

CONDENSED HISTORY

THE name, WINTER PARK, was given to a section of country in Orange County, Florida, by Oliver C. Chapman and Loring A. Chase, of Chicago. A history of this section for years previous to their coming would be of extreme interest could it be written. It would tell of its occupation by the Seminole Indians; of Osceola, their wonderful chief, and the choice of his camping ground, with his own tepee on the bank of Lake Maitland, at a spot now occupied by "Alabama," Mr. W. C. Temple's beautiful residence. Their totems still remain on some of the trees in this vicinity, one especially on a cypress tree on the grounds of Mr. C. H. Morse, near Lake Osceola.

The town of WINTER PARK is located in the northern part of Orange County, Florida, on high, rolling ground, the water courses dividing on either side, west for the Gulf of Mexico and east for the Atlantic Ocean.

CLIMATE.—The climate is the best to be found anywhere. We quote from a systematic and carefully kept account of years by Mr. W. C. Temple, "Alabama Lodge." The average Winter temperature is 60.65; Spring, 70.09; Summer, 79.59; and Fall, 69.86, an average for the year of 70.04.

These conditions make the climate of WINTER PARK equal to that of any part of the country. The nearness of that great ocean-river, the Gulf Stream, causes the trade winds of the Atlantic to sweep over the land each day, purifying the air and preserving it from stagnation and sultriness.

Surgeon-General Starr, in the *London Times*, says:

"After thorough study of the climates in different parts of the world, and a two months' stay in Florida, I am prepared to make the statement that, in the interior of the State of Florida, on the high pine land, is to be found as pure, balmy, invigorating an atmosphere as on any part of the globe."

SOIL.—The soil is mostly that of high pine land, but rich hammock land is found. Both the high pine and the hammock respond quickly to the gardeners' care, and will yield the best of crops. Several things are needed in Florida: money to buy, a knowledge of the soil, right fertilizer, common sense, and irrigation. The last two are most essential. Apply all these in right proportions to the soil of WINTER PARK and you can raise what you please, keeping your table supplied nearly the year around with all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Orange County is the second county in Florida in citrus fruit culture, and no land is more suitable than that of WINTER PARK.

WATER SUPPLY.—The water supply is abundant and pure. No stagnant water is found in any of the lakes and streams. The town has installed a water system, drawing the supply of water from a deep well and furnishing the town from a fifty-thousand-gallon tank, one hundred feet high. This gives a good fire protection, within reach of the water supply. The town has one thousand feet of hose, and a volunteer fire company.

GOOD ROADS.—There are about twenty miles of hard surface roads in the town, connecting with the roads running north and south. The county has voted to lay a central line of brick roads running from north to south, which will pass through WINTER PARK, and lateral clay roads in every direction, so that the roads of Orange County and WINTER PARK will be second to none. There is a vast difference between the Florida of twenty years ago, with its deep sand roads, and that of to-day.

HUNTING.—The man who enjoys the hunt will find all he can ask for within easy reach. Deer, foxes, squirrels, wild turkeys, ducks, geese, and game birds of all kinds, especially quail, abound.