie Lee. If you want to buy a first class boat now is your chance.

Miss Mamie Thornton returned, Tuesday, from Tampa, where she has been visiting friends for some time past.

Messrs Bell & Masters have purchased a fine large gill net and are prepared to furnish fish in large or small quantities.

If you dont believe that Steele & Sloan are selling goods cheap, call and see them. They will almost let you price and take.

Mr. Allen, the gentleman who bought the Weir place, is in poor health and has gone to Tampa, where he expects to stay for some time, if not permanently.

We saw one of our gardeners receive a big? check from his commission merchant the other day. He bought a small bill of groceries and handed over the check to pay them; the merchant took it and handed back ten cents, with the remark "that makes it right." Who would not be a vegetable grower?

We were told that Mr. Ward had received a letter from the Superintendent of the O., S. S. & G. R. R. telling him to hold himself in read-

iness, (as conductor,) to take charge of the train that is to be put on the twenty miles of road that is constructed this side of Ocala. The Superintendent also stated that they intend to push the road on, as fast as possible, to Point Pinellas. Mr. Ward has gone to Ocala to make his arrangements with the R. R. Co.

All Around The Point.

Mr. Earley is having some of his land, out on the ridge, cleared. H. M. Longstreth has the contract.

Mr. Curry, of Pine Key, says that there are very few mosquitoes on the Keys now but they were very thick there a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Willis is negotiating for a piece of land at Miller.

Several lots have been sold at Island Home Resort recently. It is the intention of some of the purchasers to make improvements immediately.

Capt. A. Miranda has lost most of his thoroughbred hogs by some mysterious disease. Some of the hogs died within a few hours after being taken sick.

We have heard several of the young men around here say they were glad the Fourth would not come again for a whole year. They walked to the Bayou, ran around all day, attended the dance at night and then home. The next day they were so stiff they could scarcely move.

J. Schneible has informed us that a post-office is soon to be established at Miller. This is good news for the people living over that way, as they have had to go quite a distance for their mail heretofore. They expect to get their

mail by the way of Di Schneible did not tell us he learned that he expects a postmaster.

Master Langford Locke fell — the end of the wharf at Disston last Saturday, and doubtlessly would have drowned but for the help that he received from Clarence Phillips.

Some of our English friends have been greatly worried over the word "hewgag" which was used in our last issue. One of them said to us, "Now what does that word mean anyhow?" I looked in the dictionary, and asked all my friends what it meant, and I can't learn a thing about it." For his benefit we will say that the hewgag is what went off when we read a small poem (only nineteen verses) that was handed us with the request that we insert it in these columns.

Some people say that the Florida sand is too poor to produce anything. We are sure of one thing, that is, it can produce more towns to the square mile than any thing that we know of. On Point Pinellas we have John's Pass, Miller, Disston, New Cadiz, Pinellas, Paul's Landing, Leslie, and Alexandria on the main-land, and Island Home on Long Key,—nine towns within a radius of ten miles, and more to be started soon. Every one of these places is going to be the greatest city in South Florida. Now if there is any place that can beat the Point we would like to hear from it.

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Disston City Doings.

The schooner Delia left here last Wednesday for Apalachicola after another load of lumber.

Rev. Mr. Watt and wife are stopping at the hotel, a few days, for the benefit of their health.

We thought we were in Sunny Florida, but for the last week or two it has been rainy Florida.

A private school, to last two months, will be opened at the school house in Disston, today, by U. A. Norwood.

Wm. B. Miranda, writing from Philadelphia, says he expects to start home between the first and tenth of this month.

Harry MacVine expects to go back to England before long. We are sorry to lose him, as he is a genial young fellow and a hard worker.

Captain Whitehurst says he will make regular trips, with the Cherub, between this place and Tampa, leaving this place every Monday morning.

Capt. McMahan has been keeping bachelor's hall for the last two weeks. He says he has had enough of it and is going up to Tampa after his wife, who is visiting her father at that place.

We are sorry to learn from our friend, Mr. Calkins, of Long Key, who has been at Orlando for some weeks, that his health is quite poor, and his physician has advised him to go North for a change.

Mr. J. Schneible has received a letter from the Assist. Post Master General that it would be necessary to have the name of the post office at Miller changed.

The Disston Sunday School will be held at our building during the rainy season, at the usual time of meeting. All, both old and young, are invited to attend.

E. B. McPherson, Supt.

Captain Shaw and two sons favored us with a call last Saturday week, and took us over to the Pass in his yacht Pontiac. Captain Shaw has a homestead on Long Key, and we

went around with him to inspect it. Part of it is splendid land and as the Captain is an energetic, progressive farmer we predict that he will have one of the finest places on the Keys in a few years. He has gone back to Tampa after some lumber, with which he intends to build a house. We welcome him and want more of the same kind of men on the Point.

With our friend, Mr. Bennett, on the staunch schooner Delia, we left this port on Monday, July 5th and arrived at Apalachicola Thursday, being delayed by calms. We found this town somewhat excited over a gale that had visited them a few days previous. Several vessels having been driven ashore, some with masts gone and some high on land; one fine brigantine over a mile from land. Several lives were lost but the heaviest loss to the city was caused by the burning of the planing mills of Messrs Coombs & Co., which occurred on the Friday following the gale. The Cypress Lumber Co. not having their planing machinery in operation, we decided to go on to Pensacola, a distance of 150 miles and were two days and nights struggling with calms, squalls and head winds, but our schooner rode the waves nicely, and Monday morning we ran up the beautiful bay, between forts Pickens and Barrancas and anchored off the thriving city which now contains 10,000 inhabitants. Pensacola is one of the great lumber marts of the world. It has a very beautiful situation, extending up the high bluffs which command a fine view of the bay and gulf. Returning, we headed direct for Tampa bay, arriving Thursday the 22nd. We took our trick at the helm, halyards, etc, and Mr. B. proved to us that he could cook onion and garlic soup, on a one-legged stove, when the coffee pot had to be tied to the mast to keep it from tumbling. We tried fishing with good success, and caught grouper, snapper, dolphin, and barricouter, and speared a porpoise. We returned to our beautiful bay with a feeling of pride that nature had done much towards making our location one that would compare favorably with any other on the gulf coast.

E. B. M.

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OUR PUBLIC ROADS.

In the development of any new country there are many things, in the way of public improvements, that continually come up which appear to be of vital importance, but there are always some matters which are apparent to all, and which are indeed suicidal to neglect; yet, from causes difficult to understand, are not attended to. The SEA BREEZE would now suggest that especially is this the case in regard to the improvement of our public roads and streets. The so called avenue, extending from bay to bay between this place and Pinellas, is a disgrace to the Point. It is high time that we were awakening to our interests and doing something toward these much needed improvements, and especially should the merchants, who expect the country people to come to our villages to trade, see that they have decent roads to travel on, and those who have land to sell certainly know that nothing more attracts a man, looking up a home in a new country, than to see the thrift of the community manifested in broad clean roads, streets and avenues. We are not well enough posted in the laws of this state to make positive assertions, but we are told that it is the duty of the commissioners to see that all public roads are opened and kept in good condition, and they have the power to call out the people to do such work, and not only have they the power but it is their sworn duty to do so, and if they fail to do their duties we should see that a proper remedy is applied. There is certainly something wrong with a man who, after qualifying for the office of Supervisor, thus so plainly fails to do the duties of the position he occupies. We would now suggest,

if the proper authorities still persist in neglecting this matter, that the people call a meeting and unite upon some plan of action that we may not be compelled to suffer longer from this inexcusable neglect. If the laws will not reach the case or we cannot have them enforced, then let us, by subscriptions and volunteer labor, do the work so much needed. While on this subject we would drop a hint in regard to the improvement that may be made to the streets of Disston and Pinellas by grubbing out the palmettoes. If any of our readers have a better way to suggest our columns are open to all who may wish to write on this or other subjects of general interest, only let it be brief and to the point.

THE MANGO.

The freeze last winter killed nearly all of the mango trees in Florida, and those not killed were so badly frosted that they will not bear any fruit this year. Quite a number of the people around here are pretty badly discouraged and say they will not plant out any more mangoes to have them killed just about the time they commence to bear. We are inclined to take a more cheerful view of the situation, as it is not probable that Florida will experience another winter as cold as the last for years to come. The mango was fast becoming one of the favorite fruits for the home market especially as is shown by the demand and high price paid for those that are brought to Tampa from Cuba. The Cuban mango will not compare with those raised in Florida, and as soon as the trees here commence to bear the imported mango will be driven out of the market. Plant more mangoes.

FLORIDA A PARADISE.

No Florida is not a paradise. In fact we have never as yet found the country that is exactly what our enraptured vision would picture as this sort of haven of rest. Florida is a country of labor—a sweat of the brow region, and it sweats fearfully too if you do much labor out of doors after the month of April until

the next November. Do not come here thinking you will have an easy going life, without toil, for you will not if you make a success.—[All About Florida.

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Pinellas Pencillings.

Miller Needl has gone to Apalachicola on the Delia after lumber.

Alex. Leonardy has bought the schooner Emeline of Capt. Russell.

Mr. T. Sterling and wife have gone North and expect to be absent about two months.

Mr. Ward has gone to take his position as conductor on the F. R. & N. R. R. His family will remain here for the present.

Capt. Russell's family have gone to join him at Key West, where they expect to make their home for a while, he having taken command of a vessel running from that port.

The schooner Delia, Capt. Lowe, arrived in the bay on Thursday the 22nd, and discharged her load of lumber and shingles for Mr. Stanton's house. She made the run from Pensacola in 3½ days.

John Roberts, who until recently has been running the schooner Emeline between Pinellas and Tampa, lost his life during a gale, the first of July, off the Spanish Main. The vessel was swamped and one other seaman was lost.

Capt. Wm. P. Needl has accepted a position as business manager with Col. J. C. Williams, who has large landed interests on the Point, and they have opened up an office in the bank building at Tampa, where Captain Needl can be found during business hours.

W. S. Thornton has gone from our midst to the land of spirits, after a painful affliction for several days with a disease of the bowels. He passed peacefully from earth's sorrows on Wednesday evening, July 29th. He leaves an interesting family—a wife and three children, and the sympathies of many hearts go out for these so deeply afflicted. His body was buried Thursday, at the burying ground near the hall.

All Around The Point.

Mr. Nash Sr. has been very sick for the last week with meningitis, and is still very low.

Z. Phillips is putting up a very neat building for Mr. Mills. It is to be used as a store-room for his plows, feed, etc.

J. Puig has been bringing some fine Delaware grapes to Disston during the past two weeks. He says he would have had twice as many bunches on his two vines if it were not for the mocking birds, who seem to think they have a perfect right to all they can eat.

N. W. Allen, who came here from Missouri last January, died in Tampa July 14th of Bright's disease. He came here broken down in health and traded for the Wier place, where he moved with his family, but all too late to be benefited, he then moved to Tampa when death came and relieved him of his sufferings. Kind and generous friends vied with each other in rendering all possible aid to the deeply afflicted family. The widow with her two children have our deepest sympathies.

There is no better sign of prosperity and thriftiness of a country or section of the same than when she is able to support a newspaper of her own. Well, the Pinellas section has a newspaper of her own now—the SEA BREEZE—published at Disston City (also called Bonifacio) by W. J. McPherson & Co. The paper is ably edited and well printed, and as the publishers are working sedulously and do not spare any pains to make it a success, we may congratulate ourselves upon the arrival of the SEA BREEZE.—C. N. in Tampa Tribune.

News of The Day.

The Florida Southern is finished to Charlotte Harbor.

The thermometer registered 115 degrees in the shade in Dakota recently. Better come to Florida and keep cool.

A gale of wind recently struck the schooner Asher, out from Key West, and the vessel scudding before it, made 280 miles from Saturday night until Monday morning.—Orange County Reporter.

A new candidate for public favor is before us; The SEA BREEZE, which intends to "Blow for all", published at Disston City, by W. J. McPherson & Co. Where Disston City is we know not; but suppose it is somewhere south of Kamtschatka. It is a lively little fellow and we hope it will survive those maladies which are incident to young ones.—Key of the Gulf.

We will have to send brother Crane a map showing him where the "future metropolis" of South Florida is located.

At the election of officers of the S. S., O. & G. R. R. held in New York on the 6th of this month the following directors were chosen officers for the ensuing year: T. C. Hoge, president; Dr. J. P. Upham, vice-president; A. W. Beebe, secretary. A. P. Mann, Jr., an able and experienced gentleman, well up in railroad circles, was appointed general managing agent, with powers and duties covering the entire management of the company and its affairs in Florida with headquarters at Ocala.—Tropical Paradise.

The new managers say they intend to push the road on to Point Pinellas as fast as possible. We are going to have the depot at our office, as there is deep water just off the porch,—whenever it rains.

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Disston City Doings.

We want a regular correspondent at Pinellas and at John's Pass to write up the local news.

Rev. W. H. Steinmeyer's wife being very sick, his appointment at the Miranda school house was filled by Mr. McMullen.

After this date the schooner Cherub will stop running between Tampa and Disston City.

Aug. 12th. Capt. Whitehurst.

You can assist the BREEZE by getting a half dozen or more copies and sending them to friends whom you think might subscribe. Try it.

Our bay is now full of fine mullet. Why don't somebody bring more of them in to sell? Most of us have neither the time or the nets with which to catch them.

Harry MacVine, after getting all ready to go back to England, changed his mind and will stay here. He has accepted an offer to look after the place belonging to Dr. Cronin.

As our readers have probably noticed, the paper on which this issue is printed is not as good as what has been used in former issues. We will have better paper than this in the future.

Messrs Anderson and Hamilton, our enterprising butchers, are furnishing Disston with the best beef that was ever sold here. They are now prepared to supply the public with cool drinks, cider, root beer, etc.

Mr. Z. Phillips killed a rattlesnake, last Sunday, that was four feet eight inches long, and had six rattles and a button. When killed the snake was opened and found to contain fifteen young ones about eight inches long. Mr. Phillips took off the skin and tanned it.

Hugh Richardson and his mother expect to leave for Mobile, on the

Delia, to-morrow. Mrs. Richardson will take the cars at Mobile for New Orleans and will go from there, by steamer, to Claremont, Minn., at which place she has a married daughter. Mr. Richardson expects to return in about two weeks.

Wednesday, August 4th, being Miss Vinnie Fripp's birthday, it was celebrated by having a dance at the hotel at night. The young people seemed to enjoy themselves and the dancing was kept up until a late hour in spite of the heat. Refreshments for the inner man, in the shape of lemonade, tea, coffee, etc. were furnished by Mr. Wood.

We have noticed the fast-sailing sloop, Black Mariah, cruising about in the bay for several evenings, spreading her sails like unto young eaglets, preparatory to soaring from their nest. We do not know that the Admiral has any sinister designs against the inhabitants of our neighboring isles, but it might be well for them to be prepared for any emergencies that may arise in case of an attack by filibusters.

The sharpie Mystery, Capt Edmunds, of Cedar Keys, lay at anchor here Thursday night. Capt. Edmunds left with us some samples of millet that he obtained near Tarpon Springs. Some of the stalks are over eight feet high and have three or four heads apiece. He said it was growing on high pine land, without any cultivation, and the cattle are very fond of it. The Captain thinks it will be a profitable forage crop. We will plant the seed we received and report results.

Major D. E. Shaw and wife, and and Mr. Johnson of the Palmetto Hotel, Tampa, arrived Thursday morning on Major Shaw's sharpie Pontiac. The Major brought down a load of lumber for the house that he is going to build on his homestead. They left in the afternoon for Tampa, and ye editor and Mr. Willis concluded to go around to Pinellas with them, but when we got to the bar between here and Bird key, the boat wanted to stop (to examine the bottom we suppose) so we concluded to go to Pinellas some other time, and leaving Maj. Shaw and Mr. Johnson hunting scallops we came back home.

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Mexico is getting too "sassy" and needs a good spanking.

The Iowa Democrat State Convention favored the repeal of the prohibitory law.

Samuel J. Tilden died at his residence in Graystone, Wednesday morning, Aug. 4th.

On the 4th, the president sent five more vetoes back to Congress, and it wasn't a good day for vetoes either.

A private letter received from California last week says that the thermometer has ranged from 108° to 112° for the last two weeks.

The smallest newspaper is of more worth to its country subscribers in one month than its price for one year, and does more for its neighborhood for nothing than many a high official does for his magnificent salary.

A piano was received at the Lund house this afternoon. This makes seven pianos in our town all within hearing distance of each other, and when they all get to going "there's music in the air."—Tinsville Star.

May we be forever preserved from a like blessing!

RASPBERRIES.

Mr. A. Aulin, of Oviedo showed us, when on a visit some weeks ago some growing raspberry bushes, which were laden with bright luscious fruit. It has generally been misstated that raspberries would not grow in this section, the reason given being that our summer sun is too intense. It is probable, we think, that the failure to grow them has not been so much that the direct rays of the sun was too hot, as that the heated soil parched up the

roots of the plants. If so might not this difficulty be overcome by mulching?—Sanford Journal.

We would like to hear from some of our readers who have tried or are trying to raise raspberries, as to what success they have had so far.

THAT ROAD QUESTION.

We are glad to be able to state that our road authorities have made a start toward the much needed improvement on the various highways hereabout. Mr. Ed. Leonardy, our worthy commissioner at Pinellas seems to be in earnest in the work, and is pushing things. He has been working on the county commissioners for many mouths to get them to appropriate money to build the much needed bridge and causeway and has partly succeeded, getting a small amount and is now building the bridge over the large bayhead in front of Rev. Mr. Watts. He informs me that the opening of other important roads has been ordered and he expects the work to be done as soon as the rains slack up. He is trying to secure the building of other bridges. The unusual wet season has operated very much against all road work, and made some serious cuts and washouts that will have to be repaired. We trust all the residents of the point will see it to their interest to help and encourage this much needed work, and we would like to see the work done thoroughly. There are many places that should be ditched. Where a small expense or labor will do a vast amount of good and those terrible roots should be grubbed out. We should have at least one good drive on the point, and we would think it should be from Tampa Bay to Boca Ceiga Bay. The Sea Breeze will keep this matter before the people until some substantial results are accomplished worthy of our beautiful point. We expect many people to visit us the coming winter and if we expect them to locate with us we must do all we can to encourage them by making them see that we

are alive to our interests. Large prices for lands alone are very poor incentives for immigration.

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Pinellas Pencillings.

Mr. Hucky has gone back to his old home in South Carolina.

I scream! Ice cream at John B. the 1st last Thursday, and very good it was too.

Mr. Ward is offering his place for sale. It is a nice place and is situated on a beautiful bay.

Mr. Stanton's house is being pushed forward quite rapidly. It is beautifully situated among the old trees.

Walter Neeld has been very busy loading lumber from the schooner Pelia, for several days past. He has some of the best lumber ever brought to the Point, most of it being cypress.

Chas. S. Abercrombie, M. D. was born in Philadelphia, Feb. 13th, 1804. Was youngest son of the Rev. James Abercrombie, who for forty years was rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church in that city. Dr. C. S. Abercrombie graduated from the old Jefferson School of Medicine at an early age, when attracted to Texas by the troubles of that state, went there and stayed for some years. In 1833 he married Miss Mary Bowman, of Natchez, and of this marriage he had three sons and two daughters. He after living many years in Miss., removed to Memphis, Tenn., where he resided for about twenty five years. Died at his sons residence at Point Pinellas, Aug. 5th. He was a man of no ordinary gifts possessing great energy and conviviality and was much respected by all who knew him.

State News.

Tampa boasts of seven fruit stores.

DeLand talks of organizing a Y. M. C. A.

A two-hundred room hotel is to be erected at Punta Gorda.

Key West in one shipment recently sent 120 bales of sponges to St. Louis, value \$4,000.

Pensacola does not exhibit strong temperance symptoms, with seven different petitions for license in recent number of the Pensacolian.

Mr. M. Smith, of Daytona, Fla., cut seven tons of hay from an acre

of para grass last year. His grass was planted on very heavy, sticky hammock. Mr. Smith makes three cuttings a year of this grass.—Orange Co. Republican.

Yes, Florida is "booming" right forward. In ten years from now there will be more nice residences in Florida than in any other southern state. Mrs. Dr. Bull is erecting, at Winter Park, a private residence that is estimated to cost \$14,000.—Palatka News.

Cedar Keys has a new paper called Gulf View, the H. McCall is editor. It is a good, clean, folio, and democratic in politics. The makeup is good and we trust it will have better success than The State Journal, of which it is the successor.

The California orange raisers claim that the people like California fruits better "because it contains more acid and gives the orange more life." Oh, of course, people like a sour orange, and hence do not like the sweet juicy Florida orange. There are some people who don't eat sugar, but about all of them are dead.—Daytona Messenger.

Sea bathing is one of the delightful luxuries that we fortunate people living on the beautiful bays can enjoy to a extent that the landlocked sandhillers and piny-woods people have little conception of. It seems to instill new life into a tired soul to take a splash in the clear salt water these warm evenings before retiring for the night rest, and it is said by those who are philosophers enough to try it that the morning bath far excels. We hope ere long to be prepared with cottages and other comforts to en-

able the people of the interior, who are boasting over their duck ponds, to come over and take a wash where water is abundant.

To our contributors we would say that our waste basket is not plethoric with literary contributions, spring poems news items etc. We are not receiving the encouragement and assistance in this way that we would like. We know that there are many who have gifts and inclinations of a literary turn, that could render us no small assistance if they felt so disposed, who should be equally interested, if not to a greater extent than we are, in all of the improvements and business enterprises in this locality. We would like especially to encourage the young people to write for the Sea Breeze. Do not be discouraged on account of our limited space. Have something to write about, learn all you can about the matter, and send it down and we will get together news items of the neighborhood and let us hear about them. Don't be afraid, for we are publishing this paper for the people of Point Pinellas, not to make money, but to loose some hard cash at present. We believe that there are better things than wealth, and we hope to be of some use to the people of this land believing that great success will eventually crown our efforts if we keep on with unselfish motives, striving for the highest good.

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Disston City Doings.

Gophers are ripe.

Oysters will soon be good.

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It has been "sorter" wet lately.

Sailing by moon light is fine sport.

The Cherub is laid up at Tampa for repairs.

Captain Brown says the crop of mosquitoes on the Keys is simply tremendous.

We were unable to get out a paper the first of the month, but expect to be on time hereafter.

The sewing machine agent has struck us. Look out for the book agent and the lightning rod peddler.

Mr. Anderson is pushing the work on the steamer Tarpon as fast as possible. The boiler is expected soon.

Mr. Baumeister has been busy lately filling orders for his canned mullet. They are well liked wherever introduced.

We are informed that the Hotel is to be renovated and put in good shape to receive the traveling public expected this way soon.

Mr. Kreiger, of Kansas, has been stopping at the hotel for a week past. He is here for his health and expects to remain all winter.

Mullet, Scallops, and Clams are very fine now, but we do not have time to go fishing and do not get them as often as we would like.

Our faithful old horse, "Jack," is no more. He died for the want of breath, and we can now take it a foot or go by water. "So mote it be."

We are glad to see our neighbor, Capt. McMahan, building a substantial fence around his fine property. Wonder if he will be able to corral his high-flyer Game chicks.

The Disston Sunday School is increasing in numbers, and we trust in interest also. Bring in the "Little Lambs," and would it not be well for more of the older sheep to attend also.

Next Sunday is Rev. Steinmeyer's regular appointment at the Miranda school house. We expect him to be with us, at Disston, Saturday evening and will have meeting at the school house.

The dwarf banana at our door, planted three months ago, is sending out a fine fruit stem. Its growth has been phenomenal, and it is the wonder of the natives. We have pineapples fruiting also, that were set out about the same time.

The Delia came in Sunday afternoon, nearly four weeks since she left. The party aboard of her reported having had a very pleasant time, but were glad to get home. Captain Low and Mrs. Hugh Richson came home sick, but the rest of the party are in good health and spirits. The Delia has only part of a load, just a few shingles and some flooring.

We are sorry to have to record the death of Mr. Torres' little boy, Joseph, which occurred August 19th, from disease of the bowels. "Muggins," as he was familiarly called, was one of the best of boys, and certainly will wear a bright star in that world beyond for his faithful and constant care of his two little sisters, since the death of their mother. "Suffer little children to come unto me."

MORE MILLS.

A gentleman from Virginia was looking over the Point last week with a view of finding a location for two saw mills, and we are informed that he says this location pleases him and that he will soon return with his mills. We hope this will not end in talk.

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THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The time draws near when the people of Florida will be called upon to adopt or reject the new Constitution. A matter of more importance has not been presented for the decision of the people in this state for many years. The new Constitution, in most respects, is a decided improvement over the old one, and we will consider it one of one of the most decided steps in the progress of our state, when adopted. The Article concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors is a good one, and gives us an opportunity to crush this terrible curse if we will. Every voter should cast his vote for the amendment.

LETTER FROM THE NORTH.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Sept. 2nd, '86.

DEAR SEA BREEZE: We would welcome gladly a sniff of your briny waters this morn and a glimpse of your face to tell us news of home. Would that we could waft you one of these mountain zephyrs, so bracing and appetizing; Mercury at 58° before sunrise. We have just returned from the wonderful Luray Caverns of Virginia, and among the pleasant features of the journey, was the travel through the lovely and picturesque Shenandoah valley, in plain sight of and often near the Blue Ridge, with a glimpse of the stately Alleghanies. Here we are in the midst of mountains and all that is charming in Nature, while the "inner man" is being fed with the best products of field, farm and dairy. By and by we will bend willing footsteps South and homeward ere the frost catches us. Send us some SEA BREEZES to Chattanooga, where we will abide the last two weeks in September. With kind wishes to all Pinellas.

T. & C. L. Sterling.

OUR NAME.

WHAT SHALL IT BE; DISSTON CITY, BONIFACIO, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

It has been said that there nothing in a name, but there is a proverb something like this, "give a dog a bad name and it will kill him," in which we have more faith. Solomon spoke favorably of a good name. We think it is well to have a settled, well established, indisputable name for most things, and especially for towns of the large dimensions, prospectively, of our beautiful bay girt city. Bonifacio, the present name of our post office, and the only one that the Post Master General will recognize, is not at all satisfactory to most of our citizens. It does not have the right jingle to the ears of a native born American; Slab Town or Gopher Knoll would be considered an improvement. Our name is on record as Disston City, but there is a small post office in the northern part of this county known as Disston; so we are involved in scramble for a name, and so far have been slightly left. Well, why should we wish to contend for this name? Who is this man, H. Disston, more than an ordinary land speculator? He bought up all the vacant lands for a song and is selling them out at stiff prices. What has he done or is now doing to build up this place? We wait for a reply. Now as to bottom facts, we would not care so much about the name if we had only one name, but as it now is the annoyance is very great. Our mail gets all mixed up, some is sent to Disston P. O., some to Bonifay, (another post office,) and we think some of it goes to Cuba or some other place, some letters reaching us two or three weeks after passing through the Tampa office the first time. It seems to be a settled fact that the Disston Co. and the Lake Butler Villa Co., who own the larger part of the lots in this town, are not going to help us out of this trouble soon, all promises coming from them up to date having failed. We think it is about time to help ourselves. These columns are open to pointed remarks, or will call a

public meeting at demand of some of the property holders. What say you?

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Pinellas Pencilings.

Plenty of rain lately.

xxx Flour \$5.50 at Sloan and Steele's.

The mosquito is out in all his glory.

Best Roller Patent Flour \$6.50 at Sloan & Steele's.

Now is the time to prepare for winter gardening.

150° Head Light Oil twenty cts. per gallon, in five gallon lots, at Sloan & Steele's.

R. Stanton has let a contract for the clearing of six acres of land to Joe Strouse and Sam Sloan.

Sloan and Steele invite the public to call and see the bargains they are offering in hardware.

Mr. Hartfield has been unable to do any work for the last two weeks on account of a severe cut on his left hand.

The approaches to the bridge near Mr. Leonardi's are positively dangerous and should be repaired immediately.

John Bethel's new cat boat is a "daisy." He will launch it soon and will have the finest pleasure boat in the Bayou.

The Tampa House, Tampa Fla., has been repaired, refurnished, etc., and would be pleased to receive their guests from Pinellas, Disston, etc.

Mr. H. Smeltz and his assistants, who have been laying off the town of Alexandria, have discontinued work for a few weeks on account of the rainy weather.

Simon Bell has bought a sharpie to carry fish in, to Tampa. He is catching and shipping mullet, which he says were never in better condition than at the present time.

Sloan & Steele have just received their fall stock of Dry Goods, and they invite the public to come and examine them, and see the extraordinary low prices at which they are offered for cash.

All Around The Point.

Henry Smeltz has been severely afflicted during two weeks past from an abscess in his side. We are pleased to see him able to get out again.

Captain A. Miranda has harvested his big crop of rice and he says it is huge. We intend to order a powerful microscope by the next mail to aid us in harvesting our crop.

The earthquake was felt by quite a number of people on the Point, the night of the 31st, and two or three different parties got up to hunt it with guns, lamps, etc. under the the impression that it was a burglar or something of the kind.

Point Pinellas peninsula has more beautiful bay fronts than any other point of land on the coast of Florida. You that wish a home by the water, where the Gulf breezes will fan you the year round and where frost seldom comes, should not fail to see this locality.

A short article was sent to us from Pinellas, to be published, with no name attached. All communications intended for publication must have the writers name signed to it (it will not be printed if the writer objects,) other-wise it will receive no notice.—[Ed.]

Cyrus W. Butler, the Supervisor of roads, over on the other side, informs us that he proposes to push the matter of improvement of our "Avenues" to the utmost extent of the law, untill they are in better condition. If the rain will only let up a while, we expect to see the good work move on. Some substantial improvements have already been made and we think the right men are now taking hold of the work.

A caucus meeting was held at the Miranda school house Saturday and Messrs Cox, Sloan, and Butler were chosen, as delegates, to attend the Democratic county convention which convenes at Tampa Wednesday (today) for the purpose of selecting candidates to represent us in both houses of the next legislature.

The SEA BREEZE does not propose to represent any political clique or party, yet claims to have decided convictions upon the true issues of the day, and will say that we believe in every resident of the Point, entitled to a vote, having his name registered and voting for the best men we can get, to make our laws, and especially should we vote pro or con on the new Constitution. Post up in this matter and you will likely vote correct.

Wm. B. Miranda, who recently returned from an extended trip to Philadelphia, where he had been looking up matters connected with the Land Companies which he represents, says that prospects are good for many people to come to this part of Florida the coming winter; yet as we all know it will depend largely on our transportation facilities. We cannot rely on the railroad getting here, so let us have a steamboat that will be a credit to our bays. The live man who puts on a good steamer here and continues to run it will make money out of it.

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Fine weather lately.

Oranges are getting ripe.

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Are we going to have any school
this winter?

Mr. Earley is putting up a good
fence around his lot.

The deputy sheriff came down,
yesterday, on business.

Mr. Anderson has built a sloop
which he says will out sail the May-
flower.

Captain Lowe is having the Delia
fixed up, the masts scraped, cabin
painted, etc.

Mr. Torres has been having some
trouble in getting his freight from
New Orleans.

What do you intend to do about
our name? It ought to be settled
definitely, and as soon as possible.

What is the matter with the
weather clerk? He failed to send
around the big storm that was ex-
pected Wednesday.

MARRIED—At the residence of
the bride's parents in Disston City,
Sunday evening, September 26, by
Wm. B. Miranda, Mr. Eugene T.
Leonardy to Miss Vinnita Frupp.

An excursion was expected here,
from Tampa, last Sunday and a big
dinner was prepared, but no boat
made its appearance. Word has
been received that a party will be
down next Sunday.

U. A. Norwood left to-day for
England, by way of New York. He
has been offered a good position in
a large business house there. His
brother will stay here and improve
their place north-east of town.

One of our bachelor friends came
after some bread the other day. He
said he had been trying his luck
baking bread, but the only use he
had been able to make of it was to
use it for bullets, which purpose it

answered first rate.

We are sorry that we omitted to
mention in our last issue the mar-
riage of our worthy post master,
Mr. J. R. Torres to Miss Georgie
Nash. In the hurry to get to press
the notice was unintentionally left
out.

If you want a nice pet go over to
Bird Key and get a young pelican.
It will keep you busy skirmishing
around trying to keep its little (?)
mouth full. The one that we have
amuses itself by tossing chips into
the air and catching them in its
mouth.

Just received a new lot of ladies
and gents fine Shoes, childrens Kid
Shoes, Brogans for men and boys;
Flannels, Dress Gingham, ladies
and gents cotton and wool Hosiery,
Blankets, Ticking, Sheeting, Fancy
Linen, Table Spreads etc., etc. at
Mrs. Baumeister's.

Captain James Barnett, one of
the first settlers on Point Pinellas,
died at his home in Disston City,
Thursday morning, September 23.
The Captain served in the Confed-
erate army during the late war, and
was wounded three times, from the
effects of which he never entirely
recovered, and eventually caused
his death. He leaves a wife and
three children to mourn their loss.
The Captain was noted for his kind
and generous disposition and every-
one that knew him was his friend.

It is now time to plant out straw-
berry plants, and we are sure that
if the people on the Point had the
faith in that crop that we have there
would be many beds of that lucious
fruit here next spring. They bear
in this climate six months contin-
uously, and can be grown with but
little fertilizing. There will be a
good market in Tampa for any sur-
plus that may be raised. Keep
planting until December.

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All Around The Point.

Mr. Stanton has moved into his new house.

A party of young folks went over to the Pass last Tuesday.

Sam Sloan has some darkies at work on Mr. Stanton's clearing.

Mr. Oden has gone to Madison County to look after his interests there.

There is some talk of a drug store being started at Pinellas in the near future.

J. Schnieble has been appointed post master at Millerton, (formerly called Miller.)

D. F. Hartfield left, Tuesday, September 21st, for Waco, Texas. He expects to be absent about two months.

George Meares and Percy Neeld are supplying Pinellas with fish now, Simon Bell having quit the business.

Mr. Curry and family, of Pine Key, have been stopping on the main land for the last two weeks, too many mosquitoes the cause.

Joe Strouse and family left, the first of last week, for Goldsboro, North Carolina, where they will reside permanently, as Joe's father has offered him a good position.

Cadiz, Mr. Puig's town, is making a start. A petition is being circulated to have a post office established there, and we understand that Mr. Badolett intends to open a store there.

Speaking of improving Lake View Avenue, Uncle Tom Miranda informs us that he has the contract for white washing it overhead as soon as Charley Carter cuts the scaffold poles. Come forward Charley and do your duty, Uncle Tom is getting impatient.

Mr. Smith has been greatly retarded in his big job of clearing at Paul's Landing, by the unusually heavy rains of the past summer, but since the rains have ceased they have been getting along faster.

Some substantial improvements have been made on Lake View Avenue since our last issue. The hill in front of Dr. Abercrombie's has been partially cut down and the sand was used to improve the approaches to the bridge near Mr. Leonardy's. Let the good work go on.

Captain A. Miranda has three pecan trees that are only eighteen years old and will yield over a bushel of nuts per tree. The pecans are just getting ripe, and are large, well-formed, nuts and are splendid eating. The Captain is going into the gardening business in earnest this winter. He has about eight acres plowed and fertilized, and has already commenced to set out plants.

A new article of cider is being manufactured in this state from the sour orange.

De Land lost the two principal business blocks by fire Monday morning September 19th. The fire is supposed to have started in a saloon. About twenty-five houses were burned. Loss about \$90,000, partially insured. They will probably invest in a fire engine now.

The Florida statistics of 1885 places Alachua county at the head in population with 25,947. Jefferson county has four times as many negroes as whites. Manatee reports a man 100 years old, whose wife is only ten years younger. There are over forty colored persons over 100 years old living in the state.

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Cool nights.

Fine weather.

High tide last Sunday.

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Is it not about time some of our absent homesteaders were reporting?

The Cash Store must be doing a good business, to judge by the number of people we see going in there every day.

Mr. Mills has torn down the barn on his lot in town, and is hauling it out to his place on the ridge where he will have it rebuilt.

Our P. M. is planting out quite an extensive garden, and it begins to show up nicely. Let every land and lot owner go and do likewise.

G. W. Anderson's new house is beginning to loom up. It will be an ornament to the town when completed. Mr. Hamilton expects to build on his lot soon.

Mr. Strider, over the bay, has a fine crop of rice which he expects to harvest soon. He was in town last week, engaging the straw, which makes good forage for horses and mules.

The Sharpie Sallie Bell stopped here, yesterday, on her way to Tampa. She intends to make regular trips, once a week, between Tampa and John's Pass stopping at at Disston both ways.

Mr. Sam Sloan gave us a pleasant call the first of the week, and was added to our list of subscribers. Sam believes in tilling the soil, and is doing his part toward making the Point self supporting.

The sweet potatoes being brought to town by Wm. B. Miranda are very fine. They demonstrate what can be raised on our raw pine lands with a little fertilizing by cowpening. Our crop on old ground did

well, except where it was too low and was injured by the unusually heavy rains.

The canned mullet which we have been sampling, lately, are excellent. Why send off to Oregon for canned salmon when we have equally as good fish, in abundance, here, and prepared by a man who has had an extensive experience in the fish canning business. Send for samples to the proprietor, H. Baumeister, and be convinced of the truthfulness of the above statement.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hartman, of Cedar Key, have been spending several days with Mrs. Hartman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Phillips. They left yesterday on the Sallie Bell for Tampa, where they will take the Gov. Safford for Cedar Key. From Cedar Key they will go to Galveston, Texas, where Mr. Hartman will take charge of a large hotel,

If you wish the SEA BREEZE to continue to blow and increase in size, you must help us, as we can not make it succeed unaided. Send in any news that you think will be of interest to our readers. Subscribe for it and induce your neighbor to do the same. We want some one to send in items from Pinellas, John's Pass, and from out on the ridge towards Meeker's. Do what you can to help us make the SEA BREEZE a success.

We are glad to state that Mr. G. W. Bennett, of St. Paul, Minnesota, who with his family has been stopping here during the summer, has invested in a lot in J. Puig's superb New Cadiz. He stays here because he enjoys our balmy breezes, sweet potatoes, fish, oysters, etc, and is free from the terrible neuralgia and rheumatic pains that made his life almost unbearable while in the North, besides he likes our delightful coast for its natural beauties.

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DISSTON CITY.

We have now been a resident of this place for one year, and would say that we still adhere to our first impressions, in regard to the location of Disston City, that for beauty of situation on the Bay and Gulf it is unsurpassed, and will in the near future attract many to our shores. We will stake our reputation as a guesser that we shall at least continue to grow, and we might say right here that we have done pretty well in the way of improvements during the past year; we have doubled in the number of buildings, with a decided improvement in the quality, and good fences are going up frequently. Now we need some white wash, well applied, and more street clearing; but what we now need most of all is to get more productive settlers on the Point, to contribute to the business of our town. We want more farmers, gardeners, fruit raisers and manufacturers, and one of the best ways to encourage them to come is to plant and keep planting and cultivating all kinds of crops and fruits, (and they are numerous,) that can be produced here. Then let us all pull together to get a regular steam route established between this place and Tampa, that people may be able to get here, and that they may have a safe way of getting their products to market. Most people are timid about risking too much on promises of better transportation, but seeing is believing. We have the climate and situation, and if all who are now here will make such efforts as are within their power we can soon have a live town, but success comes only to those who are willing and active in labor and sacrifices.

HEALTH RESORTS.

In every land is sickness and death, and in every locality in this country we meet the health seeker. Florida is now having a wonderful flood of that class of emigrants and travelers, and the salt breezes of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts present special claims in instilling new life and vigor in those who seek their benefits. We did not come here expecting to find a place entirely free from fevers and other diseases. If any person comes to Florida expecting to find such a locality they will be sure to be disappointed. Yet we say without hesitation, from an experience of five years, that we know of no better health resort, and we claim to be posted. Many people, like the writer, are here who came expecting to stay until they received some benefit, and then return to their native state, but they find that in this climate they are so much more free from the aches and pains that made life a burden to them in their former homes, that they accept the situation freely and stay. We could name a long list of such persons, but it is unnecessary. There are many thousands in the ice bound states who had much better come here and live on small incomes and have some comfort in living, than to remain where they are and eke out a miserable existence.

Senior.

Editor Cutting demands \$50,000 damages from the Mexican government. His time and reputation are very valuable articles according to his estimate.

Brother Turner of the West Hillsborough Times has taken to himself a wife. Miss Lillie E. Ramage was the lady who consented to sacrifice herself, and become an editors wife.

Oranges have already commenced to go forward, and in a few days there will be a heavy consignment of fruit. This fruit is not ripe; the orange does not develop sweetness nor flavor after being picked from the tree, and sending

forward these sour, green oranges is very likely to result, as has been the case the last two seasons, in glutting the market with inferior fruit, demoralizing prices, and disgusting customers with Florida oranges. If the bulk of the crop is sent forward between this time and the holidays, regardless of the condition of the market, as now seems probable, it will be a considerable loss to the growers, a calamity to the state, and a serious damage to the orange industry.—Florida Dispatch.

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All Around The Point.

Call on H. Smeltz for your strawberry sets.

J. C. William's fine schooner, Peerless, lay at anchor in Big Bay on Monday.

W. B. Miranda, John Badolet, and the Kelly boys are at Tampa this week, attending court.

The tide, Sunday night, was the highest we have had in years; so say some of the old settlers.

Dr. Abercrombie has had his young orange and mango grove filled out with some thrifty young trees.

Col. J. C. Williams is pushing the work at Paul's Landing. His sea wall was some what demoralized by the heavy blow last Sunday.

Work has begun on the bridges over the two creeks on Lake View Avenue, and we can now expect to soon have a good road across the Point.

The larger part of orange crop on the Point, this year, will be "crusets." The oranges are splitting and falling off badly, in some of the groves.

Mr. Ward is back in Kansas, where he has been offered his former position as R. R. Conductor. We guess if he tries fighting the snowdrifts there a while, he will wish he was back on our sunny Point.

Now since the fine rain is the time to plant out your strawberries, cabbage, collards, and rutabagas. Sow onion seeds. The Bermuda and White Tripoli are the favorites. You need not depend much on peas, beans, and tomatoes, but keep on planting and cultivate well, and you will not be apt to fail.

Still they come! Two more post offices applied for on the Point. How we do grow! Charley Smeltz has commenced the erection of a building near the Miranda school

house with the intention of opening up a store at that place, also a post office if Uncle Sam is willing.

G. L. King had the misfortune to lose his other large mule the first of this week, yet he does not propose to stop keeping the ball rolling. He is building a very respectable addition to his dwelling, and his chicken houses are "daisies." Don't take your wife to see them, or she will make it lively for you until you do likewise.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Rev. D. G. Watt's health has improved so much that he will hold services at the Miranda school house Sunday, October 24th, at 11 P. M., and regularly every succeeding Sunday, excepting the 3rd Sunday of each month which is Rev. W. H. Steinmeyer's regular appointment.

Persons who have not subscribed for this paper, but receive sample copies, are requested not to return them, as no person is expected, or will be required, to pay for this paper except voluntary subscribers. We would be very glad to place your name on our list, and send sample copies, hoping that you will like our paper well enough to subscribe for it. Read your sample copy and hand it to a neighbor.

We are decidedly in favor of the no fence law as to hogs. We firmly believe that the annual expense of fencing against the few contemptible razor backs that run at large on the Point is more than the whole tribe are worth. We have lost sweet potatoes enough to pay for a half dozen or more. We believe that there is money in hogs (the trouble is to get it out of them) which increases the longer they run

at large. Ask our enterprising farmer on the ridge, Mr. Mills.

When you go away from home constitute yourself an immigration society for the benefit of your town and community. Such work, if judicious, may do a vast deal of good. —South Florida Courier.

A correspondent to the Eustis Lake Region gives the following receipt for ridding the house of roaches: Mix corn meal with water in which all the powdered borax it will take up has been dissolved, into a thick paste. Sweeten with syrup (Florida preferable). Make the paste into small pellets and place around where roaches habitate, and in a few days they will be all gone. Chickens and animals may eat the pellets with impunity. —[Florida.

Have a home somewhere. Buy a tract of land and own it. Buy with a determination of keeping it, and surrounding yourself with those beauties found only upon the farm. To be the owner of a nice little home, poor though it may be, is one of the greatest earthly blessings man can enjoy. He gathers about this spot his cows, horses, pigs and chickens, and by honest toil, what was once a wild tract of land has now become a lovely spot where men are wont to go, and when your spirit is called to its eternal home, you have left the widow and orphans a little place on earth called home. Gentle reader, "There is no place like home," and you should think of this and neglect the matter no longer. —J. G. K. in FLORIDA.

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Disston City Doings.

Dry.

We need a rain.

Disston has been the scene of some lively political discussions, lately.

Politicians in these parts is very much like the eyes of a flounder; all on one side.

The schooner Delia, of Tampa, touched at our wharf Wednesday, enroute to New Orleans.

Mrs. H. Baumeister went to Tampa, to-day, on Capt. Brown's sloop, to attend to some business.

We have had a chilly blast from the north during the past week. Thermometer marked as low as 50°.

Until further notice be given the Sunday School will be held at Mr. Locke's hall, over the Cash Store, at 3 P. M.

Mr. King is preparing to move his saw mill down to the bay, so that the steam whistle will soon be heard near our doors.

We are drawing on our bay now for some very fine fish, clams, scallops, crabs, etc, and with good success, as the supply is unlimited.

Just in! Granite iron ware, glass sugar and butter bowls, lanterns, lamps, and many other little things useful to a house-keeper at Baumeister's.

Eugene Leonardy moved to Sara Sota the first of this week, where he and his new wife will commence housekeeping. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fripp.

Now is the time of the year to build cheaply in Florida. Those contemplating building this winter should not wait until January and until the rush begins.

The work of grubbing out the streets of the Disston Company's addition to our town is being pushed, and will add much towards showing up the beauties of our situation.

Capt. James McMahan and wife left for Tampa this morning where they expect to remain during the winter. They leave their house in charge of Mr. G. W. Bennett, who moved in to-day and will occupy it during their absence.

While passing down to the wharf last Friday morning, we heard a tremendous racket on the hotel veranda which on investigation we found to be nothing more than the manager, Mr. Wood, turning back summersaults; all on account of a new arrival, the evening before, which he said was a seven pound girl.

WANTED.

Information concerning the best method of manufacturing palmetto fiber into mattress filling and where to market the same. We have many hundred tons of the cabbage palmetto, on our Key, that we wish to get rid of, and as we know that the leaves make the finest of mattresses, we propose to start a factory for that business as soon as we can so arrange matters. Would give a man who understands the business a good chance to make some money with us, or would take a partner who has some money to invest in the business, only a few hundred will be required to start it. Address the SEA BREEZE.

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All Around The Point.

Mr. T. Sterling and family have returned from their visit amongst their friends in the North.

Mr. Leathers and two daughters, of Dubuque, Iowa, came in this week and are stopping with Mr. George Johnson. He proposes to erect a building forthwith on a piece of ground that he purchased of Mr. Johnson last summer. We gladly welcome them and trust they will be pleased with their new home.

Ye Senior has established his home at Cedar Point, on Long Key, where we are erecting some cottages, and hope to have the privilege of entertaining friends, health and pleasure seekers, during the coming winter, who would enjoy the luxury of a stay on the Gulf beach which is very fine here. The office of the SEA BREEZE will remain at Disston City, where some one can always be found.

Mr. Strange, a gentleman from the Emerald Isle, but who has large interests in raisin vinyards in California and who now hails from that state, is stopping at present with Captain Arthur at John's Pass. He expresses himself highly pleased with our coast country, and is investigating with reference to planting out grapes and other small fruits here, and speaks very favorably of the business here, from what information he has obtained.

THE ELECTION.

A good deal of misunderstanding and some bad feeling seems to have arisen at the manner in which the voting for County officers was carried on yesterday. In the first place the election was one for Democratic voters only, and no others. The Executive Committee of the

Democratic party, at Gainesville in 1878, decided that only democratic voters should vote in one box for county officers. If a man, at the same election, supported a Republican or Independent ticket he could not vote in the democratic box, though of course he could vote in a separate box did he wish to.

This rule was strictly adhered to at this election, and because several voters supported others than the nominees of the democratic party they felt aggrieved that they were not allowed to vote in this strictly democratic vote, which at best is only a side show and not a state election. W.

CLEAR WATER ITEMS.

Editor SEA BREEZE: Your breezy little sheet has found its way to our camp and is quite a welcome visitor, and I hope it may prosper and grow strong and hearty on the balmy breezes that come, so fresh and pure, from the grand old Gulf. As you claim to "Blow for all" we hope that all localities will send in something for the BREEZE to blow, and that it will blow good news of our land, fields, gardens, homes, groves, bays, harbors, islands, etc, and of the great openings here for the young to make pleasant and thriving homes by starting groves of the different kinds of fruits and vines.

New buildings are going up all around, two of which are to be occupied by Presbyterian preachers.

Some of last winter's visitors are returning to this place. They are coming ahead of the birds this fall.

A new school house is fast nearing completion, school will commence first Monday in November, with a brand new school team. Who gets the first licking?

Mr. Hayes, of Dunedin, killed two moccasins to-day, he was bitten on the hand by one of the snakes, but he cut the bite out with his knife and has lost no time from his work by its effects. AND.

The following is the vote of the first precinct:

For Congress,

R. H. M. Davidson, 51 votes.

C. B. Pendleton, 18 votes.
For State Senate,
Gen. J. B. Wall, 42 "
James McKay, 25 "
For Assemblymen,
J. W. Matchett, 71 "
W. A. Belcher, 71 "
For Constitution, 72 "
Against " 0 "

For Assessor,
W. R. Becket, 22 "
C. R. Worth, 20 "
Jno. P. Hill, 1 "

For Tax Collector,
T. Kimball, 37 "
J. Martin, 6 "

For Treasurer,
T. E. Jackson, 42 "
For Surveyor,
L. E. Warren, 42 "

For Counstables,
G. B. Sparkman, 11 "
E. E. Belcher, 2 "

For County Commissioners,
Wm. B. Miranda, 27 "
John T. Sloan, 21 "
Geo. L. Jones, 10 "
J. L. Keen, 7 "
W. B. Henderson, 6 "
Scattering, 17 "

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Disston City Doings.

Pleasant weather.

Beautiful moonlight nights.

Splendid shower Saturday morning.

John Miranda is now supplying Disston with fish.

The gardeners are complaining about the dry weather.

G. W. Anderson has moved into his new house on Virginia Avenue.

Thanksgiving Thursday the 25th. Ye editor is listening for the gobble of the turkey.

Mr. Baumeister is having some trouble to get fish just when he is ready for them.

Will Wood walks like he is the biggest man in town, now, if he is only about five feet six.

The Cash Store now flourishes a very tasty sign. It was painted by Arthur Norwood, but the way it is hung, O my!

Mr. John S. Calkins writes us from Jacksonville that he is headed this way, and expects to be here in a few weeks.

Mr. Hamilton is fixing up his sloop, with the intention of running oysters from Sara Sota to Tampa, during the winter.

There will be meeting, for social worship and religious improvement, held at Locke's hall every Sunday evening at 7 P. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Torres' new horse gives him considerable amusement, but the results are rather expensive, in the way of smash-ups, to be kept up for mere entertainment.

Steps have been taken to induce the Plant System to have the steamer Margaret touch at our wharf, on her way from Tampa to Manatee, with some prospects of success.

A party of young people went over to the Pass, opposite this place, last Tuesday. They stayed there several days, had a very pleasant time, and caught a fine lot of groupers, snappers, drumfish, etc.

Dr. Edgar, of Dunedin, called at our office last week, when we were absent. We regret we did not meet him, and more to learn of his recent great loss in the death of his wife. The Doctor intends to spend the winter on his homestead on Pine Key.

We have attempted tasks frequently that called for tact and ingenuity, but we think none more brain-racking than the effort, to comply with the demands of our devil, to furnish a page of Disston City locals. Things dont sometimes most always happen.

As Messrs Anderson and Hamilton have quit butchering. Mr. Harris, who has been supplying the other side with beef, says that he will be here every Saturday morning, and as he furnishes the very best of beef, we can depend on a first class dinner once a week at least.

Ye junior editor has invested in a cast net, and has been experimenting in winding it around his neck, jerking out his front teeth, etc, and has succeeded in frightening a few mullet, but it would make you smile a smole to see the knowing finny chaps come up and nose around the net while we are drawing in our solitary little shiner or leather fish.

New Cadiz, our neighboring town, is looming up. Mr. John Badollett has his store in operation, and he informs us that he has received word, from Washington, favorable to the establishment of a post office there. Mr. G. L. King has his saw mill moved down to the bay and is fixing it up as fast as possible. He has his arrangements made to get logs from the upper part of the bay, by rafting. We may look for a boom in town lots over there before long, and would not be surprised if we were claimed as a suburb of the Future great.

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POINT PINELLAS.

As letters are continually coming in from friends in the Northern and Western states, inquiring concerning the healthfulness of this and other localities, and we see frequent notices, through the papers, of ministers and other overworked persons, coming south for the purpose of renewing their health. We think it advisable to repeat some of our former statements, with additional evidence, in favor of this delightful Gulf coast. Most localities especially puffed up by speculators as great sanitariums etc., where everybody gets well and graveyards are out of fashion, have been greatly over rated, and Florida has been and is at the present time well supplied with such scribblers. The truth of the whole matter is, this state is in the hands of speculators, and many luminous lines and ponderous puffs are being scattered abroad throughout the world, to attract the attention of the home and health seekers, and many hundred new towns springing up all over the state are making special claims of being the one peculiarly favored point. Well that's us too. We have no doubt but that there are many other localities that are healthy and have many attractions. We have found in our travels that the high pine ridges and also the low ridges in the flat woods, not near swamps or large streams, are generally healthy; but well chosen situations on the coasts have their special claims, and we feel no hesitancy in repeating our statements concerning the small peninsula and keys enclosed by Tampa and Boca Ceiga bays, the Gulf of Mexico, and Clear Water Harbor, that we have so far failed to meet with any evidence to convince us that there

is another locality on all the coast of Florida that will take the lead of Point Pinellas. Our space will not admit of detailed statements and particulars now, but we will endeavor to crowd them in as we go along and will show them up in a way that will be likely to convince the most skeptical. We might add that this paper is not published in the interest of any land speculator or Company, nor with the design of inducing speculators to invest in these lands; but with the view of inducing a good class of people to settle here and help build up the Point and improve the society.

Those who predicted ruin, or even an end of the boom for Florida, on account of the freeze, have not been heard from lately. The new capital invested in the State during the first six months of this year was \$981,000 against \$479,000 during the same time last year. Let them croak. Florida can stand it if they can.—Florida.

Although many sections of this country have suffered greatly this past summer from the heat, Florida has been blessed with a very pleasant and comfortable season, and with unusual good health. Fevers of a malignant character have been few and far between, and the people of this state have many things to be thankful for, notwithstanding the financial depression and dullness of business.

It is one of the recommendations of Florida that it lies in a region of the world which, from its geographical situation, exempts it from violent storms of any kind; whether arising in the mountains and valleys of the North-west or in the torrid equatorial region. This situation gives it its equable climate and makes it impervious to the extreme action of the elements in any form. To characterize the little wind-dips and gales which occasionally blow down a shanty or upset a weak tree as cyclones is a ridiculous misnomer which creates a wrong impression on the public mind and creates injurious impressions elsewhere. There are no cyclones in Florida.—Times-Union.

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Pinellas Pencilings.

Joe Strouse has returned from South Carolina.

Mrs. J. T. Sloan has been quite sick for some time past but is much better now.

Wm. Neeld is now carrying the mail, on his fast yacht, between the Point and Tampa.

Rev. D. G. Watt's meetings seem to be growing in interest and attendance.

Mr. A. Leathers has let a contract to Mr. Thompson, to clear five acres of land, for the purpose of planting out a grove.

Messrs Sloan and Steele have bought Captain Williams' sharpie, and intend to run it between this place and Tampa.

The school at the Miranda school house is quite full, and we are glad to state that Miss Harrison is giving excellent satisfaction as teacher.

Mr. Ward is expected back in December, and has written to Mrs. Ward to prepare rooms for a company of friends that he will bring with him.

The vote of the County was strong against bonding the same. We will be ready to reconsider the question when we get a county of our own on the west side.

R. Stanton is putting up a substantial fence around his premises. He has a fine grove of mango and avocado pear trees in connection with his orange grove, all of which are putting on an excellent growth.

Mr. Steele has returned from his visit to Putnam and Marion counties looking as though he had been well treated during his absence. He reports a heavy emigration coming southward via the St. Johns, and thinks we will get a larger crowd in South Florida this winter than ever before. He says he was informed by good authority that the O. S. S. & G. R. R. is being pushed in this direction.

All Around The Point.

Rumors of a wedding in the near future. Who are the lucky ones?

Mr. Pinchin has returned from his visit to his old home, in England. We hear it whispered that he is about to form a co-partnership, ere long, with a certain fair one of Tampa. He has commenced operations towards building on his piece of land north of Disston City.

Captain Miranda shows no abatement in pluck and grit. He has employed a professional gardener, Mr. Riley, and is planting out an extensive garden of egg plants, cabbages, tomatoes, etc. The dry weather that we are now having operates somewhat against his planting, but we judge from the way in which he is managing his work that he will overcome all obstacles.

A proposition is being talked of by some of our leading citizens, to effect an organization on the Point to try and get rid of the loose potato-stealing razor backs that are the dread of all vegetable growers. We are willing to help raise a fund to buy up the whole lot, and have a grand shooting match, if some better way can not be thought of, to get rid of these worthless pests.

In reply to the query: Does bee culture pay in Florida? The editor of the Florida Agriculturist states that on the coast, where the mangrove and palmetto are in abundance, they do well; the average yield per hive being about fifty pounds. We would be glad to publish an article from some of the bee keepers on the Point in regard to their success in the business, yield, etc.

FLORIDA FACTS.

We are indebted to the Florida Agriculturist for the following valuable statements coming from Prof. O. M. Crosby, who has given the State a critical study during three years of constant travel and observation.

First: Florida covers about 36,000,000 acres.

Second: Only about 6,000,000 acres of dry lands in the "orange belt".

Third: Only half of this is suitable for cultivation.

Fourth: The Country is mostly flat and covered with yellow pine timber.

Fifth: No more healthy region can be found than the high lands.

Sixth: We have very little catarrh, scarlet fever, pneumonia, consumption, asthma, or rheumatism.

Seventh: Malaria is a bug-bear which may be prevented by judicious living, and is easily cured.

Eighth: The climate is as nearly perfect as can be found on the globe.

Ninth: The summer heat is so modified by the trade winds that the nights are cool and pleasant. Many residents declare that the summer is the most delightful part of the year.

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Disston City Doings.

Cool weather.

Thermometer 42°.

Attend the steamboat meeting next Saturday.

Will Wood is now holding forth behind the counter of J. R. Torres' store.

Christmas Goods will be open for inspection in due time at

BAUMEISTERS.

Our colored friend, John Donaldson, has been bringing some excellent new Florida syrup to town.

Who is the most careful man that has visited our town this week?

Ans. Dr. K. who with great 'pains' extracts our teeth.

Captain Miranda's gardener, Mr. Riley, brought some fine turnips to town last week. Their garden is doing very well, and they will soon commence shipping.

Mr. Torres has moved one of his houses down near his store, and has moved the Post Office into it, and very good quarters it is too.

Mr. Torres has our thanks for a fine mess of lettuce, from his flourishing garden. He has cabbages heading and squashes in blossom; in fact his whole garden is doing splendidly.

Times are beginning to look better. Wm. Miranda sold Mr. Torres' orange grove to Captain Lesley, of Tampa, and three lots in Henderson's subdivision, to another gentleman in Tampa.

A party went over to the Keys, Thanksgiving Day, and owing to the inclement weather were obliged to remain there several days. They got along very well only they ran short of water.

A meeting was held at the hotel, last Saturday, to see what could be done to improve our transportation facilities. Another meeting will be held next Saturday, when it is expected that definite arrangements will be made. Meeting at 1 P. M. Be sure to attend.

Below we give the names of some more contributors, to the Norwood fund, that were handed us too late to be inserted with the others: Mr. Cox, Articles to value of four dollars; H. M. Longstreth and A. P. Willis, Labor.

We see it asserted by an exchange that the bee is a fraud, that it only works about three hours a day and loaf the rest of the time, that it is a tippler, stays out nights on a bust, etc. That may be all correct, but when it sits down on you with its business end, you very soon come to the conclusion at least, that part of him is genuine.

In our weak effort in the common cause, in which we are engaged, publishing a local sheet, small, though more for the good of the little community of settlers on the Point than for any profits; we are brought into contact with various specimens of humanity, some of whom manifest their large heartedness and good business sense in a manner that is appreciated. Others are, apparently, deeply interested, but we are led to conclude, from their actions, that it is a mild case, and not likely to strike in fatally.

In correspondence with parties engaged in the manufacture of palmetto fiber, the following was received from Mr. Doyle who is agent for a substantial Company, with headquarters at Jacksonville, who are looking for a favorable situation in which to make a plant in South Florida.

Dear Sir, As to the capabilities of our Company, I would state that to interested parties I can give evidence of our ability to do all we undertake. If your place offers, in our opinion, the best inducements in the way of raw material etc., we would prefer to buy the land necessary for our works, if to be had at a reasonable price, rather than to accept it as a donation on the condition of our employing a certain number of hands. There would be too much risk in our making improvements on property, the title to which might depend on the good faith of our employee. Very truly, M. J. DOYLE.

Sanford, Fla. Nov. 27, '86.

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CATTLE RAISING.

From several years of continual observation, we are convinced that the people, who are so rapidly possessing this land of fruit and flowers, are making one serious mistake to which we wish to call the attention of our readers. All our energies are being bent in the direction of fruit and vegetable raising, while but little is being done to improve the cattle of this state. While it is very evident that the methods, that have been pursued up to the present time, must soon terminate, we should not conclude that cattle can not longer be kept at a profit. All of the western states have passed (or are now passing) through a similar experience. Colorado, after the loss of millions of dollars to Eastern capitalists, has come to the point where a halt is forced upon them, and they must fall in line with Kansas, Iowa, and other prairie states, and expect hereafter to raise food for their stock, which without doubt will be, to them, a blessing in disguise, by furnishing laborers constant employment, and by getting rid of a large portion of the roving, tough, and indolent cowboys and greasers, and will thus divide up among the worthy class of laboring citizens, some of the profits accruing from this great industry. The first settlers in the Western states, like the average Floridian, thought it was impossible to raise grasses suitable for stock, and that when the long horned Texan steer could not fatten upon the native grasses of the vast plains, the cattle business must go; but a few years of energetic efforts has proven just the contrary, and their wealth in stock keeps pace with their increase in population. Now as to raising feed in Florida we are quite sure that an abundance can be produced on

most of the Florida lands, and at the same time the land be made better. In crab grass alone, which the fruit and vegetable growers consider one of their worst enemies, there is a mine of wealth for the cattle grower. This grass comes everywhere without any planting, all that is necessary is to break up the ground, and by cow penning and a little cultivation it will make an immense growth and is the best of feed for stock; besides there is bermuda, para, guinea and various other kinds of grasses that are grown on a small scale. Some of the more enterprising farmers raise all of the hay that they use, thus saving a large sum of money to the state. Then our climate; well we will not attempt to describe it in this article, but will say this much concerning it. If any person, reading this, knows of one more congenial and where grasses and many kinds of vegetables can be grown the year round, we would like to hear from them. We know that this business will bear investigation and expect to see the day when milk cows and stall-fed beef will not be a rarity.

A CARD.

DISTON CITY, NOV. 29, '86.
EDITOR SEA BREEZE: Please allow me, through the medium of your paper, to publicly thank the many friends who have rendered generous and timely aid to us in our hour of need. Some will tell you that friends are most plentiful when one is prosperous, but our experience at Point Pinellas is just the opposite, for it was not until we felt the sharp blast of adversity that we found out how many kind friends we had in this locality. I trust we may have opportunity at various times of personally thanking all our kind benefactors, and we assure them that their kindly help is greatly appreciated. Written on behalf of my brother as well as myself, I would subscribe myself, yours gratefully.

ARTHUR NORWOOD.

Speaking of the recent disaster to the steamer Margaret, in the alleged Tampa channel, Captain Miranda

says: "Tell the Plant Company, for me, that if they will bring their railroad down to Point Pinellas I will guarantee them plenty of water and sea room, and no rocks or snags to play hob with the bottoms of their steamers." So say we all of us. It is no secret that the Plant Company design pushing on, from Tampa to deep water, somewhere, and why not to the Point? Where can it do better? It would not surprise many if the South Florida should be the first railroad to reach the Point after all. "Change cars for Point Pinellas and Havana!"

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Pinellas Pencilings.

Mr. Ward expects to be called to take a situation on the F. R. & N. R. R., ere long.

Dr. Kennedy has pumped out his sloop, and is putting her in trim for a cruise on Tampa and Boca Ceiga bays.

The sound of the hammer and saw will soon be heard throughout our quiet village, as several parties are preparing to build.

John Erwin has accepted a situation with Col. Williams, hauling timber to complete his sea wall, which is rapidly nearing completion.

If you wish to have a good time, and hear some excellent music, attend one of Mr. Leonardy's "musicales" some mail night. Joe Watt will be happy to supply tickets at five cents apiece, and no extra charge if you take a quantity.

Dr. F. G. Wright, of Ellsworth Kansas, who with his family came with Mr. Ward, have moved into Simon Bell's house. The Doctor expresses no small pleasure in visiting our state, and says he has seen nothing more beautiful than Wm. Need's orange grove with trees bending under their load of golden fruit.

We understand that more amateur theatricals are in preparation. A little higher flight is to be attempted; "Hamlet", with the part of the Prince of Denmark left out. The performance will be held about Christmas week. We hope that the brilliant success which attended the last performance will not be lacking in this.

We are glad to announce that the staunch steamer Relief has started on a temporary arrangement to make regular trips from Pinellas to Tampa three times a week, and thus far has met with fair encouragement. We trust that those most interested will not fail to see that the arrangement will be per

fect to keep the steamer on the route during the coming season.

Mr. Ward returned from Kansas last week, bringing with him a party of friends to enjoy the delights of our coast. Mrs. Ward, who had been on a visit to her daughter, who is attending school at Jacksonville, returned with the party. They came over on the steamer, which they decided to be a great improvement over sail vessels.

The steamer Relief, under the present arrangements, will make regular trips from Tampa to Bay View, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, of each week, returning the following days, and touching at Pinellas each way. Will Sloan lighters off the passengers and freight on his sharpie. She brought over nine passengers and a good cargo of freight, Monday.

PLANT ONIONS.

The onion crop in the North has proven to be a failure this year. The crop is short, and prices will be high. Floridians who plant more will have a crop to sell before their northern brethren can commence to plant. [Florida Agriculturist.

The Island Home Company propose to erect a hotel on their island in Boca Ceiga bay as soon as it is positively known when the Ocala, Silver Springs, and Gulf railroad will reach Point Pinellas. [Orange County Reporter.

The cry goes up, too many green Florida oranges in the Northern markets. We sincerely trust that every man that sends unripe fruit to market will have to pay the freight on them, besides losing the fruit. [Ocala Banner.

The house belonging to the Norwood boys was destroyed by fire Wednesday, November 17th. The fire broke out about 11 A. M. and consumed the building and all of its contents. There was no one at the place when the fire occurred, the young men being at work at Diss-ton, and the first that they knew of it was when they went home at night and found only a heap of smoking ruins. The loss is a severe one to them, as they lost everything except what they had on. The cause of the fire is unknown. A subscription was taken for their benefit and was responded to very liberally. By request we publish the names of the donors.

Mr. Earley, Clothing; Mr. King and McPherson, Lumber; Gilbert Harrison, Mr. Fripp, McPherson & Sons, H. McVine, G. W. Anderson, and Mr. Hamilton, Labor; R. L. Locke, House free and various articles; R. Stanton, Blankets and Pillows; Dr. Abercrombie, Stove and utensils; Mrs. Fripp, Needlework; Mrs. Sterling, Shirts; Miss McPherson, Pillowcases; Sloan and Steele, Nails for a new house; W. Wood, Shirt; H. Baumeister, Various Articles; Mr. Miranda, Linen and Stores; Messrs Mills, Johnson, J. P. G. Watt, Lawrence, Beck, Strauss, Sterling, Leonardy, and Rev. D. G. Watt, One Dollar each; Messrs Bethel, Odum, Arnold, and Miss Watt, Fifty Cents each.

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T. A. Whitted, of Palma Sola, came over last week, to spend the holidays with his friends. He came over in a small cat boat and had quite an adventurous trip. Thinking he would have no use for shoes in this wilderness, he left his (a right new pair) lying on the bank when he started. He was compelled by the storm to land at Mullet Key, and had his boat swamped twice in the breakers, but the storm calming down he reached Disston about 7 o'clock that night without further accidents.

Disston City Doings.

Happy New Year.

Now is the time to turn over a new leaf.

The Nash boys brought in some fine venison last Tuesday.

Mr. Hamilton has built a very nice house on his lot in the northern part of town.

Our school, under the management of Mr. Arthur Norwood is giving good satisfaction.

Mrs. Barnett has been appointed administratrix of the estate of James Barnett, deceased.

Langford Locke had a birthday party, Thursday, which was attended by all the little folks in Disston.

Capt. Whitehurst's fishing crew have been making some large hauls lately. They are sent to Tampa by the Cherub.

The work of clearing out the streets of the Disston City Land Company's addition to Disston is progressing very slowly.

Mr. G. W. Bennett has been up at Tampa, the past week attending to some business connected with some of the local mail routes.

John Rhodes and some other dead beat have been camping over on Long Key, at the Calkins place during the last week, trying to kill the one or two deer left on the Key.

Just in: Dress Gingham, Fancy Check, Bleached Cotton for pillow slips, Table Oilcloth, Large Woolen Shawls, Ladies Merino Vests, Gents Merino Underwear Etc., at Baumeister's.

On behalf of the children and patrons of the Disston City Sunday School, we wish to extend to all who so kindly assisted in beautifying our Christmas tree, our most sincere thanks. May you all have many happy returns of Christmas Day.

E. B. McPHERSON, Supt.

Mr. Z. Phillips and family have moved over to Long Key, where Mr. Phillips has a homestead.

RAILROAD MEETING.

A railroad meeting was held at Tarpon Springs, recently, of which the following is a brief abstract of the proceedings. Gov. A. P. K. Safford was called to the chair. The following committees were appointed to solicit donations of land to the railroad. Township 28, Messrs. Walton Whitehurst, Geo. L. Jones, Duncan and R. J. Booth; Township 29, Messrs. J. W. Drew, A. M. Duncan, J. F. Taylor Jr. and J. P. McMullen; Township 30, Messrs. A. L. Meares, E. B. Dye, J. Low, and W. J. Hamlyn; Township 31 and 32, Messrs. W. B. Miranda, J. R. Torres, E. R. Ward, and J. A. Cox; Township 26, S. Stephenson, Mr. Butler, Wm. Bailey and E. A. Hill. After instructing the various committees to send in their reports as soon as possible the meeting adjourned.

STEAM TRANSPORTATION.

We have now something more tangible to say. The morning star appears above the horizon. We are certainly going to get a steamer to make regular trips on our bays. Mr. Sterling, of Pinellas, who has been vigorously striving in this direction for some time, has induced a Mr. Rouff, an experienced engineer and machinist, from Chattanooga, to unite with him in building a light draft steamer. The lumber has been ordered for the hull, and negotiations pending for the machinery. The boat is to be built on Big Bayou, and is to be pushed forward as soon as the material arrives. The estimated cost of the vessel is \$2,500 and one third interest will be offered to the citizens of this locality. Now will be a good opportunity for some of our people to show their faith, by investing small sums in this enterprise. Shares will be given at from \$25 to \$100, or several parties can unite and buy the whole amount offered. We wish the enterprise complete success.

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Mr. Cox informs us that the people at Clear Water Harbor have raised subscriptions to the estimated amount of \$20,000 to donate to the Orange Belt Railroad.

We are in receipt of the initial number of the Tampa Journal, the successor to the defunct Guardian, W. N. Conley, Editor and Proprietor. In politics it will be democratic. We are sorry to lose the Guardian, but there were serious obstacles in the way of its continuance and we suppose Mr. Cooper did the best thing in the matter. Try it again, Bro. Cooper. You cannot well be spared from the journalistic field in this county.

We learn that the committee to solicit subscriptions for the proposed railroad are doing but little. All right gentlemen, if you do not want any railroads here you can keep them out, and you can keep out immigration also, and your poor sand ridges and flats will be a legacy you can hand down to future posterity at a value of fifty cents per acre.

We are informed from what seems a reliable source, that the Plant Investment Company have commenced work on the extension of their R. R. from Tampa to Old Tampa Bay, the terminus to be at Brushy Point. The Company has let the contract for building their wharfs at that point. We suppose this move will not be particularly pleasing to the people of Tampa, but it will certainly be a paying thing for the Company to bring their road to deep water, and we believe that it will be a benefit to all the towns on the Bay, and will give the people of Point Pinellas a good outlet. It will be only a short run, across the bay, for a steam ferry.

CHRISTMAS.

AS CELEBRATED AT DISSON CITY.

Christmas was celebrated at Disson by appropriate ceremonies at the school house, Christmas eve. It was worked up by the Disson Sunday school, and was a grand success. The opening exercises consisted of songs and declamations, some of which were remarkably well rendered considering the short time allowed to prepare them, after it was determined to have the celebration, one by Arthur Norwood entitled "Help at the Right Time," and the other by Edward McPherson entitled "Christmas Greeting." The hit of the evening was the song entitled "The Dude" sung and acted by Miss Jessie Anderson. This was followed by the most important event of the evening, to the little folks at least, the appearance of Santa Claus, and the removal of the curtain from in front of the tree. The tree presented a pretty sight, and was the showiest ever seen on the Point. The distribution of presents began, amidst all kinds of exclamations from the little folks. Some kind souls took pity on the forlorn condition of the numerous old bachelors, (ye editor among the rest) living in this vicinity and sent each of them a little lady (Dolly by name). Condensed milk will now be taken as pay for subscriptions, or would exchange ours for a live one about five feet six inches high. The tree was set afire once by one of the candles, but was extinguished without any damage being done. The tree was finally stripped of its precious load, and after spending some time in conversation the people departed for their homes declaring themselves well satisfied with the way things turned out, and expressing a hope that the Sunday School would try their hand again next year.

The Florida Southern has averaged twenty-nine car loads of oranges per day for the past week for Northern markets, which were forwarded via Gainesville. The growers are shipping their fruit right along now, and the prices at which the oranges are sold are very

satisfactory. We will soon see better times now, when all the orange money is put in circulation.—Florida Agriculturist.

Several gentlemen interested in the proposed Orange Belt Railroad made a hasty trip over the Point recently, prospecting, we surmise, for a terminus. Governor Safford came down with them from Tarpon Springs. They did not seem to be looking for reporters so we let them pass, and they skipped for Tampa by Mr. Curry's small sloop, and had the pleasure of being out all night off Gadsen Point in an open boat, the wind dying out on them at that place.

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Pinellas Pencilings.

John Bethel has a guava tree in bloom.

Ward's wing addition to his residence looms up.

Steps are being taken to erect a good sized school house here.

John Sloan has just finished a comfortable addition to his dwelling.

Mr. Holden and wife, and some friends came over to the entertainment.

The work on the Avenue between this place and Paul's Landing is progressing.

Messrs Sloan & Steele have sold their store to Messrs. James Harris & Felix Taylor.

Cyrus Butler is filling up Mr. Ward's lot with some fine looking budded orange trees.

Mr. B. L. Walker, recently from Cave Springs, Georgia, is chief salesman in the Pinellas store.

Dr. Wright took a sail over to Tampa last week. He says that he enjoys our climate and beautiful water very much.

Will Sloan's sharpie is making three trips to Tampa each week, and generally comes in loaded. Will says he rather likes boating.

A school will be commenced on Monday next, in the room above the former store of Mr. Sloan. Mr. Keagy will apply the palmetto branch.

E. R. Ward has bought an interest in Will Sloan's sharpie, and they are talking of putting on another boat on the Tampa route, and making daily trips. Success to them.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Leathers is quite sick. We think that living in a tent, back from salt water, some what risky at this time of the year, for a man of his age, and recently from a Northern State.

Mr. Stolts kindly showed us

through his garden at the Sterling Hotel, and we were agreeably surprised at the results his efforts in vegetable raising. He has some fine large cabbage, also tomatoes, beans and eggplants in bearing, and near two thousand cauliflower plants looking well. He has onions, and a variety of other vegetables coming on. He plants only Bermuda onion seed and says they will do well by transplanting.

All Around The Point.

Work on the break water at Paul's Landing has been suspended for the present.

Mr. Willis has built a small house on his lot in Millerton, and expects to move up there next week.

The clearing of the second forty acre tract on the Williams land, at Paul's Landing, is being pushed forward.

John Erwin will return to his home on Lake View Avenue soon. He has the starting of a beautiful home there, and the finest young mango trees that we have seen. Stick to it John, and it will pan out rich after a while.

In passing Wm. B. Miranda's place this week we found him busy planting out a large patch of water-melons on ground where he had just harvested a fine crop of sweet potatoes. What think ye of that, ye ice bound Northerners.

There was quite a gathering of our English people at "Holmsdale". Henry Harrison's residence, near Maximo Point, on Christmas day. We are informed that they had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Mills, our Kansas friend, back on the ridge, informs us that gophers are becoming scarce out his way. Well come over to the Key, friend Mills, and we will let you have a half dozen 'coons, and a few bushels of clams, stone crabs, and scallops, but wo'nt promise to catch them for you.

Mr. George W. King has finally got his mill in running order, and is turning out lumber at a lively rate. He had some trouble to get fresh water but finally succeeded. The tides have been so low that he could not get his raft of logs down from John's Pass, but he has his men at work near the mill cutting and hauling and can now supply all demands.

ENTERTAINMENT

AT HOTEL STERLING, PINELLAS.

An entertainment was given at the Hotel Sterling, by the Pinellas Amateur Dramatic Club on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It consisted of a farce entitled "Turn Him Out," followed by the drama entitled "Old Phil's Birthday." The attendance the first night, owing to the inclement weather, was small, but following night the house was well filled. The acting was uncommonly good, and everybody expressed the greatest satisfaction. We hope that they will favor the public with another performance in the near future.

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Disston City Doings.

Foggy mornings.

February 9th is Arbor Day.

Mr. Curry and family are now staying over on Pine Key.

Fresh venison is brought into town every week by the Nash boys.

The Disston City Hotel will be opened February 1st for the reception of visitors.

Dr. J. L. Edgar and wife, of Dundedin, are stopping on his homestead on Pine Key.

Mr. Anderson has bought a "carriage" and is now prepared to do hauling cheap for cash.

H. H. Richardson and wife expect to move over to Dr. Cronin's place, near Maximo, next week.

Mr. Thompson has taken the contract for clearing a tract of land on our homestead on Long Key.

The steamer Tarpon is to be taken to Tampa in a few days, for repairs and to have her new boiler put in.

Let everybody observe Arbor Day by planting out trees and flowers, and you will be surprised and gratified at the results.

If you want to start a lively discussion all that you have to do is to go to one of the stores and commence to talk about the railroad.

Hugh Richardson's pony, which was severely injured some time since, is now getting so that he can be used some, and will probably entirely recover from the hurt.

Steps are being taken towards the changing of the name of our town and Post Office, and we hope that something more satisfactory than the present condition of things will be arrived at.

Wm. D. Myers, of Monroe City,

Indiana, came over on the Cherub, last week, and spent several days with us looking over the Point and neighboring Keys. He was greatly pleased with our locality.

Mr. King is having considerable trouble in getting his rafts of logs down from Long Bayou on account of the low tides. After a great deal of hard work a raft was brought in yesterday evening.

The Cherub was compelled to remain at Tampa to get her papers renewed and had to send the mail down, last Friday, by the sloop Reindeer. The Cherub is expected down to-day with the mail.

The tax collector will make his last round this month. He will be at Pinellas February 22nd, and those who have not already paid their taxes are requested to meet him promptly and square accounts.

Our citizens have perfected arrangements with Capt. Whitehurst, of the schooner Cherub, to make regular trips, twice a week, between this place and Tampa, carrying the mail. The boat leaves the wharf at Disston, Mondays and Thursdays, at eight o'clock A. M.

Mr. R. L. Locke was up to Tampa last week and reports while there of receiving some encouraging information regarding the long-talked-of Sanitarium and other valuable improvements, to be commenced on the Point in the near future. Let them come, we can stand a change.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell, M. E. minister from Clear Water Harbor, was down visiting the people on the Point Saturday and Sunday, and preached at Disston Saturday evening. He was looking over this locality with the view of establishing an evangelist for regular work on the Point, which we think a very commendable move.

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A WORD TO OUR READERS.

We wish to say to those of our readers who have so kindly given us their patronage and encouragement in various ways, that we will not for a while, or until matters assume a more encouraging aspect, issue our little sheet but once each month—making the first of the month our publishing day. The outlay and tax upon our time to do more than this, merely for amusement and for the small benefit we can be to the public, we think not justifying us in trying to do more at present. As to our success up to date, we will state that we have not been disappointed, and if those owing us small amounts would pay up we would not be out more cash than we anticipated. We have hopes that before long we can arrange matters so that we can expend more labor on the SEA-BREEZE, "enlarge its borders" and increase its usefulness, and thus encourage the people to give us more assistance in the way of providing material for publication, distributing our paper throughout the states and in other ways help us in defraying the expenses.

ARBOR DAY.

Wednesday, February 9th, has been set apart as Arbor Day for this year, and Gov. Perry, in his proclamation, earnestly invokes the people of our State to devote the day to planting out trees and otherwise improving and beautifying our streets and public grounds.

The Starke grove of twenty acres, near DeLand, will yield about 8,000 boxes of oranges, this season, which are netting over two dollars per box.

A PROTEST.

It has come to us from several sources, that certain parties, living in Tampa, through others claiming residence on the Point, are talking of taking steps towards starting a Devil's den in which to retail liquid poison to our people who may be weak and unwary enough to patronize them. We wish our readers to understand that we shall always be found on the opposite side of such moves, and as long as we have any influence our pen and voice shall be used in opposition to all such soul destroying and blighting curses being forced upon our people. How many women and children on this Point think that their condition would be benefitted by a rum shop being started at their door? How many households would be made happier? We are quite sure that the people here do not want anything of the kind, and we trust that all will refrain from giving the move any encouragement.

Governor Safford, of Tarpon Springs, and Mr. Munnerlyn, of Clear Water Harbor, brought down a party of the railroad officials of the Orange Belt R. R. last week. They spent two days with the people on the Point, inspiring considerable confidence that they mean business, and receiving some substantial guarantees in the way of help, in land donations. We are quite sure, from our conversation with Mr. Sweetapple, the president, that by a united effort on the part of the principal land owners here that we could soon have a road, but it will be in this instance as it always has been, many who are best able and should be most interested will do nothing. By our next issue we hope to be able to give more encouraging reports.

The man who is good natured all day does more for the human race than he who wins a battle.

Happiness is not dependent on what one has, but on our estimate of what we have.

When you dispute with a fool he is very apt to be similarly employed.

—Selected.

The Tampa Journal comes to us, the past week, much improved in appearance and full of good reading. Mr. Conoley is manifesting commendable zeal in his new calling as a journalist. The Journal is being favorably received by the people on the Point. H. H. Richardson has accepted the agency here, and persons wishing to subscribe for a live paper should call on him.

The Orange Belt Railroad is finished from Monroe to Oakland, and connects with the South Florida Railway at Longwood, a station between Sanford and Orlando. Two trains are run daily each way.

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Pinellas Pencilings.

Wm. P. Neeld is busy gathering and shipping his crop of oranges.

Mrs. Kegy has opened a school in the upper room of the Sloan store building.

The store, under the new management, seems to be doing a good business. They report trade quite encouraging.

Tom Arnold's sloop seems to be moving slowly but surely towards completion. It will undoubtedly be a beauty when completed.

A pleasure party of young folks chartered Captain Axelton's schooner and went over to Egmont Light Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. Odum is getting the material together for a good sized dwelling, which he expects to erect on his place near the Miranda school house.

Miller Neeld is making some very neat improvements on his lots, and has commenced work on his large dwelling house which he expects to soon have looming up.

Elias Belcher has bought out Wm. Neeld's mail route and boat, and is making the usual regular trips to Tampa. He has moved his family into Simon Bell's property.

The garden at the hotel was slightly nipped by our last frost. It killed most of the eggplants, but some of the finest tomatoes escaped without injury, and cauliflowers were unhurt.

Would it not be a good thing for the people interested in the burying grounds near the Miranda school house to meet there on Arbor day and dress it up? Why dont some one move in the matter?

Mr. Fisk, who recently sold his place to E. R. Ward, will return North in a few days. He goes to try to get some relief from the severe chronic affliction, that seems to baffle the skill of all the physicians here, from which he is a great sufferer.

Captain Axelton's schooner arrived Sunday, with lumber, from Pensacola. He brought the lumber for the steamboat that is to be built here. He also brought down to Tampa thirteen passengers who came to settle.

We are glad to state that Mr. F. Wohlgamuth, a gentleman recently from England, who has been stopping for a fortnight at the Hotel Sterling, has purchased the Capt. Russell property, also some lots from John Bethel et al, fronting on the water, in all some twenty acres, all of which he proposes to improve immediately. He has let the contract for valuable additions to the house, and Mr. Thompson has the contract for clearing about eighteen acres of the land. He will now become one of our citizens, and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

Mr. Bethel, the father of John Bethel and Mrs. A. Miranda, passed peacefully from the cares of this world on Saturday, January 15th, at the ripe age of eighty years. Mr. Bethel had enjoyed a vigorous constitution, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

TO MAKE A HAPPY HOME.

Learn to govern yourselves and be gentle and patient.

Deny yourselves and make sacrifices for others.

Speak kind and pleasant things at every opportunity.

Dont neglect the little things that will add to the comfort of others.

Be gentle and firm with children.

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A NORTHERN LETTER.

NAPLES, ILL., Dec, 28th, 1886.

EDITOR SEA BREEZE: Recently there came up to "Mound Cottage" from the "Floral Kingdom" such a "SEA BREEZE" as to fairly whiff my breath away; bearing its precious burden of spicy odors fresh from ripe strawberries, melons and all manner of luscious fruits and flowers from the tropics. It was very refreshing indeed to me as I sat by a red hot stove with not a living thing to remind me that summer was not so very far away after all, except my beautiful plants in the windows, for all outside is wrapped in snow. The Author of this BREEZE is known to me only as the son of my pleasant floral correspondent Mrs. E. B. McPherson, a little boy gathering flower seeds, bird's nests, sea shells and all sorts of curiosities for amusement; many of which have found their way into my cabinet. All at once I suppose he has abandoned those childish sports and become a "Knight of the Quill". May the BREEZE blow a pleasant gale North-ward occasionally, and may success attend its Editors is the wish of
Eda.

The second annual session of the Southern Forestry Association will meet at DeFuniac Springs, Fla. on February 15th, and continue in session four days.

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JACK FROST.

We can now begin to sing "The Winter has gone and the delightful Spring is near". The mocking birds are tuning up their inspiring notes, and our groves and fields are full of larks, bobolinks, red birds, and doves, and the woods are rapidly being carpeted with crocus and daisies. February, March, April, and May are delightful months in Florida, and especially so here on the Gulf Coast, where we have the constant exhilarating salt breezes. The winter just past, which we might say lasted five or six weeks, was one of more than ordinary severity. The extreme cold throughout the North gave us a pretty severe call, yet we are glad to be able to say that we are comparatively unscathed. Some injury has been done to gardens, tomatoes and eggplants being generally killed, but most of the semi-tropical trees and shrubs are uninjured, and fruit on the trees is not at all hurt. We would state for the benefit of our foreign readers that we have had four or five frosts this winter, when at sunrise the mercury marked 28° and 30° above zero, and in exposed places thin ice was formed, yet in our garden, which we now look out upon, and see strawberries blooming and cabbage, lettuce, turnips, and beets thriving, or we might say would be thriving if the chickens and guineas were not so friendly with them, and our town has been kept well supplied with vegetables, all winter, from Capt. A. Miranda's extensive gardens. Now we will say without reserve that our experience, through the past two very severe winters, in Florida, and contrasting them with the terrible extremes of weather in the Northern states, that we are more than ever inspired with a confidence in Florida's future greatness. What we want now is more united and earnest work in developing our lands, and a liberal, but

candid, use of printer's ink, and we need not wait long for abundant success.

The editor of the Live Oak Bulletin offers a cat to each new subscriber. Now we do not intend to let him get ahead of us in this way, so we propose to make a present to every new subscriber added to our list, and to all old subscribers, renewing, as well, of a genuine full grown coon, and we further agree to keep said coons in good condition upon our homestead on the Key until called for by said subscribers, when he or they can have their choice from the whole lot. Send in your subscriptions, but don't all call for premiums the same day.

STATE NEWS.

Tampa boasts of a nine pound turnip.

Key West proposes to bore down 1,500 feet after water.

A wild boar, weighing over 300 pounds, was killed near Palatka, recently.

The J. T. & K. W. R. R. are laying off a new town at their junction near Enterprise.

Sam Jones will open the Chattanooga session, to be held at Lake Wier, February 28th.

Fare on the railroad to the South Florida Exposition, will be three cents per mile for round trip ticket.

John Gerkin has made the town of DeLand a present of the old school house and lot, used lately as a Presbyterian church.

Tampa is having a boom in building. New brick houses are going up all over the town, and some enterprising men are starting a brick yard near the corporation limits.

The South Florida Railroad have taken in the line of the Florida Southern from Pemberton to Bartow. This cuts off all competition Northward, and adds to the necessity of our having a road on the Point. As soon as a road is in good running order down on the Point it will hold the South Florida level on rates on through shipments.

The directors of the South Florida Exposition, to be held at Orlando, February 15th to 21st, have issued a premium list aggregating several thousand dollars, which is guaranteed by various railroads and some prominent citizens. A premium of \$250 will be given to the County in South Florida making the best exhibit of growth and products. One of \$100 for the best display of citrus fruits, and one of \$100 for the best display of vegetables. Those wanting a list address C. H. Smith, Secretary, Orlando, Florida.

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Disston City Doings.

Dry.

We need a rain.

We have the "boss" turnip.

Thermometer 36° Monday.

The orange trees are full of bloom.

Ye editor had a dish of strawberries on the 17th.

Plenty of fresh vegetables being brought to town.

Geo. L. King's family have gone to New York to spend the summer with his father.

We were unavoidably detained at Tampa last week, which is our excuse for being late with this issue.

Mr. Bennett has been suffering for several days with a sore foot, caused by stepping on a conch shell.

Another voter added to the list in this precinct on February 17th; Ye editor having attained his majority on that day. Congratulations and subscriptions are now in order.

The men who are rafting logs for the mill had a lively time of it during the blow last Saturday. They had to stand in the water all day and hold their raft to keep it from being beached.

Capt. J. McMahan sent some orange trees down from Tampa, and had them set out here in his yard. The Captain says he likes this place better than Tampa, and will move down about the first of April.

The Cherub after making a few trips to Tampa with the mail, drew off, and the sloop Sneezer, Captain Brown, has been making regular trips ever since. We think that Capt. Whitehurst did not treat the people here quite right in this matter.

Just arrived: New seasonable patterns of gingham, calicos, sheeting, drilling, bleached and unbleached muslin, table oil cloth, jean drawers, light weight undershirts for men and ladies, cotton hose, and an assortment of house furnishing goods at BAUMEISTER'S.

T. A. Whitted, familiarly known as "Ott", brought a load of lumber up from Palma Sola, last week. He returned to Palma Sola, but expects to come back to Disston in about a week, and will immediately build himself a house and hereafter make Disston his home. Ott does not believe that it was intended for him to live alone, so he has persuaded a certain fair one to help make his future home pleasant.

We have not yet raised any big pumpkins, turnips, melons, or cabbages on our island homestead, but we have made a discovery. If you want to see Sea Island cotton growing spontaneously on trees from six to ten feet high, just come over and we will show it to you in every stage of growth from the blossom to the full boll, and upon bushes that do not die down, but continue to bloom and bear from year to year.

Mr. Wm. L. Nash, one of the first settlers on the Point, died of paralysis February 7th, 1887, aged sixty-four years. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. Death must come to all who wear the veil of mortality and its shadow in the household is ever dark and dreary, no matter upon whom the blight may fall, but when the heart is called upon to yield up the guardian spirit of home, the husband and father, words are powerless to describe the utter desolation which fills the place once occupied by him. All other griefs find consolation, but long years must pass ere time and change can soften the bitterness of such a sorrow. Friends can only say to the bereaved ones. God bless you. G.

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BOOM! BOOM!

Did you not hear it? Yes it has struck the Point. Point Pinellas is now coming rapidly to the front. Well we can stand such an agreeable change. We mean railroads, Sanitariums, hotels, land grabbers, and all such things are coming and are here, which is causing the commotion. We have information—very reliable—that many acres of land have changed hands within the last two weeks, and the ball continues to roll. We suppose it is mainly on account of the railroads that are now believed to be a fixed certainty. The Engineers engaged in building the line of the Orange Belt R. R. arrived at Tampa bay, near Paul's Landing, last week, and we are informed that Col. Williams made them a liberal donation of several hundred acres of land to establish a terminus there. From what we can learn we would say that they will also run a line to the lower point, via Dissem and Maximo, and thence to deep water.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the first number for January 1887 of the Florida Grove and Garden, a new and handsome agricultural, horticultural and industrial publication, just issued by Messrs. John Frank and T. B. Oliver, of Jacksonville. A prominent feature, and one most highly commending it, is the unusual volume of original matter prepared with particular reference to its applicability in Florida something long needed here. Each separate number is alone worth the price of a year's subscription only \$1.00. Those desiring it—and all should have it—should address, Frank and Oliver, Drawer "K," Jacksonville, Fla.

THE SPECTATOR

We certainly have no desire to discourage immigration to this portion of Florida, but there is one class, who are apt to make themselves somewhat numerous, quite soon, that we don't particularly need—the fluid speculator—and it is our candid opinion that we have more to fear, and even now are suffering more depression, from our lands being bought up and held by this omnipresent class of individuals than from all other causes. They are the 500 per cent fellows. They buy the choice lands of the county at from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per acre and hold for \$25.00 to \$100.00. We do not need any more of such here. Let us keep our lands for those people who want to make their homes amongst us, and offer inducements to them to come, by selling, to actual settlers, at reasonable prices.

While up at Tampa last week we were agreeably surprised to find that the "missing tourists" had turned up all O K, and that the hotels and boarding houses were full to overflowing and the proprietors smiling and happy. Tampa is making rapid strides in the way of valuable improvements, and will ere long, if she makes the same rapid progress as in the last two years, be a city of which the people of the Gulf coast may well be proud.

We have had but little rain in this county during the past month, and gardeners are beginning to complain, and some say that their garden truck is badly damaged already. We fear it will result, as it has very often in the past, that many will be disappointed in the sad failures that will follow, unless we have a rain within a few days. This is no new experience for Florida, nor is it confined to any one state, but we look for a better state of affairs after a while, when many of our truck raisers will have learned the importance of thorough cultivation, fertilization, and underdraining. We might also add irrigation, as there are some localities where it is practicable, but we have more faith in underdraining

on a great amount of our lands, and where proper drains are made we think that irrigation will seldom be necessary. Try it on a small scale, and report results.

We challenge the world to produce waters better adapted for sailing, and so secure, even tempered, and free from squalls, as our bays on only this part of the Gulf Coast.

The Tarpon says that work has commenced on the light house that is to be erected on South Anclote Key. Three schooners, with cargoes of iron for the new light, are on the way from New Orleans.

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Pinellas Pencilings.

Sen Sloan is now catering to customers in Mr. Harris' store.

Capt Axelton's schooner is expected from Pensacola, with lumber, this week.

Wm. P. Neeld is out on a tour of the county in the interest of the Tampa Journal.

Messrs. Thompson and Sneltz are progressing rapidly with their improvements for Mr. Wohlgamuth.

The staunch sloop Adda Low will be launched from John Bethel's ways the first time there is a high tide.

We were informed that Messrs. Beck and Lawrence had sold a part of their place, near Leonard's store, to a gentleman from England.

J. R. Torres and Son, of Disston City, are putting in a stock of groceries in the Sloan building, and will open up for business this week.

John Sloan has caught it. We don't mean the measles, or yellow fever, nor a whale, but the speculating mania. He is picking up some of the choice bargains in land.

Elias Belcher has had his yacht, *Mattie Lee*, overhauled and converted into a sloop. He now sings to those other boats running to Tampa "Get out of the way Old Dan Tucker."

Mr. Rouff seems to be weakening on the steamboat business, and is talking of starting another saw mill on the Point. While we believe there will soon be plenty of work for two saw mills here, we do not like to have the steamboat fail.

Messrs. Wan and Sloan have purchased another sharpie, of about eight tons burden, and are having her fitted up to run on the route between Tampa and Pinellas. They will keep their other boat for excursion parties, making extra trips, etc.

All Around The Point.

Mr. Walker, who for some time past has been clerking in the Pinellas store, returned to his home at Cave Spring, Georgia, last week. He said that he would probably return in about six weeks.

We have commenced planting on our place on the Key. Last week we put out a small crop, five bushels, of oysters. Expect to begin harvesting one year hence.

Mr. A. Leathers, who came down from Dubuque, Iowa, last fall with his two daughters, was taken sick about the first of January with bowel disease, and died at Mr. Johanson's on the ninth of February. His son, who came down to help nurse him, took his body back to Iowa.

Lawson Chase, of Tampa, and his father and brother, of Baltimore, Md., have been taking in the Point during the past week, and rumor says they are working up the Sanitarium again. We learn that they bought several lots of land down on the lower end of the Point.

We were shown through the truck garden of Messrs. Odum and Sloan the other day and were not a little surprised to see their flattering prospects. They have an acre of watermelons beginning to vine, and about the same amount in cucumbers which have commenced to bloom, and turnips--we are afraid to tell--well we will say that we measured one that was twenty-eight inches around and still growing. No telling how large they will be by next fall, but we understand that the fence is to be moved so as to give them room to grow in.

A NEW AVENUE.

Steps are now being taken to open up the new road, "South Avenue", which runs south from Mr. Thompson's place on Lake View avenue, past Mr. H. Harrison's, to Maximo Point. The survey was commenced Friday, February 18th, by D. A. Watt and assistants. Should a railroad be built to Maximo Point and the Sanitarium, as is expected, be established there, this road will prove an important link of communication.

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WHAT WE NEED.

Some enterprising newspaper man, whose name unfortunately is not known, gives this receipt for making a prosperous town.

Take equal parts, Scripture measure, of grit, push, snap, vim, energy, schools, churches, colleges, morality, harmony, enterprise, advertising, cheap property, good country tributary, honest competition, faith exhibited by good works, and help all public enterprises. Well compounded and administered in allopathic doses until the condition becomes normal. Give us a dose!

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DUNSTON CITY, FLA., MARCH 1, 1887.

PALMETTO FIBER.

In reply to inquiries made through the SEA BREEZE concerning the manufacture of palmetto fiber, the following was received from a gentleman in Boston, who has had some experience in the business in Florida. We publish it hoping to encourage some person with capital to put in a manufactory here, and work up the large surplus of raw material that we have along this coast.

"The best palmetto for fiber is the Blue palmetto, it grows on hammock lands; also by using shredding machines with a larger cylinder can shred the cabbage palmetto. Saw palmetto is too short leaved. I have manufactured tons and tons of it at Orange Park, Florida, but my interests are now so large at the North that I can spend but very little time in Florida. The fiber when shredded properly, dried, and spun into ropes so on picking it apart it will kink or curl, makes a most excellent fibre for all upholstery and bedding services. I obtained from two to four cents a pound for it, in New York and Philadelphia markets, after spinning into ropes about twenty feet each in length, and weighing about eighteen pounds. These are baled by a regular baling press into bales weighing 500 to 600 pounds. I have one machine at Orange Park, it takes four horse power to each machine, others can be made, from this as a pattern, at about \$85.00 apiece. This will shred 3,000 to 4,000 pounds green fiber per day easily. The palmetto shrinks about fifty per cent in manufacture to the time it is ready to bale. It is of very little account as a fiber unless spun into ropes, kinked or curled. My patent, No. 201, 177, covers that process completely. I have also patent on machine, and one for bleaching the fiber to make it cream colored. I will sell the three patents and machine for \$200.00. I paid that for the

bleaching patent.

W. G. BENEDICT.

Mr. C. E. Worth, tax assessor for this County, will be at the Miranda school house on the 25th of March, to make assessments. Remember the date and meet him there.

Tampa has a free reading room, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., which organization has become a power for good in that city. We would judge from the appearances of Rotten Row, on Franklin street, that they have an abundance of work before them in driving these dens of iniquity out of their fair city. Let the good work go on.

The South Florida Fair, held at Orlando in February, is reported to have been a great success. The exhibits were most of them very fine, and the attendance was large. Orange, Hernando and Sumpter Counties came up bravely, but Hillsborough forgot the oil for her lamp, but just wait till next year and see if she don't get there on time.

If any person coming to the Point would like to see what can be done in the way of raising an orange grove, without the use of commercial fertilizers, let them call and see Mr. Geo. Johnson's thrifty young grove, which is just coming into bearing, and which Mr. Johnson says has only been mulched with leaves and kept well cultivated. The grove is on high pine land.

The report of the County Board of Public Instruction, by the Superintendent, at a session held last week, shows that the public schools of the county are by no means in a

progressive condition. The Supt. seems to be alive to the best interests of the schools, and is endeavoring to work them up to a higher standard.—[Tampa Journal.]

This is a matter that will bear agitating. There is room for great improvements in our public school methods and in the efficiency of our teachers. We do not think much of the "Compulsory Education" hobby, but we have one that we think will bear riding. We want to see a law enacted that will permit counties to levy a tax on real estate and personal property sufficient to build good school houses, and furnish them with all necessary desks, blackboards, etc., and when this is accomplished the other needed reforms will follow rapidly.

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Disston City Doings.

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Oranges are getting scarce.

Fine weather for vegetables.

The farmers look happy now.

The dry, cold spell gave the vegetable crop a severe back set.

Ot Whitted has commenced work on his cottage, near Disston Ave.

Sweet potatoes are abundant, but too cheap for those who wish to sell.

We are informed that Mrs. Barnett will build a new dwelling house, soon.

Our mail boat has been making prompt time of late. We guess about equal to the Pinellas boat.

Remember the Sunday School, every Sunday at Locke's hall, at 3 P. M., and Social meeting at 7 in the evening.

A gentleman in Jacksonville is having estimates made for a two story store building to be erected in our village.

The SEA BREEZE was the recipient of a fine bunch of bananas, this week, for which we are under obligations to E. R. Ward, of Pinellas.

We were pleased to see Mr. Wohlgamuth and lady on our streets, last week. They were greatly pleased with our situation.

Our merchants are making special efforts, just now, to keep good, fresh groceries. All who prefer good, wholesome food should give them a trial and get the worth of their money.

Expected by next mail boat! Come and see them! Ladies, trimmed and plain Straw Hats, men's & boy's Straw Hats, Silk Mittens, Dress Goods, Shoes, etc, at

BAUMEISTER'S.

Mr G. W. Bennett and family expect to leave on the 7th for Charles City, Iowa, at which place they will

spend the summer with Mrs Bennett's mother. Mr Bennett says they will be back in the fall, sure.

We were favored yesterday by a call from Mr A. J. Eychaner of Marshalltown Iowa, who is staying at present near Paul's Landing. He thinks Florida beats the world for climate and he is about right.

Ye editor slaughtered a saurian nine feet in length, while gunning near the village this week. The gator had taken up his abode in a small pool, where he seemed to be monarch of all he got hold of.

Mr. Bennett says he has become a "hewer of wood and a bailer of water". We guess he knows more about ship building than he did when he commenced his job of remodeling and re-bottoming his sloop. Experience (you know) etc.

So we are to have a Money Order Office at last. Postmaster Torres has received favorable word from the Department, and all that is necessary now is for him to give security for a certain amount and forward the same to Washington, when the necessary papers will be sent him. The article on the second page was in print before we knew anything of the above.

Mr. F. V. Wightman, of the firm of Wightman and Christopher, of Jacksonville, accompanied by his wife, came down from John's Pass last Wednesday week, and stopped over night with Mr. Locke. He was greatly pleased with the situation of our town and thought it the finest that he had seen on this coast. Mr. Wightman said their firm was thinking of putting a small steamer on the Bay to deliver their goods to their customers at different places around the Point. We hope they will do so, as it will not only increase their already large trade, but it will be a benefit to everybody living on the Point.

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A WORD TO YOU.

With this number the SEA BREEZE commences its second year, during which we hope to make many improvements, and to increase the usefulness of this little sheet in every way possible. To do this it will be necessary for the people on the Point to render us such assistance as is in their power. There are several ladies and gentlemen on the Point whom we know, from past emanations from their pens, to be peculiarly gifted as writers, that we would be greatly pleased to hear from on any matter of interest to our readers. We will publish all contributions received that would be of interest to our readers and tend to the upbuilding of the Point. Right here we will say that a large number of subscriptions expire with this issue, and an early renewal will be greatly appreciated. An X opposite your name signifies that your subscription has expired. Look at your paper and see if it is there.

THE MAIL.

Our mail facilities are not what they ought to be. We need a Money Order Office on the Point badly, and in order to obtain such, a certain amount of mail must pass through the office. We are informed that some people are in the habit of sending their letters to Tampa and having them mailed there; either because they dislike the post master or mail carrier, or they think their letters will reach their destination a few hours sooner. Let it be which it may, they should remember that they are helping to deprive themselves as well as others of the benefits to be derived from having a Money Order Office on the Point. "A word to the wise etc".

DOES THIS MEAN YOU?

"Jealousy is the rage of man" is an old proverb. Whether true or not it certainly is a great drawback to the prosperity of any community to have the neighbors of one part of it jealous of those residing in another part. To build up a country, especially a new one, it is necessary not only for the people of one community but of several communities to combine and assist each other in their mutual upbuilding. A stranger, prospecting for a new home, naturally makes inquiries in regard to the class of inhabitants, quality of land, price, etc. The stranger stops with one of these shortsighted individuals, who can see no good in any locality except their own, and commences to ask questions. "Have you a real estate agent here who will show me some good land?" "Yes, Mr. So and So is a real estate agent, but don't go near him or he will cheat you out of your last cent." "Are there no other agents here?" "Yes, but they are all rascals and I would advise you to leave them alone". The stranger is considerably surprised at these answers, but continues to question him in regard to the inhabitants and soil, and is assured by his host that the land right there is first class and the neighbors are all that can be desired; but the people living over yonder are a set of old fogies, the land is poor, and the best thing that he can do is to keep away from there entirely. The stranger either believes him and settles down without looking farther or else becomes disgusted with this kind of talk and leaves the place as soon as possible. Now this is not the way to talk or act, and it only holds back instead of building up a place. Praise up your locality all you can, write and talk about it, but don't run down your neighbors.

FLORIDA'S HEALTHFULNESS.

Florida is attracting attention from all parts of the civilized world. People have discovered that in our own Union, within a short journey of the cold, frozen North, there is a

land of almost perpetual sunshine, inhabited by our own people, governed by our own rules, entertaining the same religious opinions, having the same soil, the same products, the same mode of culture. In addition to this, we have a climate that is healthy in every particular, free from fever scourges, pneumonias, cholera, and other afflictions that sweep thousands into the grave, in the less congenial climate of the North. The fact is, and we assert it without fear of successful contradiction, we are freer from all kinds of sickness than in any other part of the known world. We are not exempt from death, but life is prolonged to a great length, and there is no cause why a person may not live forever but for the law prohibiting it.—[Florida Dispatch.

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Pinellas Pencilings.

John Bethel has a date palm in bloom.

George Meares is shipping some fine cukes this week.

Captain Axelton touched here, with a cargo of lumber, the other day.

Mr. Rouff is busy getting the material in shape to commence work on his steamer.

Mr. Wohlgamuth has moved into his nice residence, which he has had fitted up in elegant style.

A gentleman from Independence Kansas, came down with Mr. Ward on the sharpie, Ella, to take a look at the Point.

Messrs. Ward and Sloan intend to run a daily boat line between this place and Tampa, commencing next week.

Messrs. Leonardi and Futch have sold the schooner Emeline to some parties who intend to take her down the coast.

Mr. T. Sterling and wife, Mr. Rouff and family and others went over to Long Key, recently, on a pleasure trip, gathering shells etc.

Mr. R. Grubbs and family, of Lincoln, Kansas, are stopping with Mr. Ward. He is looking up a location, and we think he need go no farther if he locates in Florida.

Our new grocery store, opened by Messrs. Torres and Son, seem to be doing a good business. Give them a call and see at what low prices they are selling their goods.

The new school house will begin to loom up next week. Mr. Ward has got his "mad" up, and has let the contract to McPherson and Sons, who will push it through shortly.

Simon Bell and family came over on the sharpie, Tuesday, sold out his property there to Mr. Wohlgamuth, and left the next day for Tampa, from which place they will go to Key West.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward have returned from a two weeks cruise down the gulf coast. They went as far as Key Largo, and report a rather squally trip. They found a scarcity of fruits, of which they hoped to get a cargo. Their new seven ton sharpie, Ella, took them through all right, but Mrs. Ward thinks she would have enjoyed the trip equally as well if it had not blowed "great guns" most of the time.

All Around The Point.

Work has begun on Mr. Odum's house.

Mr. Durant was over from Tampa spending a few days with his family, this week.

Mr. Stanton is getting a coat of paint on his fine mansion, which adds much to its appearance.

Charley Smeltz has purchased five acres of land of the Disston Company, and intends to put up a house on it soon.

The farmer's faces are covered with smiles and all on account of the splendid rains that we have been getting during the last two weeks.

Mr. Godden, a gentleman recently from London, England, has bought five acres of land just north of Dr. Abercrombie's, and is preparing to build.

The Episcopal chapel has a bell and an organ. We won't tell where the bell is hung. Uncle Tom Miranda is putting in seats of the latest improved pattern.

Wm. Roberts is clearing twenty acres of land for the Sanitarium Company, which they bought recently from Mr. Strada.

James Henry has gone to Chicago, having accepted a position as bookkeeper for A. H. Barber, a prominent commission merchant.

An Episcopal Church was organized at their chapel near Mr. Leonardi's, last Sunday, by the Rev. G. H. White, assisted by Rev. Mr. Waddell, of Thonotsassa.

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Nearly every paper one picks up has this expression, as applied to Florida. Between Italy and Florida, however, there can be no comparison except by contrast. Italy is a region of hills and mountains, snow-capped during a large portion of the year; Florida is nearly a plain, and in most of it snow was never seen, and never lies anywhere. Italy is swept by cold mountain winds in winter, and burning siroccos in summer; Florida is free from both. Much of Italy is parched by droughts in summer, and irrigation is absolutely necessary to the growth of vegetation; Florida has abundant rains throughout the year. Italy is a peninsula extending in the midst of the Mediterranean Sea, whose waters are no warmer than the Atlantic Ocean in the same latitude; Florida is also a peninsula, but surrounded on three sides by the Gulf stream, the warmest water on the globe, and being on the borders of the trade winds, receives its winds most of the time from that ocean stream, tempered to a genial quality.

Spain and the Grecian Islands compare with Italy as to climate and products; Florida stands alone and without a parallel or place with which it can be compared. The whole earth has but one Florida, and to compare it to any other degrades, not elevates it. California is more like Italy than Florida, in mountains snow-capped, winds and droughts, in dry plains and needed irrigation, in rushing torrents and naked arroyas. If her panegyrists choose, they may compare the State to Italy and call her "the Italy of America."

The highest praise of Florida is to call her by her beautiful and sweet Castilian name, Florida. Italy would rejoice could she be the Florida of Europe, but she never can. No country can be like our Florida. She needs no laurels borrowed from another's crown. Times-Union.

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State News.

Bartow is to have an iron foundry.

The Tallahassee Floridian is booming Representative Davidson for United States Senator.

Strawberries are now bringing thirty cents per quart in the northern markets. Six weeks ago they were selling for \$4. per quart. Cucumbers are selling for \$3. to \$4. per crate. Six weeks ago they were sold readily for \$7. per crate. Moral: Force your plants and vegetables into market early.—[Orange County Reporter.

Naples, the new town on the south Gulf coast, is attracting considerable attention. The company owning the town site are spending over two hundred dollars per day, and seem determined to make a success of their enterprise. They have between sixty and seventy men regularly employed there in surveying, opening up streets, putting up houses, etc. Naples lies about thirty miles south of Charlotte harbor.

The Orange County Reporter has stirred up a big excitement by its exposure of the frauds perpetrated by the Okeechobee Drainage Company, assisted by the committee appointed to inspect the lands. The amount of land obtained from the State, by misrepresentations, is over 1,000,000 acres. State Agent Dancy claims to have examined, thoroughly, over two and a quarter millions of acres of land in one month. Pretty good work for one man.

Mr. Canoley, editor of the Tampa Journal, has been tendered the appointment as collector of the port of Tampa, by President Cleveland, and Mr. T. K. Spencer, of the Tampa Tribune, is soon to become Consul-General of the United States, at Havana, Cuba. Cleveland must have changed his mind and come to the conclusion that he had better get on the good side of the editorial fraternity if he wants to be re-elected.

I'll take it all back! I was only in fun! Just let me go this time and I won't say so any more! is the way our fighting editor talked when our steamboat man, Mr. Rouff came around and threatened to demolish him and the rest of the establishment if he ever dared to "stretch the truth" again about him and his steamer.

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