

N. C. Carolina Opportunities Better Than In Florida

Raleigh.—Opportunities in North Carolina "agriculturally and otherwise" are now "far superior" to those available in Florida. Frank Parker, crop statistician of the Department of Agriculture of this state, declared after completing a seven months survey of Florida.

Mr. Parker's comment, however, was not meant as any disparagement of Florida. "There is a real basis for Florida's reputation," he declared; and he paid tribute to the beauty of the flora and the "absolute, delightful" climate.

But Mr. Parker pointed out that North Carolina has as much diversification, east and west, and Florida has, north and south; that the mountains of the western half of this section are rapidly coming to be almost as important in a tourist sense as is the east coast of Florida; and that "outside the fruit industry, Florida offers very little in comparison with North Carolina" agriculturally.

"Florida," pointed out Mr. Parker, "is the most talked of state in the union. One the one hand are those who are enthusiastic and optimistic over its possibilities; then there are the others who knew it as a balloon and that it is already over-due to burst. After having spent a part of seven months traveling over Florida for the particular purpose of studying its possibilities and probabilities," Mr. Parker has come to the conclusion that "there is a real basis for Florida's reputation, and one worthy of study." He advances this conclusion, not as "propaganda, but merely as an honest opinion.

"The only way to understand it all is to go see, study carefully and make comparisons. One must look beneath the surface of any widely advertised situation to learn true conditions. There is an old saying that where there is smoke, fire will usually be found.

"Florida really has much to offer but she has dangerous as well as good opportunities. It is good state to offer inspiration and belief in the possibilities of real estate development. Far sighted men may, to good advantage go there and get ideas, carry them back to their home-towns and improve their natural surroundings advantageously.

"Her biggest word-factor and the most unanswerable argument advanced is that of 'climate.' Of course the best climate is that to be found in the southern half of the state and particularly nearer the southern end. As may be expected, even the climate is exaggerated. North of Palm Beach, it takes considerable 'nerve' to 'enjoy' lake and surf bathing in the winter, but the climate and flora is absolutely delightful.

"Most critics immediately advance the idea that there is no real basis for Florida's phenomenal rise, in real estate values that she has no basis industries nor agricultural development, outside a limited citrus indu-

try; that she is too far south and isolated from the rest of the United States to develop other than the agricultural industry, and this industry offers its best opportunity where the cheapest lands can be bought. Thus outside of a limited trucking and citrus development, Florida has little to offer in an actual agricultural development, as compared with North Carolina, in the peninsular part of the state.

As a matter of fact, going into the state from either Valdosta or Jacksonville, one may drive for miles, through country after country, and see very little more than abandoned farms and cost and cut over land. The abandonment is largely due to the rise in real estate values, causing most farmers to take more interest in land selling than in crop growing.

"Thus it is evident that outside of the fruit industry, Florida at present offers very little in comparison with North Carolina. That she has great possibilities there is no doubt, but there is little probability of agriculture developing extensively in the peninsular area within the next few years.

"Until the advancing boom hits the northern counties heavier, agriculture will still remain a large factor there. Hamilton, Madison, and Swain counties are rapidly growing important as tobacco counties. Melons, peanuts, potatoes and other similar crops may be grown to great advantage from Lake City westward, with pieces of farm land reasonably in this area.

"Of course the climate is temperate, with occasional freezes. Along the southeastern coast, area, where reports are most prominent, the agricultural industry is of minor importance and is rapidly making way for resort purposes. As a banana bonanza, there is no hope the southern end, from St. Lucie county southward.

"It is difficult to compare agriculture in the two states, as both have their peculiar advantages. North Carolina has as great diversification as does the real agricultural section of Florida. She is nearer to markets and has her agriculture very much

better developed. With the exception of a few North Carolina coastal counties, agriculture is more or less uniformly spread over the state.

"There is not the discontented and real estate speculative interference that exists in Florida. We have a much better immediate local marketing opportunity especially in the summer time. Our climate is not sufficiently severe to really offer a drawback. We can grow many fields and garden crops throughout the winter. With the improved roads, the winter weather does not interfere with travel on the highways, so that farm people can get to and from town with comparative ease.

"Florida offers a wonderful diversification from north to south, but North Carolina offers an equal variation from east to west to take care of many of the attractive features in the subtropics. Without a doubt, our mountains are becoming a strong summer competitor with Florida's winter attractions.

"It was noticed that perhaps fewer North Carolina automobiles were in Florida than most any other state. It was thought by many that the main reason for this was due to the content that people in North Carolina have as a resistant to the reputation of Florida law.

"Certainly those really familiar with the situation feel that the opportunities in North Carolina, agriculturally and otherwise, are now far superior to those available in Florida."

A stout woman drove up to a filling station.

"I want two quarts of oil," she said.

"What kind heavy?" asked the attendant.

"Sixty young man, don't get fresh with me," was the indignant response.—Petroleum News.

Seizure (to colored sentry): "If anything moves you shoot."

Sentry: "Yes, sub, an' if anything shoots at me."

The flivver driver starts a joyride on a pint of oil and a quart of corn.



Back Under OLD MANAGEMENT THE COLONIAL HOUSE Mr. J. M. Davis Has Moved Back And Is In Charge. REMODELED AND RENOVATED. Board and Rooms Just Like Home. Address South Washington Street.

Build Up Your Health With DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY If You Would Avoid COUGHS, COLDS, GRIPPE. A Tonic which Dr. Pierce prescribed when in active practice 60 years ago. In Liquid or Tablets, at your Dealers. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial pkg. Tablets.

BILIOUS ATTACKS From Which Kentucky Man Suffered Two or Three Times a Month, Relieved by Black-Draught. Lawrenceburg, Ky.—Mr. J. P. Nevins, a local coal dealer and farmer, about two years ago learned of the value of Theodor's Black-Draught Liver medicine, and now he says: "Until then I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month. I would get nauseated. I would have dizziness and couldn't work. I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple of three times, then I would be very constipated. "A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything. "It seemed to cleanse my whole system and make me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of 'pep' and could do twice the work." One cent a dose. NC-161. BLACK-DRAUGHT LIVER MEDICINE

BUFFALO BILL ROCK NOW IN DENVER BANK

Mystery About Bad Luck Diamond, Gift From Kaiser, Is Finally Cleared

Denver.—The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Buffalo Bill's (William F. Cody) famous scintillating blue-white diamond has been cleared up with the announcement here by State Bank Commissioner Grant McPerson that the gem reposes securely in a safety deposit vault of a Denver bank.

Much excitement prevailed when it was reported from Greeley that the 3 1/2 carat gem, presented to Buffalo Bill, America's great plainsman, by former Kaiser Wilhelm had disappeared and in its place a glass stone had been discovered.

Fear that the jewel had not only been stolen, but that its possession was resulting in a beautiful influence similar to other famous "hoodoo" gems of history, was heightened by the stories emanating from Greeley in connection with ownership of the Buffalo Bill diamond, valued at \$7,500.

The fetish of bad luck was presented to America's noted scout and Indian fighter many years ago. Shortly before his death Buffalo Bill presented the prized possession to Cody Boal, a nephew, living near Greeley. At that time Boal was enjoying prosperity, but friends declared he met with continual reverses following ownership of the jewel, and several years ago hypothesized the diamond at the Northern State Bank of Greeley as security for a loan.

Loan Never Paid The loan was never paid and the bank was in possession of the beautiful diamond for about two years when the institution failed.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotab, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either. One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

Snake Oil

STOPS PAIN From coast to coast men and women are singing the praise of "Snake Oil," a most powerful, penetrating pain relieving liniment. It will penetrate thickest sole leather in 3 minutes. Mrs. B. Werner, New Orleans, La., writes: "Thanks to your wonderful penetrating oil, it relieved me of Rheumatism and deep seated chest cold after other remedies failed." "I had rheumatism so bad I had to walk on crutches for nine years," says H. C. Hendrix, old soldier of Minneapolis, Minn. "After three months' treatment with 'Snake Oil' laid off my crutches and now can walk like a boy." J. B. Moore, Pittsburgh, Pa., railroad man, says: "Snake Oil" is the only liniment that ever gave me relief from rheumatism. I use it regular after being exposed to bad weather." For rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, stiff joints, pain in back and limbs, corns, bunions, chest colds, sore throat, "Snake Oil" is said to be without an equal. Refuse imitations. This great oil a golden red color. Mfg. only by Herb Juice Medicine Co., U. S. A. Get it, your druggist's.—(Adv.)



PASTEURIZED MILK Whole Cream Buttermilk Butter Get It Fresh Every Day From The New Milk Station. SHELBY MILK PLANT PHONE 125 Coleman Blanton, Proprietor.

quidation recently advertised an auction sale at which assets of the institution were to go to the highest bidder. The Cody prize diamond was listed amongst the assets.

Well county officials, noticing the "ad" regarding the Cody diamond, investigated and discovered they had a claim upon the precious stone, inasmuch as taxes upon it had never been paid by Cody Boal.

C. J. Looney, a deputy treasurer of Weld county, took the diamond to a jeweler for appraisal and was dumfounded when he was told that in the setting which once held the perfect 3 1/2 carat diamond was only a piece of cheap blue white glass.

State Bank Commissioner McPerson explained the mystery in Denver when he announced that original gem was taken from the Greeley bank and placed in a safety deposit vault in Denver, "as a matter of precaution." A counterpart of the flawless diamond was made from glass.

Pedestrian: "Say, you missed me." Motorist: "Well, stand still and I'll try again."

There's small choice. When a road is cleared of all other hazards, there's a speed cop.—Flivver Sam.

He: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." She: "Then suppose you rule the world for a while; I'm tired."—Sea Bag.

Taxi Driver: "Not yet, but I reckon I will at the next turn—my brakes have gone flooie."—Passing Show.

5 Beautiful Flowers Free! Write for Hastings' Catalog You can get 5 packets of seeds of 5 different and very beautiful flowers free. Hastings' 1926 Seed Catalog tells you all about it. Hastings' Seeds are "The Standard of the South." They give the best results in our Southern gardens and on our farms. Hastings' new 1926 Catalog has 112 pages in all, full of pictures from photographs, handsome covers in full colors, truthful, accurate descriptions and valuable culture directions. We want you to have this catalog in your home. It tells all about Hastings garden, flower and field seeds, plant and bulbs. Write for it today. A post-card request brings it to you by return mail. H. G. HASTINGS CO., SEEDSMEN, ATLANTA, GA.

DEAD?

Call 194 For Battery Service Willard Batteries

GASOLINE? Call 194 Standard Gasoline

BLOW-OUT? Call 194 Vulcanizing, Seiberling Tires.

WASH? Call 194 Auto Laundry. Greasing, Polishing. Just Call—We Start.

IDEAL SERVICE STATION J. Reid Misenheimer, Manager, Shelby, N. C.

Bobbed Hair on Wane Boston.—Bobbed hair is going out of style and the "monkey cut" no longer is in favor, in the opinion of members of the Ladies Hair Dressers' Association of New England, Inc., who are in annual session here. "We are advocating long hair in keeping with the general trend of fashion," said Miss Elizabeth Olin, of Worcester, president of the association. The so-called monkey cut has not helped the bobbed hair vogue. Of course the bob will not be entirely discarded but will be camouflaged for many occasions. Helen, of Troy; Cleopatra, and the Egyptian women, the most beautiful the world has even seen, used the beauteous methods that are in use today. We have simply improved their methods. They wore bobbed hair, changed to the monkey cut and then returned to long hair. The style cycle is apparently still operative.

Passenger: "Driver! Driver! Have you lost your senses?"

How do girls so unerringly select the kind of bob they shouldn't? Marriage is successful only when it transforms the word "I" into "we."

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

JUST TRY HAVA-REXA BEST 5c CIGAR

ASK FOR Colonel Shelby CIGARS 5c, 2 for 15c and 10c

INSURANCE

Immediately after a fire or a death you think of insurance. Very nice if they had it. A pity if they did not. Then why wait if you are not properly insured. We write all kinds. We make loans. Phone 200 for your Insurance Wants.

THE M. P. COLEY AGENCY ROOMS 15 AND 16, ROYSTER BUILDING. SHELBY, N. C.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY COMPANY Arrival and Departure of Passenger Trains at Shelby, N. C.

Lv.	No.	Between	No.	Ar.
4:50	16	Monroe	Rutherfordton	16 4:50
12:27	15	Rutherfordton	Monroe	15 12:27

Schedules published as information and are not guaranteed. E. W. LONG, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C. or H. A. HARRIS, Local Ticket Agent

Blue Ridge Ice Cream Made in Shelby from Cleveland County Milk Products. Fancy Molds And All Flavor Combinations. When its Ice Cream use "Blue Ridge." SHELBY ICE & FUEL COMPANY —PHONE 182—

ECK & STEPHENS Certified Public Accountants Gastonia, N. C. Systems — Audits — Investigations. Income Tax Specialists.

PIGGY-WIGGLY Fresh bunch turnips. Spinach, Carrots, Turnip salad, Kale Green cabbage, New Irish potatoes, Tokay Grapes, No. 2 can Tomatoes, three cans for a quarter. No. 2 1/2 Can Wau-tauga Saurkraut, 14 cts. can. Dromedary Dates 21 cts. package. Sun Maid Raisins, all kinds, 13 cents package. PIGGY-WIGGLY

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic Invigorates, Purifies and Enriches the Blood, etc.

Fine for catarrh when melted in a spoon or snuffed up the nose and vapors inhaled.

Head and Chest Colds Relieved in a New Way A Salve which Releases Medicated Vapors when Applied Over Throat and Chest.

Inhaled as a vapor and, at the same time absorbed through the skin like a liniment, Vicks VapoRub reaches immediately inflamed, congested air passages. This is the modern direct treatment for all cold troubles that is proving so popular in Canada and the States where over 17 million jars are now used yearly.

Splendid for sore throat, tonsillitis, bronchitis, croup, hoarse and chest colds, catarrh, asthma or hay fever. Just rub Vicks over throat and chest and inhale the medicated vapors. It quickly loosens up a cold.

VICKS VAPORUB OVER 21 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY ATWATER KENT RADIO YOU can take OUR word for its performance ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY