

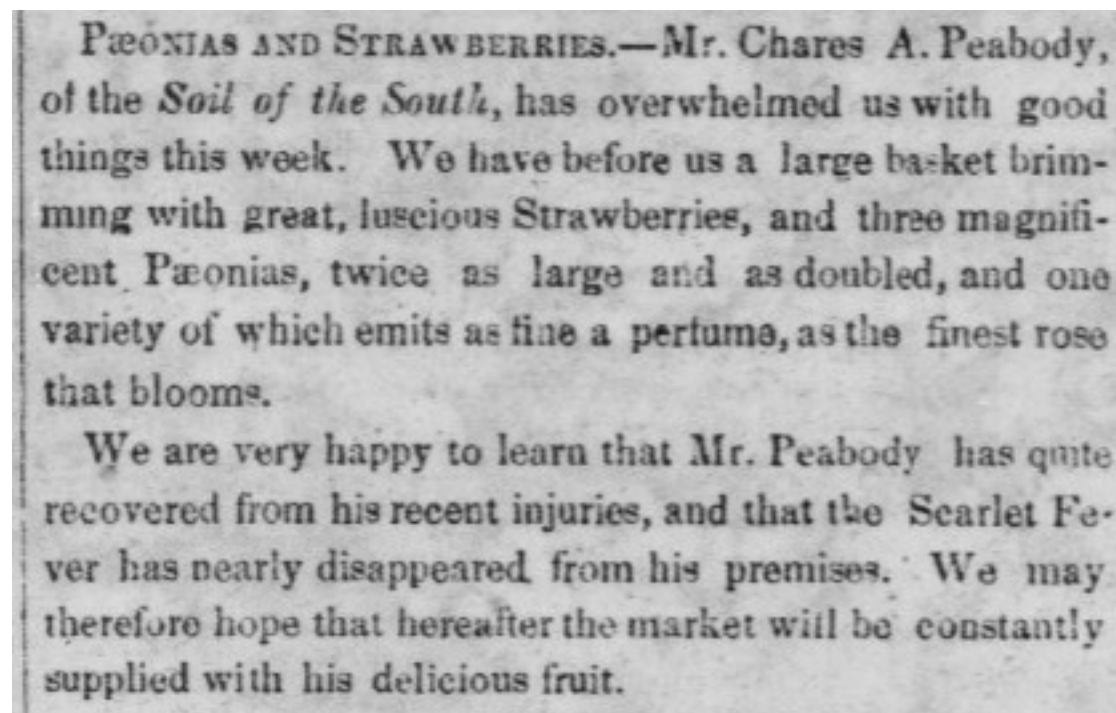
Today in Columbus History: Mention was made in the May 9, 1855, issue of *The Columbus Times and Sentinel Tri-Weekly* of strawberries grown by Charles A. Peabody, editor of "The Soil of the South," a well-known horticultural/agricultural newspaper that was published in Columbus (1851 – 1856). Peabody (born Connecticut in 1810) was the uncle of famous American philanthropist George Foster Peabody. The Peabodys had moved to Columbus in the early 1830s; Charles actually lived in Russell County, AL, where he pursued his passion for horticulture – experimenting with a wide variety of fruits, flowers and crops. Peabody's Hautbois Strawberries were one of his best-known creations. They were shipped as far away as New York City – and always received rave reviews. The accident referred to in the article happened in March 1855, when Charles was thrown from his buggy.

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