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Slightly emaciated on account of its long period of confinement.

A LESSON OF RESPONSIBILITY.

"This election" said Woodrow Wilson to his Princeton students, with tears in his eyes, "is a lesson of responsibility." Upon a man, who goes into office with such words on his lips accented by emotion, much reliance can be placed by his constituents. When the hour of triumph comes a true test is made of a man's character and ideals. If elation concerning the honor is paramount to his conception of coming duty, one may hesitate whether or no the victory is a wise one. But when a sense of responsibility is supreme over all other emotions, then the augury is a happy one.

It is related of Queen Victoria that she wept, so keenly did the feeling of responsibility affect her, when it was announced that the crown of Great Britain and Ireland was hers. An heirship, though for only four years to a government as vast and important as ours, is enough to bow a man of sense and sensibility to his knees, with its solemn message of responsibility.

The Democratic party should also have a due sense of responsibility. Out of power for nearly twenty years it must come into office, not with a keen greed for spoils, but with the determination to accomplish something that will make its victory lasting.

THE FELICIANAS VOTED FOR PROGRESS.

This paper takes pride in the fact that the amendments have carried in East and West Feliciana. While the most important of these amendments have been lost in other parishes, the Felicianas have maintained their reputation for intelligence and progressiveness. Not that we would intimate that those opposing the amendments lacked those high qualities, but as a people it certainly took both intelligence and progressiveness to act concertedly and to dismiss prejudice when the most aggressive forces were laboring night and day to bewilder the voters.

The Felicianas did not blindly play "Follow the leader" as some charge, for while they are loyal to the reform regime, they continue to do their own thinking. The vote, pro and con, shows that, and leaves nothing for the parishes to be ashamed of in the circumstances.

ATTEMPTED TOO MUCH.

The loss of the tax revision amendment as well as several other most useful amendments, while they will be regarded in some quarters as a rebuke to the reform administration should not rightly be considered as such. This administration assumed office with certain definite promises made to the people and certain ideals of conduct. No one can seriously contend that in any manner or degree Gov. Hall has failed in one or the other so far as one man alone humanly could do what it required some thousands of his fellow-citizens, acting as a majority, to assist him in doing. He has been steadfast in his endeavor to meet the expectations of the people.

The trouble is that there was in the primary of January a majority which had a strength largely fictitious. Several circumstances helped especially in New Orleans to swell the forces of reform, that were neither permanent nor sincere. This was soon evident, and reformers in the legislature learned the lesson twice over by hard knocks. However they passed a number of these joint resolutions, despite the opposition.

And there lay the trouble. In their zeal for reform, they passed too many. In common parlance they bit off more than the people could chew, much less digest. No thoughtful writer or reader, but has been convinced of this all through the amendment campaign. Even the press has been overwhelmed in its efforts to

put the measures adequately before the people.

From the nature of the case, tax revision took first place. It also took almost all of the attention of the public to the exclusion of the other subjects of approval. Many of the amendments were defeated because their merits were not known.

Events prove it would have been wise to have made haste more slowly, but defeat is more honorable than to have attempted nothing meritorious. On the victors is laid the odium of obstructing progress.

The celebrated English dandy, Beau Brummel made soap as fashionable as its unsatisfactory substitute—scent. He could be unperfumed and yet dare get between the wind and the company. His generation trusted to the virtues of pomade and perfume, he to soap and water. Many a man now more esteemed for accomplishments did less for his fellows than Brummel. He bathed.

DID THE PEOPLE VOTE FOR CALVARY?

Extracts from a sermon delivered by Rev. Quincy Ewing in Christ (Episcopal) Church, Napoleonville, La., Palm Sunday, March 31, 1912:

Can anybody, having read the New Testament, or a single one of the Gospels, entertain for a moment the thought that the men who brought Jesus to Pilate would have been willing to refer the question of his life or death to the mass of the people—the mass of the adult male population of Jerusalem?

How absurd such a thought would be is manifest on this evidence alone, that during the last week of his ministry he taught every day in the porch of the temple, in the very face of the highest civil and ecclesiastical authorities, and not one of them dared to molest him; not one of them dared to order his arrest anywhere in or out of the city in daylight. And, surrounded as he was by only twelve unarmed disciples, what danger would there have been in arresting him, had the people wanted him arrested and put to death?

The marvel is not that the people of Judea did not prevail and prevent the crucifixion of Jesus. The marvel is that they prevailed enough to force their chief priests to bribery and midnight subtlety, in order to lay hands on a defenceless Prophet and get him before the bar of their packed court.

It is well to have the record in mind when one hears such statements as that ascribed to the Kansas Congressman.* It is well to remember at all times that Jesus was crucified, not because the Jewish people wanted him crucified, but because they rejected him; not because they were his enemies, but because they were his friends.

If we must charge the Jewish people with responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus; let us do so fairly. Let us, with the record before us, confess that it was their approval, not their condemnation; their hosannas, not their maledictions, that sent him to the Cross. It is many thousand times more likely that the Jew we meet on the street to-day is a descendant of one of those who waved his palm branch and cried, "Hosanna to him who cometh in the name of the Lord," than that he is a descendant of one of those who made the midnight excursion to the Garden of Gethsemane, and then sat as a judge in the Sanhedrin between midnight and sunrise.

So, it would seem, the priest or the politician is treading on dangerous ground, who points back to Calvary when he decides against the people the question whether they are fit to govern themselves, or fit only to give their consent to being governed. The company of the chief priests, scribes, and elders is not good company for any man to place himself in to-day, who believes that the people need to be saved from themselves by official saviors; that majorities would go at once headlong to self-destruction, unless restrained by a select minority.

The ancient elders, and scribes, and chief priests—who were also chief politicians—were firmly convinced that the people of their day needed to be saved from themselves—from the wild foolishness of following after Jesus of Nazareth with his terrifying Gospel that threatened to "put down the mighty from their seat and exalt the humble and meek." That is why they persuaded their retainers to ask Pilate for the freeing of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. The people could be safely trusted to deal with the robber. They could not be safely trusted to deal with the Prophet!

The modern elders, and scribes, and chief priests, and chief politicians, are as firmly convinced as their ancient prototypes that the people need to be saved from themselves—from the wild foolishness of supposing that they should have and enclique or a class believe to be good

for themselves, rather than what a clique or a class believe to be good for them. But the world over, there is abundant promise to-day that the old conflict between the priest and the politician on the one hand, and the people on the other, will not have its old termination.

There is abundant promise that the reign and authority of those who "fear the people" is about to end; that the leadership and service of those who trust the people is about to begin.

There is abundant promise that not the select circle of the ephods and the breast-plates will prevail; but the great multitude of the palm branches and hosannas!

*Congressman P. P. Campbell in his published letter to Mr. Roosevelt.

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Nov. 6, 1912.

The Police Jury met in regular monthly session with Hon. C. F. Howell, President, and the following members present: Chas. Weydert, A. S. Brasseaux, T. D. Bickham, W. H. Richardson, Lovett Wright, J. D. Sadden, N. H. Barrow, Ike Cutrer, S. L. Lavergne, T. H. Row.

Reading of minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Sundry Accounts.

Bank of West Feliciana, box rent 2 years.....	\$ 10.00
J. H. Clack, main prisoners.....	24.40
J. H. Clack, railroad fare.....	.85
James Roth.....	23.10
E. S. Muse, registration.....	5.44
Jim Barrow, repairing flue.....	1.25
Maverick-Clarke Co.....	52.50
E. P. McWaters, lumber.....	6.50
W. H. Taylor, examining Kity Chestom.....	10.00
A. F. Barrow, same.....	10.00
F. G. Hochenadel, brick and cement.....	.75
True Democrat.....	10.50
Chas. Tadlock, repair.....	1.00
T. A. Womack, criminal exp.....	19.95
J. T. Barrow.....	7.00
A. M. Hendon, Secretary, second installment schools.....	1500.00
N. H. Barrow.....	1.50
Wilhelm Lumber Co.....	28.62

Attendant Police Jury.

Chas. Weydert.....	\$3.00
A. S. Brasseaux.....	3.00
T. D. Bickham.....	3.60
W. H. Richardson.....	3.60
C. F. Howell.....	4.80
Lovett Wright.....	5.00
Jas. D. Sadden.....	4.50
Thos. H. Row.....	5.50
N. H. Barrow.....	4.50
Ike Cutrer.....	4.10
S. L. Lavergne.....	3.60

Election Officers.

Geo. Baier 3.00, J. B. Aubie 3.00, J. H. Logan 3.00, W. T. Binning 3.00, H. A. Binning 3.00, Mose Vantromp 5.00, W. T. Forrester 3.00, E. S. Muse 3.00, Sargeant Percy 3.00, F. Spohn 3.00, Ovide Leonard 3.00, F. F. Converse 5.00, G. M. Bookler Jr. 3.00, M. O Daniel 3.00, J. M. Pigott 3.00, I. Daniel 3.00, J. P. Harvey 3.00, A. R. Daniel 5.00, W. C. Howell 3.00, R. E. Turner 3.00, H. B. Maynard 3.00, C. T. Toorean 3.00, A. H. Wilcox 3.00, F. C. Wilcox 5.00, J. S. Griffin 3.00, Max Dampf 3.00, David Taylor Jr. 3.00, S. C. Roberts 3.00, C. H. Argue 3.00, W. L. Stirling 5.00, W. H. Neyland 3.00, Wiley McGraw 3.00, J. A. Beckham 3.00, A. P. Smith Sr. 3.00, J. S. McCartney 3.00, W. J. Ryder 5.00, J. P. Bowman Jr. 3.00, C. Peterson 3.00, G. F. Borland 3.00, W. R. Campbell 3.00, J. J. Griffin 3.00, H. J. Simmons 5.00, J. F. Bookler 3.00, J. D. Sadden 3.00, J. S. Clack 3.00, C. E. Sadden 3.00, C. T. Bill 3.00, J. Ortis 5.00, F. P. Row 3.00, N. P. Hobgood 3.00, A. E. Rogillo 3.00, B. P. McWaters 3.00, L. A. Winn 3.00, Mose McWaters 5.00, E. McGehee 3.00, F. S. Percy 3.00, J. W. Dawson 3.00, N. W. Davis 5.00, Ike Cutrer 3.00, W. S. Maryman 3.00, Jesse Daniel 3.00, A. C. Paterson 3.00, J. F. Maryman 3.00, C. D. Lloyd 5.00, B. Haralson 3.00, Hy Graber 3.00, N. B. Smith 3.00, S. L. Lavergne 3.00, C. Metz 3.00, R. S. Towles 5.00.

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W. H. Wicker 3.00, W. T. Forrester 3.00, G. W. Newman 3.00, R. W. Tempel 3.00, F. F. Converse 5.00, W. D. Wills 3.00, H. A. Binning 3.00, J. M. Bell 3.00, G. M. Lester 3.00, Mose Vantromp 5.00, T. J. Ard 3.00, J. G. Perkins 3.00, S. C. Cobb 3.00, J. P. Harvey 3.00, J. C. Ball 5.00, R. H. Barrow 3.00, W. C. Howell 3.00, C. T. Toorean 3.00, S. C. Stirling 3.00, F. C. Wilcox 5.00, C. H. Argue 3.00, W. L. Stirling 3.00, C. F. Howell 3.00, Max Dampf 3.00, Dave Taylor 5.00, J. A. Beckham 3.00, 3.00, N. A. Palmer 3.00, A. P. Smith Sr. 3.00, W. J. Ryder 5.00, J. P. Bowman Jr. 3.00, W. R. Campbell 3.00, L. C. Spillman 3.00, L. P. Wright 3.00, Joe Peterson 5.00, J. D. Sadden 3.00, J. S. Sadden 3.00, W. B. Wills 3.00, J. F. Buckles 3.00, John Ortis 5.00, N. P. Hobgood 3.00, L. T. LeSassier 3.00, B. P. McWaters 3.00, E. J. Graham 3.00, Mose McWaters 5.00, B. I. Barrow 3.00, E. E. McGehee 3.00, F. S. Percy 3.00, A. D. Percy 3.00, W. R. Davis 5.00, Ike Cutrer 3.00, W. R.

Daniel 3.00, J. F. Maryman 3.00, C. D. Lloyd 3.00, S. L. Lavergne 3.00, D. B. Falthorn 3.00, Hy Graber 3.00, R. S. Towles 5.00.

The following resolution relative to the liquor license was unanimously adopted:

An ordinance to levy, collect and enforce payment of an annual license tax upon all persons, associations of persons, or business firms and corporations, pursuing any trade, profession, vocation, calling or business in the Parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana except those that are expressly excepted from such license tax by Article 229 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana:

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of West Feliciana in regular sessions convened on this 6th day of November, Nineteen hundred and twelve (1912)—

Section 1. That there is hereby levied an annual license tax for the year (1913) Nineteen hundred and thirteen, upon each person, associations of persons, or business firms and corporations pursuing any trade, profession, vocation, calling or business, conducted, pursued, carried on or operated within the limits of the Parish of West Feliciana, La., which may be subject to such license tax under Article 229 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Sec. 2. That on the 2nd day of January, 1913, the tax collector shall begin to collect and shall collect as fast as possible from each of the persons or business firms, associations of persons, and corporations pursuing within the limits of said Parish any trade, profession, calling, vocation or business, a license tax as herein provided. All licenses shall be due and collectible during the first two months of the year 1913 and all unpaid licenses shall become delinquent on the first day of March of said year, and all firms who commence business after that date shall become delinquent unless the license is paid within ten days.

Sec. 3. That the annual parochial license hereby levied is declared to be the same as, and to be graduated

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TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Nov. 5, 1912.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held this day, the following members were present:

A. B. Briant, Mayor; G. W. Newman, Geo. Rettig, Joe Stern, O. Lejeune, Board.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That all water outlets situated on the streets shall be equipped with lock faucets and at any time key is left in faucet the Mayor is hereby authorized to have connection disconnected.

Mayor and Marshal reported eight cases.

Engineer's report read and filed. Motion made, seconded and carried, That the Plant Committee is hereby authorized to make rates with the Bayou Sara Lumber Co. on water.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That the report of receipts and disbursements submitted by the Clerk be spread upon the minutes:

St. Francisville, La., Oct. 7, 1912.

Statement of receipts and disbursements of the Town of St. Francisville, from October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912:

Cash balance Corporation October 1, 1911.....	\$ 440.36
Receipts, Corporation—	
Fines.....	\$ 250.00
Vaccines for B.S.....	27.02
2 mill tax.....	720.22
Tax notices.....	6.35
Lease Kate Fischer.....	5.00
Licenses.....	6,660.00—\$7,668.59
Receipts, Plant—	
Light service.....	2,927.57
Water service.....	2,340.35
Tapping mains.....	7.00
L. R. & N. R. R.....	58.42
Oil barrels.....	12.00
Y. & M. V. R. R.....	1.20
J. D. Tempel.....	7.00—\$5,353.54

Total receipts..... \$13,462.49

Corporation disbursements—

Salary.....	\$1,297.00
Road.....	657.40
Commission.....	192.00
Expense.....	438.07
Feed mules.....	361.75
Ware room.....	53.29
Maintain prisoners.....	98.80
Bridges, culverts and walks.....	234.10
Board of Health.....	95.80
Repair boiler.....	340.61
Pauper.....	18.75
Electric poles.....	178.90
Oil outfit.....	903.96
Levee and walk (hood).....	512.90
Donation High school.....	600.00
Mule.....	300.00—\$6,283.33
Plant—	
Salary.....	\$1,925.00
Labor.....	116.36
Expense.....	368.99
Southern Coal Co., (fuel).....	1,350.00
L. R. & N. R. R.....	57.00

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Repair.....	292.50
Fuel.....	1,511.21
Lub. oil waste.....	122.73
Mdse. for Plant.....	56.67
Tapping material.....	14.66
Insurance.....	106.20
Packing.....	28.16—\$5,949.48

\$12,232.81

Recapitulation—	
Total receipts.....	\$13,462.49
Total disbursements.....	\$12,232.81

\$1,229.68

Less O.D. Plant Oct. 1, 1911 387.44

Cash balance on hand, October 1, 1912..... \$842.24

GEO. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk. St. Francisville, La., Nov. 4, 1912. To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City.

Gentlemen:—We have used two tanks of fuel oil at Plant since its installation and on the last car I find the following results:

Commenced using oil Sept. 28, consumed Oct. 19th, making a total of 22 days, 245 barrels at 94 cents, \$230.30 or a cost of \$10.47 per day of 24 hours' run. Our report dated September 1, 1911, to March, 1912, shows that we used \$1,715.06 coal in six months' run, showing a cost of \$9.53 per day, figured 30 days to month. This shows that in the month of October, on an average, we only used 94 cents per day more fuel oil than coal.

Taking into consideration that last month we watered work trains for the L. R. & N. R. R., also furnished water to the Bayou Sara Lumber Co., a service that was not performed last year, shows conclusively that when the employes get accustomed to the use of fuel oil that every month they will find some little leak that, when stopped, will show up to the credit of the oil.

I have talked the matter over with Mr. Dennett and he agrees with me that it would be a good idea for some one of the Board to go to the Standard at Baton Rouge and see if they would not let one of their experts come up to look over our Plant and boiler over and perhaps he could offer some suggestion that would cut our fuel bill down.

I wish to call the attention of the Board again to the fact that we were fortunate in securing a 94 cent contract and we should give the burning of oil a thorough and unbiased test before this contract expires.

Yours truly,

G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That the Clerk be a committee of one to interview Manager of Standard and Oil Co. with a view of securing a practical oil expert to look over our Plant.

Mr. Tadlock appeared before the Board relative to opening up Johnson Street. The matter was referred to Road Committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That the following appropriations be made:

F. B. Dennett, salary.....	\$100.00
H. R. Anderson, salary.....	50.00
G. L. Plettinger, salary.....	60.00
G. S. Davidson, salary.....	55.00
Joe Stern, attending meeting.....	1.00
G. Rettig, attending meeting.....	1.00
G. W. Newman, same.....	1.00
O. Lejeune, same.....	1.00
A. B. Briant, commission.....	16.00
G. S. Davidson, same.....	8.00
E. Newman, supplies.....	5.55
J. C. Storm, supplies.....	3.60
D. I. Norwood, hay.....	65.00

True Democrat, printing and contract..... 21.75

M. & E. Wolf, oats and harness..... 18.00

Sam Greenup, shoeing mules..... 3.00

T. Fitzwilliams & Co., receipt book..... 1.00

F. M. Mumford, supplies..... 2.65

Studebaker Wagon Co., hose for wagon..... 3.78

Chas. Weydert, supplies..... 75

Joe Levy & Bro., warrant book..... 5.75

R. C. Brasseaux, maintaining prisoners..... 5.00

G. L. Plettinger, cash paid for express, etc..... 10.10

A. M. Lockett & Co., supplies..... 7.20

Standard Oil Co., fuel oil..... 230.30

Electric Appliance Co., supplies..... 19.05

General Electric Co., supplies..... 4.83

Ahrens & Ott., supplies..... 7.50

J. Levy & Bro., tax receipt book..... 5.25

Chas. Weydert, supplies..... 89.83

On motion, meeting adjourned until Thursday night 7 o'clock.

A. B. BRIANT, Mayor.

G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

The vote as cast in East Feliciana parish was: For Wilson 413, Taft 2, Roosevelt 12, Debs 6. For amendment No. 1, 281, against 105; for amendment No. 9, 334, against 105. The other amendments are something less for each.

"LITTLE ADS."

I will be in the market for sweet potatoes the year round. See me for prices and shipping instructions.

W. R. DANIEL, St. Francisville, La.