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The Volusia Sportsman's Club to Be Incorporated.

The Volusia Sportsman's Club is to be incorporated under the laws of Florida for the purpose of acquiring and developing land in the counties of Volusia and St. Johns, in this state.

Steps have been taken to procure a charter, and control has been obtained of about twenty-five thousand acres of land; of which ten thousand acres are high hammock land, and the rest is pine and lowland. As much more land, lying adjacent to that already controlled, may be obtained when desired.

The capital stock is to be \$300,000; fully paid, divided into three hundred shares of the par value of \$1,000 each. As soon as \$125,000 have been subscribed, this amount will be called in and paid for the land, and clear title obtained. The balance of the capital will be employed for building and equipping a contemplated seven and one-half miles of standard gauge electric railroad, connecting the Florida East Coast Railway with two attractive club houses, to be located about three and one-half miles apart.

The club houses are to be provided with electric lights, steam heat, telephone connections, cold storage, hot and cold baths and all modern sanitary appliances. Several camps are to be distributed through the woods, along the streams and on the ocean beach. Boats will be purchased, landings built, trails opened, and other improvements carried out to increase the value of the property and promote the enjoyment and convenience of the stockholders and their friends, whether they visit the preserve a few days or all winter.

The land includes the "Ormond" and "Bulow" grants and several adjoining properties, and is about twelve miles long and three miles wide, the nearest line being about eight miles from here. There are about six miles of ocean beach. Two streams traverse from north to south, almost the entire length of the property and empty into the Halifax river, from which launches drawing three feet of water, can reach the club railroad landing. The eastern stream varies in width from five rods to one-half mile, and at one locality expands into a lake about two and one-half miles long and

about one mile wide, which abounds in a succulent grass which is commonly known on the Chesapeake Bay as wild asparagus. This fact accounts for the large and continuous flocks of ducks which visit and remain in these waters for a large portion of the winter season.

The company land is as fertile as any in Florida. It will prolifically produce oranges, grapes, berries, and all other fruits and vegetables which ripen in the state. It is exceptionally fine land for cane and tobacco. Reliable inspectors have conservatively estimated that there are more than forty million feet of standing hard-wood timber, including oak, hickory, red-gum, maple, ash, elm, cedar and other varieties. There are also many thousand feet of the common soft woods.

The property is in the best game territory in this country; five thousand acres have been fenced and protected from pot-hunters for the past eighteen years. Deer can be jumped every day. Bear, panther, wild cat, rabbit, opossum, coon and squirrel abound. Covies of quail, flocks of turkeys and flights of curlew and pigeon can be started any time. On the water are large numbers of canvas-back, mallard, blue bill, teal, coot and wood ducks. In the marshes are found marsh hens.

The waters have been protected by special act of the legislature for the past six years from seines and nets. They teem with black bass, jack, bream and other fresh water fish, and red bass, sheep head, sea trout, and many other fish of the salt water varieties. Along the courses are found leather-back turtles and terrapin, of which the diamond back of the Baltimore variety is not only conspicuous by numbers, but fully equal in taste to the most noted of Chesapeake variety.

One club house will be particularly designed for the families and guests of stockholders; the other will be devoted exclusively to gentlemen.

No expense will be spared to make accessible nature's choicest fishing and hunting territory.

For the above information we are indebted to W. H. Peters, who is interested in the enterprise.

The Deportation of Negroes.

While those writers who find great possibilities in deporting negroes to another continent are honest and earnest, yet they are manifestly in ignorance as to what would be required to ship 10,000, 000 people across the Atlantic or Pacific ocean to another country, says the Atlanta Journal.

The ship-owning world would be heavily taxed to transport from America to Liberia in ten years, maybe twenty, if the entire time was devoted to transporting negroes.

There are some things in the world which are out of the question entirely. This is one of them. Besides, the negro is free to choose this or another habitation, but he is not financially able to transport himself, nor does he want to go abroad.

Criminals can be deported, but the experience which England had in sending convicts to her territorial possessions is far from encouraging. Australia rose in her majesty some time ago and refused to accept any longer the filthy scum of the older country, sent out to get rid of them. The criminals dragged the civilization of the country down to the level of the criminal; but you may depend upon it, the negro that is not a criminal will not be deported easily, unless he is willing to go of his own sweet will.

The United States has no penal colonies, and England, as before said, has found hers very unsatisfactory.

If the negroes are colonized anywhere, it will be somewhere in the United States, like the American Indian was colonized, in the Indian Territory. Perhaps that arrangement will work—after a fashion—but the deportation to foreign countries will not work, because nobody that is anybody in those countries wants them, and the free negroes will not go to heathen Africa because they certainly prefer to stay in this country.

The north and west could take care of some millions, if they were willing to grant to or bestow upon them what they attempt to force upon the southern people in the way of miscegenation and constant association in social life. The time has come to insist upon a practical illustration of their warm affection for the negro race. They can erect colleges in their own land and mix races to their heart's content.

This deportation idea is simply begging the question. Try something more practical as a plan for relief.

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Jacksonville Will Have Fair.

Jacksonville, in spite of the fearful conflagration, will have the State Agricultural Fair next November.

This matter was settled at a meeting of the board of directors of the Fair Association held recently at St. Augustine. It was a magnanimous action, and releases Jacksonville from its subscription of \$5,000 of the stock.

At the meeting President George W. Wilson gave a history of the work of the association prior to the Jacksonville fire; and his remarks brought out expressions of sympathy for Jacksonville, and George L. Faber offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the purpose of the board of directors to hold the State Fair at Jacksonville on the date previously named, viz., November 19th to 24th, inclusive, and that the citizens of Jacksonville are released from all obligations on their proposition to subscribe for \$5,000 of stock of the association. We deeply regret that circumstances have necessitated this action, as a result of the great calamity to the metropolis of Florida. We are, however, moved to proceed with our original plans, modified to the extent that is now unavoidable, and as an evidence of our loyalty to and our pride in the energy, fortitude and enterprise of Jacksonville, as a demonstration to the world of what can be accomplished under most adverse circumstances."

The board of directors and the people of Florida generally will now go to work in dead earnest to make the fair a grand success. There can be no gala week this year, and all interest, will, therefore center on the fair. A bill has been passed by the legislature appropriating \$2,500 for the exhibition.

Life in Florida a Sweet Song.

James A. Holloman, managing editor of the Times-Union and Citizen, while on a visit to Atlanta spoke of life in Florida to an Atlanta Journal reporter as follows:

"Oh Florida is all right. We have the only state in the country. I thought Georgia was the best until I went to Florida. There is nothing in all this country to compare with the Land of Flowers. Everybody is out for a good time and everybody gets what is wanted. The busy season is over now and we are just settling down to a pleasant summer vacation with nothing to worry us. Weather delightful; money free as the sunshine. When you get tired working for a living, just come to Florida and enjoy yourself."

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