

***St. Cloud Tribune*, 1, no. 8 (October 28, 1909).**

The American Eagle, published by The Koreshan Unity, at Estero, Fla., says in its issue of Oct. 21: "We have received two copies of the *St. Cloud Tribune*, a new weekly publication emanating from the old soldiers' colony which is now being established at St. Cloud, in Osceola Co., Fla. The two issues received contain lengthy and most interesting illustrated articles by Ezra J. Stewart, descriptive of the Shaker Community, a thriving little colony adjacent to the new town of St. Cloud. The text and illustrations of Mr. Stewart's articles form a most convincing argument as to what may be attained in a material way through earnest application in Florida, the sunny land of golden opportunity. *The St. Cloud Tribune* is a handsome little paper, ably edited, and we bespeak for it the full measure of success which it deserves."

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The Shakers have put out two more acres of bananas. The plants already make a good showing, and if all goes well they will gather a profitable crop next season.

***St. Cloud Tribune*, 1, no. 9 (November 4, 1909).**

A Tribute to Benjamin Gates.

Editor *St. Cloud Tribune*: The Shaker Colony at Ashton, Florida, has recently been notified of the passing from this life of Benjamin Gates from his home at the Shaker Community, Mount Lebanon, New York, in the early part of September. Brother Benjamin was a prime mover in the selection and purchase of the Shaker estate near St. Cloud, in Florida, and was for several years a well known figure in Osceola County. After many years of unceasing devotion to the interests of his people, during which time he occupied the responsible position of Senior Trustee of the United Society of Shakers, this man of large ability and absolute integrity has passed on to his reward at the ripe age of 92 years. During the dark days of the civil war and afterwards for a considerable period of years Benjamin Gates was unusually active in extending succor and assurance of friendship to many an unfortunate man crippled in health and finances as a result of that memorable contest. Many a struggling man has been started on the road to success and fortune in business; many homeless men and women were helped to secure comfortable homes through his financial ability and his practical friendship. For years Brother Benjamin