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For the CENTER DAMOCRAT

A Line From De Land, Florida.

I believe I promised you, and I certainly owe you this much, to send a line to your paper from my new home, in the south. To your townsman, my esteemed friend, F. Potts Green, Esq., and to dother loved ones in your neighborhood-I have written some letters, still an open letter in your columns will be read and enjoyed by many of my acquaintances with whom I cannot possibly hold pri. vate correspondence. Besides yours is a necespaper and what I have to write will be news to most of your readers. Would you credit it? Florida is a new country, at least this part of the state is putting on a new life and has a new his-

My journey hither by steamship from New York by rail from Fernandina, by river boat from Jacksonville up the majestic St. John's, was quite interesting. I could interst your readers with details of the journey, but I would just state that on the sea, land and river, I enjoyed myself hughly, in fact traveling has

to me a great charm, always. Havir z decided to locate near the city of De Land, we bought a ten acre home a little outside the corporate limits, which run a mile every way from the center of this new and thriving city. The coun, try, the weather, (thermoneter ranging from 70° to 80° day by day,) the emerald orange trees studded with apples of gold, he productiveness of Florida soil, which seems but a bed of sand, the flowers that are budding daily in the open air, the mocking birds carol their weird song, the spontaneity and rapidity with which vegetables grow even at this season, the business' air and rapid advance of our city, the new buildings springing up on every hand, the young groves and olde. ones east, west, north and south of us are than a dozen in view from our ver endah, all and each of these marvels would furnish material for a letter of ome length and with novelty equal to a novel, One thing I would emphasize just here, viz: Orange cultue, in these parts, is no longer an experiment, this se'l not only will produce oranges but is calculated to improve vastly, the imocted varieties of European or tropical fame. This orange belt produces fruit richer and more luscious than any known part of the globe! Hereabouts thus early, the growers are not satisfied with me kinds, but are ambitious to secure in best varieties of oranges. Hermosasas and magnum bonums and areadias sat mas and tangerines or kid gloves that oil not the most delicate kids by being handled, and many others are plenty in the groves around us. No wonder the people are flocking in from every state of the Union, and that the spacious sleamboats on the St. John are so over Trowded. When we came up, in Novem. ber, there were over 250 passengers on our boat. As a proof of the confidence of capitalists in this orange business, I may state that only the other day Mr. D: Land paid \$30,000 for the Gillan property, about a half-mile from my home; and persons already assert that a couple of years hence he will doubis his his money invested there. This gentleman owns many a mile of this seed heap and knows that it pays. I stood lately in a grove, with trees most ly but 5 years old from budding, and the owner being asked on what terms he

would sell, said "\$50.00 per tree would not tempt me at all." A gentleman standing near observed, "why should it? "a a few years hence each tree will pay the interest on four times \$50.00." As to climate, just a word. It is wonderful to note the effect on persons very far zone as you would say. A lady who traveled with us from New York, had to be carried into the Grove House who a we arrived and was for a long while quite insensible. It was remarked that she had come to die here. The fact

however, is that in a little time she got to house keeping for herself and husband, and does her own work. People herea-bouts are wont to say "we sell you this c'imate, the land thrown in!" True an cimate, the land thrown in!" True an occasional "northern" sends the cold chills over man and nature; we had one of these two or three weeks ago, just for a day or two; the bananas were injured but the citron family stood it well. The tenderest leaves of new shoots, which comes out on most of the 400 trees in our grove, week atter week all winter, did not turn color even. In lower lo-calities these young leaves were mani-

festly the worse for their coldship.

I must stop here lest I tire patience and trespass on the limits of your newspaper. Some future day I may send paper. Some future day I may send your readers, many of whom are my personal friends, some facts and figures bearing on orange culture. Wishing you, and through your paper, all there abouts to whom I may be known a very happy New Year. Very truly,

E. EDWARDS,

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More Raids on the Treasury

It is estimated that the various raids on the Treasury already sketched for the Forty-eight Congress would wipe out all the surplus and leave a considerable balance on the opposite side of the public account. At the head of the list stand the bills for the purchase of ground and erection of public buildings in many appropriations for about twelve million dollars. The bills for the improvement of rivers and harbors already cover six cause of education several schemes have been introduced for appropriating sums ranging from ten million to fifty million dollars a year. Then there is a considerable array of bills for creating new departments, bureaus and commissions, involving an increase of the army of the Treasury.

Of the pension, back pay, bounty and bill proposes to give a pension to every soldier who served three months in the no doubt. Union armies, without regard to the bounty jumper or not. Another provides for the issue of five hundred million dollars in Treasury notes for paying to soldiers and sailors the difference in Democratic convention this year will Various sorts ask appropriations estimat. Luncuster Intelligencer. ed at not less than twenty five million dollars. Florida wants two hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars in about fifteen million dollars out of the of Indian hostilities.

generosity of the Government. Most of them have grown out of the civil war, 110.595 spindles is exhibited, whi but some have come down from a former generation. The heirs of Richard W spindles and 22 mills. In 1880 the val-Meade claim nearly two million dollars, at the South was a little over \$21,000,000 principal and interest, due from the Spanish Government since 1819. Ben between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000 Holliday's claim for carrying the mails is another "old soldier," but by no 000,000 has been invested by new and means of as ancient date. The book old Southern cottou mills in machinery agents of the Methodis t Episcopal the bulk of which has been paid to Church South renew their claims of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for property used or destroyed in Nashville during the civil war. Besides, there are many demands upon the Lowell, Mass., January 5-[Dispatch Treasury for drawbacks and rebates of to the New York Tribune] .-- Arthur Le-

several million dollars. Some of these claims on the Treasury long ago. Some of the bills are for ex. penditures that are expedient and necessary for the public interests. But most of them are based on the assumptions that the treasury of the Govern ment is inexhaustible and that the people are never so happy as when paying taxes to swell the surplus. These and when Stafford started for the are great mistakes. In the last election | woods they had pligthed their troth. are great mistakes. In the last election for Congress the purpose of the people | On December 31 Stafford left the camp to cut down the unnecessary revenues not by wasteful appropriation but by rephilanthropic or patriotic guise they are presented .- Phila Record.

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The State Conventions.

the Republican party in this state has been so unmistakably for Blaine's nomination for the presidency that the suppression of that preference by the delegation to Cincinnati in 1876, and the still bolder, though less successful effort to defeat it at Chicago in 1880, very naturally excited protests which resulted in new party rules intended to prevent the easy success with which the Stalwarts have heretofore overridden the popular wish of their party. In the making of these rules, by both national and state authorities, however, there is a concurrence which may give the wily politicians of the party an opportunity to manipulate the election of its delegation to the presidential convention in like manner as heretofore. Under the national rules the state convention must be called "not more than 60 days before the national convention," which postpones it until after April 4; while under the state rules, adopted by the last Republican convention of Pennsyl vania, 60 days notice of the state convention must be given in order to have time for choosing delegates to it, and it must be held thirty days before the national convention, which would fix cities and towns of the country, asking the time of the state convention at a date between April 4 and May 4, which is very convenient to the powers that be. As all the district delegates are meanmillion dollars, with several States and time to be chosen by district confer-Territories to be heard from. For the ence, conventions or county committees, and as a good deal of work is to be crowded into a brief period, the more dexterous politicians will shear the lambs again. The chief duty of the next Republican state convention will be to select six delegates at large and a candidate for Congress man-at-large. office holders and large expenditure to As Mr. Brosius' candidacy was not crowned with election, though he ran ahead of Beaver or any body else on the prize money bills there is no end. One ticket the nomination of his party for speaking of the reported possible terthe same place will be conceded to him,

The Democratic state committees will organize for the coming year; at the same time the time and place for the next state convention may be chosen:the interest. Bills to pay State claims of candidate for congressman at large .-

Cotton Mills in the South.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.-The Baltimore full settlement on account of Indian Manufacturers' Record will publish towars. Another bill provides for a re- morrow an article showing the remarkacomputation of all accounts between the ble increase in cotton manufacturing United States and Pennsylvania, Vir. interests of the South during the last ginia and Maryland growing out of the three years. The Manufacturers' Record war of 1812. Still another bill proposes gives the name and location of every to credit each State with its quota of cotton mill in the South, with the numthe direct tax of twenty million dollars ber of spindles and looms in each. The under the act of 1861, which would take figures as thus compiled show that there are now 314 cotton mills in the South, Treasury. California, Oregon, Nevada having 12.761,422 spindles and 24.873 and Nebraska have all claims on account looms, while at the time the census we, taken in 1880 the South had only 180 There is a swarm of private claims of mills, with 713,989 spindles and 15,222 every description upon the justice or looms. The largest increase in the number of mills was made in North Carolina, where a gain of 43 mills and the manufactured cotton produced The Record figures up that during the last three years and a half about \$29, Northern and Western machinery

Found In A Bear's Embrace.

grand Stafford, who claimed to be a natural son of the Earl of Dupraven, landed in New York from an Inman are just, and should have been paid steamer the latter part of November. At the St. Nicholas Hotel he met sporting Southern men, and they decided to go to Maine hunting and fishing. On the way they stopped at Bangor, Me., where Stafford made the acquaintance of a New York lad Both became desperately smitten, with his rifle, for a stroll. Shortly af ter a hard snowstorm set in, and duction of taxes, was most emphatically Stafford did not return, and his comexpressed. The present is therefore not panions went to find him. They were a favorable Congress for the success of unsuccessful and returned to the Treasury raids, no matter under what camp about midsight. Early in the morning of January 1 they again set out. About three miles from the camp they found Stafford in the firm embrace of a she bear, and both were frozen. A knife was sticking in the left shoulder of the bear. A short distonce away a half-grown cub, with a knife wound in its heart, was discovered. The guide said Stafford, had atacked the cub first, and was then set upon by the bear. Stafford's companion went to Bangor and told the story to the young lady. She lost her reason and is now in a desperate condition, She will be sent to the Elmira Asylum

The Story of Jacob Staley

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> Huntingbon, Jan. 9 .- In June, 1874, Jacob Staley, then a resident of this city, left a note informing his wife that he was tired of living and had deter. mined to end his life, and that his body would be found in a designated spot in the Juniata river. A vigorous but ineffectual search for the body was instituted which lasted several days. His father, who lived in a remote township in this county, soon afterwards died. leaving money to the amount of \$30,-000, to be equally divided between his widow and the issue of Jacob Staley, jr., in the case of the latters death. The wife of Jacob Staley, jr., who mourned her husband as dead, having previously moved to the West, no trace of her whereabouts could be obtained. It has since transpired that Jacob, who having rather tired of his importunate creditors than his life, did not commit suicide but surreptitiously decamped West and entered the regular army. His wife soon joined him, and having no children of their own they adopted a son. After eight years had elapsed Mrs. Staley re. turned East with her adopted son, and the court, presuming her husband to be dead, placed the legacy of \$15,000 in the hands of a guardian in trust for the son, who has been expending the income for his education. Word was yesterday received from Jacob Staley, the foster father, who was declared by the court to be legally dead, of his exist ence and intention to return and prose cuteshis claim to his father's legacy. The result of the issue is looked forward to with intense interest by the legal fraternity and the community.

Pullman Palace Cars.

Pennsylvania railroad officials in mination of the lease of the Pullman Palace and Parlor Car Companion, say that the lease does not expire until question whether he was a deserter or meet in Harrisburg on January 23, to May, 1885, and that the matter has not as yet been considered, though it is not improbable that something of the kind may take place, and at any rate some radical modifications will be made value between the depreciated money also be made interesting by the selection the present agreement. The Penn paid and gold, together with 8 per cent. tion of six delegates at large and the sylvania Railroad Company proposes to try some experiments, and will con struct two or three parlor cars of an improved kind at its own shops in Altoona. These the company intend to put on its own lines and ascertain just how cheaply they can be run, as well as their cost, and a comparison will then be made between the expense of these and the Pullman cars. A car is n w in course of construction, the entire sides of which are of glass. Should it be decided not to renew the will build all its own Should it be "center in the lease the compa." will build all its own sleeping cars, securing one of the best of the many patents now in the market, its own drawing room coac. "es and

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