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TO ADVERTISERS AND EDITORS.

THE NEWS-HERALD has the largest circulation of any daily newspaper published in Florida, and is ready at all times to prove the assertion by submitting books and subscription lists to competent and disinterested parties.

Why does the DeLand Weekly News, L. H. ELDRIDGE, Editor, reprint editorial paragraphs from the NEWS-HERALD and fail to credit them? That is the question.

We wish to call attention to this familiar and forcible outpouring of a poet's better nature: No king, no clown Should rule this town.

THE Memphis Avalanche thinks that it is better informed than the NEWS-HERALD on the subject of Jacksonville's wants. If the Avalanche could move to this city and get people to agree with it on this point, it would grow healthy, wealthy and wise.

REV. MR. CULPEPPER, the popular evangelist who has stirred up quite a revival in Jacksonville, remarked in his sermon on Tuesday night that there was a large per cent. of every business, profession, and avocation, in school, and he thought, considering their limited number, the preachers would show up quite as large a proportion as any of the others.

SECRETARY FAIRCHILD recommends the establishing of efficient quarantine stations on the gulf coast of Florida. Unless the extra session of our Legislature is called and a board of health bill passed at once, no authoritative testimony can be laid before Congress in this matter.

A NEW YORK lady, recently removed to Jacksonville, whispered to her marketman yesterday to inquire if he had any undressed turkeys. "Yes ma'am, I have," he blurted out, "but why are you so secret about it?" "Ah, excuse me," she replied with a smile, and in her natural voice, "I'm just a bit absent-minded, and was thinking I was in New York, in Mr. Comstock's neighborhood."

THE difference between tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum still exists. Here is Dr. McGLYNN, for instance, preparing to make a European trip, and only a few months ago nothing on the face of the earth, not even a Papal mandate, could move him to cross the ocean.

Jacksonville wants an extra session of the Legislature called to amend its charter. As it is not for the whole State, will Jacksonville pay the expense of such a session.—Palatka Herald.

Jacksonville doesn't want an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose named; but even if she did, there is no possible reason why she should pay the expense of the session. This city bears her proportion of the expenses of the whole State government and has a right to secure her share of the benefits.

WHILE the attractions of St. Augustine as a charming winter resort are constantly being added to, the condition of its streets are simply unendurable. If something is not done for their improvement its popularity will be seriously impaired.

SOME CURIOUS COMMENTS. It is amusing as well as edifying to read the comments of Republican statesmen on the President's message.

Senator PLATT, who has never been known to miss running a reporter down to give the world the benefit of his wise conclusions, said he didn't know whether he wanted to express an opinion or not.

Senator SPOONER pronounced it "a free trade essay," and was "glad to see 'em show their hand." When he has a chance to reflect upon the rapid growth of tariff reform sentiment in his own State (Wisconsin) he will possibly entertain an entirely different view.

Senator PADDOCK calls it "a big card for the Republicans." Of course; very. The limp and lackadaisical TELLER who

hasn't the spirit of an empty water bottle, and whose speech is as heavy as an un-wringing dish-rag, says that the message is "a very weak document."

So much for the Republicans. The Democrats, with the exception of the loud-voiced JOE BLACKBURN, pronounce the message one of the ablest ever delivered to Congress. We can imagine but one reason why this especially fine delivery is "not for Jo." It's too brief. It always takes the roaring rip-snorter from the Blue Grass region about five minutes to say, in his ornate and florid style, that "two and two make four."

Senator CALL pronounces it "a very able document," and in this estimate the Democrats of the country will unanimously concur.

THE PRESIDENT ON THE BIG SURPLUS.

The financial nerve is the most sensitive in the business systems of the world. The arts and sciences may languish, commerce may become deranged through an unequal adjustment of supply and demand; the people may be taxed until they protest against the extortion, and our legislators still remain deaf to their appeals. But when taxation exhausts the currency till there is not enough of it left to move the crops or to supply the actual necessities of commercial exchange, the administration becomes burdened with the responsibility of furnishing immediate relief or surrendering its great official trusts into other hands.

THE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE. There is a big difference in the policy of the NEWS-HERALD as compared with that of the Calumity Liar's Own. Here are summaries placed side by side to facilitate comparisons:

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gravely jeopardized if they were committed to the care of a set of officials numbering so many incompetent and undesirable men.

As we said yesterday all the candidates are not objectionable; but the few really good men on the ticket cannot atone for the shortcomings of the majority.

In view of these circumstances it would seem that the duty of the Democrats is quite clear. There have been factional quarrels heretofore in the city and county ranks, and it was the knowledge of this division of opinion in the party councils which first gave hope to the schemers who have put forth the composite ticket.

The interests of the city have been seriously imperiled as a direct result of these factional quarrels, and we trust that all Democrats will now bury the hatchet.

Every one of them should make strenuous efforts to induce united party action. Give us a Democratic ticket and the NEWS-HERALD will help to elect it.

THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. The Jacksonville board of health yesterday gave a prompt and affirmative response to the NEWS-HERALD's request that it endorse the State Board of Health project.

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THE RIVAL ORGAN CRAWLS.

Its Challenge Was Promptly Accepted, and Then it Weakened.

From yesterday's NEWS-HERALD. The following narrative in eight chapters should be carefully read by advertisers in all parts of this State:

On Sunday a local newspaper printed statements about the sales of the NEWS-HERALD and issued a challenge to this paper to make a test of circulation in Jacksonville. The rival paper's owner offered to prove his assertion that the NEWS-HERALD's circulation was less than his by a large margin.

The next issue of the NEWS-HERALD contained this editorial: WE ACCEPT! WE ACCEPT! The proprietor of a newspaper in this city yesterday offered to prove that his organ has a larger circulation in Jacksonville than the NEWS-HERALD.

We regret that he did not issue a similar challenge upon the question of State circulation. Touching this, he merely offers to prove that he sells more papers than the NEWS-HERALD in Jacksonville. He well knows that the larger proportion of the NEWS-HERALD's circulation is outside of Jacksonville.

We name Mr. E. F. DECOITES, an expert accountant, as our member of a committee of investigation, and call upon our rival to name a representative in his paper to-morrow morning. We propose that the two committees shall select a third member, and that the three committees shall have access to the books of both newspapers, and shall take all other measures they may deem necessary to justify their report.

On the following day the NEWS-HERALD reprinted this editorial with this additional comment: We are quite eager to learn the name of our opponent's representative, so that we can request our committee man, Mr. DECOITES, to call upon him at once and arrange for the work ahead of time.

The rival organ yesterday failed to name its member of the committee, which the NEWS-HERALD had suggested should meet to-day to settle the moot question. The weak-hearted challenger also announced that he would not make good his challenge unless the NEWS-HERALD would accept another challenge from him.

He thereupon challenged the NEWS-HERALD upon these issues: First, he claims that he is willing to prove that he sells four times as many papers as the NEWS-HERALD. Second, he claims that he sells more copies of his Sunday edition than are sold by the NEWS-HERALD.

THE NEWS-HERALD AGAIN ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE AS AMENDED, AND AGAIN NAMES MR. DECOITES AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE. WHICH SHALL MAKE PUBLIC A SWORN STATEMENT OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF DAILY PAPERS SOLD IN JACKSONVILLE, AND THE NUMBER OF COPIES SOLD BY THE TWO NEWSPAPERS, FREE PAPERS, RETURNED PAPERS, EXCHANGES AND SPECIAL ADVERTISING EDITORS NEED NOT BE INCLUDED.

TO FLORIDA BY WATER.

A Plan to Establish a Route by Way of Brunswick and Fernandina.

SIR—I would like to suggest to the management of the Southern Railway and to all others concerned, the feasibility of carrying excursionists and passengers from the great northwest through to Jacksonville via Brunswick and Fernandina. The route would make a pleasant diversion from the present only existing line of travel.

THE TRANSFER AT BRUNSWICK AND FERNANDINA, if accomplished in the day time, as it could be, would be a great benefit to the people of the interior and West Coast States. I feel quite sure that nine-tenths of them would take the route suggested in preference to an all rail one, at the same price.

IS THE COMPOSITE TICKET A SCHEME? SIR—I write to ask through your columns the citizens of Jacksonville if they have counted the cost of the new city government. Rumors of a deal are flying thick and fast all over town.

IS THERE A SIGN OF THE TIMES. SIR—I attended services last Sunday morning at the largest church building in this city. There was a large congregation, whose appearance indicated refinement and culture, and whose conduct denoted pious devotion to religious services.

LUCK AGAINST HIM. FROM THE DETROIT FREE PRESS. He was rowing around in a saloon on Wood-bridge street the other day, and finally stood up to the bar and pounded it with his fist as he exclaimed: "Give me a show and I'll lick the whole police force of Detroit."

NOT ON THE LIST. FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN. It is hoped that Messrs. Angell, Putnam, Tupper and Chamberlain, will not adjourn without passing upon the long mooted question: "Does the cod fish salt the ocean or the ocean salt the cod fish."

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Handsome grove and house, nursery, etc., at Oveido, Orange county. A bargain. Fifty acres—ten-acre grove, very near Sanford. High, beautiful building lots. A splendid property for suburban homes.

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TAKE NOTICE, that six months after date hereof, I will present to the County Judge of the county of Duval my final accounts and vouchers as administrator of the estate of Neal J. Douglas late of Duval county, deceased, and ask for my final discharge as administrator of said estate.

ACARD TO THE PUBLIC. The former business of Byron E. Oak, undertaker, has been re-established, with Mr. Oak as agent and manager, at 81 Laura street, three doors north of his late place of business.

Rivas & Koopman, BAKERY, Wholesale and Retail Groceries, Bay Street, JACKSONVILLE, FLA. ROBT. H. JONES, Wholesale Grocer, Jacksonville, Fla.