

NEW ORLEANS.

It seems but fitting in connection with the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Fruit Growers' Association, to give our readers some idea of the appearance of this city, and of its horticultural productions as they appear in the last days of the month of February. The thermometer during our stay ran up as high as 78° in the shade, and continued so warm during the night as to

make the room uncomfortable unless the windows were fully open and the fresh air allowed free entrance. Yet we found that sudden changes of temperature were by no means exceptional here, for within twenty-four hours the thermometer fell fully forty degrees, and we were awakened in the night by such a change in the temperature as required the closing of the windows and looking up of heavy blankets in order to



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our physical comfort. Yesterday light clothes were almost a burden, to-day our woollen wraps and overcoats scarce make us comfortable when exposed to the chilling wind which prevails. Notwithstanding this, vegetation seems to come forward, and the fig trees are putting forth their leaves. The broad-leaved evergreen trees, which are very abundant here, give a summer-like appearance to the public squares and gardens which would look nearly as bare as our own without them. The Japanese plum trees, as they are called (the Mespilus), are now laden with fruit,

some of which is already ripe, and the trees of the bitter orange, which are planted for ornament in the public squares and on many of the streets, are loaded with golden fruit which contrasts beautifully with the dark green of the foliage. The accompanying engraving is a picture of the Carrollton gardens in New Orleans, in which will be seen specimens of palm, banana and yucca, from which our readers will at once perceive that the climate in its greatest severity must be mild indeed, compared with the frost which we experience. The avenue by which we