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THE EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

DO THINGS TURN OUT AS WE EXPECT?

I was discussing with a friend the other day the possibilities of the Bunnell-Dupont colony, when he suddenly exclaimed, "But things don't always turn out there as you hope for. Your spring potato crop was not up to your expectations."

"Ah no, my friend," I replied, "things don't always turn out in life as we expect or hope for. If they did, this would be a Paradise on earth. It is true the potato crop was not quite as large as we expected, owing to the fact that we had a little too much rain at the wrong time, but you dare not say Bunnell-Dupont is no good on account of that.

"Think of conditions this summer in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and other states. The crops have been practically burned up and man and beast have suffered for water. Many people left their homes in the cities in their automobiles, each day, after the sun had set, and drove out into the country, stopping when they found an elevation of ground, where there seemed to be a slight breeze, and there they would spend the long sweltering nights.

"Right here in our beautiful Illinois, the farmers in some parts have scarcely had a half or a third of a crop, and it will require all they raised this season to feed their live stock until the next crop can be raised.

"Conditions were nothing like this in Florida these past months, the weather was not nearly so hot, and even though one crop was not quite up to expectations the Bunnell farmers immediately prepared the land for another, and then again for a third crop, for Bunnell-Dupont is a three-crop community."

My friend had no further arguments to offer. He had not thought of things in this light, but promised me that he would think seriously of an investment at Bunnell this fall.

And when he had left, I fell to musing, and these words from Goldsmith came to me—

"And those who came to scoff,
Remained to pray."

DON'T FORGET THE PRIZE LETTER CONTEST.

The Editor wishes to remind all those who are going to enter the prize letter contest, that they must not fail to have their letters in the hands of the Editor later than November 10, 1913, so that they can be printed in our Anniversary (December) number, and so that the prizes may be awarded before that date.

Don't forget also that every one is entitled to enter this contest. Just write a letter about the Bunnell-Dupont colony in your own way, tell what you think of it, what you saw there, what you expect to do there, etc., etc. Prizes will be awarded according to the interest of the letter, rather than on its grammatical construction.

Address your letters to

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WOULD RATHER GO TO JAIL THAN LEAVE FLORIDA.

On another page of this issue you will read what one man thinks of Florida, the state of his adoption. He would rather live in jail in Florida than be compelled to spend the remainder of his life in the North. Perhaps this man was a little extravagant in his statement, but he wanted to make his meaning clear, and when you read of his experience you will understand why he loves Florida.

FLORIDA! There is something musical in the sound of this name. Those of us who have lived there instinctively think of long happy days, wonderful moonlight nights, rippling waters and singing birds. We think of beautiful flowers, abundant vegetation, light, warmth, comfort and cheer.

No wonder that Florida becomes a cherished spot to the men and women who have lost their grip on life, and whom ill health has rendered unfit for work in the rigorous north. To be told that one has but a few months to live and then to have twenty-nine years added to one's life, and still be in good health, is enough to make any one love the locality that has made possible this new lease on life.

There are so many instances of this kind we might relate: We were standing on the street corner in Jacksonville, Florida, one summer day not long ago, and chanced to hear one man telling another of what Florida had done for him. We could not help but listen, and feel some of the stranger's enthusiasm, as with shining eyes and happy voice, he told how he had come to Florida broken in health and spirit, but he had indeed found the "Fountain of Youth" in this sunny land, and longed to recommend it to others.

Just another little story from real life: We met an old soldier in Florida, who originally lived in New York State. This man had been afflicted with rheumatism for many years, in fact had been unable to do any work for twenty years.

Finally he decided to see what Florida would do for him, although he doubted that anything could help him. After he had been in the state a short time he began to grow better and stronger. He cut the timber, built his own little home, made his own fences and had a garden that was the pride of his heart. He was able to work all day on his little farm, and felt stronger and happier than he had in a score of years.

When one listens to these life stories, and sees what has been accomplished by people who were considered down and out, he is led to exclaim, "Truly, Truth is stranger than fiction."



Scene on Moody Road near Ocean City

"A little honest effort put forth in the development of your Florida farm and you have made your start toward real comfort and independence."



Water Front of St. Augustine

ST. AUGUSTINE, THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Oldest City in the United States and County Seat of St. Johns County, in Which Our Colony Lands are Located.

St. Augustine, as every schoolboy knows, is the oldest city in the United States, being founded in 1565 by Pedro Menedez de Aviles. Landing at this spot on the day dedicated to St. Augustine, he names the place in honor of this saint. Of all the places passed along the coast none impressed the Spanish explorer so favorably, and he took possession of the Indian village of Selooe, which formerly occupied the site of this delightful city.



Old House, St. Francis St.

Situated on the beautiful Matanzas Bay, with the broad Atlantic a mile away, St. Augustine enjoys all the advantages of a coast city, with none of the drawbacks, as none of the undesirable element that frequents shipping centers is found here. In connection with the location of the city may be mentioned the splendid beaches which are reached by trolley ear or by a drive through beautiful wooded country.

Parks are scattered over the city at convenient points and the very mild climate permits one to enjoy them at all times of the year. Beautiful driveways extend from the city for miles, while on the ocean beach Nature provides a driveway, or automobile course, such as the ingenuity of man cannot rival. Three hundred feet in

width, and hard and smooth, it is not to be compared with the handiwork of man.

One who has never visited this quaint old city cannot imagine the delights it affords. Here is a commingling of the old and the new, the oldest house in the United States almost in a stone's throw of magnificent modern hotels; the narrowest street in the United States is but a few feet from the broad boulevards. There are scores of interesting places to visit in St. Augustine and suburbs, and every northern man and woman who visits Florida should plan to spend a day or two at least at old St. Augustine. Every Bunnell land owner should not fail to visit St. Augustine when he inspects his land.



Memorial Presbyterian Church

Here is a delightful place to study some of the ancient history of America. One may visit the Cathedral, the oldest church in the United States; the City Gate, bearing evidence of the Spanish regime, should be seen, likewise the old Slave Market, Treasury Street, Anastasia Island, etc.

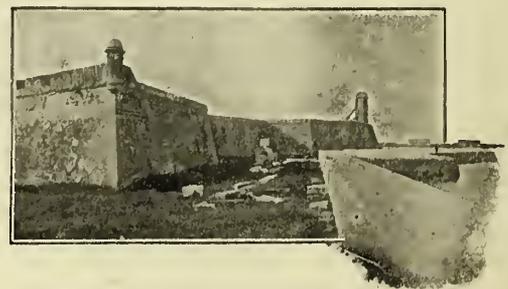
St. Augustine has been occupied by Spanish, French, English and Americans, and bears the imprint of its several occupants, making it one of the most interesting cities in the western world. Juan Ponce de Leon was the first European to set foot on its



The Cathedral



The City Gates



Fort Marion

The BUNNELL HOME BUILDER



Treasury Street

shores, and the halo of romance which is interwoven with the famous old knight's search for the Fountain of Youth still clings to the old town.

Old Ft. Marion still frowns down on the little city, a page from the early history of St. Augustine. On every hand the visitor will find relics of a bygone age to rivet his attention. Slumbering for centuries amid its orange groves and flowering gardens, St. Augustine was awakened about a quarter of a century ago to new life. Direct railroad connection with Jackson-

ville was established, and the life-giving climate and natural beauty of the place came into prominence immediately after the old town was rendered accessible to the outside world, and the pioneer tourists and winter visitors were followed by thousands.

Mr. Henry M. Flagler came on the scene shortly after the completion of the railroad to Jacksonville and invested millions in beautifying the city and building its magnificent hotels, which have become world renowned. The fame of St. Augustine spread over the civilized world, and in addition to those who came to renew their lease on life, flocked the wealth and fashion of the great cities. Pleasure seekers found here an ideal playground, the business man found a place for relaxation and proteges of fashion found congenial company and environment.

Diversity of amusement and recreation are other features that should appeal to the person contemplating a change of home. The ocean and salt water streams adjacent to St. Augustine offer the best fishing, finest surf bathing and boating to be found anywhere. The vast stretches of woods offer splendid hunting.

Attractive drives may be taken to various points of interest near the city and within a year splendid roads will connect St. Augustine with Jacksonville to the north, and before long a fine hard road, which is now under construction, will be completed from St. Augustine to the Bunnell-DuPont



The Sea Wall

The Plaza and Monument

colony. St. Augustine is already the mecca for automobile parties, the unrivaled hotel accommodations offering splendid entertainment for all visitors.

St. Augustine is the county seat of St. Johns County, one of the richest agricultural sections in the country. It has the most equable climate of any city in the United States, and the summers are as delightful as the winters are pleasant.

Without doubt the healthfulness of St. Augustine is due to its location. This city, according to the United States Government statistics, is the most healthful in the country, and according to the last report of the State Commissioner of Agriculture has the smallest death rate of any city in the State. The abundant supply of pure artesian water no doubt contributes to the health of the community.

St. Augustine is up to date in every respect. The streets of the city are paved with vitrified brick and asphalt; electric lights illuminate the city; an electric car line connects the city with the beautiful bathing beaches on Anastasia Island, and extends five miles paralleling the ocean; electric cars operate in the city, and the system taps all the suburbs. One of the finest gas plants in the country supplies gas for illuminating and cooking purposes. The city owns its waterworks, which are not surpassed by that of any city. Artesian wells are the source of water supply, and the water is absolutely free from all impurities. The city has a very efficient paid fire department, and a competent sanitary force. A splendid public library is open to visitors as well as residents.

The beautiful city located in the same county, and so near Bunnell, is of especial interest to all Bunnell-Dupont colony land owners. It is the place you will visit on county court days, and a delightful place to take your family at any season of the year.



St. George Street in Quaint St. Augustine



Old Slave Market

"The South needs the immigrant as does no other section of the country. It has a home and work for all who will come."—Leslie's Weekly.

Every Day Happenings In and Around Bunnell and Dupont

Mr. Chas. G. Stratton and wife of Mt. Vernon, Ill., are spending some time in Bunnell.

The Farmers' Institute held a very successful meeting at the school building last Saturday.

Mr. E. B. Longrier, who has been spending some time in Jacksonville, returned to Bunnell last week. He is busy this week gathering his sweet potato crop.



Mr. Siler, of Oregon, inspecting his land in the Bunnell-Dupont Colony

Among the new dwelling houses that will be erected in Bunnell within the next two months are those of Fred R. Kaiser, J. C. Johnson, J. B. Boaz and Bunnell State Bank.

Chairman Moody informs us that the road between Espanola and Hastings is being graded and will soon be in shape for regular travel.

Among those attending the district meeting of the Knights of Pythias at Palatka Thursday from Bunnell were Knights C. F. Turner, George Moody, M. Stone, J. B. Boaz and Esquire L. S. Cody.

Mr. F. S. Crowson, who lives west of Bunnell, was in town last week. Mr. Crowson has stored three hundred bushels of corn from his small acreage this summer. When it comes to farming Mr. Crowson is there with the goods.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bacher and daughter, Miss Helen, of Waverly, Iowa, arrived in Bunnell last Thursday. They come to make their home here and at present are living in the residence on Church street, vacated by Mr. Cauble. Mr. Bacher intends to build on his lot on Moody boulevard in the near future.

The Bunnell State Bank has just issued a splendid statement of the conditions of the bank at the close of business September 9th. This is an exceptionally good statement for a bank in a town the size of Bunnell, especially during the dull summer months. The officers are to be commended for their efforts in giving Bunnell such a strong institution.

We predict that the blue ribbon will be awarded to Mr. W. H. Cochran when the commissioners inspect the shelling of the roads that have been contracted in different sections of the county. Mr. Cochran is not

only putting the shell down according to specifications, but he is going to the extra expense of not allowing his wagons to drive over the shell whereby they would grind it into dust by the time the shelling was completed. To do this he is compelled to haul by the side roads, thus making the haul at least a third further.

The Miller Brothers have one of the finest crops of sweet potatoes to be seen in this part of the country—about ten acres—which, from present indications, will yield at least three hundred bushels per acre.

Mr. W. A. Mack also has a fine crop of sweet potatoes and has just completed the planting of six acres of Irish potatoes. He also has just finished harvesting a fine crop of corn.

Mr. D. Brown has his land in fine condition for a crop, which he will soon be planting.

Mr. Jepson is having splendid success raising Eucalyptus trees from seed and already has some fine young trees. He states



Dupont-King's Road Highway, now being constructed through the colony. Picture taken at Dupont

that if others would plant more trees and spend a little time beautifying their homes the country would soon be a "Land of Flowers" in truth as well as in name.

Mr. M. Stone, our leading merchant, is building a fine residence on his town lots and also one on his nearby farm and will soon have two of the most attractive houses in the community.

The Bunnell band has lately purchased a fine player piano for their hall.

Mr. Geo. R. Tolman is having his land put in first-class shape by first plowing under a crop of cowpeas and then broadcasting a ton of rock phosphate per acre. This, he thinks, is much better than chemical fertilizer.

The road running east from DuPont to the old King's road is nearing completion and will make a great improvement for DuPont.

The Korona road is also being rapidly pushed forward.

We will soon have a shell road from Bunnell to Hastings, as the contractors are distributing shell at the rate of six cars daily.

Mr. J. Brunton has a nice bungalow on his land on the Moody road.

You should see the sugar cane on the Durrance place. Mr. Durrance states that although this is called "the lazy man's crop" he will make from \$75 to \$150 per acre.

The young people enjoyed a dance in the Tribune Hall Friday evening, which was given by the Bunnell Cornet Band.

Mr. C. H. Anderson and family of Milwaukee, Wis., arrived in Bunnell Monday and expect to make this their future home.

Mr. D. Henson, who lives south of Bunnell, brought in a load of fine watermelons Monday for which he received good prices.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brunton of Streator, Ill., are spending several days here looking over the land with the expectation of purchasing a tract.

Another addition has been made to the Polish colony here. Messrs. G. Waszowski and K. Waszowski of Buffalo, N. Y., have purchased sixty acres and expect to make their home here.

Mrs. Frances R. Brinley arrived from New York last week and is staying at Hotel Bunnell. She has purchased land here and comes to stay. Her people are now traveling through the country from New York and are expected to arrive here some time soon.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE GIVE BIG BARBECUE AT BUNNELL ON SEPTEMBER 17TH.

Precisely at 10 o'clock today, the farmers assembled at the Academy on Church street, about three hundred in number, where was convened the first Farmers' Institute ever held in this end of the county. At 10:15 President W. M. McCloud called the meeting to order, announced the program for the day, and introduced Mayor Heath of Bunnell, who delivered the welcoming address.

President McCloud then introduced Col. A. P. Spencer of Gainesville, Fla., who is connected with the Florida Agricultural Ex-



Sample of fish caught in the Bunnell-Dupont Colony

perimental Station, in the Extension Department. Mr. Spencer's theme was the handling of the soil in this portion of the state, which he discussed in an interesting

Contributed by Bunnell Correspondent During the Month

manner for about an hour. Prof. J. R. Watson, Etymologist of the Florida Experimental Station at Gainesville, was next introduced and entertained his hearers for nearly an hour. His very sensible and reasonable talk was conclusive evidence that he knew what he was talking about.

A few taps of the Academy bell announced the dinner hour, when the audience repaired to the beautiful grove nearby, where a barbecue dinner awaited them. Mr. I. I. Moody contributed the meat and bread for the feast, and the ladies were only required to bring the necessary pies, cakes, salads, etc.

After dinner the people returned to the Academy, where they were further entertained by Messrs. Watson and Spencer. The subjects touched on by the speakers were very interesting to our farmers, relating to the preparation of land, forage crops and general farming.

Then came the ball game between Bunnell and Espanola, which was well played and very exciting, the official count stand-



Glimpse of G. W. Durrance's farm near Bunnell

ing 9 to 4 in favor of Bunnell. This is the first of a series of five games which these two teams propose to play to decide who shall be entitled to the championship.

In the evening there was a dance, which was well patronized; a large delegation being present from Dupont, St. John's Park and Espanola. Music was furnished for the entire program, both day and night, by the Bunnell orchestra, whose soul-stirring music was very much appreciated both by guests and home folks. The day was a successful and joyous one in every particular. Chief McKnight upon being interviewed, said: "I have never seen a more orderly crowd. Everybody seemed to be on their good behavior, and no law was broken, and no ordinance ever fractured."

CISCO-LEONHART.

Miss Pauline Cisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cisco of Bunnell, and Mr. Charles Leonhart of Jacksonville were married in Jacksonville last Monday evening.

The couple came to Bunnell Tuesday to spend two weeks with the bride's parents. They will reside in Jacksonville.

Letter from Mr. Verdenius, Who is Now in Florida

S. Howard, Editor Home Builder.

Dear Mr. Howard:—I am writing you from Bunnell so that you can publish this letter in the next issue of the Home Builder, for I am very busy here and will not be back to Chicago for several days.

The Bunnell correspondent informs me that he has mailed you for the October number of the Home Builder plenty of news items regarding the colony, so anything I might say along this line would be mere repetition, and I shall only confine myself to conditions generally.

From the records here I find that about seventy-five per cent of our buyers have personally visited Bunnell and inspected their farms, and the way the new settlers are coming in now indicates that a great many more families will locate here this fall. If they come fully prepared, the sooner the better, for it means success and prosperity for all. The land is here and the people are coming rapidly and I am pleased to tell you that we are getting the very finest type of settlers here. Not the cheap riff-raff of humanity, who drift aimlessly from place to place, but the earnest, sincere HOME BUILDERS—the community makers. Every colonist who has moved here from the north, the east and the west, seems to have started out with the determination to win, and I have not seen a single one who has shown any traces of disappointment, but rather have met with encouragement from many of our settlers, which means so much to us all. Nature seems to work hand in hand with man here and to yield much more bountifully than in any other State.

Land values are increasing throughout the State. On this trip I have visited various communities. Some of these colonies have not done half the development work that we have done at Bunnell. Their location, transportation and soil conditions are not nearly so favorable as ours, but still they ask from \$80.00 to \$100.00 cash per acre for their land. I feel that each buyer should congratulate himself on the splendid investment he has made in this colony, and it is my sincere belief that before long none of these farms can be purchased from their present owners for two or three times the price they have paid us for them.

Never did I like Florida so well as on this trip. The summer months in Florida have always been considered by northern people to be something dreadful, but I want to tell you that Florida, this year, was the coolest State in the Union. I have talked with a number of Florida men whose business took them to the north during the summer and each one of them assured me that he found more comfort in Florida than any place in the North. We have practically no humidity here. The salt sea breezes from the ocean are ever present, especially in the Bunnell-Dupont colony, since we are so ideally located, almost touching the Atlantic Ocean. I believe very few men can appreciate Florida as I do today, after having been cooped up in my office in Chicago all summer.

I have met here a great number of men from the Middle West, who are looking for

locations in Florida. I have listened to their pitiful stories about their crop failures this year, on account of lack of rain, and terrific heat, and I believe a great number of farmers from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and other places of the Middle West are going to buy land in Florida and make this their permanent home, for here if there should happen to be one crop failure there is always the chance for two more crops that year. Comparisons like these are sometimes necessary to make men appreciate conditions in Florida.

I am sure you realize that I could write considerably more about this great State, but I know that within a few days the Bunnell Home Builder will go to press, and perhaps you have no room even for this letter; however, when I return to Chicago within a couple of weeks I will give you a detailed report of what I saw at Bunnell for the November issue of your magazine.

Trusting that everything is O. K. in the Chicago office, I am,

Yours very truly,

THOS. A. VERDENIUS.

ROAD TO BE SHELLED TO VOLUSIA COUNTY.

Will Commence at McCloud's and Extend to Volusia County Line.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners held in St. Augustine Tuesday they ordered advertisements placed calling for bids for the shelling of that part of the John Anderson highway commencing at the home of J. T. McCloud and extending south to the Volusia County line.

With exceptions of a short distance between Espanola and Byrd's, this completes the contracting of a hard surface road through the county, via St. Augustine, Elkton, Hastings, Byrd's, Espanola, Bunnell and Ocean City; intersecting the Volusia County line at Knox & Bead's orange grove, and when finished will be in fine shape for those crossing the county. Besides being a great improvement over the old road, which traversed the unpopulated part of the county, the new road will enable the travelers to pass through that part of the county which is being developed, thereby showing to them the many advantages of St. John's County.

Bids were also advertised for the construction of an 800-foot bridge across Deep Creek just east of Hastings.

Bids for surfacing the Deen road at St. John's Park were opened and the contract was awarded to Robt. Hamilton, whose bid was \$2.55 per cubic yard.

The First National Bank of St. Augustine advised the Board that they would take the whole bond issue of \$70,000 at par, provided that the money should be deposited with the bank and the bonds be redeemed in blocks of \$5,000, which the Board accepted.

Intensely Interesting Letter from a Florida Woman

[Here is another letter from "a woman's viewpoint." It will be of interest to every man, woman and child who contemplates locating in Florida some day. We are sure you will enjoy reading it more than once. The writer has been very kind to give this splendid advice to the readers of the Home Builder but she requests that her name be omitted and we must, of course, comply with this request.]—The Editor.

To the Editor of the Bunnell Home Builder:

Some months ago I chanced to see a copy of your interesting little magazine, and through the courtesy of Mr. Verdenius, I have been reading it ever since. The splendid letters from prospective colonists and the helpful articles found in this magazine from month to month, have been of much interest to me, and I believe that as a woman who has adopted Florida for my home, I can offer some helpful suggestions to future settlers and especially to the wives and mothers who are going to locate in Florida.

I do not live in the Bunnell-Dupont colony, but I have been there and I say to you, sincerely, that I consider you fortunate who have farms at Bunnell.

There are many things to bear in mind when moving from one section of the country to another, and you must remember that you are coming to a comparatively new country here and you will find conditions quite different from what they are in the north, but be glad that you will have the privilege of doing your share in the development of this great state.

Come to Florida with the determination to accept conditions as you find them and be happy. I have one friend who lived here many months in a tent. She had a well put down, and a Dutch oven built just outside her tent door where she baked delicious bread and pastries. Her home was only a tent but it was really a charming spot, for with a woman's touch she had made it a "real" home. Her hospitality under her canvas roof was as gracious as that of any woman of wealth and her friends were always welcome to an afternoon lunch of home-made bread and butter and "genuine" milk from her own Jersey cow.

This tent was set up at the edge of a little grove of pine trees and never did I find my friend more happy in her later home than she was in her first little tent among the pines.

However, my advice is always to erect some kind of a house, if possible, for every woman is not so easily satisfied with a tent. Make up your mind that if you cannot have everything you have been accustomed to in the north that you won't complain, but that you will do your part in the making of a permanent home in this beautiful new country.

Let me advise you, however, to "sit down and count the cost" before you move to Florida. Do not come here with \$300.00 or \$400.00 and then blame the country if you make a failure, as you likely will do. Have enough to build a little house, a few necessary outbuildings, some fence, and enough so that you can purchase poultry, a cow, if possible, seeds, implements, etc. Count on having some ready cash to tide you over the time while you are building, clearing, planting and growing your first crops.

My advice to every one coming to Florida to live is to have your farm paid for before you move to it. I realize that this is not necessary under the splendid terms

with which you can buy land at Bunnell-Dupont, but it is better to have your land out of debt first. Then you will have that worry off your mind and be able to go to work in earnest.

Be sure to get your garden started first, and I am certain that you wives and mothers will take delight in looking after your garden as much as your strength allows. Beautify your place also, which you can do with but little cost. Set out, as soon as possible, a few pecan trees around your house and cultivate these carefully. Properly nourished they grow rapidly and furnish beautiful shade, and later valuable nuts. Before your trees are large enough to give shade make some rustic arbors and train vines to grow over these. You can soon have a beauty spot out of doors where you may spend many hours during the long summer days. Plant flowers around your yard and garden and look after these, as well as your vegetables. They may not bring in any income but they will be a joy to the eye and make your work more pleasant.

Some day when there is a little spare time, have your husband or son go to the woods and get one or two young water oak trees. Set these out near your well where water can often be poured on the roots. They are magnificent trees and will be almost priceless to you in a few years.

Be sure to get some orange and grapefruit trees set out at once—a few at least for home use. Care for these and you will be rewarded within a few years with an abundance of delicious citrus fruit.

Your husbands, sons and brothers will be very busy at first getting the land in shape and crops ready for market. You will want to be making money also and you will find poultry very profitable indeed. You can also make money from your garden and I advise every Florida farmer—man or woman—to raise some hogs. They bring high prices here.

When first I came to Florida I felt strange and sometimes unhappy, but not for long. The climate is so delightful, the possibilities for success so numerous, and the people so cordial that I would not consider living elsewhere.

Unless you, as a Bunnell colonist, have an abundance of money with which to hire your work done, you will find plenty of hard work to do at first, but it is just the same as it is in the north—when you are working for yourself and for a home of your own, you find work sweet. However, it need not be all work here. I assure you, for the chances for recreation are many. Here one may enjoy a picnic out of doors practically every day of the year. You can get up fishing parties, boating and bathing parties. In season you will find it great sport to roast oysters on the beach. I know that I never found anything more delightful than the moonlight parties I have attended here in Florida. One I want to tell you of briefly. It seems to me that the moon shines differently in Florida than any other place. It has a peculiar radiance and floods the earth with its mellow light.

On this particular night the party was given in a grove of giant live oak trees. The nightingales sang in the nearby trees and the voices of the negroes singing in their quarters down the road made a weird sort of music that is unforgettable.

I have found that men generally love the country life and they love Florida with its opportunities for making a living in the great out of doors, but women, as a rule, are more prejudiced against the country and less able to see the opportunities here. Bear in mind, however, that if you are depending on a salary it will not always last. Men with gray hair and bent shoulders are being crowded out in the competition of city life, and my advice to every man and woman is to get a little home of your own, free of debt, and be independent for the rest of your lives.

As has been stated before, if you seek them properly, "health, wealth and happiness await you in Florida."

NO MORE SUMMER EXCURSIONS FOR THESE MEN. THEY WISH FOR BREEZY FLORIDA.

The following letter was written by a Florida man visiting in Illinois, and appeared in a recent Florida paper.

Decatur, Ill., Aug. 16, 1913.

I don't know whether you have ever been here or not but believe me, I wish I was back in cool Florida. The first question people ask is: "Ain't it hot down there?" Only a person who has been in Florida can appreciate the joke after getting into this hot bake oven up here.

When I tell my friends of the North that I slept between blankets and a comfort over me while South a few days ago, they express doubts as to the truth. Believe me, I haven't needed any extras up here in the way of covering.

The thermometer hit the hundred mark again today. Not like Florida, cool in the shade with breezes to let you know life's worth living.

Surprisingly great interest is being taken by northern people in Florida.

Some say go to Florida in winter to keep warm. I say, as everyone who has been in Florida in the summer says, "go to Florida in the summer to keep cool."

Yours truly, I. S. H.

The next is an interview with Dr. S. on his return to Florida recently from Kansas City. Dr. S. was Florida's delegate to the National Association of Dentists, which met at Kansas City on July 8th.

When asked as to what amount of pleasure he extracted from his trip, the Dr. literally threw up both hands and said:

"None, not even a little piece as big as a Florida kumquat. I don't mean to intimate that the people of Kansas City didn't do everything in their power to make our stay profitable and pleasant, but the heat was so terrific it was impossible to enjoy anything. Hot, why, man, it was 107 in the shade in Kansas City and 106 at St. Joseph, and one night the thermometer registered 100 at 12 o'clock in the sleeping car.

"No more summer trips for me. Florida is the coolest place I know of, and here I am going to stay."

Hunting and Fishing in the Bunnell-Dupont Colony

Every man with good red blood in his veins, who has bought a farm in the Bunnell-Dupont Colony, is looking forward, I dare say, to enjoying some delightful sport in the form of hunting and fishing. No doubt you have read of the wonderful fish to be found in Florida waters, or you have listened to the thrilling stories told by those who have spent their vacations in fishing and hunting throughout Florida. If this



Quail hunting near Bunnell

feature of Florida life holds an attraction for you, let me say that you will not be disappointed when you go to Bunnell-Dupont.

There is perhaps no section of the United States that offers such opportunities to the true sportsman as Florida, and there is no more favored locality in the State than Bunnell.

Those who expect to do some hunting and fishing in the State would do well to read up on the new game laws that have recently gone into effect. The hunting season opens on November 20th, and closes on February 20th. Florida has excellent laws for the protection of its game, and game wardens in each county who see that the laws are not violated.

Non-residents are required to purchase a license for hunting, which will cost \$10. Deer during the past year was very plentiful around Bunnell, and some of our colonists have told me of having most delightful venison dinners.

Wild turkeys are as plentiful as deer in our locality, and the prize is well worth going after. The bird is as tall as a tame turkey, but more slender and perhaps not



Fishing is good at Ocean City

quite so heavy, but far more beautiful in appearance and extremely game and hard to capture. The law provides that no person shall kill more than two wild turkeys in any one day, nor more than five wild turkeys in any one year. Quail and partridge abound in large numbers. Quail are especially numerous throughout this part of Florida. The statutes have it unlawful for one person to kill more than twenty quail in any one day, or for a party of two or more persons to kill more than forty quail in any one day.

Wild ducks are thick at certain seasons of the year around Gore Lake and near Ocean City. The law protects ducks within a mile of certain cities along the coasts of Florida, and where thus protected the wild ducks become quite tame and swim about in the harbors like domesticated birds.

Other game birds in Florida are wild geese, swans and brant, rails, coots, mudhens and gallinules, shore birds, plovers, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sand pipers, tattlers and curlews, grouse, prairie chickens, partridges, turtle doves and pigeons.

Fresh water fish that can be found in lakes and creeks around Bunnell and Dupont are black bass, bream, pickerel, trout, perch and cat. Salt water fish in the canal and ocean are red snappers, flounders, sheepshead, pompano, Spanish mackerel, blue fish, shad, mullet, kingfish, barracuda, whiting, channel bass, croakers, drum and blackfish. The size of the fish caught in fresh waters varies from ten to fifteen pounds in weight, while those caught in the salt waters are frequently from twenty to fifty pounds in weight.

Our Engineer, Mr. Johnson, of Bunnell, caught a sea bass some time ago that weighed almost sixty pounds.

If you have a few days to spare, be sure and take your fishing tackle with you when you visit the colony.

FEED FOR DUCKS.



Ducks raised at Bunnell by Mrs. B.

In summer it is not advisable to feed ducks on grain except in limited quantities. If they can get grass they need only one meal a day, composed of cooked turnips or potatoes thickened with bran, and in very warm weather they will thrive on grass

alone. Ducks do not like whole grain, but prefer soft food. When winter approaches they may be fed twice a day, at night adding animal meal or cooked meat, but in summer grass is sufficient. Their runs, if they are confined, must be kept clean. If grass is scarce give finely cut clover twice a day in summer, with turnips at night.—National Poultry Magazine.

WOULD RATHER BE IN PEN IN FLORIDA

Than to Move Away, Says Maine Man Who Has Been in the State.

Twenty-nine years ago there came to Florida, from Maine, a man whose physician told him he had but a few weeks to live. This gentleman has just returned to Maine for a short visit, the first for nineteen years, and this is what he said before leaving:

"If I was forced to decide between going to the penitentiary or being banished from Florida, I would take the penitentiary end of the stick.

"Twenty-nine years ago my physician in Maine told me I had but a short time to live, and to at once put my affairs in such shape that my people would have no difficulty in settling up my estate when 'it was all over.'

"I have been back to Maine once—nineteen years ago—and I am going back this time just to let the people there see how a man looks after he has been told he was 'all in, down and out' twenty-nine years ago. Today I am enjoying the very best of health, as does also my sister, and it is only in the picking and packing season that I employ help to assist in caring for my two orange and grapefruit groves.

"This will probably be my last trip back to my old home, for conditions there have changed so that I am a stranger, and I intend to put in the next six weeks telling those Yankees that Florida is the best place on earth for a man to live, it matters not whether he has millions of dollars or only a few dimes. We live here every day in the year, and there is plenty of work for anyone who has energy enough to do it."

IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ

The Bunnell Development Company at the present time is spending thousands of dollars on improvements in the colony, such as the building of new roads, improving old ones, building bridges, etc.

It is therefore very essential that every buyer should do his or her part in the development of the colony, by keeping up the monthly payments as promptly as possible. Most of our buyers are now doing this. To the few who are not, we trust this reminder will be sufficient. If you do not make your payments promptly, you are standing in the way of progress in the colony.

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"The most unhappy man or woman on earth is the one who rises in the morning with nothing to do and wonders how he will pass off the day."—Leslie M. Shaw.

FLORIDA, THE LAND OF PROMISE.

Some of the Reasons Why There Is Such a Rush to This State and Why It Will Continue.

Florida is the only tropical portion of the United States. It lies almost surrounded by water; it is approached on both sides by the gulf stream, which has a tendency to purify the air which filters over and through the lands of Florida, and its ports are open to vessels from all parts of the world, thereby giving it the very best of transportation facilities. It is tapped by the great railroad systems of the continent, which open up to it more than fifty millions of people.

And as to climate, Florida has a climate that is unsurpassed, which every man of medical science admits is ideal for almost every form of health building. It has long been the playground of the rich, and within its borders are located the palaces and country estates of America's most wealthy and aristocratic set.

Florida positively feeds the North and East during the winter months, and so far as the delicacies consumed in the North and East are concerned, Florida is, because of its geographical location and its nearness to those markets, the only available section of this country for such supply.

If one will but take a map of the United States and glance at it, he will be at once convinced of these facts from a geographical viewpoint alone. The great transportation lines of Florida have done much to enhance the value of Florida products, and to furnish swift transportation for such products to the great markets of the country, as well as to see that they are kept in the highest state of perfection during such a journey.

The question is frequently asked why Florida products bring a higher price to the producers than other farm products in this country. The answer is simply this: Florida products are harvested at a time when the remainder of this country is generally in idleness, and consequently the Florida products reach the market when there is absolutely no competition and prices are the very highest. The only competitor of Florida, if it may be called such, is California, and that State lies so far away from the Northern and Eastern markets that, with the increased cost of delivering its products to these markets, it is placed absolutely beyond the limits of competing with Florida. It is also a fact that, as a rule, Florida products mature from thirty to sixty days earlier than those of California.

These are some of the reasons that Florida is having such a rush of settlers to her idle lands. So great is the demand for Florida lands that some of the great capitalists of the country are purchasing large tracts of land in various parts of the State. They know that the rush to Florida will continue now that it has started so strongly, and that it will be here in Florida like it was in the West, where great fortunes were made by the land grabbers.

But at the present time there are thousands and hundreds of thousands of acres of good land in Florida that can be bought in small tracts. This is certainly the day of opportunity in Florida. The time to buy a farm tract in Florida is now.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Every Bunnell-Dupont Land Owner Should be Our Agent

We mean that you should be our agent for your own interests more especially than that you should be a salesman for us

WE OFFER 10 PER CENT COMMISSION ON ALL SALES MADE TO NEW BUYERS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR OLD BUYERS

Commission to be credited on your account with us as fast as money is paid in on the land

We make this offer because we have only a very limited number of farms left for sale, among which are several caused by lapsed payments on the part of some of our purchasers. We desire to sell every acre of our land this coming winter, so as to enable us to devote our time exclusively to the upbuilding and development of our colony in general.

In some instances these available tracts, caused through lapsed accounts, are extremely well located. Every unsold tract is well worth double the price we ask, when you consider the immense amount of development work that has already taken place, and the fact that the Bunnell-Dupont colony is known all over the State as **THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ATTRACTIVE COLONIZATION PROPOSITION TO BE FOUND ANYWHERE IN AMERICA.**

We have repeatedly stated in our literature that farms like ours are selling at Hastings, or at Sanford, for from \$200.00 to \$500.00 an acre, while we sell land, at the present time, for only \$35.00 and \$40.00 an acre, but expect to raise the price of all our land to \$40.00 an acre in the near future.

If you will give us the names of any prospective buyers we will mail them our literature, including order blank, etc., or if you will fill out the coupon below and mail to us we will send your friends the Bunnell Home Builder, free of cost, for six months.

If you have any friends who are interested in Florida, you will confer a great favor on them and benefit yourself by inducing them to buy in Bunnell-Dupont, and remember, that the sooner our lands are all sold, the quicker we shall be able to devote all our time to the upbuilding of the colony, and the advance in value of the land will increase even more rapidly than it has heretofore.

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Cut out this Coupon and mail it to our sales office at Chicago.

THOS. A. VERDENIUS—BUNNELL DEVELOPMENT CO.

108 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Below are the names and addresses of some of my acquaintances who are interested in securing homes in the Bunnell-Dupont Colony. Please send them the Bunnell Home Builder for six months.

Name _____ Street and No. _____ City _____ State _____

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Name _____ Street and No. _____ City _____ State _____

(Write your own name here)

“Remember—There is but one crop of soil.”

