

FLORIDA GROWN STOCK FOOD.

H. H. Gaitskill, of McIntosh Utters a Prophecy and Tells His Experience.

The question of feed for stock in Florida is of vastly more consequence than is generally thought. I have often wished that a correct statement could be given showing the amount of feedstuff that was shipped into the State in a year. I believe a good part of this expense could and should be saved, or the money paid to Florida growers. There are more people interested in feed for horses and mules than any other class of stock, and it seems strange to me that Western hay is used so extensively when Florida makes a product superior to a great part of the hay that is shipped into the State. Good Florida hay, made of a mixture of crabgrass, cockspear grass and beggarweed, can be bought in the State at \$12 to \$15 per ton; yet the turpentine man and the sawmill man will pay \$18 to \$20 for prairie grass or inferior timothy neither of which are as good as good Florida hay. There seems to be a fear on the part of a good many that the cockspear will injure the horses. I have fed Florida hay exclusively for the past ten years, and I find my horses and mules will pick out the heads of cockspear and eat that part of the hay first. As yet I have seen no horse or mule injured. I find a few people that recognize the value of home-grown hay. Major W. R. Thomas, of Gainesville has been using it for years, and no liverman in the State has better teams. I also find Mr. J. M. Meffert, of Ocala, who does an extensive sawmill business, and also manufactures lime, using a good many teams, giving them hard work. He is well satisfied with Florida hay, and I am surprised that others do not want to save the \$4 to \$6 per ton on hay.

Corn makes a good crop in Florida. I say "makes" advisedly, as the rank and file of the farmers do but little toward helping make the corn crop; the cultivation it gets is incidental. I believe the question of stock feeds will have more attention in a few years, as there is a growing disposition to make better beef, a better hog, and better sheep. I feel that the coming Tampa fair will be a revelation to a great many Floridians; many and better home, or Florida-grown stock will be there than is thought by a good many to be in the State. There is, in my opinion, no trouble in making good beef in Florida. We have good grass; the velvet bean, cowpea and peanut all furnish a feed very rich in protein, and we can fatten our stock with less carbonaceous feed than must be used in the North, as we don't have to use any of our food as fuel to furnish animal heat.

There is some trouble about harvesting some of our crops during a rainy season such as we had last summer, but the silo can be utilized here as well as anywhere, and rain does not interfere materially with that. I hope in a few years to be able to get a bunch of Florida calves with two crosses of good beef blood in them. I want to feed them and prove to myself, as well as others, that I am right or wrong, in my estimate of a good Florida steer and Florida-grown feed. I fear it will take a demonstration of this kind to convince some of our people that we have a good business lying dormant. The three years that I have been breeding to short-horn bulls has demonstrated to me that any one with good pasture can raise good calves, and the question of feed is of but little consequence until fattening time comes. My three-quarter bred calves will compare favorably with the average grade in the South. I expect to have some at Tampa to show for themselves. Truly yours.—S. H. Gaitskill in Florida Sun.

Major Herbert to be Congratulated.
Major Sidney Herbert, the military writer of the Savannah Morning News and one of the most impartial writers whose letters we have ever had the pleasure of reading, is to be congratulated upon having passed the seventy-fifth mile post upon the journey of life.

In his letter from Pine Crest Villa, Ocala, Fla., his home, written on Saturday last he says:
"Tomorrow I shall have reached the seventy-fifth mile stone on life's long journey, feeble in body, but strong and contented in mind. During sixty years I have led what President Roosevelt calls a strenuous life in season and out of season, and yet, despite my severe war wounds of 1861, I have outlived hundreds and hundreds of my healthier and stronger associates. The secret of this lies in the cheerful spirit, and always taken proper care of my health. Long life, without usefulness and contentment, is not desirable. I count that day, when whose low, descending sun sees my hand no worthy action done."

A Fortune in Timber.

A special from Valdosta says that Mr. Strickland has sold the timber and naval stores privileges on five or six thousand acres of land and the east and west side of the Alapaha river for \$50,000. The Barney-Smith Mill at Milltown, bought the milling privileges and B. G. Lastinger & Co., the owners.

Of this land Mr. Strickland is getting at a dollar an acre and less. In a few years he has a small fortune out of the timber on the land, which will be valuable when the timber is cut away.

President Roosevelt's Tribute to the South.

"The wounds left by the great civil war have long healed, but its memories remain. Think of it, ok, my countrymen, think of the good fortune that is ours! That whereas every other war of modern times has left feelings of rancor and bitterness to keep asunder the combatants, our great war has left to the sons and daughters of the men who fought, on whichever side they fought, the same right to feel the keenest pride in the great deeds alike of men who fought on one side and of the men who fought on the other."

"Great though the need of praise is which is due the South for the soldierly valor her son displayed during the four years of war, I think that even greater praise is due to her for what her people have accomplished in the forty years of peace which followed. For forty years the South has made not merely a courageous, but at times a desperate struggle, as she has striven for moral and material well-being.

"Her success has been extraordinary, and all citizens of our common country should feel joy and pride in it, for any great deed done, or any fine qualities shown, by one group of Americans of necessity reflects credit upon all Americans. Only a heroic people could have battled successfully against the conditions with which the people of the South found themselves face to face at the end of the civil war.

"There had been utter destruction and disaster, and wholly new business and social problems had to be faced with the scantiest means. The economic and political fabric had to be readjusted in the midst of dire want, of grinding poverty. The future of the broken, war swept South seemed beyond hope, and if her sons and daughters had been of weaker fiber there would in very truth have been no hope.

"But the men and the sons of the men who had faced with unflinching front every alteration of good and evil fortune from Manassas to Appomattox, and the women, their wives and mothers, whose courage and endurance had reached an ever higher heroic level—these men and these women set themselves undauntedly to the great task before them. For twenty years the struggle was hard and at times doubtful. Then the splendid qualities of your manhood and womanhood told, as they were bound to tell, and the wealth of your extraordinary natural resources began to be shown.

"Now the teeming riches of mine and field and factory attest the prosperity of those who are all the stronger because of the trials and struggles through which this prosperity has come. You stand loyally to your traditions and memories; you also stand loyally for our great common country of today, and for our common flag, which symbolizes all that is brightest and most hopeful for the future of mankind; you face the new age in the spirit of the age. Alize in your material and in your spiritual and intellectual development, you stand abreast of the foremost in the world's progress."

Tillman's Speech.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, in support of his resolution asking the comptroller of the currency how many national banks had made contributions to political campaigns, made one of his characteristic speeches which for some time monopolized talk in Washington City.

One of the Washington correspondents speaking of the address says: He brought the subject very close to the minds and hearts of senators, and they gave him the utmost attention. As, with characteristic bluntness and grim and regardless humor, he alluded to the insurance iniquities and the "lame ducks" of the senate, and sedate members looked as though they did not know whether to laugh or cry. The speech contained so much of lamentable truth and distressing logic it could not fail to be impressive. No ordinary report of the senator's effort would suffice to convey an adequate idea of its incisive reach, its relentless mettle and its inimitable and indescribable mannerisms which arrested and held interest in every word he uttered. Tillman was at his best in voice, matter and humor. He never made a speech more apposite to the occasion, nor delivered himself more effectually.

For Senator Depew, New York's junior senator, this correspondent says there is much expression of sympathy and compassion.

No man in public life has so much lived, moved and had his being in the atmosphere of praise. He came to Washington from scenes of numerous triumphs about the festal board to seek the "applause of listening senators," and, now to hear his name companions with the lame ducks of that body in a bog of dishonor, is sad to contemplate, especially as he plainly shows the fearful stress of humiliation that may visit a bright and sensitive mind.

Mrs. Annie Martin and her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Walker returned to their home at Gainesville, Ga., Saturday, after spending a short while in Ocala with Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. J. E. Bailey. Mrs. Martin will return to Ocala later on to spend the winter.

Mr. James B. Buckalew of Jamesburg, N. J., who always spends his winters in Ocala is now at White Springs for a short visit. He will arrive in Ocala soon and will be at the Savoy hotel for the remainder of the winter season.

A TRIBUTE TO SPARKMAN.

Wants Him Returned to Congress—Very Popular in Tampa.

From an article of some length in the Tribune on the subject a day or two ago may be drawn a very correct idea as regards the congressional situation in the first Florida district. That paper's suggestion that Congressman Sparkman is entitled to a unanimous democratic renomination doubtless voices public opinion with accuracy. Coming from such a source, from a paper which preferred another candidate in the last campaign, the statement has peculiar force.

It is understood that Congressman Sparkman is a candidate for a renomination, and it is absolutely undoubted that he will be triumphantly successful. The only possible remaining question is whether the campaign will be marred by the quasi candidacy of some other aspirant, or whether it shall take the shape of a proper tribute to the character and services of a man who has deserved everything of his constituents.

In reviewing the services of the congressman for the several terms he has been in the house it is impossible to detect an instance or occasion in which he has not understood the interests of his constituents—singly or collectively—or one in which he has not safeguarded or promoted those interests as the circumstances demanded. It is not too much to say that, broadly considered, Congressman Sparkman has not made a mistake, nor ever been found lacking in aggressive and effective push when it was needed. In view of these circumstances it needs no volume of words to set out the proposition that he should be accorded a renomination without the slightest opposition. His value to his constituents and his ability to promote their interests grow with his length of service. This is a fact attested by universal experience, and it is one upon which much weight was laid by his supporters in the only campaign in which he has encountered opposition that was intended to be serious.

The people of Tampa, his home city, are especially indebted to Congressman Sparkman for his able work in their behalf, of which it is not now necessary to enter into particulars. He was fully redeemed and performed every promise he has made them, even in the face of what seemed tremendous obstacles. There is every reason to believe he will continue able and willing to extend the same good work. And this not only for Tampa, but for every corner of his district. His membership of the rivers and harbors committee will doubtless be coterminous with his membership of the house, and it so happens that right in this line lie the greatest and most imperative needs of his district and it follows as a matter of course, that his willingness and ability to serve his people will not be abridged.

The Times has no doubt that the suggestion of an un-questioned renomination of Congressman Sparkman will meet the universal approval throughout the district, and it congratulates both the congressman and people that such is the case. It brings the relations between representative and constituents to that basis which is one of perfect mutual understanding, confidence and trust, a situation in which no man is an outsider or to be disregarded, no point or port but its claims are of as much weight as any other's. In short, affairs in the first district have reached a stage of progressive equilibrium where every interest can be and is being taken care of in harmony with a similar care for every other interest. It would be the wildest folly to attempt to shatter or disarrange such a condition.—Tampa Times.

ORANGES ORDERED BY THE TRAINLOAD.

A telegram was sent to Florida from Birmingham last Tuesday, says the Birmingham News, for twenty-four cars of oranges, one of the largest orders for this fruit ever before given at one time. The telegram revealed the fact that Birmingham will handle more oranges this season than ever before, to say nothing of the increased business in apples and other fruit.

Not a single car of the record-breaking order is for a commission man in Birmingham, all of their orders having been placed. Every box will be resold to local and out of town dealers, who sell direct to the trade. In speaking of the order W. L. Murdoch said he will have handled fully fifty cars before the season is over. Commission men in Birmingham, according to C. M. McMahon, will sell no less than 100 cars, making a total of 150 cars that will be handled through Birmingham houses before the season is gone.

There are 300 boxes to the average car. The total number of cars will equal 45,000 boxes. In every box there are about 200 oranges, making a total of 4,500,000 oranges in the 150 cars.

First class oranges are selling for \$2.25 and \$2.50 per box. Estimating the average sale at \$2.25, the minimum, the traffic in oranges this winter will reach \$101,250.

All of the oranges received so far this season have been in good condition. The warm weather just before Thanksgiving had a tendency to cause a few to spoil. Commission men usually open and repack all boxes to insure the retailers from loss.

Some of the Things We Have:

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

Sterling Silver and Plated Ware
Knives
Forks
Spoons
Berry Spoons
Sugar Spoons
Gravy Ladles
Oyster Ladles
Soup Ladles
Pie Knives
Nut Crackers
Fruit Knives

Carving
Butter Knives
Oyster forks
Napkin Rings
Cream Spoons
Bon Bon Spoons
Coffee Spoons
Salad Forks and Spoons
Tomato Servers
Nut Picks
Ice Cream Slicers

Rings, in Endless Variety.
LADIES' RINGS—Set with Diamonds, Opals, Rubies, Smeralds, Sapphires, Topaz, Turquoise. Suitable for birth stones.
Signet Rings
Wedding Rings

Brooches.
Gold Brooches
Diamond and Pearl Brooches
Pearl Brooches
Diamond and Opal Brooches
Gold-Plated Brooches
Silver Brooches

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THE NEW AND NOBBY DESIGNS
Ladies' Guard Chains in gold, gold-filled and silver
Vest Chains
Men's Gold Filled Vest Chains
Men's Gold Fob Chains
Men's Gold Charms, with Stones
Ladies' and Men's Diamond Lockets

Japanese Goods.
Screens, large
Screens, small
Vases
Tea Sets
Baskets
Lanterns

Chimes
Lamps
Tea Pots
Umbrellas
Parasols
Curtains
Cups and Saucers, etc.

Special.
Sterling Silver Bowls
Sterling Silver Dessert Dishes
Tea Sets
Trunks of Silver, complete
Bon Bon Dishes
Pin Trays

Coffee Sets
Bead Fringe Gas Lamps
Bead Fringe Electric Lamps

Ebony Goods.
SILVES MOUNTED.
Cloth Brushes
Hat Brushes
Velvet Brushes
Military Brushes
Hair Brushes

Mirrors
Nail Brushes
Tooth Brushes
Nail Buffers
Darners

Cut Glass.
RICH, RARE, SPARKLING.
FINE QUALITY
Punch Bowls
Fruit Bowls

LATEST CUTS
Finger Bowls
Berry Bowls

Vases, all sizes
Wine Sets
Decanters
Claret Sets
Salts and Peppers
Celery Dishes

Oil Bottles
Water Pitchers and Bottles
Sauce, Jelly and Bon Bon Dishes
Bon Bon Baskets

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Talking Machines
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Men's Card Cases
Ladies' Card Cases
Cigar Cases

Miscellaneous Articles.
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Gold Band Thimbles
Ribbon Bobs mounted in Gold or Plate
Tea Sets
Japanese Goods
Necktie Holders, gold or silver
Loving Cups
Fern Dishes
Candelabra
Water Sets
Silver Thimbles
Poultain Pens
Pictures
Frames
Jewel Caskets
Garter Buckles
Hat Pins, gold or silver, and plate
Bread Trays
Ash Trays
Candle Sticks

Clocks and Mantle Clock Sets.
New Art Clocks
China Clocks
Cuckoo Clocks
Marble Clocks
Traveling Clocks
Marbled Iron Clocks
Bronze and Gilt Clocks
French Clocks

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Microscopes
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Glasses and Spectacles

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