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### WASTE OF WATER.

From Florida's Flowing Wells Discussed  
By Experts.

The press bulletin of the United States geological survey issues the following warning against waste of water from the artesian wells of Florida:

The ease with which flowing wells can be obtained by drilling in many localities along the East Coast of Florida has caused them to be regarded as sources of inexhaustible supply, and deep drilled wells from the water is allowed to run to waste may be seen at many places in this part of the State. The effect of this waste of water on the flow of the wells has recently been studied by geologists of the United States and Florida geological surveys in connection with a general investigation of the ground-water supplies of the State. A comparison of some wells that are shut off when not in use with others that are allowed to flow without regard to the waste shows a decline in head or volume of water from the uncapped wells after a few years. In localities where wells are far years. In localities where wells are far unnoticable, but where many wells of nearly the same depth have been drilled in the same town the amount of water now flowing is decidedly less than it was originally. This condition is now shown by wells at Jacksonville, St. Augustine, New Smyrna, Daytona, Palatka and elsewhere.

Experience in other artesian areas should serve as a warning to users of the Florida wells. In Indiana, where water flowing out between the casings of hundreds of abandoned gas wells have been allowed to waste for years, many of these wells have ceased to flow. In California and elsewhere farming districts once made fertile by irrigation from flowing wells have now become desolate through their reckless misuse.

The exhaustion of the artesian waters of Florida is not, perhaps, imminent, but it is easy to understand that when the water flowing out of the ground exceeds in amount that supplied from its ultimate sources the flow will gradually diminish, and that every well from which water runs to waste lessens the common supply of neighboring wells. Owners are therefore, urged to see that wells are capped or otherwise shut off when not in use.

### THE ARAGON HOTEL.

The elegant hotel accommodations which this hotel affords our visitors to our progressive city have had much to do with the great increase of its business that has been going on during the past and especially the present season in this splendid hotel. Mr. J. A. Newcomb, the proprietor, is ever on the alert for the comfort of his visitors and it can be said with all truth that his fine cuisine and attentive service is unsur-

passed in the South. One of the oldest in the city, this fine hotel has been entirely refurbished and refinished in the most complete and modern style, the rates by the American plan being \$2.50 and upwards. The Aragon Hotel is undoubtedly one of the favorite hotels with most of the commercial and industrial visitors to our city, its close proximity to all cars, and the station, helping in no small degree to make it also one of the most convenient hotels. Mr. Newcomb is one of our leading experienced hotel men, and the manner in which he has been operating this house has stamped him as a man of great ability in this somewhat difficult work. A visitor to this city staying at the Aragon said the other day that he was not surprised that this splendid hotel stayed full all the year round.

### ONE ON THE "NATIVES."

A native-born American member of a party of four business men who often lunched together, took great delight in joking the others on their foreign birth. "It's all very well for you fellows to talk about what we need in this country," he said, "but when you come to think of it, you're really only intruders. Not one of you was born here. You're welcome to this country, but you really oughtn't to forget what you owe us natives who open our doors to you."

"Maybe," said an Irishman in the party, thoughtfully. "Maybe. But there's one thing you seem to forget; I came to this country wid me fare paid an' me clothes on me back. Can you say the same?" Everybody's Magazine.

### HER CLOTHES.

"It is a wonderful story," said the publisher to the new author, whose manuscript had just been accepted, "but you have failed in one important feature. You do not describe the way the heroine was dressed when the hero first met her. You'd better write in a paragraph about her clothes, but try to avoid the conventional."

The ingenious author, knowing the sameness of costume descriptions in the best sellers, and also knowing how to make an appeal to the feminine heart, wrote:

"Heloise floated toward him, garbed in a \$600 dress, a \$250 hat, with a \$98.75 mantilla over a \$375 lace coat."—Chicago Evening Post.

### WAR ON THE WHITE FLY.

The orange growers in the vicinity of Auburndale have organized a Citrus Growers' Protective League for the purpose of making war on the white fly. Dr. L. A. Simmons was elected president and J. W. Rollins secretary-treasurer. The members will be assessed a few cents each per tree and the league will control and operate the spraying of the groves.

### WILL WAIT ON CONVENTION.

The meeting of local orange growers at Tampa on May 4 was adjourned till June 2, the day following the Orange Growers' Convention. Aside from this no other business was transacted. A postal was received by a member from J. A. Sample, of the California committee, who said that already committees have been appointed to discuss the various matters pertinent to the convention and the general committee will undoubtedly be ready to give details and make all necessary recommendations when the convention meets.

### MUST FURNISH CARS WHEN WANTED.

The California State Senate has passed a reciprocal demurrage bill which provides that railroad companies which fail to supply shippers with cars when proper requisitions have been made for them shall pay the shipper demurrage at the rate of \$5 per car per day. On the other hand, shippers who fail to load or unload cars are required to pay the railroads demurrage to the amount of \$6 per car per day. The extra dollar which the shippers pay the railroads is intended to compensate the railroads for rental of the car.—California Fruit Grower.

### DON'T RUSH THEM OFF.

The Late Fruit Brings the Best Prices if  
You Can Hold It.

If normal conditions continue, the crop of oranges next winter will be a record breaker. The trees are in the pink of condition and have put on an immense bloom. The system of distribution has been improved so much of late years that there will be a good market for this big crop, says the DeLand Record.

The growers and shippers, however, should guard against the practice of last season of trying to market the crop in so short a time as from October 1 to January 1. The lower end of the orange belt can hold their fruit until late in the season without fear of it being injured by cold.

### NEW CELERY SECTION.

Pensacola is preparing to develop the celery growing industry on lands adjacent to that city. Some fine land suitable for this popular vegetable is being considered by experienced men who hope to have a crop in for next season.

### BUYING ORANGE GROVES.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hafford, of Brennan, Ohio, have purchased a small orange grove at Lakeland and purpose to spend the winters there in future.

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