

Key West Florida. A Washington correspondent of the Albany Register, who has recently returned from Florida, furnishes the following sketch of Key West and the Key Westers.

Key West is an island at the southern point of the peninsula of Florida, and belongs to the archipelago which beautify the Florida coast and the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico. It is the southernmost settlement in the United States.

It is one of the most attractive "beauty spots" resting upon the surface of the ocean with a climate more salubrious, healthful, and medicinal than any other spot upon this continent.

This town has about 3,000 inhabitants, 650 houses, 26 stores, 10 warehouses, 4 churches, (Episcopal, Catholic, Methodist, and Baptist,) court-house, jail, custom-house, marine hospital, military barracks, and a fort being constructed, on which \$300,000 has been expended, and requiring over a million of dollars more to complete it.

It has a fine brooding, coasting, and fishing fleet, and a harbor large, safe, and of easy access by different channels for ships of 22 feet draught.

The island is four miles long by half a mile to a mile wide, making an area of about 2,000 acres. It is composed of a formation of coral limestone and sea shells, with a sandy and rocky surface, and very little available soil.

We have no favors to ask. We have respect and good-will toward the people of this community, and intend to do nothing to flatter their follies, or appeal to their sympathies.

Why do we not sell our paper as cheap as the Baltimore papers are sold? This is the frequent question. We reply, because we are not in Baltimore—because a commercial city of one hundred and eighty thousand people can yield an amount of advertising custom not to be obtained in a community of forty thousand people who do their shopping in Baltimore!

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OUR SECOND YEAR! One year ago this day was issued the first number of the AMERICAN TELEGRAPH. We were then assured by many intelligent citizens of Washington that it had already been fully demonstrated that such a paper could not live here, and that ours could not exist three months; while cautious men of business assured us that if we should succeed in sustaining it, then they would give us their support!

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