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**A GRIEVOUS SITUATION.**

As intimated in our news column, the State Bank Examiner has acted rather strangely with regard to the affairs of our local bank. After having assured different persons here that there was nothing illegal in the management of that institution, the report that he has subsequently made to the Attorney General is surprising to say the least of it. The statement made by the daily press if correct has other elements of surprise, inasmuch as it is rather anomalous for the Attorney General to leave to the District Attorney the decision of whether or no to prefer charges. It would seem that the former should instruct the subordinate official what to do in the premises. This must either be an error, in statement, or it shows that the matter is only a technical irregularity. Whatever may be the true status of affairs, we hope for the sake of all concerned that the facts will soon transpire, and be settled. It is doing the parish no good to be in its present state of uncertainty.

The circumstances attendant upon a failure are bad enough: the embarrassment in business; the pitiful losses of people, usually woman and children, not in business; the general straitness of affairs consequent upon a bank's closing; without having this darker shadow also hovering over the community.

**DR. DOWLING USUALLY RIGHT.**

More than one Louisiana editor criticizes Dr. Dowling for what they consider an unfriendly attitude to the people and institutions in the towns that he visits. One of these intimates that he would accomplish more by assuming a more conciliatory tone in his dealings with the public. Our contemporary probably overlooks the two facts that Dr. Dowling comes not as an adviser and friend, but as an officer of the law when making inspections, and such officers should know no friends in the circumstances. In the operation of the health train and the distribution of health bulletins and like reading matter he shows himself a teacher and adviser, and it is only when he has instructed the people without effect that he is seen in his severer aspects.

We do not say that Dr. Dowling is never unduly stern, but we do venture to say that he is never so without provocation. The attitude of too many persons is distinctly unfriendly to the demands of public sanitation, and he feels all the brunt of it. Moreover he has frequent experience of those who pursue tactics which are seemingly friendly, but which are misleading, and so intended. For example, the officiously obliging local man offers to show the health officer around a town, but carefully leads the latter away from anything remiss in which the cicerone may be personally interested. Such tactics are not likely to contribute anything to the inspector's friendliness or even openness of mind to home guides.

**INTENSIVE CULTIVATION.**

An item in another column mentions that a man living near Mansfield, La., netted \$800 from one acre planted in tomatoes. Such items are frequent, relating to the success achieved in planting one or another small crop. It carries but one lesson to the heedful, and that is, that the best results are to be obtained by intensive cultivation, and that, when expended on a small piece of land. There are few persons in a position to till large acreages so thoroughly as to get the best possible results, hence the wisest man is he, who does not attempt too much.

It may be well said that most agriculturists in this section are cursed with too much land, that is, too much to cultivate under present conditions. But most of them have inherited large ideas of "plantations" and cannot rid themselves of the notion that a small farm would ruin them, that they could not subsist on its returns. The truth is to the contrary. More rapacious than boll weevils is the hungry maw of a big field, which the owner has not the means to cultivate properly. It literally eats him up with taxes, and poor returns from time and labor expended. He may be convinced that a little farm well-tilled is better if he will but think over what he sees.

Why admit Mrs. Pankhurst? There are others already.

**RAILROAD OUTLETS FROM NATCHEZ.**

The immense Booster's Edition of the Natchez Democrat shows the Bluff City off to great advantage, as it gives a comprehensive view of the city's territory, resources and achievements. It shows that its territory extends east and north in Mississippi, west and north in Louisiana and beyond the Arkansas line. Incidentally, and perhaps unconsciously, it reveals that the territory of Natchez southward is limited. This is due to no railroad facilities.

One can but wonder how it is that such a progressive city is doing nothing towards getting railway connection with Port Adams and Woodville. Such a line has been long discussed, but nothing has come of it as yet. The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad claims to be interested, but is not vitally so as a road out of Natchez to Woodville would compete with its own branch line to Harrison. This consideration blinds its management to the greater territory the new line would open. It is therefore distinctly up to Natchez business men to take the initiative, in whatsoever manner that seems best, to push its trade southward. Natchez needs better railway facilities to New Orleans than through Harrison, and it should work to get it, if it really has any boosters in its population.

Such a line would help in the development of all this section between Bayou Sara and Natchez. Hence we urge it.

**AS TO SPECIALIZING.**

In addressing the students at the opening of the Louisiana State University, Gov. Hall struck the keynote of the times when he urged the student to specialize in his course and follow it determinedly to success. 'Every thing is keyed to specialization these days. The age has passed, if it ever existed rightly, when men could make a general education fit individual needs without specializing. Indeed, formerly, a man had to take up, after finishing school, his special work, now his energies are bent to it as soon as he can make up his mind what to do and be. It saves time, energy and money. It makes a boy concentrate. It tends to perfection. It climinates the man, "all things by turns and nothing long."

**THE CHEAPER WAY**

There seems to be a disposition in many of the parishes to agree informally upon a delegate for the constitutional convention, and thus avoid the expense of a primary election. This arises not only from a general distaste for political contest at this time, but from the feeling that the convention's duties are more or less so clearly defined, so circumscribed in fact, that there is nothing of political gain for any one in waging a fight over it. Many of the parishes realize that it is folly to go to the expense of an election in the circumstances, and most of them do not feel able to incur that expense.

The Times-Democrat of Sept. 24 announced its 50th anniversary by a special edition of great size, wide advertising and many articles suited to the event, it was designed to commemorate. A contrast of old times with new is always interesting, and helpful as well to those who choose to make it so. In this instance, there is much along all lines to make it especially instructive. The sky line of New Orleans in 1863 and in 1913, the businesses and men that have survived, or if gone, duly memorialized, are among the features of interest. The newspaper man will however find the study of presses and methods now, in contrast with the older days, particularly interesting.

**THE TREES TELL IT.**

That it is the fool, who hath said in his heart that there is no God is generally admitted, but most persons imagine that science is in conflict with the data offered by the Bible. A remarkable instance of the contrary, in fact where science affords confirmation strong to Holy Writ, is contained in a recent bulletin of the Forestry division at Washington. The drought that occurred in the days of Elijah was also experienced in the regions of California as recorded in the rings of its giant trees. In the time of Christ, not only was there peace in the entire Roman empire, but the big sequoias chronicle that there was an epoch of favorable climate, proportionate rainfall and sunshine.

The Louisiana Negro Fair is under way at the old fairgrounds, New Orleans, this week. It aims to show the progress of the negro since emancipation, and a creditable showing is made. The exhibits are gathered from different negro institutions in New Orleans and over the state. It is worthy of note—and of praise—that there is a total absence of alcoholic drinks, gambling, dancing and all kinds of slot machine devices.

**CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. AN ACT**

Providing for the submission to the people of a proposition to hold a convention at a designated time and place, for the purpose of framing and putting into effect a new Constitution; to fix the powers of said convention, and to provide for the nomination and election of delegates thereto.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, that there shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the State, at an election to be held on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth (28th) day of October, 1913, for their approval or rejection, a proposition to hold a Constitutional Convention for the following purposes, and upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. The said Convention shall convene in the City of Baton Rouge, on the tenth (10) day of November, 1913.

2. The said Convention shall consist of eighty (80) delegates, to be elected, one from each of the representative districts of the Parish of Orleans as now organized, and one from each of the other parishes of the State, each of which delegates shall possess the qualifications prescribed for membership in the House of Representatives.

3. The said Convention shall have full power to frame and adopt, without submission to the people, a new Constitution for the State, provided, however, that the said Convention shall be, and is hereby prohibited from enacting, ordaining or framing any article or ordinance—

a. Inconsistent with any existing Constitutional provision provided that this prohibition shall not apply to any article or articles, ordinance or ordinances, that may be enacted in relation to, or on the subject of the State's Bonded Debt of Eleven Million One Hundred and Eight Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$11,108,300) maturing the first day of January, 1914, or respecting the powers and duties of the Sewerage and Water Board of the City of New Orleans.

b. On the subject of the State debt other than the Bonded Debt above mentioned, existing provisions in regard thereto to remain in full force and effect.

c. Changing the provisions of existing laws touching, relating to, or in any manner affecting the following subjects:

1. Any public board or commission of the State or of any political subdivision thereof.
2. Any Educational or Eleemosynary Institution of the State.
3. The Educational System of the State.
4. Parochial or Municipal corporations.
5. The term of office, duties, or compensation of any existing officer.
6. Registration or Elections.
7. The Levee System.

**STRONG ONLY WHEN UNITED.**

Comment is made upon the fact that the State Bank Examiner has not treated this community with as much frankness and liberality as he did the people at Franklinton, La., in the recent failure of their bank. This is true, but the Franklinton people held a mass meeting and expressed their wishes to Mr. Young and he very graciously acceded to them. Nothing was asked here of the Examiner, in spite of strenuous efforts by a few individuals to get something done, more favorable to local needs.

The reason lies in our people themselves. There is not sufficient unanimity among them. In union there is strength, and in union only.

Vermilion parish bears the stigma of having had more registrations under the "grandfather clause," than any other parish, 1402, as compared with 240 in Orleans parish. The Abbeville Meridional very plainly says that "the high prices paid for votes" there "during the last primary election, is largely responsible for this great accession of undesirables."

**THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT CUTS SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.**

Effective September 15th, the New Orleans Times-Democrat reduced its subscription price to 15c a week, 65c a month, \$1.95 for three months, \$3.90 for six months, or \$7.80 for twelve months, delivered by carrier in either the City of New Orleans or country towns. Subscription by mail payable in advance—one month 65c, three months \$1.95, six months \$3.75, twelve months \$2.00. Weekly Times-Democrat, issued every Friday, 50 cents a year. (Advt. 9-20-4.)

**REDUCED RATES ON L. R. & N.**

Annual Reunion, Louisiana Division, Confederate Veterans, Monroe, La., October 1-3, 1913—Bayou Sara to Monroe and return..... \$7.60  
Tickets on sale Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, inclusive. Return limit October 4th.

Negro State Fair, New Orleans, La., September 18-29, 1913.—Bayou Sara to New Orleans and return..... \$4.30  
Tickets on sale Sept. 20, 22, 24, and 26, Final limit September 30.  
F. E. FARR, Agent.

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NOTICE. Automobiles will not be permitted in the Rosedown field. JAS. P. BOWMAN.

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THE INVENTORY FILED AT THE COURT HOUSE BY THE STATE EXAMINER OF STATE BANKS IN THE SUSPENSION OF THE FELICIANA BANK & TRUST CO. HAS BEEN PRINTED IN PAMPHLET FORM, WHICH ARE ON SALE AT \$1.00 PER COPY. THIS INVENTORY CONTAINS A LIST OF ALL NOTES WHICH THE BANK HAS OUTSTANDING, THE DATES WHEN SAME WERE MADE AND THE DATES ON WHICH THEY ARE DUE, A LIST OF ALL COLLATERAL GIVEN TO SECURE LOANS, THE NAMES OF ALL ENDORSERS, A LIST OF THE OVERDRAFTS AND A STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK AT THE TIME IT CLOSED ITS DOORS. PARTIES WISHING ONE OF THESE PAMPHLETS CAN SECURE SAME BY REMITTING \$1 TO THE TRUE DEMOCRAT, AT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA.

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By virtue of a commission to the Sheriff directed by the Honorable, the 24th Judicial District Court in the matter of the Succession of E. C. Henderson, deceased, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in the town of St. Francisville, La., at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. on

Saturday, October 11, 1913 the following property depending on said Succession, to-wit:

"A certain piece or parcel of land, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Sixth ward of the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, on what is known as 'Cat Island,' containing Five hundred and seventy-six acres, more or less, bounded on the North by lands now or formerly of Henry Taylor, on the East by the Spear tract, on the South by lands of the estate of L. L. Clack, and on the West by the Mississippi river; being part of the Sevastopol plantation."

46 cattle and some calves, 8 mules, 6 horses, 3 colts, 1 lot of kitchen utensils, 1 lot household furniture, 1 jumper, 2 log wagons, 1 farm wagon, 1 mowing machine, 2 riding cultivators, 1 disc cultivator, 8 plows, 6 cultivators, 3 double shovels, 1 lot of farm gears, 1 skiff, 1 lot of rope, 2 rifles, 5 pirogues, 2 saddles, 2 mares, engine, press, Gullett gin outfit, 2 gin stands, corn crusher and grist mill.

Terms—Cash provided property brings two-thirds appraisement. J. H. CLACK, Sheriff.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

Taken up on Cliffwood plantation, and estrayed before Bennett I. Barrow, magistrate of the eighth ward, on Sept. 12, 1913, one red cow, branded on left shoulder H, on right hip K. K. Under bit in left ear and smooth crop in right. Valued by Commodore Stewart and Ben Metcalf, two sworn appraisers, at \$12.00. Owner can have same by proving property and paying costs.

N. H. DAVIS, Constable.

MERVIN S. TAYLOR Attorney At Law.

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