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**Potato Field of Mr. W. E. Knight, Bunnell, Florida**



As we advance in years, we sometimes need spectacles,  
but a man should need no spectacles to see the  
advantage of buying a farm these days

# Mr. Thomas A. Verdenius Gives a Detailed Report of His Recent Visit to the Bunnell Colony

This Article Will Be of Vital Interest to Every Reader of the HOME BUILDER



Potato Field of Mr. John Council, about three miles south of Bunnell.

Because I know that the readers of the HOME BUILDER, and particularly all those who own land in our colony, are anxiously awaiting a report of my recent trip through the colony, I am writing this at my very earliest opportunity. With the aid of the camera, I hope to give you quite a complete report of my visit; although were I to attempt to tell you all I saw and heard while on this trip, there would not be space in the HOME BUILDER for anything else.

I shall not attempt to tell you in this letter of each individual whom I visited or talked with, for that you know would be an impossibility. The colony is constantly growing, more people are settling on their farms, new homes are being erected and I always endeavor to see as many of our people as I can on my short visits there.

One of the most important things which I wish to tell you about is the creation of our new FLAGLER COUNTY. On April 20th, the State Legislature at Tallahassee passed a bill giving authority for the creation of this new county. There were only two votes in the House against the bill, while the Senate had previously unanimously passed it. This new county will comprise, approximately, 510 square miles, and as Bunnell is the principal town in the county, and is also centrally located, it will be the new county seat. The primary election of officials for the new county will be held some time during the month of June, and so far as I know, the first of July is the date set when Flagler county will become one of the counties of the great state of Florida.

On my arrival, I found Bunnell in gala attire. Flags and bunting were in evidence everywhere and on Saturday, April 21st, some dozen automobiles, splendidly

decorated, left for the northern boundary of the new county, there to meet Mr. Moody, Senator McWilliams, and others who had spent the previous week or so in Tallahassee. These men had come down from Jacksonville by automobile, some of them motoring all the way from Tallahassee. Bunnell was the scene of much activity that Saturday evening, and the creation of Flagler county was well celebrated.

Not only were the residents of the town of Bunnell happy over the new county, but all our other settlers as well, especially did I find those pleased who are living in the Volusia tract, around

Korona, Harwood and Favorita. The residents of this section were especially gratified, for I believe the change is going to mean more to them even than to those living in the old tract.

I shall attempt to tell you briefly of some of the advantages of the new county for the people who reside in its territory.

You can well appreciate the advantage of being near the county seat. The farthest farm now from the county seat will be but twelve to fourteen miles, while previous to the creation of this new county, it would be necessary for some to travel almost seventy miles to reach the present county seat, St. Augustine. This change will mean considerable to the property owners and business houses of Bunnell, as the new county officials will reside at the county seat and will no doubt, erect their homes there. However, the chief advantage to the tax-payers of Flagler county is that hereafter they will receive the full benefit of all taxes they are required to pay, while heretofore they helped carry the burdens of St. Johns and Volusia counties, and much of their money was spent where it could do them personally no good. We have reasons to believe that the taxes from the county will be equally distributed in the future. To go more into detail, I wish to give you a few figures just at this point:

The southern portion of St. Johns county, which hereafter will be the northern Portion of Flagler county, has an assessed tax valuation of approximately, one million dollars. Last year the school taxes in St. Johns county were seven and one-half mills; or, in other words, the people who are property owners in that



Celery Farm of Mr. Speer, at DuPont

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*A busy scene in the Bunnell Colony, Grading Potatoes and packing in barrels.*

part of the county paid for educational purposes, \$7,500.00 into the county treasury, while the records show that last year that part of the county received only \$3,020.00 for their schools and other educational purposes. They were assessed last year for roads and bridge taxes, eight mills; which means that they paid \$8,000.00 taxes for these purposes, while in return they received as their share approximately \$1,500.00.

By giving a little thought to the above figures one may readily understand why the people residing within the boundaries of this new county, were so anxious for Flagler county to be created, for every cent of taxes they pay hereafter will be spent for the benefit of their own particular county.

I have it from good authority, that it is very probable that Mrs. Flagler will give the new county a beautiful county building, one that will not only be a credit to Flagler county, but to the state of Florida as well. This splendid building will be a present to the new county, which bears the name of her deceased husband. More than likely, as soon as matters can be arranged, the name of the town of Bunnell will also be changed, for a great many of our citizens are in favor of having its name changed to FLAGLER CITY. This, of course, would have to be put up to the Post Office officials and the postal department at Washington would have to give their consent to changing the name of the post-office from Bunnell to Flagler City, and all of this will naturally take several months to adjust. I, for one, would be glad to see this name changed, for I feel that our enterprising little city could not bear a better name, than to be called after a man who has done more for Florida in general, and the East Coast in particular, than any other one man, the great pioneer road builder of our state—Mr. Henry M. Flagler.

It is planned to build about sixty or seventy miles of new hard roads within the county in the near future, for one of the great essentials in every farming community is GOOD ROADS. It is perhaps a little early to designate exactly just where these roads will be built

but very likely there will be a hard road running from Bunnell to St. Johns Park; from Bunnell via the Moody road, through the Volusia tract, passing through Codyville and going straight to Deland, the county seat of Volusia county; another road from Bunnell to DuPont; from DuPont to Korona, from Korona to Favorita and Harwood, running parallel with the Florida East Coast railroad, and perhaps several other roads, which we hope to mention in the HOME BUILDER at some later date.

All of our readers undoubtedly know that the Florida East Coast Railroad (also known as the Flagler System) passes through our colony lands, and there are reports that this railroad will not charge the new county any freight on the material which will be used for the building of the hard roads in Flagler county. It is not only the aim of the officials of the Bunnell Development Co. and all the citizens of Flagler county to make this county one of the most up-to-date counties in Florida, but this high purpose meets the endorsement and

approval of all of the officials of the Florida East Coast Railroad Co., or the Flagler System.

I should like to talk longer about Flagler county, but hope to tell the readers, later on, more complete details as to our plans in regard to this matter.

It is but natural for me to feel happy and enthusiastic about our colony today, even more than I have ever felt before, for I have lived to see practically all of my ambitions in regard to our colony, realized. Never in my life have I seen such crops in the Bunnell colony as they have this year. They are "bumper" crops indeed, and it is unnecessary for me to tell you that our farmers are receiving big prices for everything they raise. Many of our readers, no doubt, are helping to pay some of these fancy prices.

In regard to the crops, I wish to refer the reader especially to the photos you will find in this issue. They will tell the story of success more quickly and easily than I can do. While in the colony, I traveled in the Company's automobile, day after day, and I saw field after field of the very finest potatoes. Several of the farmers had begun digging their potatoes, although most of them were going to wait a week or ten days before beginning this work, as the season this year has been exceptionally late; it being from two to three weeks later this year than last year. The potato story for this year in the colony in a nut-shell, would be, **THE YIELD IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD, THE QUALITY EXCELLENT AND THE PRICES VERY HIGH.** The farmers in Flagler county, including our colony, are doing their share towards helping our country out in the potato famine and are helping to relieve the situation very materially.

From the St. Johns county potato belt we ship as many as 150 carloads of potatoes a day. While I was in the colony they shipped, one day, 140 carloads of potatoes. If each one of these cars would bring on an average of \$1,500.00, it would mean \$210,000.00 worth of potatoes which were shipped to the North



*Another busy scene, Digging Potatoes on Mr. Jordan's Farm.*

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Mr. Mack's 35 horse power Truck, hauling potatoes from his farm to the depot at Dupont—Two loads at one time.

sell his crop of potatoes this year for, approximately, \$10,000.00. With all this evidence of prosperity before me, I could not help but think how well this man had done since he came to our colony. I recall so vividly the time when I personally took Mr. Mack to his farm in Bunnell for the first time, which will be six years next fall, and he told me he had, approximately, \$500.00 with which to start farming in our colony. Today he has fifty acres of land all cleared and in A No. 1 shape. His land is fully paid for, and if this land is worth a cent, it is certainly worth \$150.00 an acre. Furthermore, he has all kinds of farming implements, he has built himself a large shed and has two good teams. Mr. Mack was about fifty years of age when he came to our colony, and he had accumulated less than \$1,000.00 all his life, while during the last five and one-half years in Bunnell he has accumulated, approximately, from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. He is now one of our greatest boosters and he took great delight in showing myself and the party with me over his farm. Among our party was a very conservative man, a banker from Chicago, and I listened with great interest while Mr. Mack told him that he would clear, at least, \$200.00 to the acre, net, on his potato crop this year, and would then follow this crop with a crop of corn, and if the corn crop was only an average one, he would harvest fifty bushels to the acre from this very same land which, at last year's prices, he could sell for \$1.00 a bushel; and he would then follow this crop up with a third crop of cow-pea hay, and if he could only raise 2½ tons to the acre, it would mean another \$50.00 an acre. After giving these careful figures to the banker, Mr. Mack continued, "Now Mr. Prebis, can you tell me of another country where a man can raise three crops a year and make \$310.00 net to the acre on general farming?" (Such a question is enough to set any man thinking).

on a single day. That would mean that within five days the farmers would have sold more than a million dollars' worth of spuds to the northern markets.

The yield throughout the Bunnell colony is far in excess of the anticipation of the farmers. Some of our farmers are digging as many as 100 barrels to the acre while others are digging as few as thirty barrels to the acre. While I was in the colony I saw one man who originally came from the state of Oregon who had only two acres planted to potatoes. His crop was not up to the average, but he sold about \$650.00 worth of potatoes from his two acres of land, and he told me he had made a net profit on his two acres, above all expenses, of \$400.00, or \$200.00 an acre, and this man still has two more crops to raise this year on the same land. One man, living a little west of Bunnell, had about thirty-five acres planted to potatoes this year. It took about four acres to fill his first car, for which he received f. o. b. Bunnell, \$1,650.00. All of his expenses, including fertilizer, seed potatoes, barrels, etc., were paid out of his four acres, and he still had thirty-one acres to dig. If these thirty-one acres should yield as the first four did, this man will net on his thirty-five acres of land, approximately, \$12,000.00.

money then, so one may form some idea of what our farmers are making this year if he will just stop to consider the present prices.

Mr. W. A. Mack shipped his first car of potatoes on April 24th. This was only a small car and contained but 163 barrels for which he received \$1,225.00. The commission men charged him \$38.00, leaving \$1,187.00 paid to Mr. Mack. Mr. Mack has a very good crop this year and has purchased an International 35-horse power truck. This truck cost him \$1,450.00, and it was a pleasure for me to watch him hauling his potatoes from his farm to the railroad station in this truck. Usually he had a wagon hooked onto the truck and in that way he took two loads at one time. Mr. Mack will



Mr. Mack's 40 Acre Potato Field.

While I was in Bunnell, the price paid for No. 1 potatoes was \$8.50 a barrel; No. 2's, \$7.00 a barrel; No. 3's, \$5.00 a barrel, and \$4.50 a barrel for the culls. I could not help but marvel at these exorbitant prices, for I well remembered that in previous years the farmers had difficulty in even selling their No. 3's, and no one would buy their culls, and often the farmers left the culls in the fields. Not so today. Every one of these culls is picked up very carefully and shipped to the North. I recalled that a couple of years ago our farmers in Bunnell received only \$4.00 a barrel for their No. 1's, and they were making good



*Mr. Prebis, Chicago Banker, visiting the Korona colony. This picture was taken in Mr. Mazurewicz's Potato Field.*

I should like to tell you at length about the various crops I saw growing on the farms of Mr. Mosby, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kilpers, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Gray, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Council, Mr. Jones, Mr. Parker, Mr. Mazurewicz, and a great many others, but I should be repeating practically the same story of big crops, and space and time prevents my doing this.

While we are having a bumper crop of potatoes this year, we are short on barrels. It is safe to say that we have at least a 30 per cent shortage of barrels. The barrel factory in Bunnell is entirely out of barrel material and it is very hard for the farmers to get any more barrels. The commission men from the northern markets prefer to have our potatoes shipped in barrels, and barrels last year sold for 35c each. At the beginning of this season, the price of these barrels went up to 37c each, and on account of the shortage they were sold at Hastings for 50c apiece, and I was told that one man offered to pay \$1.00 a barrel for every barrel he needed. Mr. Moody has assured us that this shortage will not occur again, but that he will provide for the coming year. Some of our farmers were obliged to ship their potatoes this year in hampers, and the day I left Jacksonville, Mr. Mazurewicz, one of our farmers in Korona, bought a carload of hampers to be shipped to the Korona farmers.

I had the pleasure of spending two days in Korona in company with Mr. Prebis, who is connected with the largest Polish bank in Chicago. Mr. Prebis and his son are both owners of small farms in the Korona colony, and he was not only very much pleased with the farms we had selected for himself and son, but he has become very enthusiastic about our Korona colony. Mr. Prebis looked over several farms in the Korona section and told me he was convinced that any man who was willing to work in an intelligent manner in the Korona colony for a few years, and who had sufficient money to

get a start, need not fear to settle there. Mr. Prebis has several warm friends in Korona, some of whom he knew several years ago, and they would be very pleased to see him settle on his farm and help in the development of the Korona colony.



*Bob, The Fisherman. Two sea bass caught at Ocean City, weighing 30 pounds.*

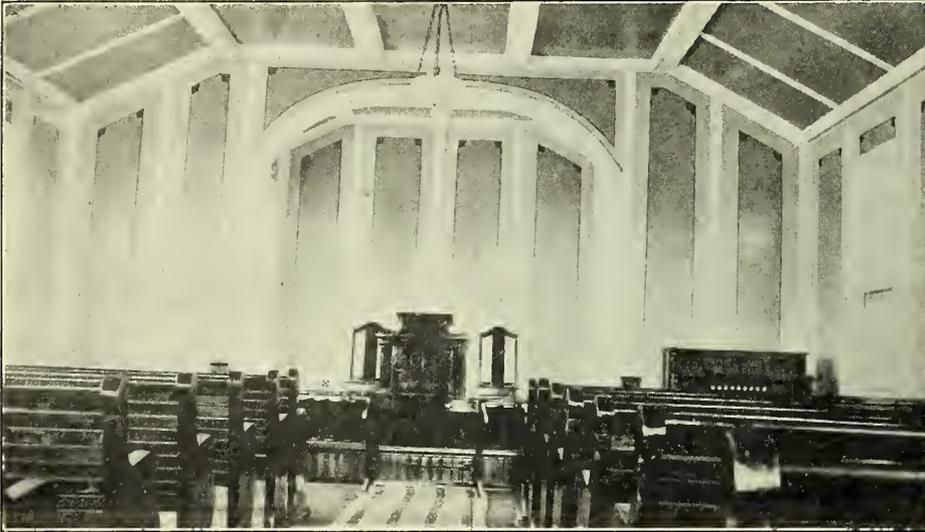
Game is very plentiful in the colony this year. Quail were in evidence everywhere. Of course, this is not the hunting season and, therefore, the birds are very tame, but I scarcely visited any of the farms that I did not run across some of these fine birds. While I was in the colony one man caught about 275 mullets at Ocean City, which weighed around 300 pounds, besides several sea bass. Two of these sea bass weighed 30 pounds, an average of 15 pounds each. I took a picture of two of these bass. I am sure there are many of our buyers with good red blood in their veins, who will find this the sportsman's paradise when they come to settle on their farms.

The last evening I was in the colony I spent at Ocean City. Quite a number of people in automobiles had left Bunnell earlier in the day, going over to the closing exercises of the school at beautiful Ocean City. We have at the present time about seventeen pupils enrolled in that school. I very much enjoyed the splendid entertainment given in the Ocean City casino, by Miss Shepard and her pupils. It seemed to me that this last evening was, after all, the most pleasant one I had spent while in the colony. I found keen pleasure in standing by the mighty ocean, listening to the roar of the waves and watching the crowd of people who had come to attend the closing exercises. I saw very plainly that, although our people in the colony are very much in earnest in their desire to develop this part of the country, and are very much interested in their big crops and in making money, still they have proven that they have a keener interest in the most important work of all—the proper raising of our boys and girls. After the evening's entertainment was over, a fish fry was given, and we returned to Bunnell with many pleasant memories. I took the train the next morning to return, via Jacksonville, to my home here in Chicago. As I came farther north, through Indiana and Illinois, I could not help but compare the vast difference between the southern farmer and the farmers here in the Middle West. I saw many fields in these two states which had not even been touched by the plow for the first and only crop, while behind me in Bunnell, some of the farmers I had left had already harvested and marketed their first crop, and others would soon do so, and in a great number of fields corn had been planted between the rows of potatoes and this corn was from one-half to one foot high. Corn is the second crop which our farmers raise in our colony.

And this, readers of the HOME BUILDER, is my report to you of my last visit to the colony, or as much of it as space will permit me to have. Isn't it thrilling, after all? And don't you long to be down in that LAND OF SUNSHINE, to roll up your sleeves and go to work? For I say to you, as I have said many times before, that for the man with some money and who can and will work, there is an abundant harvest in the great Bunnell colony, and there you may find contentment and happiness and live out your life in God's great Out-of-doors.

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**Church News From The Bunnell Colony.**



*Interior of the new Seventh Day Adventist Church at Bunnell. This is the prettiest and neatest church in Flagler county.*

Four denominations are represented at the present time in our colony—the Methodist Episcopal South, the Christian church, the Seventh Day Adventist and the Catholic church.

The Methodists in Bunnell have a very neat little church, which has just recently been repaired, and has a seating capacity of about two hundred. The pastor, the Rev. Ramsey, preaches at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday and every other Sunday afternoon at Ocean City in the casino. He is a very active young man, and surely is the right man for the right place, as he is doing a great work in Bunnell. Mr. Ramsey has been the means of building up his church and increasing the membership very materially. He is much loved by the people of the community, and those who have read Ralph Connor's "Sky Pilot" will see where this title very aptly applies to him. This church has a good Sunday

School with an enrollment of from 120 to 130 pupils. Mr. Byrd is their very capable Superintendent.

The Christian church has the smallest congregation at the present time, and they have not as yet erected a house of worship, although they have a very fine lot in Bunnell for that purpose, which was given to them by the Bunnell Development Company. They have no regular pastor in Bunnell as yet. Mr. and Mrs. Hagadorn are very faithful and active members of this church. No doubt when other members of this denomination have settled on their farms in the colony, they will also have their own church building and resident pastor.

We take great pleasure in reproducing herewith a picture of the interior of the new Seventh Day Adventist church in Bunnell. This church is located near the Dixie Highway, a few blocks east of the central part of our busy town.

The members of this denomination may be justly proud of their new church edifice, which is not only a credit to them and Bunnell, but we doubt if there is a neater little church in all Flagler county today. We believe this church with its loyal membership has a great future. The new church building was dedicated a few days ago, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Elder W. H. Smith, of Atlanta, Georgia. The officers elected were, Mr. W. A. Mack, Elder; Mr. O. C. Mosby, Deacon; Mr. L. C. Johnson, Clerk.

In the southern part of our colony, at Korona, we have a very attractive little Catholic church. Rev. A. Baczyk is the



*Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts in Bunnell. Rev. Ramsey of the M. E. Church.*

resident priest, and under his wise and good leadership, this church is growing and new members are being received. Mass at this church is at 10 a. m. every Sunday morning, and there is usually a very good attendance. We are pleased to reproduce herewith a picture that was taken in front of this church, on April 22nd, after the Sunday morning services.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE — FREE LOTS IN DUPONT**

The Bunnell Development Company has been giving a free lot in Dupont to each purchaser of a ten acre farm in our colony. As most of these lots have been disposed of, we shall be obliged to discontinue the giving away of any more free lots to purchasers of land. Therefore, after June 10, 1917, no more lots will be given away in Dupont.

I. I. MOODY,  
 President, Bunnell Development Company.



*Stopping for a chat after the morning services at the Catholic Church in Korona.*

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# Every Day Happenings in and Around Bunnell

On account of the yields being far in excess of what was expected the barrel manufacturers are unable to furnish enough barrels to handle the crop and numbers of farmers are shipping in hampers and sacks. The buyers are so anxious to get the spuds that they don't seem to object to what they are packed in; all they want is the potatoes.

The Keystone Farms Co., with eighty acres of fine spuds have just started to dig. Mr. Poff, the manager, expects a good yield.

Mr. Warben Booe has begun digging and indications are that his yield will be large.

The Dupont Land Co. dug their fifty acres last week which sold f. o. b. the cars for \$11,325.75.

Mr. R. W. Cody, who has forty acres of fine spuds, is digging this week and his yield is around fifty barrels. He sold his first car which contained one hundred and seventy-one barrels, for \$1,358.60. This car was dug from four acres which is a net of \$339.65 per acre.

Burrell Bros. are digging an exceptionally good crop the yield running as high as seventy-five barrels to the acre. Their first selling for \$8.60.

The Haw Creek Farms Co., who are the largest potato growers in Flagler County, they having one hundred and thirty-one acres, are digging this week and are getting a good yield and are disposing of them at fancy prices as Mr. Booe, the manager, has the reputation of putting up as fine a pack as there is put up in the entire potato belt.

Mr. M. H. Milliken has had his farm, Seminole Trace, near Gore Lake, cleared and fenced and expects to build there this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Milliken left for Chicago, Monday, where they will spend the summer.

Mr. George Moody has purchased from Mr. C. A. Smith his seventy-two town lots on Moody boulevard. The creation of the new county makes the boys realize the value of Bunnell property.

Mr. A. C. Marshall, potato broker, is making his headquarters at Bunnell during the potato season. He is shipping several cars of spuds daily.

Mr. A. V. Folson, of Bartow, Fla., arrived in Bunnell, Tuesday, and will remain and clear his land in the Bunnell colony.

Mr. O. C. Mosby is beginning to dig his crop. Others digging around Bunnell are: Messrs. C. B. Miller, C. C. Jordon, John McCormick, George Burnside, W. H. Cochran, A. Lambert.

A black bass weighing eight pounds was caught by Jim Davis in Black Branch last week.

The DuPont Central Railway had a siding built at Codyville, which was a much needed improvement.

A very interesting event at Codyville was the closing of the school with appropriate exercises by the children. There were three graduates from the eighth grade.

Mr. J. E. Ingraham, vice-president of the Florida East Coast Railroad Company, and Mr. W. H. Kennen, Executor of the Flagler estate, rode with Mr. Moody and Mr. Lambert over the colony and inspected the potato fields. They were very much pleased with the bright prospects of the farmers.

## CONCERNING TOWN LOTS IN BUNNELL AND OCEAN CITY

On account of the rapid growth of Bunnell and owing to the fact that it will soon be the county seat of our new Flagler County, we wish to announce that there are no more lots for sale in Bunnell at \$50.00 apiece; the cheapest lots now being \$75.00 each.

We have several fine lots still for sale in Ocean City, the prices of same ranging from \$150.00 to \$250.00 apiece.

Lots in both Bunnell and Ocean City may be purchased on the monthly payment plan of \$5.00 each per month.

For further particulars, write to

THOMAS A. VERDENIUS,  
108 South La Salle Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Bunnell merchants report that the farmers are not only supplying the town trade with all the eggs they need, but they are bringing in enough so that quite a large amount are being shipped out.

Messrs. Jordan and Lambert have supplied Bunnell the past season with luscious strawberries. The strawberry season is about over in Bunnell.

Mrs. J. L. Jones has one of the finest fields of onions on her farm in the Volusia tract. The onions will soon be ready to ship and will command a fancy price.

Mr. Speer has been shipping from his large celery field, West of Haw Creek. He has been getting at the rate of 500 crates to the acre, and he expects that this celery will net him \$3.00 per crate, f. o. b. the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, who have spent the winter months in Bunnell, left for their home in Massachusetts. We hope that these good folks will return again next fall and make their permanent home with us. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the owners of several beautiful lots in the town of Bunnell.

The school at Ocean City, has been closed. Miss Corene Shepard left for Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and other points before going to her home near Quincy.

The Robert White Cemetery is complete, has a good wooden fence around it and a good road leading to it. While this is a beautiful place and there is plenty of room to be had there, still we hope there will be no great rush for permanent occupancy thereof.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bunnell, who have a farm in the Volusia tract and have spent the winter in our city, have returned to their home in Mitchellville, Iowa. All the people in Bunnell hope to see them return again next fall.

Worshipful Master W. C. Heath, of Bunnell, Lodge No. 200 F. & A. M., has had the furniture of the lodge remodeled which has materially improved the appearance of the interior of the lodge room.

In the presence of Mr. Moody, the Governor of the state of Florida, signed with a solid gold pen, the bill authorizing the creation of Flagler county. After signing the bill, the Governor presented the pen to Mr. Moody.

The Commencement Exercises of the Bunnell High School were held on Saturday evening, May 12th. On the Sunday evening, following the Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by Rev. Ramsey, at the M. E. church.

A straw ballot will be taken in the very near future for the officers of the new county. The following offices are to be filled: Sheriff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supervisor of Registration, five County Commissioners, three Members of the School Board, and County Judge, making a total of fifteen. Several good candidates have entered the race.

The Standard Oil Company has made application for a permit to erect two tanks and a trucking shed on the lots adjoining the Bunnell Ice, Light and Water Company.

Throughout the past week, the potato movement has been very heavy. A total of 1805 solid carloads have been shipped out of the potato belt since April 1st. The price for the last week, f. o. b. the shipping point, has ranged from \$6.50 to \$8.00 a barrel for No. 1's, \$6.25 to \$6.50 a barrel for No. 2's and \$3.50 to \$5.00 for No. 3's. The weather conditions throughout the week have been favorable, and practically all of the farmers in the entire potato belt are busy digging. The yields continue good, the average yield being above fifty barrels to the acre.

It will no doubt, be of interest to know where all of these potatoes are shipped. The principal markets are New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Kansas City, Detroit and Denver.

## "Patriots All"

A remarkable cartoon appeared on the front page of one of our great Chicago dailies recently entitled "Patriots All." There was not another word about the picture, for not another word was needed. In the foreground was the FARMER, his hands to the plow, directing the course of his faithful horse with the lines fastened beneath his arms. Just beyond the fence marking the boundary line of the field were long lines of soldiers, following in the wake of the American flag, as it floated out in the breeze.

"Patriots All"—the men who march to battle and into the thick of the fight, and the men at the plow and the men with the hoes! What a beautiful thought it is to everyone who longs to serve his country, that he may be as loyal and patriotic in tilling the soil as in fighting in the trenches.

President Wilson has emphasized this thought in his memorable message to the farmers of America, in which he said, "I CALL UPON YOUNG MEN AND OLD ALIKE AND UPON THE ABLE-BODIED BOYS OF THE LAND TO ACCEPT AND ACT UPON THIS DUTY—TO TURN IN HOSTS TO THE FARMS AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT NO PAINS AND NO LABOR IS LACKING IN THIS GREAT MATTER." Never before in the history of the world was the position of the farmer so important, for as President Wilson further says: "UPON THE FARMERS OF THIS COUNTRY, THEREFORE, IN LARGE MEASURE, RESTS THE FATE OF THE WAR AND THE FATE OF THE NATIONS."

It is a wonderful thing then to be the owner of a portion of this great OUT-OF-DOORS, and to be able to plant the seeds, till the soil and produce some of the food stuffs that go to feed the nations of the world. Just here I want to urge every one who has his Bunnell farm fully paid for to go to the colony, if possible, and begin clearing and planting his land. That bit of soil may mean so much to you, and it is too bad to have it lay idle if you are in a position to cultivate it.

No doubt many who read these words have begun to make payments on a little Bunnell farm, but you have not completed same. Can you not see that this step in your life is one of vital importance, and that you should by all means continue the payments on your farms as rapidly as possible, and thus provide for yourselves and families a haven against the adversities of life?

Much is already being said in regard to the scarcity of food, and I fear much more will be said and felt along this line within the next few years. The cost of living is continually on the upgrade, and men and women are seriously asking the question, "How can we cope with the present situation?"

Were I called upon to answer this question, out of the fullness of my heart I should say, the best solution of the problem is to buy a piece of land, pay for it, then put that land under cultivation and it will provide the necessities of life for you and help you contribute toward the markets of the world.

There is just another class of individuals who, I trust, will lend me a listening ear—the men and women who have long been "halting between two opinions" and trying to decide whether it would be wise to invest in a little farm in the Bunnell colony or not. Can't you see what a mistake you have made by delaying this long? If you were among the happy farmers at Bunnell, who are harvesting their bountiful crop of potatoes this spring, don't you think you would feel you had made a safe investment?

If you realize the mistake you have made by not securing a farm-home here this, won't you decide now to rectify that mistake, and secure your farm without further delay?

Some will go to the battle front and return again, as heroes; other brave souls will lay down their lives for their country, but the call today is just as imperative for the men on the farms and in the fields to grow the food to feed the nations. Whether we shall be here or there, let us ever keep in mind our service to our country, and that we may be "PATRIOTS ALL."



A Boggs Potato Grader at Work

The above picture of the Boggs potato grader will be of great interest to all those who contemplate growing potatoes on their Bunnell colony farms. You will note that the potatoes can be accurately graded into No. Ones, Twos, Threes and the Culls, and means the saving of a great deal of time when the potatoes have to be sorted. Such a machine will soon pay for itself, as one can readily see. Northern buyers will much more readily purchase potatoes that have gone through this grader, for they can be certain that every barrel will be uniform from top to bottom.



Mrs. Jones' Splendid Bermuda Onion Field in the Volusia Tract

## LET ME TALK THIS OVER WITH YOU, WHO OUGHT TO BUY A FARM IN THE BUNNELL COLONY

Billy Sunday said recently in New York, where he is conducting a meeting at the present time:

"You can't win without hard work; you can't grow crops lying in the field under the shade of a tree, sipping lemonade through a straw."

The evangelist was right, we must all admit. But, if you are willing to work; if you have a few hundred dollars with which to get a start, you can make a mighty good living in the Bunnell colony on a ten or twenty acre farm. For the right man success is easier than failure.

You have been receiving the HOME BUILDER for several months. Have you not been impressed with the sincerity and truth of the statements made therein? It seems to us that this issue is really better than any that have preceded it. It is brimful of facts concerning the wonderful developments taking place in the colony, and the pictures it contains are so interesting and convincing.

Won't you read this issue thoughtfully and carefully, and then send us your order for a Bunnell farm without further delay? Send it today. You are the loser by postponing your decision, for every day, week or month you delay means that just so many more of the choicest farms and locations are being taken by someone else. If you send us your order today we shall be able to locate you nearer to a town and closer to a good road than if you wait for some future time.

I CONFIDENTLY BELIEVE THAT SOME DAY WE SHALL SEE THIS LAND SELLING FOR AS HIGH AS \$350.00 AN ACRE, and that is just the amount now which you will have to pay for TEN ACRES in our Volusia tract. We are anxious to sell you one of these farms for only \$35.00 an acre, on the monthly installment plan.

IF YOU SEND IN YOUR ORDER BEFORE JUNE 10, 1917, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A FREE LOT IN DUPONT WITH EACH TEN ACRES YOU BUY. There are but a very few of these free lots left to be given away in Dupont, and as per the notice in this issue, sent out by President I. I. Moody, there will be positively no more lots in Dupont given away after June 10, 1917.

Our motto has ever been: "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED."

It is our aim to please each and every buyer, and to treat everyone fair and square. We have sold farms to thousands of people who are pleased and satisfied with their holdings, and we are confident that we can satisfy YOU.

GET AWAY FROM THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. Grow your own food, your potatoes and other vegetables. Have your own cow, your eggs and chickens. Make a home for yourself and family in the Bunnell colony, where you may enjoy a mild, healthy climate, and where LIFE IS WORTH LIVING.

IF YOU CAN SAVE 17 CENTS A DAY I CAN SELL YOU A TEN ACRE FARM IN THE BUNNELL COLONY.

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