

THE GRAPEFRUIT QUESTION.

A Plea For the Cultivation of the Old Fashioned Variety.

Mr. B. M. Hampton, of Lakemont, Fla., writes as follows to the Times-Union and Citizen to give a word of warning on the grapefruit question. He says:

My fears may be uncalled for, still I have noted for some time the trend of this question. Every now and then some one brings forth a hybrid fruit of the orange and pomelo, and as a rule it is sent out as a sweet grapefruit, and the points claimed for it are that it is not only sweet, but has parted with the bitterness of the pomelo, or grapefruit.

Now, I have sampled a number of these so-called sweet pomelos, and I must say they were an utter failure, as a grapefruit, and no good as an orange.

Now, the absence of the acid and bitter of the old grapefruit, and still retaining the looks of the grapefruit, is what I wish to call attention to.

A pomelo is prized especially for the mingling of the acid and the bitter flavors. This bitterness is nothing more nor less than quinine in its purest form, and many can partake of it in this form that cannot take it in the form of a powder as we buy it at the drug store. The ablest physicians of the times have come to recognize the good old grapefruit, with its mingling of sugar, acid and bitter, as one of the best tonics, and of all the pomelos the Florida is by far the best.

Now, understand, it's the mingling of the acid with the bitter, with just enough sugar to make them palatable, of this identical good old grapefruit, as it has been grown in Florida for years, that they want. It is these very ingredients that it now contains that causes it to sell for from \$10 to as high as \$16 per box.

It was this identical combination that caused one grower in DeSoto county to sell the fruit on fifty-six trees for the snug sum of \$5,600.

What I wish to impress on the people of Florida is, had these fifty-six trees borne any other citrus fruit but the genuine grapefruit, no matter whether it had five or six seeds or sixty, just so it was the genuine grapefruit, with all these many flavors that many boast of having gotten rid of in the new so called pomelo, or grapefruit, the grower would not have sold the fruit on these fifty-six trees for as much as good seedling oranges. It is this very tendency to produce something that looks like a pomelo, and yet lacks the medicinal qualities of the present pomelo that will bring confusion and injury to the growers of this most wholesome and excellent of fruits.

So, it does seem to my interest, and to the interest of every grower of this most useful of medicinal fruits, to see to it that it is preserved in its ancient purity.

Many have planted them, and soon they will be sold in the market as the pomelo, and presumed to be imbued with all the medicinal qualities which that name implies.

Then, after a time, it will be found that this fruit has lost the very qualities that first brought it to the notice of the physicians of the world at large, and the golden eggs will no longer fill our baskets.

So I admonish you to pause and think while you yet have the time, that in our zeal to gather the golden eggs that we kill not the bird that laid them. Now, don't think I am opposed to producing these new fruits, for I am not. But don't call them something that they are not, lest we bring confusion upon this precious gift to man, to our lasting injury and that of the afflicted of the world at large.

I came near planting a number of these so-called pomelos, and I doubt not others have done the same.

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Fort Myers Press: Prof. Moore, of the Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia, who is now at Marco making researches for evidences of prehistoric races, has written Dr. J. F. Shands to make a survey of one of the islands a short distance from Punta Rassa, which the professor says shows better evidence of a superior prehistoric race than any of the mysterious mounds that he has thus far discovered in Florida. Prof. Moore spent two years examining the mounds along the St. Johns river, and has visited all parts of Florida, being an enthusiast in the study of anthropology, and conducting these researches at his own expense for the advancement of science.

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NOT AN ORANGE COUNTRY.

A Florida Orange Grower Gives His Impressions of Cuba.

Mr. A. G. Libs, of Terro Ceia, Fla., who has lately visited Cuba, has, by request, given a write-up of his impressions of Cuba as an orange-producing country, for the Braidentown Journal-News, from which we have been permitted to publish the following:

Since the recent political turn of affairs in the island of Cuba, I have had some misgivings as to the future of that island interfering with our Florida orange and vegetable business, and it was for the express purpose of studying these conditions that I have just made a trip to that island; and as the subject no doubt will interest a good many of your readers I herein give in brief my views and judgment of the situation, collected from the trip down there. I secured the services of an interpreter, and spent four days out in the country, within a radius of thirty-five miles of the city of Havana. Outside of just a few scrubby, scrawny orange trees in the city parks, I only found a half dozen or so orange trees in all my trip, and these few trees looked anything but flourishing—just the scrubbiest kind, and didn't look as if they had made a foot of growth in several years.

Most of the few trees I saw were around old settled places, and had not had any cultivation, but I found one tree in a small tobacco patch which was cultivated, and it looked only a very little better than the uncultivated ones. I asked several old Spaniards, who said they had been there twenty to thirty years, why they didn't plant oranges, and they all said "no good, no make 'em."

Now, as to vegetables, I was looking specially after eggplants and tomatoes, and I found a good many acres planted in these products, and in every patch or field of them they were the same. The vines looked well enough, but the fruit was all little bits of things; wouldn't sell for anything in our markets. I asked where they got their seed, and some of them said from Peter Henderson, New York, and these were the same little dwarfs as all the balance that I saw; and after seeing the nature of the soil, the wonder is how these things grow at all. When it is wet the land is just like putty; when it is dry, it is just like pavement.

I came back thinking a great deal more of our Manatee county than before, and with a feeling of satisfaction, so far as Cuban competition, in lines mentioned, is concerned, as if the island was blotted off the map. I can't help feeling somewhat of a new interest in our grove—a fonder fondness for each tree—for a new intrinsic value, as it were, for our wonderful vegetable interests, which enables us to make so much from so little to start with, in so short a time. On the whole, this trip tends to bring me to a full realization of South Florida's true worth; of its wonderful possibilities; its brilliant future, and to a full realization that there is on earth but one South Florida—but one Manatee county.

Cuba is fine for sugar cane, splendid for tobacco, bounteous in her harvest of Cuban children; her landscapes are beautifully picturesque; but as far as Manatee's interests are concerned, these few words are the whole story.

The Bryan Democratic club, of Jacksonville, will use its utmost endeavors to have a primary election called, and if a convention is called they will urge the importance of it being called at an early date. There is one serious question which is also being considered, and it is whether to allow all who will be voters in the November election to participate in the selection of delegates. The county committee is said to be very much divided on the latter proposition, but it is contended that a majority of the members favor an early convention to elect the delegates to the state and congressional conventions.

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The most valuable sources from which organic nitrogen can be obtained and the substances in which it so richly exists, are dried blood, dried fish and cotton seed meal. These materials are also quickly available, because of the rapidity with which they decay when brought in contact with the soil.

Dried fish and cotton seed meal furnish a goodly percentage of phosphoric acid in addition to their nitrogen, while a fair percentage of potash also exists in the meal.

There are other sources from which nitrogen is obtained, such as ground leather scraps, horn and hoof meal, wool waste, etc. While these substances obtain a high percentage of nitrogen, they are so slow to decay as to render them unfit for the uses of farm crops.

Nitrogen in the form of ammonia is secured almost entirely from sulphate of ammonia when used for fertilizing purposes, and this is the most concentrated substance from which nitrogen can be obtained. Sulphate of ammonia will analyze 20 per cent. nitrogen, dried blood about 15 per cent. and cotton seed meal 8 per cent. All of these elements are extremely soluble in water and become rapidly available as plant foods.

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Nitrate of soda will average in analysis 16 per cent. nitrogen and differs from ammonia in that it possesses no insoluble compounds to mix with and be held by the soil constituents. It will, therefore, leach rapidly through soil if applied in large quantities, especially in the absence of growing vegetation. Nitrate of soda may be used with splendid results as a surface application to growing vegetables, wheat or oats, but should never be used under any crop where rapidity of growth is not especially desired.

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