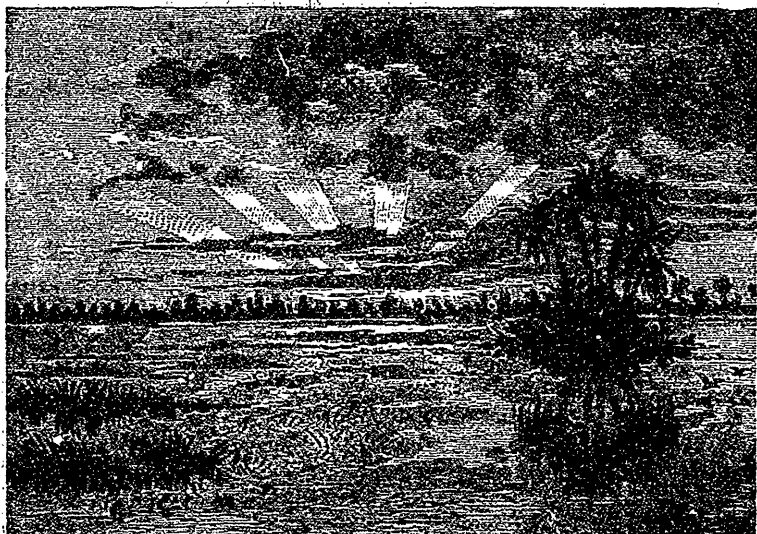


Railway, the great trunk line of the South, controlling nearly 3,000 miles of road, has within two years extended its iron arms so as to connect Jacksonville and New Orleans, the two chief centres of population and travel in the South. Midway between these places is De Funiak Springs. The lake, which is situated in the centre of the grounds, is one of the most remarkable bodies of water that I know. It is a perfect circle with uniformly sloping shores. It has no inlet or outlet, and its waters, sixty feet deep at the centre, are crystal clear. It occupies the



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highest ground in the State, 270 feet above the Gulf of Mexico, and is thus free from the malaria of the low lands. It is surrounded by forests of pitch pine, whose resinous odours are said to be exceedingly beneficial to weak lungs. The salt sea breezes, tempered by blowing through twenty miles of this pine forest, have a remarkably tonic effect. The climate is exceedingly mild. The Le Conte pear, peach, apricot, fig, quince, grape and berries are raised equal in quality, it is said, to those of California. The grounds are magnificent, 260 acres surrounding the lovely lake of which we have spoken. At night, when illuminated with a score of blazing camp fires, it looks like fairy-land. The programme covers over a month, and embraces lectures, concerts,