

FLORIDA SOIL.

Results That Can be Obtained By Intelligent Labor.

The Punta Gorda Herald refers to the experiences of a number of farmers near Punta Gorda. To farmers from other states the statements it makes may look unreasonable. Floridians know that they are not unreasonable, that such results as are stated have been accomplished in Florida before, says the Jacksonville Times-Union.

One man netted \$500 per acre in cucumbers, another made nearly \$1,000 per acre in pineapples. This year's crop sold for more than the entire place cost him two years ago. An instance is mentioned where a crop worth \$2,000 was gathered from one acre.

As we have already stated there is nothing in any of these figures that is new. Two thousand dollars have been made from one acre in Florida before. Of course such returns are extremely rare, but they are not unprecedented in Florida.

But we doubt if there is another state in the Union where any such results have ever been attained. Florida possesses advantages that are found nowhere else.

In the first place while there is much poor land in Florida, there is also much that is as rich as any on the globe. The climate makes possible an earlier product that can be obtained anywhere else. The products of Florida can be placed on the market at a time when they are without competition except from Southern California, and Southern California products are three times as far from the markets as are those of Florida. The result is fancy price and a full pocketbook.

It is also true that the climate of Florida makes it possible to raise more than one crop a year on the same land. We think that the results we have mentioned have been accomplished without doing this, but more than one crop is possible.

We would not be honest if we let the figures we have referred to go out as the average results in Florida or anything near the average. They are exceptional but they are possible. There are plenty of men in Florida, who make a bare living. Intelligence, industry, care are as much needed here as elsewhere but we believe that a given amount of these qualities accomplishes more here than anywhere in the Union.

Those who come to Florida studying conditions with a view of making their homes here are interested in the possibilities. They need to know what can be done; what they will do will depend on themselves here as well as elsewhere.

Bad Bishopisms.

Bishop Duncan, the gentleman who is presiding over the South Georgia conference of the Methodist church recently gave a lot of what he supposed was good advice to young men just entering the ministry. He said in part: Remain unspotted from the world. Don't take God's time to work your potato patch. Don't kill the catching fish and shooting birds and a lot more of the same kind of talk followed.

All very well from the bishop's point of view but the young men who take his advice literally will never succeed in the ministry. Sinners have a mighty keen eye for sizing up a minister. They can see the man behind the minister—if the man is there to see. If there is no manhood beneath the clerical coat they will shun the wearer. A minister has as much right as any other man to sane, healthful recreation. He will feel better and preach better for his hours in the open air.

Besides this he obtains a greater hold on the affections of his people. Troubled souls seek a sympathetic and approachable friend in their time of stress. They do not fly for comfort to a walking edition of sermons bound in a high collar and a black-coat.

On just this line it seems that Bishops most often fall short. All that ever came under our observation Duncan most of all, seem to be devoid of the milk of human kindness. Fortunately bishops are mere men, whatever they may think to the contrary and their utterances are not freighted with gospel truth—or gilded importance.—Thomasville (Ga.) Enterprise.

Mr. George P. Rowell claims that the appellation of "yellow journals" came from a series of pictures called the "yellow kid," and the "yellow kid" in turn from a scene on the farm in the long ago. Mr. Rowell says: "When I was a boy the neighboring farmers' wives spun their own wool and made flannel, and the baby's petticoat was of that material, colored with the blossoms of the golden rod. Without doubt the Yellow Kid came from a memory of the custom of that period—but how many are living to whom the thought would occur?"

The Belts which Masters has for sale, are Singularly Smart and Doubly Desirable.

A recent bulletin issued by the census bureau shows that New York leads the country in charity that it supports more benevolent institutions than any other city or section. It would be strange, indeed, if such were not the case. New York is the richest and most populous city in the United States. If some other city were ahead of it in charity work, it would be a serious reflection upon New York.—Miami News.

PEASANTS ARE ON BRINK OF STARVATION

Appeal to Charitable People of America.

TO MAKE LACE AND EMBROIDERY

Political Parties Struggling for Mastery in Russia—"Black Masses" Comprise 80 Per Cent of 140,000,000 People—Want to Depose Nicholas.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Although the government is making efforts to relieve the famine in the five provinces where the crops failed last summer, the work is being greatly embarrassed by the unsettled conditions, and already pitiful tales of distress are pouring in from remote districts.

Peasants and their families are starving, and private relief is being sent. Appeals are being sent out not only through Russia, but to foreign countries. The situation in the province of Orel is very acute and the marshals of the nobility have requested the Associated Press to make a particularly strong appeal to the charitable and humanity of the Americans, whose harvests have been so bountiful this year. They ask that donations should be sent to Alexander Alexandrovitch Stakovich, one of the prominent Liberal leaders of Elets, government of Orel, care of the Northern bank of that place. The committee is arranging to institute dining rooms and bakeries where the starving Moujiks and their families can be fed during the winter and also to arrange stations for the distribution of fodder for the horses and the cattle of the farmers, the death of which would be an untold calamity to them.

The women of the district have been put to work making lace and peasant embroidery by the sale of which it is hoped to increase the funds at the disposal of the committee.

In Orel province, especially the famine promises to be much more severe than that of 1891, when the American people so generously sent a ship load of wheat and corn to the starving.

While it is impossible in the present confusion to clearly outline the various political forces which are struggling for mastery in Russia, the foreign student of Russian affairs can, with profit, bear in mind the general party divisions as at present constituted. Perhaps first of all in the order of importance, is the party of reaction, not at court, but among the nobles who believe in the old regime and among the great mass of the peasantry, who still believe that all good flows from the "Little Father," and the church, and who continue extremely hostile to the "intelligencia," which is regarded as part of the machinery for their oppression.

The "black masses," the term by which the ignorant peasantry who comprise 80 per cent of Russia's 140,000,000 people, are known, can, at any time, turn the scale. The peasants may rise, burn and pillage and murder landlords, but there is no evidence that the allegiance of more than an infinitesimal fraction turned against the emperor. In skillful hands they, therefore, always will constitute an immense influence in favor of a counter-revolution. There are two parties in which the peasantry might eventually be impressed, and which might make up the extreme right, consisting of those who will never forgive the emperor for abrogating his autocratic power. They talk of the necessity of deposing Nicholas and electing a new emperor, Prince Dolgorouki, of Moscow, one of the descendants of the rursiks, is their avowed candidate.

One of these parties was organized last April by Baron George Rosen Lagéniké, and others, who are in favor of sustaining the advocacy. The issue of the imperial manifesto, another party called the Holy Alliance, for national self-protection, was organized under the leadership of Count Bobrinski and M. Siermatieff. It summons all true sons of Holy Russia to battle for "the teachings of Christ, the emperor and the fatherland."

All the church banner bearers of Moscow's 500 churches, who alone number 200,000, have been enrolled in its ranks.

These parties might eventually sustain a military dictatorship against the revolutionary forces.

Immediately to the left of this party of reaction might be placed the moderate conservatives, who support Count Witte in the introduction of a new regime. They comprise the conservative zemstvo elements under the leadership of Dmitri Shipoff, M. Gouchkoff and Michael Stakovich, and they have organized two parties called respectively the League of October Thirtieth and the party of Law and Order, with the Novoe Vremya and the Slovo as their organs. Their platform calls for the realization of the reforms promised for the integrity of the empire and for a strong central government.

Now come the parties favoring the complete overthrow of the government—the Social Democrats, Radical Democrats, Social Revolutionaries and Anarchists. The former, by far the best organized, is in favor, first, of a Democratic republic, and the latter for the attainment of the dream of a regime of

universal socialism. The radical Democrats form a connecting link with the Socialist Revolutionaries. Their program includes Democratic republic, with a single parliamentary chamber, ministers elected from the majority of the various nationalities, full autonomy, the abrogation of all titles and ranks and the extension of the suffrage to the people.

The program of the anarchists is held a secret.

TOBACCO FACTORY DYNAMITED.

Houses and Passenger Coaches Damaged by the Shock.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 13.—A special to the Evening Post from Elkton, Ky., says:

The tobacco factory here owned by Mrs. M. B. Penyck, and operated for the tobacco trust by the American Snuff company, was blown up by dynamite at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

There was no loss of life, but the damage to the factory is complete.

There was no insurance on the plant as the insurance had only a few days ago been cancelled owing to the policy and the excitement occasioned in this locality by the tactics of some of the members of the Dark Tobacco Growers' association.

The force of the explosion was heard for a long distance. Houses in the vicinity were damaged as were also the depot and four or five passenger cars standing on a siding.

The deed is thought to have been committed by parties friendly to the Dark Tobacco Growers' association, but the latter has severely condemned such actions.

TO EMBARK IN MINING.

Miners to Enter Business on a Co-operative Basis.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 13.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners last night decided to submit a proposition to the fund of \$1,000,000 with which to embark in the mining business on a co-operative basis.

The plan outlined is to have each member of the Federation to contribute \$10. One of the benefits of the plan, the committee believes is to give employment to members of the union who are deprived of work by reason of the card system in use in Colorado and other states.

To Build New Railroad.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—A Humboldt, Tenn., dispatch to the Banner says that parties representing the Tennessee towns of Humboldt, Newbern and Tiptonville and St. Louis and other places, met at Humboldt yesterday and effected a reorganization of the old Missouri, Tennessee and Georgia railroad, a project started in 1887 to build a road from a point on the Mississippi river through Humboldt and Lexington on into Georgia. It is understood the road will be pushed to an early completion.

Mortgages to Secure Large Sums.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Within a week mortgages to secure \$7,000,000 worth of bonds have been filed in the office of the county registrar in this city. The last one was for \$1,000,000 by the American Brake Shoe and Foundry company, which has plants in Chicago, New Jersey and Chattanooga. Another was that of the Chattanooga and Tennessee River company for the issuance of \$3,500,000 bonds and another for the Carbon Hill Coal and Coke company for \$3,500,000.

Underwriters Abandon Vessel.

Havana, Dec. 13.—The Elder-Dempster liner, Angola, which grounded hard on a coral bottom while entering the harbor in a heavy sea Sunday night, has been abandoned by the underwriters. The vessel was wrecked by the rocks which pierced her hull. There is 15 feet of water in the hold, and the wheat is swelling.

Philippine Governor in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Luke E. Wright, governor of the Philippines, arrived in Washington last night and was an early caller at the war department, where he had a conference with Secretary Taft concerning matters in the archipelago. He will be present at the opening of bids on the 15th instant for railroad construction in the islands.

New Treasurer for Railroad.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 13.—Official announcement was made last night of the selection of L. W. Botts, of Louisville, as the treasurer of the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis railroad. Mr. Botts succeeds H. V. Sanders, who has been incapacitated on account of bad health.

Medical Men Meet.

Louisville, Dec. 12.—Representatives from many of the southern states were present at the opening session of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological association. The convention will continue for three days and many papers on the medical profession will be read and discussed.

Fears Entertained for Boat's Safety.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The navy department has telegraphed to Rear Admiral Thomas, commandant of the naval training station at Newport for information about the gunboat Wasp, for whose safety fears have been entertained.

CHRISTMAS, 1905.

Some of the Things We Have:

Sterling Silver Novelties.
Comb, Brush and Mirror, in Case
Manicure Sets, in Cases
Military Brushes
Cloth Brushes
Hair Brushes
Infant Brush and Comb, in Case
Shaving Brushes
Nail Brushes
Tooth Brushes
Darners
Napkin Holders
Cigar Clippers
Button Hooks and Pins
Manicure Scissors
Embroidery Scissors
Cork Screws
Baby Rattles
Flasks
Vinaigrettes

Soap Boxes
Dressing Combs
Shaving Mugs
Pocket Combs
Cigarette Cases
Curling Tongs
Shoe Horns
Puff Boxes
Vaseline Jars
Match Cases
Stamp Cases
Paper Cutters
Pencil Tips
Chain and Silver Hand-dipped Pens
Whisk Brooms
Nethersole Bracelets
Chain Bracelets
Tape Measures
Bag Tags
Pocket Knives
Blotters
Mucilage Bottles

Carving
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Cups and Saucers, etc.

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Vest Chains
Men's Gold-Filled Vest Chains
Men's Gold Fob Chains
Men's Gold Charms, with Stones
Ladies' and Men's Diamond Locketts

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SILVER MOUNTED.
Cloth Brushes
Hat Brushes
Velvet Brushes
Military Brushes
Hair Brushes

Mirrors
Nail Brushes
Tooth Brushes
Nail Buffers
Darners

Cut Glass.
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FINE QUALITY
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Fruit Bowls

LATEST CUTS
Finger Bowls
Berry Bowls

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