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The political bee is a sucker.

Bryan already threatens what he will do in 1908.

Dr. Kohnke thinks a meat famine would make for health.

A caged bird at Audubon Park, even if it is a canary, is an anomaly.

Fairbanks' candor is refreshing in admitting that Indiana is a doubtful state.

Five persons died from heat, Tuesday in New-York, not in New Orleans.

If Blanchard is so boss-ridden, why are so many politicians "down on him?"

He who votes for Roosevelt sows the wind. The harvest will be the whirlwind.

Woodville has voted, almost unanimously, a special tax for water and lights.

The meat packers' strike in Chicago is now off, and claims will be submitted to arbitration.

Russia's volunteer fleet may prove itself too smart in searching neutral ships in the Red Sea.

As a concession for Judge Parker's silence, the Democrats have for vice-president Henry-Gassaway-Davis.

When one sees how that Judge Parker telegram worries the Republican press, surely Democrats have no need to worry.

Folk is victorious over the hoodlums. Missouri Democrats have nominated him for governor.

England seems to have two chips on her shoulders, one labeled "Red Sea," the other "Thibet."

With the tact that distinguishes him as sovereign and as man, King Edward has consented for Paul Kruger to be buried in the beloved Transvaal.

If high prices in meat show up the Republican party's responsibility in protecting the meat trust, Democrats can well afford to eat radium-priced meat for awhile.

Mrs. Maybrick has been released from prison after fifteen years confinement under severe conditions. She may have been guilty, but there was a doubt, and she expiated the doubt bitterly.

The city papers insist on naming Hon. W. G. Davis as 1st vice-president of the La. Press Ass'n., when in fact, Mrs. M. E. Leake was 1st and he 2nd vice-president for the past year. Oh well, the world soon forgets the dead.

West Feliciana Advertised.
We had a pleasant visit, Thursday from J. S. Glass of New Orleans, who was here to deliver copies of the Southern Manufacturer's Exposition edition of "Louisiana, her Manufactures, Industrial and General Resources." West Feliciana and the towns, St. Francisville and Bayou Sara, are represented, but not fully. There are good half-tones of the Court House, the Burton Hotel and Dr. Mumford's drug-store.

Bad Bridges.

From more than one source we have heard complaints of the dilapidated and dangerous condition of some of the bridges on the Pinckneyville road. Indeed such is their condition that the wonder is that some serious casualty has not resulted. That such has not been the case is a proof both of careful driving on the part of the public and of their wonderful patience and endurance, not to say their lamentable indifference in claiming what is due them.

Those bridges especially reported as bad on this road are the second, third and sixth bridges beyond Big Bayou Sara creek on towards Pinckneyville. All of these bridges are bad, several others are not perfect, but the sixth bridge has its entire middle missing, and is really dangerous.

We know not in particular who are responsible for these bridges, hence, no personality is intended, but public duty requires that we comment upon their condition and urge the proper authorities to mend them immediately before some serious accident occurs.

Congressional and Judicial Primary.

As the committee did not meet till yesterday to promulgate the full returns of the congressional and judicial primary of July 19, it is impossible for us to report same in this issue. It suffices to know that Hon. Samuel M. Robertson for Congress, Hon. Jos. L. Golsan for district Judge, and Geo. J. Woodside Esq. for district attorney are the nominees.

The vote throughout the congressional district was light as Col. Robertson had no opposition. The vote in the judicial district was better, owing to the spirited race for district attorney between Messrs. Woodside and Walker. The majority reported from East Feliciana for the former is 103 without the McKowen box, which it is estimated will run it up to 150. The vote for West Feliciana in re the Woodside and Walker race is given in another place and shows that the former received 272 votes, the latter 43.

We congratulate the winners, Col. Robertson, Judge Golsan and Mr. Woodside. The public has shown abundant confidence in them and they will, we believe, not fail to repay the public faith in good service when the time comes to do so.

Judge Reid for the Circuit Bench.

The proposed change in our judicial system by which it is intended to return to the old circuit court system with certain changes and modifications, seems fairly certain of acceptance by the people in November. One of the features of the change in the application of this system is the election of the judges of this court by the people instead of by the Legislature. So far, there are few names suggested for these prospective positions, and in this immediate district, only a single name. This being true, we move to close nominations and make the election of Judge R. R. Reid of Tangipahoa unanimous.—B. R. Advocate.

Provided no West Felicitanian wants it.

The Vote for District Attorney, Primary July 19:

	Woodside.	Walker.
St. F.	65	12
B. Sara	45	5
2nd ward	18	9
3rd ward	15	9
4th ward	19	0
5th ward	59	5
6th ward	7	0
7th ward	15	0
8th ward	4	3
9th ward	18	0
10th ward	7	0
Total	272	43

The Mutual Building and Loan Association.

None of our local institutions is making a better showing than that of the Mutual Building & Loan Association, semi-annual statement of which appears elsewhere in this issue. The association has able officers, a charter modeled on one of the most progressive companies of the sort and conducts its business in energetic up-to-date manner. The association now has 957 shares in force with four series running. The Board of Directors has decided to open new series only on Jan. 1st year, but shares can be subscribed for at any time by paying installments from the previous January.

There are 115 shares which have been borrowed on, amounting to about \$25,000. There is no money at present to loan as the Board allows no money to lie idle. The monthly income of the association is \$1024, from installments \$957, interest \$115. But the figures which speak loudest in praise of the association's management and progress are these: net profits year ending Jan. 1, 1903, \$1686.49; year ending Jan. 1, 1904, \$2315.37, six months to July 1, 1904, \$3101.95.

Jefferson or Hamilton?

On July 11, 1804, Alexander Hamilton died from the effects of his duel with Aaron Burr, and there is to be some celebration of the centennial of the event. Hamilton's work has lasted. He is the ancestor par excellence of the party in power to-day. He gave impetus to the ideas which are characteristic of the Republicans in 1904 as they were of the Federalists a century ago. Hamilton's sympathies were with property and with a strong executive. Letting people alone, to manage their own affairs and make their own mistakes, was abhorrent to him. He thought a country should be governed as much as possible, just as Jefferson and Madison and Monroe thought it should be governed as little as possible. Hamilton thought that men of wealth were the safeguards of the nation, and his opponents thought the power of money and fashion was the direst threat to freedom. Washington, like Collier's, saw truth in both contentions; whereas Hamilton, like our President, and Jefferson, like Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Williams and Mr. McClellan, believed that Truth sat faithfully upon one side. Hamilton would have been a dangerous President.—Collier's.

Wm. J. Bryan's reasons for supporting the Democratic ticket are not due to party fealty, ah no, but first, because the party stands against imperialism, which was the paramount issue of 1900. Second, because Mr. Roosevelt is injecting the race issue into American politics, whereas the election of the Democratic ticket would permit it to work itself out without the bitterness which Mr. Roosevelt's conduct has engendered. Third, Mr. Roosevelt stands for the spirit of war and the Democratic platform stands for peace. Fourth, the Democratic platform stands for the reduction of the standing army. So far so good, and if he would only be silent about what he doesn't like, but silence and Bryan are perpetually divorced. He will continue to knife the party by talking about what he doesn't like. Just watch him.

It was the late Hon. John J. Barrow, who was West Feliciana's representative in the Democratic National Convention that nominated Cleveland the first time. The honor of sitting in national convention has thus passed from father to son.

The West Feliciana Rifles are having drill meetings every night.

An effort will be made to secure a public school for Bayou Sara. While this is not a popular measure with the School Board, yet, while not presuming to dictate to that honorable body, we cannot refrain from hearty expression of our wish to see Bayou Sara have a school, at least for the primary grades. A school embracing all grades would not only weaken the usefulness of the school but would work against the Graded School. The distance up town is very far for little ones and prevents attendance of some. A school nearer at hand would not only give such children better advantages, but would relieve the crowded condition of the lower grades at the St. Francisville school. We hope Bayou Sara will get her school.

The Advocate thus comments on the Feliciana primary: "Our sister parishes, East and West Feliciana, just barely got in, to escape the Marks bill, Act 115 of 1904. The judicial election took place coincident with the congressional primary. Judge Golsan had no opposition, but the contest between Representative Walker and Mr. Geo. Woodside was very bitter. The young East Felicitanian won out handsomely in both parishes. The new district attorney comes from good stock. His father, the late Tom Woodside, was an elegant gentleman and very popular in the Felicianas. He was a brother to our fellow citizen Hon. E. L. Woodside. His mother is a sister to our fellow citizen G. Q. Jones. George is well qualified for the position and he proved himself a fine campaigner. He won in both parishes, far exceeding the expectation of his friends. He will make a fine officer and we congratulate the people of the Felicianas as well as the gallant young nominee."

From time to time, one hears complaints of cruelty to children and animals. Not often of cruelty to white children, though there are some cases spoken of when children are punished too frequently and brutally beaten over the head. Happily few cases exist, but these demand correction. Many colored children are sorely mistreated. There are no branch societies here for the prevention of cruelty to children or to animals, but every man and woman, who bears a heart in his or her bosom or even claims to bear one, should consider that the cry of a child in distress, be it white or black, the sight of a dumb brute tortured, beaten or overloaded, is an unofficial but heaven-given right to interfere, and human law stands ready to back such interference. Therefore when you hear of such ill-treatment it is your duty to act. Don't put it off. The groan of a beast, the tortured cry of a child ascends to heaven, and accuses all who hear it, before the judgment bar of God.

Up-to-Date Dental Office.

Among the many improvements in town it is not just to omit mention of those made by Dr. H. Lofton in his dental office, located in the building known as the Methodist parsonage. The Dr. with his accustomed energy and enterprise has fitted his office up with new furnishings of every description, making it cosy and tasteful. In addition, he has introduced the latest improvements in those dental appliances, which conduce, at once, to the comfort of the patient and the skill and the efficiency of the dentist. A large electric fan is a factor towards comfort particularly noticeable, while an abundant water supply insures perfect hygienic conditions. In short, Dr. Lofton is fully prepared to practice with the most comfortable surroundings and with his well known skill and ability.

A man was severely kicked by a mule in W. L. & C's. railroad camp Friday morning.

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Note the Date.
The entertainment for the benefit of the school building fund has been postponed from July 28 to Monday night Aug. 1. The play entitled "The Emigrant's Daughter" and many late specialties will be presented by some of our best local talent. Refreshments will be charged for, but music for dancing after the performance will be provided by the management gratis.
The price of admission will be 50 cts for adults and 25 cts. for children.
As an entertainment could not be held in our town for a worthier cause than this one, it is expected that Pythian Hall will be crowded to its utmost capacity. The school fund is a popular issue having already jumped beyond the \$2000 mark, and it is earnestly hoped that our entertainment will largely supplement it.