

Letter From Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 24, 1873.

DEAR ADVOCATE.—The "merry month of May," as you see, is well-nigh spent. The month opened with the time-honored custom of May-parties, and "Queen of the May" coronations; and her little majesties the "Queens of the May" are quite numerous hereabouts just now.

Our city is looking forward to a time, in the not distant future, of prosperity and rapid growth. Any one taking a cursory view of the situation of Jacksonville cannot avoid the conclusion that at no distant day it is destined to take rank among the chief seaports of our Atlantic seaboard. It is situated twenty-five miles from the mouth of the St. Johns river and the Atlantic ocean, and is the central point in the State for shipping to the North and the foreign markets of the world. Nothing then, but the apathy of its population can retard its growth, and so far as our people are concerned, though not rich, yet they are of the kind that build up waste places and make deserts blossom; the kind of people that made our great Western wilds bloom as the rose and gave to the world such villages as Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and other villages of like note in an almost incredibly short time. But it may be that you are ready to ask just here, "what reason have you for supposing that Jacksonville, Florida, will, at no distant day, be a city of more than magnificent dimensions?" You should be ready always to give a reason for your expectations. Well, to our answer: First, the location of the place and the enterprise of its people, as referred to. Nature has pointed out the place just as she has the locations of the old and the new, the ancient and the modern world. There is not now a city of commercial importance in the world that began its career of city existence under more favorable auspices than the city of Jacksonville. Nature has fully and effectually done her work in the location, while our people are determined to take advantage of the work so completely done by nature.

But it may be said "there is no working capital there, and without capital there can be no results," the reverse of this is the verdict of history. The old adage, "where there is a will there is a way," is demonstrated in the existence of every city on the globe, nature first laying the foundation of every great city, and the determined will of man finding the way for the full development of what nature has begun. Capital never has, and cannot in the nature of the case, build up and make great cities. If this were so, there would not be a city of any magnitude on the globe today. Capital is the effect of a cause; the cause being nature in the beginning, the energy of man co-operating with nature a result is reached, and that result is capital. New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Brooklyn, St. Louis, and other great cities of this and other countries now have capital, not so, however, in the beginning. Now there is no good reason for supposing that the people of Jacksonville, now building on nature's foundation, differ in any way from those who began and built on like foundations where New York now stands, we may reasonably expect similar results. Again every city is great or small in proportion to the foundations laid by nature, no more, no less. Our second reason for the hope that is within us as to the future of Jacksonville, is the presence of the St. Johns river, one of the noblest on this continent. This, however, might be more properly termed the first of our one and only reason, to wit: the natural lookout. This noble river drains a region of country, which, for soil and products of soil, is excelled by no other of like area on the face of the earth, and with its tributaries is navigable for nearly one thousand miles. This river rises in the cypress swamps, and is directly navigable three hundred and five miles above Jacksonville or three hundred and thirty miles above its junction with the ocean. One hundred miles above this city the Oklawaha is navigable for steamers a distance of more than one hundred and seventy-five miles above its junction with the St. Johns, in a southwesterly direction. The great orange, lemon, banana, fig, cocoa-nut and guava region of the Indian river now and ever must, make the St. Johns river their highway to the markets of the world with the luscious products of their soil. The distance between the St. Johns and Indian rivers at the nearest point of approach is from six to ten miles and can be easily united by canal.

You have doubtless seen the account, and made note of the proceedings of a Convention of Western Congressmen at St. Louis recently. Well the men of that convention came together without regard to party, and, strange to say, they did not say a word about the fitness of any one for President, or any position in the political field; not even a word about the Louisiana and Arkansas muddles; but they were busy, nevertheless, discussing a topic just now very interesting to every one, but the Western and Northwestern farmers are especially interested, and what do you think that topic was? Why, really, it was the transportation of grain to our Eastern markets. Railroad companies, you knew, have a queer way of charging farmers three fourths the value of farm products for transportation, that is, if the farmer can get \$1.00 per bushel for his wheat these accommodating railroad companies charge seventy-five cents per bushel for carrying it to New York or some other Eastern market. Well, when these Congressmen met they discussed the practicability and feasibility of being independent of railroads as a means of transportation for the farmer and the manufacturer, or use them only in proportion as they abandon the grab-all scheme they have now so wisely (in their estimation no doubt) laid. There is a route now projected that will accomplish this result, and is known here as the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal, extending from Lake Pochartrain along the Gulf coast behind the reefs to the Chatahoocie river in Florida, thence across the State of Florida to the St. Johns river at Jacksonville. The work of making this canal will consist of not more than eighty miles canal digging and about sixty miles dredging, at a cost of not more than six millions of dollars. Thus a canal for the largest Mississippi steamers and grain barges to make continuous trips from St. Louis and the West and Northwestern agricultural districts to the Atlantic coast, without breaking bulk, and afford the farmer the facilities for transporting his grain to our eastern markets at a cost not exceeding eight cents per bushel. To this work the Granges or Farmer's Association of the West and Northwest, the Mississippi Grain Barge Company are pledged, reinforced by a foreign company that to-day can command sixty millions of dollars. This work is a fixed fact, and its completion not far dated. This great work completed, and the grain and stock producers of the West, and the cotton and sugar producers of the South and Southwest come together concentrating at this point the fruits of their toil, to find their way out by means of ocean steamers to the markets of the world. An expenditure of a few thousand dollars will put eighteen feet of water on the St. Johns bar at the mouth of the river at low tide, making the river navigable for the largest vessels, steam or sail, that run the ocean. But more by and by.

Should you feel interested in the temperature of our Florida weather I would say that the thermometer is only at 94° Fahrenheit.

Yours truly,  
Q in the Corner.

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL POISONS WITH THEIR ANTIDOTES OR REMEDIES.—Oil of Vitrol, Aqua Fortis, Spirit of Salt—Magnesia, chalk, soap and water.

Emetic Tartar—Oily drinks, solution of oak bark.

Salt of Lemons or Acid of Sugar—Chalk, whiteing, lime, or magnesia and water. Sometimes an emetic draught.

Prussic Acid—Pump on back, smelling-salts to nose, artificial breathing, chloride of lime to nose.

Pearl-ash, Soap Leas, Smelling-salts, Nitre, Hartshorn, Sal Volatile—Lemon juice, and vinegar and water.

Arsenic, Fly Powder or White Arsenic, King's Yellow or Yellow Arsenic.—Emetic, lime water, soap and water, sugar and water, oily drinks.

Mercury Corrosive Sublimated, Calomel—Whites of eggs, soap and water.

Opium, Laudanum—Emetic draught, vinegar and water, dashing cold water on chest and face, walking up and down for two or three hours.

Lead, White Lead, Sugar of Lead, Goulard's Extract—Epsom Salts, castor oil and emetics.

Copper, Blue-Stone, Verdgris—whites of eggs, sugar and water, castor oil, and gruel.

Zinc—Lime-water, chalk and water, soap and water.

Iron—Magnesia, warm water.

Herbaceous, Hemlock, Nightshade, Foxglove—Emetic and castor oil, brandy and water, if necessary.

Poisonous Food—Emetic and castor oil.—Paine's Practice.

Dobbs thinks that instead of giving credit to whom credit is due, the cash had better be paid.

The application of a cloth saturated with chloroform, has been found effectual in curing the bites of a rattlesnake and a moccasin in Woodruff county, Kansas.

The will of a resident of Middlesex, Delaware, recently deceased contains the following clause: "And I bequeath to my son John the sum of one dollar, with which to buy a rope long and strong enough to hang that Irish wife of his."

Mercantile Appraisal.

Following is the report of the Mercantile Appraisal of Elk County for the year 1873:

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