

**FLORIDA TOBACCOS.**

**Cuban Filler and Sumatra Wrapper Bring High Prices.**

"The Florida grown Cuban tobacco which is just coming into prominence is regarded by some manufacturers as greatly superior to the Zimmer Spanish, being nearer to the imported Havana in appearance and quality and selling at a much higher price than Zimmer Spanish." So say Messrs. Whitney and Floyd in an account of the growth of the tobacco industry, in which occurs the following:

There are two types of tobacco grown in Florida, one from seed originally imported from the island of Cuba, the other from seed from the island of Sumatra. The Cuban seed has retained the characteristic size and appearance after being planted for seven consecutive crops, but the Sumatra seed after two or three seasons begins to assume the character of the Cuban plant. For this reason it is customary, in order to preserve the desired Sumatra characteristics, to save enough seed from the first or second crop to last for eight or ten years and to plant each succeeding crop during this period from this seed.

The Florida grown Cuban tobacco is used especially for filler purposes. Although good wrappers are sometimes obtained which closely resemble the best imported Cuban wrappers, there is a prejudice against these owing to the fact that they have considerable body, thus requiring more pounds to wrap a thousand cigars.

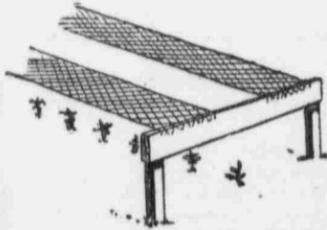
The Florida grown Cuban filler closely resembles the imported Cuban leaf in size, shape and general appearance. It has good body and aroma, although the specific aromatic quality and flavor of the best Cuban tobacco have not yet been obtained. This tobacco has taken well with the domestic trade, as is evidenced by the fact that it brings the highest price of any domestic filler leaf, a good packing of clean, sound leaves selling for 40 cents per pound. The Florida grown Cuban wrapper, although constituting a very small proportion of the crop, brings from 75 cents to \$1.50 per pound.

The Florida grown wrapper is essentially a wrapper leaf that has been highly developed during the past few years. While the first crops gave in most cases only about 20 per cent of wrappers, the proportion has now been increased to 70 and 80 per cent under the most careful methods of cultivation. This crop is so valuable that the land is now shaded with cheesecloth placed on wood frames nine feet high, and irrigation is used in addition by some of the larger planters with most gratifying success.

The Florida grown Sumatra closely resembles the imported leaf in size, shape, texture, grain and general appearance. It is extremely thin and very elastic. The most desirable sizes are 14, 16 and 18 inches. The best crops will average about 200 leaves to the pound. Two pounds will cover 1,000 cigars. This makes it a cheap wrapper for the manufacturer, even at the high price of \$1.50 to \$2 per pound. Choice selections have sold by the bale as high as \$3 and \$4 per pound, although the proportion of these very high grades is yet very small, requiring infinite care and great expense in sorting. This tobacco is all primed—that is, each leaf is picked when ripe, and great care is exercised in fermenting, grading and assorting.

**Support For Tomatoes.**

Tomatoes need a benchlike support, so that the vines can spread out to the sun and air and yet be held up from the ground. An excellent plan is



WHEN NETTING SUPPORT FOR TOMATOES, shown in the cut from The Farm Journal. A low, wooden support like that shown is placed at intervals of eight feet along the row, and across the top is stretched two strips of 12 inch wire poultry netting, leaving space between for plants to grow up through.

**Honey Packages.**

Where extracted honey can be sold to consumers in 60 pound lots not at fancy prices a wooden pail answers our purpose quite well. Enough of second-hand candy pails may be picked up during the summer at our different grocery stores to store several tons of honey. Their cost is only 10 cents, and they need but little cleaning.

I have used regular butter tubs for the same purpose. The wooden pail I would not fill until the honey is about ready to granulate. As soon as it is sold the covers may be nailed on and the net weight marked on each of the packages, when they will be ready to ship, says F. Greiner in American Bee Journal.

**A Rude Suggestion.**

Great Actress—That's an atrocious portrait! Is that the best you can do? Is there no way you can improve upon it? Suggest something.

Photographer—Madam, you might permit your understudy to sit for you.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**STATE NEWS.**

Jacksonville is to have an ice manufacturing plant with a capacity of 150 tons per day.

The next inter-collegiate oratorical contest will be held in Jacksonville on Feb 28th, 1902.

The Cedar Key Gulf Coaster newspaper has been sold by John R. Wilis to S. A. Frackler and the name changed to that of the Cedar Key Hustler.

One day last week the truck growers of Webster, Orange county, shipped to market from that place 208 crates of cucumbers, quoted in the markets at from \$4 to \$5 per crate.

Orange county has had printed a small but well gotten up pamphlet to distribute at the State Fair. Commissioner Hoffner who has worked so faithful to secure a creditable exhibit, will distribute it in the exposition building.

There will be more syrup made and more hogs killed in Lake county than ever before this year, and there will be more hay saved and corn and potatoes and other things, says the Leesburg Commercial. Of course, the times will be good.

The esteemed Kissimmee Gazette admits that the newspapers have been receiving only two-fifths of the \$30,000 which it is claimed that Comptroller Croom's ruling will save to the State and that the balance went in fees to officials. Thus we arrive at a clearer understanding. —Punta Gorda Herald.

There is a negro woman in Tampa who is only 32 years of age and weighs 585 pounds. Her name is Peck, and she is a native of that section. Several days ago she went to a dressmaking establishment on Franklin street and ordered a dress made. Her measurements were amazing. She is in good health.

"Francis Truth," the notorious "divine healer" who operated so successfully in Jacksonville some years ago, and who recently came to grief with the postoffice authorities, was finally gone under by way of the bankruptcy court at his home in New Hampshire. His real name is Bemis and his mission in life was to educate the credulous.

The marriage of Judge George P. Raney and Miss Evelyn B. Cameron took place at high noon at the residence of Mr. B. C. Whitfield on North Calhoun street in Tallahassee on last Wednesday. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served them and their immediate relatives and friends, after which the couple left on the east bound train for New York and other points.

Bishop Gray says that the communicants of the Episcopal church in his diocese of Southern Florida have increased from 1,612 eight years ago to 2,976 this year. In that time thirty-five churches and several rectories have been built, a school has been established for boys and another for girls and an episcopal (bishop's) residence has been secured. The total indebtedness of the entire diocese last January amounted to \$2,727.

The appointment of a Surveyor General for Florida will soon be made. General Scarlett's term of office expires in January. For four years General Scarlett has held this important and responsible position, and it is not too much to say that in all that time there has never been a moment when he has not discharged his duties with punctilious care and fidelity. No man in this commu-

ity stands higher, and as it will be quite in line with President Roosevelt's policy of selecting the best material available in making appointments to renew General Scarlett's term of office, we trust soon to learn that his name has been sent to the Senate for Suaveyor-General of the State for another four years.—Capitol.

Everything indicates an unusually good season for Florida. Here at St. Augustine things never looked so well. Nature has done her part with a lavish hand. Trees, flowers and lawns are in superb condition. We are ready for the host of visitors whenever they may come. Already the streets of the old city are showing the presence of the van-guard and before long the crowd will be here in great numbers. This is why we wear smiling faces and look forward to a big season with hopefulness.—St. Augustine Record.

The Florida State Normal and Industrial College at Tallahassee is flourishing beyond the fairest expectations of its friends. This college has been opened little more than a month, and although two low grades were cut off, and with them about sixty pupils, yet the present enrollment is 130, excluding the model school enrollment. Of this number 94 are in the boarding department. This department is fuller now than it has been since the death of the lamented Gibbs. All signs indicate that this is to be a red letter year of the school.

Elias Lottery, an escaped convict of Tampa, who was captured in Jacksonville last week, on his return to Tampa stated that he rode the trucks of a freight train from Tampa to Savannah while the handcuffs were still upon his wrists. He comes back now to pay the county ten months, which he still owes to make up for his crime. He escaped about one year ago, and for some time past has been in Jacksonville. He was located by letters he wrote to his wife, trying to get her to go to Jacksonville, and in the event she did not he would slip back to Tampa and kill her. This caused him to be promptly given away and caught.

And still that oil twaddle continues with unabated zest and that will o'-the-wisp hallucination that petroleum abounds in certain sections of the State hangs on with the dogged tenacity of a leech. These sporadic contagious ripples of excitement occasioned by the discovery of "oil signs" are as ridiculous as their real existence is improbable. Pensacola is just now throwing a fit on the subject, while Marion county is on the high road to recovery from the effects of a "greasy" paroxysm. Our advice to all these would be "oil centres" is: "Go way back and sit down"—and stay down.—Palatka Advertiser.

Things financially are better in this section than they have been in seven years. The truckers have made good crops, which have brought good prices, for the past two years, there is sufficient fruit this season to make it a factor in the pocketbook account of some, there is a larger area planted to truck than has been in years, with good prospects ahead, there is once more a demand for property, money is comparatively easy, there is abundance of work for all who want it, and it begins to look like those who have stuck by the old ship with grit and patience are going to be at last rewarded with a return of prosperity to this beautiful lake region.—Leesburg Commercial.

**VALUABLE Place For Sale**

**83 Acres—3 Acres Lake Front  
40 Acres in Corporate Limits of Madison.**

The home of B. F. Moseley, situated on the crest of a hill overlooking a beautiful fresh water lake, around which is an excellent drive, is offered for sale.

There are 83 acres of land in the tract, 40 acres of which are within the corporate limits of the Town of Madison. The dwelling contains 5 rooms is in good repair and is furnished with all necessary outbuildings. 40 acres of cleared land on which fine crops of Sea Island Cotton and Corn were made this year. The remaining 30 acres woodland.

The dwelling is within 300 yards of the Valdosta Southern Railway Depot and is approached through a fine avenue of oaks.

On the place are 200 pecan trees, only a few now bearing the product of which is worth from \$125 to \$150 per year. The entire 83 acres under good fence.

The land in front of the house can be sub-divided into residence lots overlooking the lake and town.

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The beautiful and valuable place will be sold cheap to cash purchaser. Title perfect.

For further particulars call on or address the owner.

**B. F. MOSELEY, MADISON, FLORIDA.**

**COGGINS' STORE FOR BARGAINS**

**I** PICKED up from the great bankrupt sales some extra values and bargains in Broadcloths, Venetian Cloth, Sewing Machine, Whip Cords, Henriettas, Brocades, Repellents, French Waist Flannels, Fancy Flannels, Gents', Ladies' and Childrens' Underwear, Cloaks, Capes, Skirts and hundreds of other things that are eye openers and will save the dear farmers money.

I will soon open up my Plaut & Marks line of Shoes for ladies and the Portsmouth line for children.

In order to make room for this large line I will sell the month of October only 200 pairs Ladies' Shoes from 75 to 99 cents per pair. 100 pairs Misses' Spring Heel from 75 to 99 cents. Mens' Shoes from 69 cents to \$1.15. These bargains unheard of in the Shoe Trade in Madison.

**REMEMBER**

I give to each purchaser of \$10.00 worth of goods a Cape. To \$15.00 purchaser a Plush Cape. \$20.00 purchaser a Jacket.

Messrs. Bunting, Bryan and old "Cracker Jack" will take pleasure in showing you the great bargains and dole savers I am offering. I farmed for half my life. If there is one thing more on earth I love better it is the eagle. Bring him to roost with the man who makes the price of the Farmer's short crop.

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