

SOME FREEZES IN FLORIDA.

A Detailed History of the Cold Weather In This State.

OFTEN BELOW FREEZING POINT

Mercury Fell to 7 Degrees in Jacksonville During Winter of 1835. Some Interesting Facts From Pen of Thomas R. Baker.

It may be of interest to your readers to record past blizzards and freezes which have visited Florida during more than a century past. The writer prepared for the horticultural society in May 1895, at their request, a paper on Florida freezes, from which I now reproduce some of the statistics and information there given.

The earliest information I was able to obtain was of a great freeze occurring in the year 1766, when all the lime, citron and banana trees in St. Augustine were killed, as well as many curious evergreens up the St. Johns river, which were more than twenty years old. Above Volusia the temperature on the second day of January, 1766, was down to 26 degrees. All the tropical productions were destroyed except the oranges.

In 1774 there was a snowstorm which extended over most of Florida. The inhabitants long afterward spoke of it, as an extraordinary white rain. So that the recent snowstorm had spread over Florida a second time in one hundred and twenty-five years. In 1799 the temperature was very low, and on the 6th of April of that year a heavy frost occurred, destructive to vegetation and the temperature was as low as 25 degrees at Picoita.

The severest cold ever experienced in Florida, so far as known, occurred on the night of the seventh of February, 1835, when the temperature went as low as 7 degrees above zero at Jacksonville and vicinity. The St. Johns river was frozen several rods from the shore, all kind of fruits were killed to the ground, many never sprouted again; and the wild groves were frozen as far south as 20 degrees. In 1844 the writer saw very large sweet orange trees on Drayton Island bearing fruit, which could not have been killed in February 1835. The temperature at Fort King, near Ocala, then an army post, fell to 11 degrees at that time.

In 1857 the mercury fell to 16 degrees at Jacksonville and to 26 degrees at Tampa, 29 degrees at Fort Dallis, on the Miami river in south Florida.

COLD IN PAST YEARS.

Dec. 28, 1872, Jacksonville, Tenn.	27
Jan. 19, 1873, " "	24
Dec. 28, 1875, " "	28
Dec. 2, 1876, " "	24
Dec. 28, 1878, " "	27
Jan. 7, 1879, " "	25
Dec. 30, 1880, " "	19
Jan. 12, 1886, " "	15
Dec. 27, 1894, " "	14
Feb. 10, 1895, " "	14
Feb. 8, 1899, " "	28
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It will be seen from statistics, that a fall of the temperature below the freezing point, 32 degrees, has occurred many times during the past forty years, and that by reason of occurring in December or early in January, when the trees were in a more dormant condition, no great injury was inflicted upon the trees. It is only when the freezes have occurred in February when the sap was up and new growth started, that the trees were so greatly injured.

There is nothing in the idea that the climate is changing. If there is any change it is in those regions where the blizzards came from, or in the occasional transfer of the cold wave from December and January to February.

THOS. R. BAKER,
Rollins College.

—Orlando Star.

FORT M'COY NOTES.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

A. H. Thompson, the efficient foreman of the Dexter Turpentine and Timber Company of this place, left here Saturday to go to Mascotte, where this company are putting up a new turpentine still, to see how the work was progressing. He will return today. Mr. O'Hara, one of the stockholders, is here looking over the business now. They speak of sinking an artesian well to supply the water needed to run the mill, still and furnish their stock with water. The undertaking will be watched with much interest, as it will be the first attempt made for artesian water in this section.

Rev. H. C. Martin, of this place, was called to Citra Sunday as one of the Presbytery to ordain Rev. Allen as a Baptist minister.

Mrs. Nancy J. Corker, of Gardner, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Stevens, of this place, has been quite ill for the past week, but is better under the skillful treatment of Dr. G. B. Parramore, of Eureka.

M. L. McQuaig and family will move temporarily to Eureka today, where he will be near his work, he being employed by the Wilson Cypress Company at Log Landing, in their shops, for repairing cars, etc.,

D. F. Simmons, a farmer living a few miles west of this place, recently butchered seven razorback hogs that dressed nearly 1,400 pounds.

The Dexter Turpentine Company is killing quantities of fat hogs from the woods, having bought over two hundred head from Lang & Son, when they bought their interest out here.

The cold wave of last week has left its mark by way of destroying tender garden plants, and it is thought by some to have killed the oats that were up. The thermometer showed 19 degrees, which lacked one degree of going as low as it did in 1895.

Laborers are in demand. Public works have raised wages so the farmer cannot hire help to do anything. Some have not even finished picking last year's cotton crop.

J. W. Williams, who recently moved to Ocala, is here looking after his farm.

A Menace to Health.

Kidney trouble is an insidious danger, and many people are victims of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure corrects irregularities and strengthens and builds up the kidneys, and it should be taken at the first indication of kidney trouble, as it is impossible to have good health if the kidneys are deranged. Post-officed Drug Store.

BLITCHTON.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Our community is under a sad depression of smallpox. We have several cases, but fortunately no cases as yet have proved fatal. Vaccination is now believed in, and everyone, old and young, are participants.

Mr. N. A. Bitch, Jr., of Morrison, is now wrapping goods for Dr. Bitch of this place.

Mr. R. A. Sandifer, our mill man, was unable to grind corn Saturday. During the cold days last week several of his pipes burst.

Fire escaped from control of woodsmen last week and did some damage.

Prof. Overhults is physically unable to attend to his school duties, but his able assistant, Miss O'Hara, is filling his chair.

Uncle John Lanier has nearly completed his dwelling. He was in Ocala Wednesday. We suppose he is thinking of getting a helpmeet.

W. L. Hane has accepted a position with G. A. Petaway at Leroy.

Mr. J. A. Haddock, of Archer, was in our city Monday.

Mr. Baldwin cut his foot severely last week, which renders him unable to attend to any work.

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GAITERVILLE.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

The cold wave the past week did considerable damage to garden truck in this section. Cabbage mostly all killed and onions badly damaged, but we will come out O. K. if no more severe cold comes.

Orange trees are believed to be dead this time, although it is hoped they are not.

Oats have disappeared since the freeze, but that is only natural for oats. They will make a better crop next time.

A letter from DeSoto county reports orange trees slightly damaged in that section. Those who have the orange fever now wonder where they will go to get cool.

Mr. Charlie Bars and family, of Morrison, came down Saturday night and stayed over Sunday on a visit to relatives here.

H. L. McConn, one of the U. S. regulars for three years, was mustered out last week at Fort Dade, and will reach Gaiterville in a few days. His old friends will be glad to see him at home again.

A. W. Brass and family spent Sunday in Gaiterville.

Mr. John Odum, of Parish, Fla., came up Sunday evening and enjoyed a few pleasant hours in South Gaiterville. It seems that Gaiterville has some attraction for John. Come again.

Wonder who it is that is off to Georgia on the first boat? Wish I could beg them to change their mind, on that subject, at least.

Uncle Joe has at last succeeded in purchasing a bronco, and will proceed as usual trusting good luck will surround him in the future.

Miss Smith, of Citronelle, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Cose, of this place.

Mr. Frank Ross, Jr., returned Saturday from an extended visit to Sutherland, Clearwater and other places in the sunny south. Mr. R. also reports orange trees damaged at Clearwater.

The sawmill men are making regular visits in this section of late. This means more business, I guess. Gaiterville may come out yet. Who knows? UNCLE JOE.

BEAUTIFUL, BUSY BELLEVIEW.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tyrell left Thursday for their home in Short Beach, Conn., after a pleasant two months' stay here with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson.

Mrs. William Smith and little son left Thursday for Orford, where she will spend some time with her mother.

The party who left on Wednesday for Seabreeze returned Saturday, and to all appearances the majority think Belleview a pretty good place after all. Leaving here at the beginning of the cold spell, all suffered the inconveniences of cold and night travel and the cutting effect of ocean breezes. Although none are seriously ill several of the party boast large sized colds.

Grace Hopkins, the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hopkins, was badly burned Saturday while playing about some brush fires, and only the presence of mind of her grandfather, Judge L. S. Hopkins, saved her life. Hearing her scream he looked up in time to see her start to run to the house, a long distance away, all ablaze; shouting for her to stop; he reached her and rolled her in the sand. Her clothing in the back was burned away and her hair badly singed.

Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and baby are visiting in Oxford.

Although the thermometer went as low as 15 degrees one morning, the large protected groves of Judge Hopkins, Major Hilton and D. C. Stanley are uninjured. The few trees about the houses of G. W. McClure and E. W. White, though fence protected and fired, suffered badly. Mr. W. E. Doolittle saved the trees about his house.

Rev. J. C. Sullivan has been re-appointed to fill the Methodist pulpit here at the general conference just closing at Seabreeze.

The Belleview Workers tendered Mrs. Frank Ramsdell a surprise party

Tuesday afternoon. A social time was spent and refreshments served during the afternoon. JOSH.

DEXTER NEWS.

G. L. Harper of Pierson, has taken charge of the books and commissary at Dexter.

Mr. Tom Holley, of Daisy, and family, spent Sunday with Holley's brother, W. M. Hall.

Mr. Thompson and J. C. Marsh, of Dexter, were in our burg Monday.

A. O. Harper made a flying trip to Anthony Sunday.

Mr. Hobbs, one of Cone's prominent merchants and postmaster, spent last Monday night in town on business.

Mr. Jack Basit, of Sparr, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Albriton.

WATERMELONS!

Good Money in Growing Large Watermelons.

I have been planting each year for several years, from 70 to 100 acres in Eden variety of Water melons, and have made good money every year. I secured good EDEN seed to begin with and have improved them each year, by selecting my seed from only large and well shaped melons. I have them dried in the shade, which will when properly planted always come up as they are sound and full. I have 15.0 lbs. of choice seed to offer at 50c. per lb. When you send your order for seed and wish me to do so, I will instruct you how to prepare, fertilize and cultivate. Let your order come in at once. I sold the same kind of seed over S. C. Ga. and Fla. last year which gave perfect satisfaction. L. FURMAN STILL, Blackville, S. C.



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NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

The Commercial Bank of Keokuk, Iowa, closed today. A sign on the door announces that the business of the bank is to be wound up.

The Smoot case has been concluded before the senate committee on privileges and elections. As soon as a report is made the case will pass to the senate.

Prince Bittel Friedrich, of Germany, slept well and perspired freely during the night, according to a bulletin issued at 2:15 a. m. His temperature is 98 and pulse 76.

President C. T. Beckwith, of the defunct Citizens' National bank, of Oberlin, O., is reported to be in a very serious condition. Beckwith has been ill with heart trouble ever since the closing of the bank, and has gradually grown weaker.

Evan Thomas, former president of the New York Produce exchange, was killed by falling from a fourth floor window of his apartment in West Ninth street. It is supposed that he had a sudden attack of vertigo as he had complained of heart disease.

Secretary of State Hay has received a cablegram from Consul General Guder at Panama saying that with the exception of Paymaster Sackett, all the yellow fever cases on the United States cruiser Boston were much better, and that there have been no new cases.

When the Austrian steamer Auguste from Trieste and Bermuda to New York passed Navesink Highlands inward bound just after noon today flames could be seen under the steamer's bridge and she appeared to be on fire. The steamer displayed no signals, however.

In view of the alarming rumors in some quarters that a revolutionary movement is feared, Colonel Fraga, chief of police, has, according to a dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, declared the rumor to be absolutely without foundation. There is not the slightest reason, he says, to fear disturbances of any kind.

Strauss' Royal Reserve.

OCALA MINING LABORATORY.

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OCALA, FLA., Oct. 22, 1904.

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Alcohol (by weight), per cent.	36.66
Alcohol (by volume), per cent.	43.61
Degree proof, per cent.	87.10
Residue on evaporation, p cent.	0.660
Ash, per cent.	0.011
Reducing sugar, per cent.	0.237
Volatile acids, per cent.	0.027
Amyl alcohol (fusel oil), per cent.	0.073

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