

Saturday night the 19th, we boarded the midnight train at Ogden and went southward to Trabue, the coming city of the South.

We found the train crowded with passengers mostly engineers with their surveying corps, approximately some 50 or more, en route for the newly projected & widely discussed City of Naples for the purpose of surveying it - that future most southern city on the mainland of Florida. We were pleased to meet among the Naples boys many friends and acquaintances from our old home.

Their experience in this section will be novel & altogether strange, but we trust they will enjoy it & come out "top side up with care".

The Naples enterprise is a gigantic one & will involve & necessitate the expenditure of heavy sums of money, but the financial & business standing of its founders is a guarantee of its success. It is an inviting field for the investment of money.

AT PUNTA GORDA: We were surprised to observe at Trabue the first of the week, the material development & marked improvement that city has undergone within the last month. Its growth has been almost phenomenal, springing as it has, with an incalculably short period from its primitive condition of wild woods into almost a city.

The magnificent hotel being built by the railroad company and nearly ready for the reception of guest, with its fine, commanding location, directly on the waters of Charlotte Harbor and with the symmetrical perfection of its architectural work, is a credit and an ornament to any city in the South. Many good and substantial business houses are also springing up like magic and the value of property is doubling and trebling every day.

Shipping is increasing daily, the bay being at all times dotted with sails, and with its dual transportation facilities - by water and land - we may confidently expect to see there, at any early day, a city of expanding commercial importance. So note it be.

C. G. JOHANSON, CHAS. ISGREN JOHANSON & ISGREN, proprietors of the Arcadia Saw & Planning Mills, rough and dressed lumber of all kinds, constantly on hand, also laths, pickets, etc.

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C. E. REED & Bros., Bartow, Fla. Sash, doors and blinds. Paints, oils, etc., hardware, crockeryware, tin and sheet-iron work.

City Barber Shop, GEO. W. HOWELL. Shaving, hair-cutting & shampooing. Clipping a specialty. Photographs: Will also be pleased to do all kinds of photographing. Next door to SIMMONS & CARLTON, Ft. Ogden, Fla.

Mr. W. THOMPSON, of Fort Myers, presented to the editor of the "Press" a rutabaga weighing ten pounds, as evidence of the success of that vegetable in the sandy soil of Florida.

J. H. NUTT, plasterer and stucco worker, Bartow, Florida.