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FLORIDA ORANGES ARE BETTER

Very Great Improvement in the Quality of the Fruit.

New York, Dec., 14.—There has been a decided better tone to the orange market this week. The receipts of Floridas have been much lighter and the trade has taken hold of the fruit more readily than at any time this season. There is still more or less complaint as to the wasty condition of considerable of the fruit but this is not as universal as for the past two or three weeks.

It is nearing the holidays now and the trade is anxious for oranges. There is no question but what if the Florida fruit could arrive here in proper condition that much better prices could be realized. Good fruit is wanted and will bring a remunerative figure, but it is hard to get the trade to show any enthusiasm for the poorer quality of fruit. The range in price of Florida fruits this week has been very wide. For the best it has not been hard to obtain \$2.75 @ \$3.50. The bulk of the fruit which showed wasty condition could not be sold for more than \$1.50 @ 2.50, according to condition. The trade looks for a further advance if there is a continued improvement in the Florida stock and it would surprise none to see the good stock sell \$3 @ 4 next week while the ordinary should bring \$2.50 @ 3.

Service given to receivers by the railroads and steamship lines still continues for from what they want and expect but show some slight improvement. Word has been received here that the railroad commissioners in Florida are going to take the matter of poor service up and start an investigation. Indignation meetings have been held in different points in Florida this week, growers complain bitterly of the service given particularly by the Atlantic Coast Line. Suits may be commenced against different roads as under the present ruling the commissioners in Florida have almost unlimited power.

As a proof of the poor service which the railroads and steamship lines have been giving, some of the growers in Florida have packed their fruit and left it in the grove for a considerable length of time. At the same time they would ship some of the same fruit packed at the same time under the same conditions north and while the fruit that was kept in the groves packed retained its good condition, the other fruit when it reached this market was wasty like the bulk of the Florida stuff which comes here. This shows conclusively that the fault is not with the fruit itself but is the service given by the transportation lines. Receivers feel that it is time that the Interstate Commerce Commission was taking a hand in this matter and see if some way could not be devised whereby the transportation lines could be stopped from ruining the business of the Florida growers. Freight rates are high enough for good service and there is no reason why this should not be given. Most of the trouble is with the southern lines as the P. R. R. delivers cars here in good time after it gets them at Alexandria.

The arrival of California oranges are very light. The stock as yet is hardly good enough for the best trade to take much interest in the fruit. A few cars have sold this week and some of them had been out 20 to 25 days. Even with this long time in transit the fruit arrived here green and spotted. The cars have averaged from \$2.30 up to \$3. As high as \$4.15 was realized for a few boxes of large size fruit but there were not a great many of these. The bulk of the fruit has been running to small sizes.—New York Fruit and Produce News.

A Western Wonder.

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Christmas Numbers.

We have received the Christmas editions of the Times-Union, Metropolis, and Palatka Times-Herald, all of which are profusely illustrated and are credits to the newspaper fraternity of Florida.

Florida East Coast Railway

Local Time Card No. 67. In Effect September 16, 1906.

SOUTHBOUND—READ DOWN.				NORTHBOUND—READ UP.			
No. 99 Daily	No. 29 Daily	STATIONS.	No. 78 Daily	No. 98 Daily			
8 00pm	9 20am	Lv. Jacksonville	7 25pm	8 55am			
6 00pm	9 20am	South Jacksonville	7 15pm	8 47am			
7 20pm	10 40am	St. Augustine	6 15pm	7 45am			
7 50pm	11 10am	Titusville	5 21pm	6 48am			
8 05pm	11 35am	Titusville	5 20pm	6 47am			
8 25pm	12 00pm	Lv. Palatka	4 55pm	6 05am			
8 45pm	11 10am	Lv. Palatka	5 45pm	6 55am			
9 25pm	6 15am	San Mateo	0 25pm	5 15am			
9 05pm	12 31pm	Lv. Bunuel's	4 30pm	5 38am			
9 14pm	12 40pm	Dupont	4 23pm	5 30am			
9 05pm	1 15pm	Ormond	3 56pm	5 02am			
10 05pm	1 34pm	Daytona	3 45pm	4 48am			
10 15pm	2 00pm	Port Orange	3 35pm	4 37am			
10 35pm	2 00pm	New Smyrna	3 15pm	4 15am			
11 10am	4 44pm	Lv. Lake Helen	1 00pm	6 15pm			
11 25am	4 55pm	Orange City	12 45pm	5 50pm			
11 40am	5 00pm	Orange City Junction	12 45pm	5 50pm			
10 45pm	2 10pm	Lv. New Smyrna	3 48pm	4 05am			
11 10pm	2 40pm	Oak Hill	2 40pm	3 52am			
11 51pm	3 15pm	Titusville	2 03pm	3 00am			
11 10am	5 50pm	Lv. Sanford	11 55am	6 30pm			
6 30pm	11 55am	Lv. Sanford	5 50pm	11 00am			
11 51pm	3 15pm	Lv. Titusville	2 05pm	5 10am			
12 21am	3 51pm	Cocoa	1 24pm	2 22am			
12 34am	3 54pm	Bookledge	1 20pm	2 18am			
1 04am	4 22pm	Eau Gallie	12 47pm	1 47am			
1 15am	4 30pm	Melbourne	12 37pm	1 37am			
1 55am	5 10pm	Sebastian	11 52am	12 52am			
2 48am	6 00pm	St. Lucie	10 58am	12 08am			
3 05am	6 15pm	Fort Pierce	10 50am	11 50pm			
3 30am	6 37pm	Tibbals	10 17am	11 17pm			
3 55am	6 41pm	Eden	10 13am	11 13pm			
4 05am	6 45pm	Jensen	10 08am	11 08pm			
4 15am	6 47pm	Stuart	10 00am	10 50pm			
4 20am	6 51pm	Hobe Sound	9 54am	10 20pm			
4 40am	7 25pm	West Jupiter	9 45am	10 09pm			
4 55am	8 10pm	West Palm Beach	8 45am	9 30pm			
5 45am	8 41pm	Boynton	8 20am	9 01pm			
5 55am	8 50pm	Delray	8 12am	8 50pm			
6 45am	9 40pm	Fort Lauderdale	7 25am	7 59pm			
6 57am	9 47pm	Hallandale	7 19am	7 50pm			
7 05am	9 55pm	Lemon City	7 05am	7 35pm			
7 35am	10 20pm	Miami	6 48am	7 14pm			
7 50am	10 30pm	Miami	6 35am	7 05pm			
8 00am	10 30pm	Miami	6 30am	7 00pm			
10 30am		Homestead		12 30pm			

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2 00pm	10 10am	6 10pm	9 00am	Lv. Jacksonville	7 45am	12 30pm	5 30pm
2 05pm	10 15am	6 15pm	9 05am	South Jacksonville	7 37am	12 22pm	5 22pm
2 40pm	10 50am	6 50pm	9 39am	Pablo Beach	7 05am	11 50am	4 50pm
2 45pm	10 55am	6 55pm	9 44am	Atlantic Beach	7 00am	11 45am	4 45pm
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Ar KEY WEST	Wednesdays, Sundays... 1 00pm	Ar KEY WEST	Thursdays... 8 30pm
Lv KEY WEST	Wednesdays... 8 00pm	Lv KEY WEST	Thursdays, Mondays... 9 30pm
Ar HAVANA	Thursdays... 6 30am	Ar MIAMI	Fridays, Tuesdays... 5 00pm

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Ar HAVANA	Tuesdays, Saturdays... 6 30am	Ar KEY WEST	Tuesdays, Saturdays... 8 30pm

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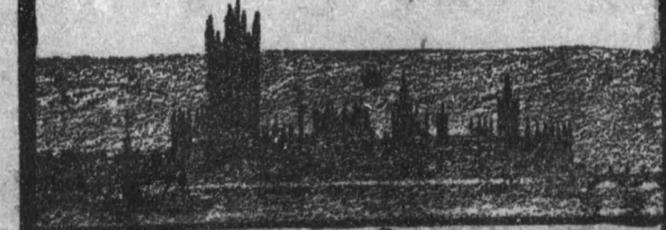
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