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THE COLONY PLAN.

One of the approved modern ways to get immigrants, and good ones, too, is by the colonization process. Many parts of the far west, now prosperous, were settled in that way, and the plan has been highly successful in several States of the South. Baldwin county, Ala., contiguous to West Florida, a few years ago was a sparsely settled wilderness, with its rich agricultural resources practically untouched. Capital discovered it; great bodies of land were bought up and sub-divided into farms; they were quickly settled up by colonies of thrifty and industrious immigrants from the North, and now Baldwin is one of the banner agricultural counties of Alabama, and growing rapidly.

Down in Osceola county in this State the colonizing plan has been tried with such success that that county is now booming beyond any other in Florida and new people are going there in droves. Marvelous changes are taking place in Osceola, and it was the colony plan that started them.

And in our neighbor county of Columbia they have also inaugurated this plan with the promise of early and large success. An Illinois syndicate has purchased a large body of land near Lake City for colonizing purposes, and G. L. Colburn, representing the syndicate, addressed the Lake City board of trade the other night and said:

"Gentlemen, the opening of this large body of land at the door of your city will mean a great deal to you from a business point of view and we want the co-operation of the people of your city. We have just settled up a large colony over in Alabama, and the class of immigrants that we located on the lands are very desirable to the natives, being an industrious class of Germans and Swedes and the colony is in a flourishing condition. We do not sell our lands to the 'scum' of large cities, but try to locate a class of people that will improve and develop the country. Our syndicate is backed by men with millions and we are going to spend thousands of dollars in advertising this tract of land, as we do other tracts that we are now colonizing. This is no experiment with us. All we ask is for you people to stand behind us in our statement of the value and productiveness of this land. This, I feel sure

you can do without the least hesitancy, as you are familiar with its value."

With Columbia county, our next door neighbor, taking such a decisive step to settle up her unoccupied lands with thrifty farmers and thereby doing the one thing most needful to increase the general prosperity, Suwannee should feel the force of such a close example and bestir herself to do likewise. Ours is admittedly one of the best agricultural counties in the State; we have large bodies of unoccupied arable land that can be bought on reasonable terms; we need more people, especially more farmers, if we are to have more production, more trade, more general prosperity; Columbia county points the way—why not follow?

The esteemed Citrus County Chronicle, in its last issue, after a warmly appreciated compliment to the Democrat, says: "The Democrat has done more for Live Oak than any other paper ever published in the county, and we learn that a daily edition will soon be published." With reference to this we have to say that the matter of a daily edition of the Democrat is under advisement and when the time is ripe, it will make its appearance. But in saying this we are committed to no date, exact or proximate, for we really don't know, and must be governed by the progress of events to "say when." The daily can be launched on very brief notice, as the mechanical facilities of the office are ample for the purpose and there would be no delay in waiting for new or more material.

Jacksonville is to follow the excellent example of Pensacola and pay the expenses of ten farmers to be selected from Duval county and sent to the University of Florida to take the agricultural course there, to the end that they may learn farming as a science and return to their farms to put their newly-acquired knowledge into practice. And wouldn't it pay every county in Florida to do likewise? The expense would be small, and public-spirited citizens of means, might well afford to combine and raise the money in view of the large and continuing benefit that would accrue to them and the whole community by locating in each county, as object lessons to inspire all the rest, ten high-grade, up-to-date farmers—scientific students of

the soil—proud of their vocation and carrying into it the most approved methods of modern agriculture. The future of Florida depends upon the tillage of its soil, and we can grow rich or stay poor as we improve that tillage or adhere to ancient methods. It would be easy enough to find ten ambitious farmers in each county in the State who would be glad to take the agricultural course at the university if their expenses were paid, and it ought not to be difficult to find the means for that purpose, as Pensacola and Jacksonville have done.

Create or develop in a boy the desire to read good, healthful books, magazines or papers, stimulate his appetite in that direction, and the problem of that boy's future has been largely solved. It is practically certain that he will grow up a decent, intelligent, law-abiding man, hating all lawlessness and rowdyism and crime, and equipped with the mental edge and moral stamina to give him adequate resisting power against the temptations to the numberless forms of vice and wrongdoing to which the modern boy is so much exposed. Our educators

should make it a special point to encourage the reading habit in their pupils, for thereby they are throwing safeguards around their future more potent than statutes, and that may save many of them from the failure and ruin which so surely wait on the weakness of ignorance all through life.

There are signs of rising temper, the result in reckless words and, maybe, something worse, in some of the newspaper sanctums of Florida just now, and to such of the brethren as are in danger of losing their grip on themselves in this way, we commend the strong, sensible paragraph from the Scott County (Miss.) Register:

"There are some editors in Mississippi who are not very particular about their vocabularies when they want to say something mean about a man in their editorial columns. Such words, for instance, as plugugly, toady, lispittle and braying jackass, as applied to persons they do not like; rot, malodorous, trash, sloppy, slatterly, slushy, slander, as applied to sentiments not congenial to their mood. They are the last resort of the unthinking editor, whose taste is as poverty-stricken as his vocabulary."

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