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## DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

For District Judge:

CHAS. KILBOURNE.  
GEO. J. WOODSIDE.

## GRATITUDE AS A PART OF MEDICAL ETHICS.

Elsewhere in this issue we comment on the lack of gratitude displayed towards physicians by those who benefit by medical care and skill. The physician—first remembered in sickness the last thought of in health—is probably one of the greatest sufferers from human ingratitude. It is rather odd, therefore, that from this experience he does not entertain that fellow feeling which makes one wondrous kind. For his much vaunted medical ethics forces him to the display of ingratitude to the press, which has more to do with the making of reputations than any one other agent. Indirectly all physicians profit therefrom, but because a dictum of medical ethics bids them "beware of the unclean thing," they do so to the extent of unwarranted and ridiculous ingratitude.

A case in point arises: The N. O. Morning World has been waging a fierce war on the quacks that infest that city—a noble crusade indeed. Medical societies are passing resolutions of approval of the World. But that journal in the course of its exposures happened to mention the name of a New Orleans specialist, to whom the victim of a quack had applied for and received relief. The skilled medico was out of town, but some one "called it to his attention" that his name had been mentioned in the public prints with reference (horror!) to a cure, and the medico writes at once to disclaim any connection with the case and to inveigh against the mention of his name as implying a breach of medical ethics. In other words, gratitude in the aggregate is strictly ethical, but decidedly wrong in the individual.

## GOV. BLANCHARD'S ADMINISTRATION.

"And naught became him like the leaving of it." Had Gov. Blanchard, throughout his administration shown the tact and diplomacy he has displayed in its closing days, it would have made him infinitely more popular, and what is better, would have helped him to accomplish many things which he attempted, but so bluntly that he fell short of entire success.

He filled a trying position with rare dignity and delicacy, pleasing to all. There can be no question that Gov. Blanchard is one of the ablest men in the state, and has had in his head, some very fine measures, but is singularly gifted with the art of arousing antagonisms; or what is perhaps truer, having been so unfortunate at the outset of his administration as to made a faux pas or two, he never seemed to make good those slips, but was annoyed with them to the end.

Taking it altogether however, he has made an able governor, and his administration marks a solid advance in Louisiana's progress.

An exchange suggests that nothing was ever built by hammering only. But is ever anything built without it? Even the brick-mason hammers the brick and mortar together with the butt end of his trowel.

## GOV. SANDERS' SPEECH.

It cannot be denied that the new governor made a strong and telling speech on the occasion of inauguration. The measures he proposes, the reforms he advocates are in the main irreproachable, and if he should accomplish even the half of what he promises, the mouth of his most vehement enemy would be closed.

For our part, we have never doubted Mr. Sanders' ability. He has proven that he has great popularity, and if to these is added a sincere desire for accomplishment of the high and great there is a reasonable expectation of his success as well. We await seeing what we shall see.

The recess appointment of M. N. Wisdom as register of New Orleans has been withdrawn.

U. S. Senator Samuel D. McEnery was elected to another six year term, beginning March 4, 1909, by the unanimous vote of the Senate and House on Tuesday.

The sheriffs are clamoring at Baton Rouge for five per cent on the first \$80,000 of collections. They are not lobbying however. Dear no. There is no lobby at Baton Rouge.

Talk about the congressional fight in this, the 6th district, includes as candidates the present incumbent, S. M. Robertson, Victor LeFebvre of West Baton Rouge and possibly E. J. Gay of Iberville.

Our representative, Hon. Cheston Folkes, has introduced a bill for the abolition of the State Board of Equalization. Although the public is restive under some of the workings of the board, it will be hard to get it abolished.

The recess appointments by Gov. Blanchard have been sent to the Senate excepting those of S. M. Robertson, vice-president of the La. State University, T. O. Harris, traveling auditor, W. N. Wisdom, registrar of voters for the parish of Orleans, and Beauregard Miller, assessor of Jefferson parish. J. M. Gleason will receive reappointment as registrar in New Orleans. Another straw in the wind is the refusal of the Grand Jury of Orleans to investigate primary election frauds.

Henry L. Fuqua has been appointed to the University board in place of Col. Robertson, upon which the latter makes comment: "Mr. Fuqua is a brother-in-law of Col. Boyd and it is against the policy of many states, notably Arkansas, that no member of a board or institution of this character should in any way be related to any member of its faculty or employee under it, and this State has gone so far itself, by the act of 1897, as to prohibit any member of any board from having any interest in or connection with any business or contract in which the institution is interested." Col. Robertson says further that had his resignation been asked for, it would have been readily granted. The position is without emoluments of any kind, and he held it merely to gratify his wish to serve his alma mater in every capacity possible, a student, a member of its faculty and last, a member of its Board of Supervisors.

Lt. Gov. Lambremont in his speech when sworn in declared that he had no enemies to punish or friends to reward. Gov. Sanders made no such declaration. If he had, his actions would have soon belied his words. The heads of Southern University trustees have already fallen into the basket, and members of other boards are said to be on the list for later execution.

The State printing contract is to be investigated. The fight is led by L. E. Thomas of Caddo. I. D. Wall is said to have delivered a very sarcastic speech on the subject, directed at Representative Henriques in opposition.

## Quips and Fancies.

The convention of Mothers' Clubs at Shreveport gave their first honors as usual, for activity, to an unmarried woman. Old maids are the only women who have time to study out what mothers should do.

"Buy at home." If we had a dollar for every time we have given this advice to our people we would have money enough to send off and get all our supplies—as they do for their stationery.

If I were a teacher again I would as a fundamental lesson to children on honesty teach them the sacredness of obligation. It is an exalted form of the Golden Rule: When others have done good unto you, do ye even so to them. It would seem a natural human impulse to repay kindness shown. But not so. Ask doctors who give more than mere medical skill; good cheer and comfort and hope—maybe true sympathy—to all of the household as well as their patients. Is the kindness remembered? Let the unpaid bills of the physician answer!

The lawyer, who gave his best of legal lore, nights and days of required study to his client, is he remembered? Let his blighted political hopes answer.

The artist and the artisan, who freely give their taste as well as their skill, what reward is theirs? The skill is paid for, the talent, the genius is not rewarded even with words of praise.

The country editor, who goes out of his way, to boost a fellow townsman's business or candidacy, is he repaid? Let the numberless instances in which work could have been thrown his way, and was not for a dollar's difference in the price, answer!

To repeat, every child should be taught the sacredness of obligation. Every kindness shown is to be paid back some day, some how. Only thus can human being be truly honest in their dealings with each other.

## The Davis Centenary.

On June 3rd occurs the centenary of the birth of Davis. However divided opinion may be as to his merits, friend and foe alike, admit that he was a great man and made an indelible impression upon the history of his time. As times goes on and the rancor of sectional and political hatred shall have died away and the pangs of disappointment have been forgotten, even greater justice will be done his memory.

But at this hour there are not lacking many who are ready to do the great Southern statesman, the gallant National soldier honor. All over the Southland, appropriate ceremonies will commemorate the hundredth anniversary of his birth.

West Feliciana, is rich in so many associations with the great chieftain—here he brought his first bride, here they lived and here she lies buried. Some of his nearest relatives are here. Wherever his history is recited, mention of this parish must appear.

Something should be done, by way of public demonstration, to mark the great centenary. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy have not as yet made arrangements to observe the day, but will probably do so at their meeting, next Wednesday.

The True Democrat urges them to make some effort at proper commemoration of the day. Should they fail, the Veterans may possibly arrange a program. For the honor of West Feliciana, some notice should be taken of this notable anniversary.

It is queer how one unsavory follows another in the public prints. Each seems to hold the board and plays out its part, and as by a sort of courtesy, another does not come on until the first has made its exit.



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## Proclamation

DECLARING RESULT OF THE ELECTION IN THE PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA ON APRIL 21ST, 1908 ON THE QUESTION OF THE SALE OF THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE PARISH.

Know all men by these presents that pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of Ordinance No. 1 of the Police Jury of the Parish of West Feliciana passed on February 5th, 1908, we the undersigned duly qualified Board of Supervisors of Elections of the Parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana do hereby issue this our proclamation announcing the result of the election held in the Parish of West Feliciana pursuant to the terms of said ordinance aforesaid on April 21st, 1908, and the result of which has been declared in accordance with Section 4 of said ordinance by the Police Jury of said Parish at its meeting on Wednesday May 6th, 1908, as follows: For the sale of intoxicating liquors 245 Against the sale of intoxicating liquors..... 134

Majority in favor of license..... 111 By which majority of one hundred and eleven votes, the result is hereby declared to be in favor of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Parish of West Feliciana, as shown by the canvass of said returns referred to, by the said Police Jury.

Now, therefore the said result is formally announced by this body as aforesaid.

Witness our hands and seals this 21st day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Eight (1908) at St. Francisville, La.

JNO. I. DANIEL,  
L. P. KILBOURNE,  
MATT GILMORE,

Board of Supervisors of Elections, Parish of West Feliciana.

## Presidential Possibilities.

Taft looms large politically as well as physically. As more and more of the Republican states instruct for him he passes the bounds of a presidential possibility into that of a probability.

Bryan's star shines fitfully in the Democratic sky. While there can be little doubt that with the masses he is the only one, there is much opposition to him among the leaders. Johnson of Minnesota is receiving daily more attention.

Much of Louisiana is instructed for Bryan, but some of the larger parish delegations will go to Baton Rouge on the 3rd, uninstructed and it is extremely problematical what the result will be when the delegates meet there. Stillmore, what will be done at Denver. But it is to be hoped that the Democratic party will show less of its donkey characteristics than usual, and speak with the voice of wisdom that inspired the steed of Balaam of old.

The N. O. States says that it is understood that the resignations of Col. C. Harrison Parker and C. D. Gondran of the Penitentiary Board of Control have been asked for, and that W. W. Heard will get Col. Parker's place.

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## The Charity of the Rich.

A rich woman in New Orleans—we esteem her too highly to give her name, as her benefactions to education and religion, to charity in every form, vindicate her personally from any want of feeling for the poor—writes most unthoughtfully to the city press saying: "As a result of the Canal street fire, many women clerks will be thrown out of positions, probably for the entire summer. Therefore I respectfully suggest that the successful young women in the working girl's contest forego the pleasure of a summer trip and donate their money to their less fortunate fellow-workers, now without work."

Now isn't that the coolest proposition ever suggested? Because many are thrown out of work, the successful young women must deny themselves and give their pittance in the face of

a whole city full of rich people preparing for trips to Canada, Newport, anywhere their fancy takes them. It would have been a kinder, more sensible suggestion if these rich people had told these rich people to curtail their summer about one week and devote the time saved for the benefit of the young girls out of employment. It would amount to a large amount, and would be as easily collected from castles in the air as the charity of the rich known as self-denial.

The State Crop Pest Commission has issued the 4th "Timely Suggestions for Cotton Planter" which with the Early Cotton Bulletin of Boll Weevil. As it is too numerous for publication in columns we advise planters interested to apply to W. Newell, Sec. of State Crop Commission, Baton Rouge, Circular No. 22.