

# Fort Lauderdale Growers

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Dr. J. J. Harris of Sanford, the veteran, but hustling newspaper man for the *Palm Beach News* is doing some excellent work for that newspaper by visiting and writing up the various towns in the county and at the same time adding large numbers of subscribers to the already fine list which the *News* has.

In the last number he has some very interesting notes about Ft. Lauderdale and her people which we take the liberty of partially reproducing for the information of the *Metropolis* readers.

Fort Lauderdale is located on the FEC Railway about 25 miles north of Miami, and right on the banks of that beautiful stream New River, which is so convenient for the transportation of the thousands of crates of vegetables and which are every year grown on the large bodies of unexcelled farming lands lying along its banks, of the nativity, time of residence here and acreage of the leading growers, mention is made of the following:

L. W. Marshall is a Georgian, has been in the state eight years, and is pleasantly located with his family on the margin of the river. He has about seven acres in squash and cabbage, and will put out, of the various market vegetables, about 50 acres. Mr. Marshall, being an experienced grower, will doubtlessly in the future, continue to make money, as he has heretofore.

M. A. Marshall, Georgian, has a farm on the river about three miles from Ft. Lauderdale. He states that the Osceola Fruit and Vegetable Company, of which he is a member, will put up at Ft. Lauderdale, at an early date, the largest and best equipped packinghouse on the East Coast.

A. F. Null and Sons are Missourians by birth. This is Mr. Null's first effort at truck growing, he having spent the 12 years of residence in this state at carpentering, his trade. He and the two sons will put in seven acres and are hard at work. The father, mother and two sons live on a houseboat anchored in front of their farm.

V. F. Young, H. J. Harby, S. S. Moody and A. E. Cannon, all Floridians, will cultivate in partnership 15 acres of muckland in cabbage, eggplants and tomatoes.

W. H. Marshall, who is the justice of the peace, is a Georgian by birth. He has not determined his exact acreage, but will plant tomatoes, eggplants, etc., in connection with T. J. Wilson, also a Georgian.

J. M. Bryan, Florida, nine years on East Coast, 10 acres of tomatoes and two acres of potatoes. Mr. Bryan says he has made money.

V. M. Craig, Florida, and J. W. Keever, North Carolina, will cultivate in partnership four acres, principally tomatoes. They are both bachelors, but don't think they will continue such long.

J. W. Braddock, Florida, four years on East Coast — six acres of tomatoes.

B. B. Raulerson, Florida, four years on East Coast — six acres of tomatoes.

G. A. Dasher, Georgia, D. Raulerson, Florida, W. Raulerson, Florida, two, four and one-half acres respectively.

A. J. Wallace, North Carolina, has been on the East Coast eight years, having come in advance of the railroad. Has two acres in pineapples and will plant six-eight acres in vegetables.

A. H. Butts and W. E. Butts, Floridians, young men, and brothers, have but lately arrived and are now living in a houseboat. Will plant four acres in tomatoes.

S. A. Moore and son W. R. Moore, of Massachusetts, are cropping in partnership and have a large area of the very best quality muckland in tomatoes, eggplant, etc. Their crop is the most advanced seen in the trip. They are shipping tomatoes and will ship eggplants soon. It is difficult to conceive of anything more superb than Mr. Moore's crop.

Mr. M. C. Goodwin of Missouri is trucking as well as boat building and carpentering. He has been in the state 24 years and has never been sick a day.

F. C. Fisher, Florida, will plant five acres.

W. L. Bracknell, a South Carolinian, came here eight years ago in advance of the railroad. With himself, there were about eight persons on New River then. He has been trucking ever since the railroad came, and will put in 10 acres this season. He owns a fleet and well-constructed launch which he will use in his business.

C. L. Mattox, a Georgian, will plant five acres; Will Rouse, Florida, 10-15 acres; J. G. Farrell [Farrow], Georgia, 5-6 acres. The last three persons the writer did not see, but was given the above data by neighbors who spoke of them as energetic, successful growers.

Mr. F. R. Oliver, manager of the firm Oliver and Company, is a North Carolinian by birth and came to the East Coast eight years ago, in advance of the building of the railroad. The Company has already planted 10 acres, now in a thriving growing condition, and will put in 20 acres more of prairie land and 25 acres in muck. In cooperation with P. N. Bryan, the Company is constructing a tram road, which will extend from the river to Mr. Bryan's orange grove, passing through the Company's lands and about one mile of muck, and will greatly benefit other truckers besides the builders. Mr. Oliver has been quite successful, has a nice home in Ft. Lauderdale, and is hopeful of the future. He thinks 300 crates of tomatoes on prairie land and 500 on the muck is about the average yield.

J. H. Smith, Florida, a late arrival, will plant three acres.

D. F. Howell, a North Carolinian by birth, is the efficient and accommodating agent for the FEC Railway at Ft. Lauderdale.

E. T. King, Georgia, has been on the East Coast eight years. He is a contractor and builder and trucks as a sideline. He has been conducting the donation dredge work in Little River, New River, Cypress Creek and Hillsboro River. Mr. King looks upon this work as of great value, like so many others that have been fostered by Mr. Flagler.

C. B. Rawlins, Florida, has been on the East Coast two years. He is a carpenter, working with Mr. King, and also carries on a truck farm of about five acres.

Mr. Frank Stranahan, who is one of the most energetic and useful citizens of Ft. Lauderdale, is an Ohioan by birth. When he came to New River 10 years ago there were only two settlers there. He does an extensive mercantile business and has just completed a store near the depot, 32x75 feet, with a capacious hall above. He is the postmaster and will move the office very soon to his new building, where it will be much more convenient to the patrons. Ft. Lauderdale is fortunate in having so enterprising and public-spirited citizen as Mr. Stranahan.