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WILLIAM C. CHEVIS.

It is one of the drawbacks of editing a country weekly, that so much of its matter is forestalled by journals of an earlier issue. In the present case of reference to the death of William C. Chevis, the beautiful and true things have already been said about him by his brothers of the daily press. They have told how strong and inspiring his writing was, how fine a citizen and man he was, how incorruptible, how just, how devoted to the cause of right and the propaganda of progress not only in Louisiana but the world over.

What remains therefore for The True Democrat to say more than has been said? Panegyric is exhausted. Eulogy has spent its finest periods upon him. The laurels he deserved are acknowl-

There remains but to lav another leaf of rue upon his grave, the tribute of one, who knew him as a friend, since Ranger, an 8x12 quarto, was the smallest but not the least powerful of the guns leveled at the Louisiana Lottery. Although later, he became editor of larger papers, the Baton Rouge Advocate and the New Orleans States, and showed in them the riches of a maturer judgment and a wider experience, never did he surpass the work done then, because with his efforts was added a moral heroism that devoted itself to a great public duty, unawed by power and uncorrupted by the hope of gain. At no other period of life was the man called upon for so supreme a test of character. But he sustained the test without tremor or stain, and that reputation he preserved to the last.

The present writer can never forget his kindness to her, a tyro in newspaper work, at that time. No elder brother could have been more true. No friend so kindly and faithful in advice. Comrades in the same cause. it is a matter of pride, to know that he was ever a friend.

TIME TO WAKE UP.

Calcasieu has just let a contract for a reinforced concrete bridge over the Calcasieu river for \$80,000; for a concrete viaduct and a gravel highway through the swamp for about \$52,000; a contract for graveling Shell Beach drive, a distance of two miles, for \$12,000; total contracts let, \$144,000. Not only over the whole State of Louisiana but over the whole of the United States, work on a large scale is being done for the improvement of the public

ing, waste of farm products for the want of cheap transportation, etc.

Good roads would double the value our children's children as a heritage. It is up to us to pass them down to as the time, you will remember, when the moment in road and bridge con- for this work. He is a native of Misthem not as worthless property, a it was as easy to raise cotton, money struction is the most wanton waste and sissippi, a graduate of Miss, A. and M. burden rather than a blessing. As and mortgages in West Feliciana as it extravagance, that no successful busi- Miss. Veterinary Science College and more. C. M. BROOKS, 212 Laurel St., the lands without good roads are of is to raise hell to-day by starting a ness is, or can be, conducted except on the sugar chemistry department of L. Baton Rouge, La. little value, and as good roads and discussion on the subject of taxation, the firm foundation of permanency. S. U. For many years he was connectbridges make these lands valuable, it the State of Kansas was about the They know that this parish is expended with Clinton College of South Carofollows that the lands should naturally most wee-begone, poverty-stricken, run- ing enough each year in repairing roads lina, and for seven years was director bear the burden of improving the roads. down-at-the-heel object of commisera- to pay the interest on any investment of the agricultural department in the A bonded indebtedness is the only tion in your Uncle Samuel's family: it would be necessary to incur, to make Philippine Islands. practical way of making the roads and prodigality, pessimism and populism these same roads permanent, and bridge increasing the value of the land. The had soaked deep into the souls of her all its streams. They know a means bonds will extend over a long period citizens; individually and collectively, can be found to have this whole situa- Mississippi, and a graduate of Miss. A.

a year on working the roads. If this with the weight of them; Kansas was system of highways and bridges. They in his native state and his work now system be continued for fifty years the a "plumb busted community"; Kansas also know it can not all be done in a consists in aiding the farmers in planparish will have paid out \$375,000 and was about ready to dry up like the minute; that many problems confront ning the rotation and diversification of at the end of that period would have dust on her prairies and blow away. . them; that many details must be work- grain and forage crops. no better roads than it has now, and About this time there was a little ed out; that money so expended must probably the lands would not be any unknown editor, running a little un- be done judiciously; but that these bandryman, is a graduate of Connectimore valuable. Borrow the money on known newspaper in a little unknown obstacles can readily be overcome, by cut University. After graduation he fifty-year bonds; build the roads and town out there in Kansas. His office and with the support of the intelli- became connected with the Miss, A, & bridges; take this money now spent boy, his friends and the office "devil" gence of this parish. And so they are M. College and the Georgia experiment uselessly and pay the interest on the called him "Bill" White, and the rest talking about it; getting better ac station; and for two years he was at bonded indebtedness; get the good of Emporia, where his paper circulated, quainted with their neighbors, which the head of the poultry department of roads and bridges; build up the land called him anything mean they could is proper, and gathering a nugget of the State of Oklahoma. values; encourage emigration. Increas- think of, and they can think and say wisdom here, accumulating a worth- The beef expert, Mr. R. W. Kiser, is ed land values will pay off the indebt some mighty mean things in Kansas. while idea there, and the people of this a native of Kansas and a graduate of edness with the same rate of taxation That was a number of years ago, as parish are going to be surprised to the Kansas Agricultural College. After or less than now paid.

among the men of the country.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH WEST FELICIANA?

(Contributed.)

What IS the matter with West Feliciana? Ask every third man you meet this question and every second one of these will have a different answer to give you. All are agreed that something is the matter, and, in truth, this seems to be the only subject upon which the people are unanimous.

As a matter of truth and fact, there is nothing the matter with West Fethat there is for so long and so continuously, we have heard the mourners until the thing has become an obsession; we have thought in circles until failed to see that the whole situation the populistic beards, is a result of mental suggestion and merely a state of mind.

Let us see how the matter stands. It parish in the State; the richest lands; the most ideally located farms for ditrue that we have as good men and women as the South produces, and that in itself is a high compliment.

Why then is West Feliciana standing still or even slipping backward, all to have a man or two in the com while other parishes are forging to the front in civic improvement, wealth, and bettered agricultural conditions-parishes less favorably blessed in natural resources and fertile lands?

It is because we distrust each other. gies for the common good. We fail to the stormy days of 1892. His little get acquainted with our neighbor. We the ideals, and the needs of you in the money out at interest, good roads, town of St. Francisville, La., at the hour little ward is a community unto itself. We need to get better acquainted with ourselves and with out neighbor, and is in exactly the same state of mental with out friends across the parish line. and physical decay that existed in A family deprived of all communica- Kansas before Willoam Allen White neighbor, is a morose family; so also rassed by debt; they are deficient in becomes a morose community. Also, part are little more than cow-paths. in this day of competition, it becomes There is a spirit of distrust in each cisely what is the matter with West It is time we lay aside politics, petty

> cotton, money and mortgages, when we collectively and find out "What's the could afford to build a Chinese wall matter with West Feliciana?" about our little principality; invite the rest of the world to feed us with her do not need a William Allen White to hog, hominy and canned horrors, in wake her up. Her citizens are alive to miles. return for the privilege of clothing the needs of the community, and a them with out cotton. This business movement has been started that deformality having been attended to, we serves and merits the support of every invited them, by implication, at their red-blooded person who lives within convenience to go to the devil, while her boundaries. These men know that we would proceed to attend to our own the time has come to let Louisiana affairs in our own way. But these good hear from us. West Feliciana has been old days, no matter how much regret the banner parish, the garden spot, the ted, are gone and we can no longer dwelling-place of the mighty of the afford to live behind Chinese walls. greatest State South in the past. She We can no longer afford to overlook is going to be a contender for that the fact that we are obliged to compete enviable place again. She is on her with out hustling neighbors to the way toward that goal, and she is gathnorth, east, south and west of us. We ering headway all the time. But these must fight for our share of the good men realize that she must build from things of life; we must peep over that within, make her lands habitable, give Chinese wall and find out what is hap her people means of transportation for pening on the other side.

This is an age of road building. Good be it! The men of West Feliciana are and new families to settle in the waste roads make country life not only en- real men and they are real fighters, but places. durable, but pleasant and profitable. all the 42 centimeter howitzers, the They realize that the time has come Good roads inchease the value of farm. Gatlings, Springfields, and six-shooters when all prejudices must be laid aside, ing lands; they save enormous amounts in the world will avail us nothing in and when all men can meet on a comof money in horse flesh, wear and tear this fight. We must needs be armed mon ground of understanding and work of vehicles, increased expense of liv- with plows and harrows and engines of for the betterment of the parish, for construction, not destruction, and roads what is just and right and necessary and more roads and better roads and for its development and upbuilding; tional government for the cotton and bridges and more bridges and better- that the time has come to have those of productive farm lands of this parish no we haven't any. Just think of that: things which are best and those only. in 15 years. Rich lands without good we haven't any; and roads and bridges They realize that it is time to construct are doing work in the states of Texas, roads and bridges are almost worth- and means of quick communication are for the future, to build permanently, to Mississippi and Alabama also. less. With these improvements they the biggest single things in educating forget the expediency of the moment are most valuable. The lands of the and developing a country that any com- and raise monuments which will enparish are to go to our children and to munity can have—and the cheapest.

A number of years ago, as far back privately and publicly, Kansas was tion bettered, and something started & M. For several years Mr. Perkins The parish is spending \$7,500 dollars mortgaged until her farms groaned that will eventually lead to a perfect had charge of the experimental work the necessities of the time; for once, Feliciana. To-day this little unknown going to get it.

of Emporia.

tons of dynamite and woke them up. He did it through the editorial columns of his Emporia Gazette, and he called his article "What's the Matter With Kansas?" William Allen White told em just what was the matter with liciana. We have merely been told Kansas. He didn't mince any words doing it, either; he told 'em it was just about the rottenest little State in the weeping over the expected demise, Union, and that its citizens were headed straight for demnition. He roasted em until the flesh came off in huge our heads swim at the effort; we have chunks and he singed all the hair off

Editor White woke 'em up most thoroughly and effectively. They went gunning for Editor White, they 'cussed is trite to say we have the best hill him and called him a "knocker" and made it generally unpleasant for him, the most beautiful natural surround- but "Bill" White just grinned, dipped ings; the finest all-year-round climate; his pen in sulphuric acid and wrote another editorial, and for some reason versification. You've heard all that the people did not run Editor White before—and it's all true. It is also out of Kansas. Possibly because after pouring the healing oil of enlightenment on their wounds they discovered that he was telling some mighty plain truths, and it was not a bad idea after munity who could see their faults and was not afraid to make them public

They are glad they didn't run Wiliam Allen White out of Kansas now In fact, they are exceedingly proud of It is because we fail to unite our ener- him, for he is a national figure and he made the State what it is to-day. Their of the towns fail to know the hopes, have quadrupled in value, they have country. Each little settlement, each schools, and unbounded confidence in of 11 o'clock a. m., on themselves and their State.

The parish of West Feliciana to-day tion, social and otherwise, with its "woke 'em up." The people are haa community shut in from its neighbor schools, and their roads for the most a stagnant community, and that is pre- other, and there is no "health in us." Feliciana: we are morose and stagnant. differences, jealousies and suspicions, Time was, in the good old days of and analyze ourselves individually and

Fortunately for West Feliciana, we their crops and make it worth while Very well then, if we must fight so for her young men to stay on the land

dure for future generations.

known as William Allen White, the best with facts and figures and consulting ing and selling their stock.

editor in America, one of its most with people who know a whole lot more virile writers, and a tremendous power about it than they do, and accepting for the betterment of civic and social advice wherever they can get it, and conditions, far beyond the city limits honestly trying to get down to the meat of the matter. They are sincere William Allen White, just at a time in their desire to build something subwhen the people of Kansas were least stantial for the parish. Incidentally, expecting it, touched off a few hundred they believe that very thing can be done. They know it will be done sooner or later. Why not begin now?

> Sanders could referee a dog fight and attract a larger crowd than over two-thirds of the gang now hounding him.-Florida Parishes.

> Yes? But come to think of it, what does draw a bigger crowd than a dog fight, even minus Sanders?

> Atlantic City is to introduce threecent jitneys, but we join the Philadelphia Ledger in asking how is that possible when a jitney is five cents?-New Orleans States.

No more queer than the "eight mile" Marathon pulled off annually at New

The directors of the World's Fair at Chicago, more than twenty years ago, are just winding up its affairs. This leads one to hope that the older generation will live to see the final liquidation of the Feliciana Bank and Trust

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, 24th Judicial District Court-Feliciana Bank and Trust Co., in Li-

quidation, vs. No. 951, Dr.A.F.Barrow. By virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias to the Sheriff directed by the Hon. the 24th Judicial District Court of the Parish of West Feliciana, La., in the above entitled mortgages are all paid up, their lands and numbered cause, I have seized and will offer for sale to the highest bidder at

> Saturday, June 19, 1915, the following described property of de-

The undivided one-half (1-2) interest of Lots numbers One (1), Two (2) and Twelve (12), and part of Lot number Three (3) in Square Seven (7) in the town of St. Francisville. La., fronting One Hundred and Forty (140) feet on Royal Street, and running back between parallel lines One Hundred and Eighty (180) feet, with all the buildings and improvements thereon. Terms of sale-Cash, with benefit of ap-

J. H. CLACK. Sheriff.

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The old Percy road to the Woodville road, about 4 miles. Road from Plettenberg, about 5 1-2

From Brandon to Tom Wood's, about

Road from railroad to Alexander's creek n road to C. M. Barrow's, about 1 mile. Road from Brandon junction to Weyanke school, 6 miles.

Road from Greenwood to Ellerslie, 1 1-2 Road from Bayou Sara creek (Smith ford) to upper line of A. Schlesinger's

Hilliard place, about 3 miles. Road from West Reilly's on Pinckney ville road to mail box in Robb field, about 3 miles.

All above roads to be worked according

to specifications and maintained in good condition for 12 months. C. F. HOWELL, President. C. T. TOORAEN, Clerk.

SATISFACTORY WORK BEING CARRIED ON BY EXPERTS IN UNIVERSITY EXTENSION DEPT

The work of the live stock and connected with the Louisiana State University, is being carried on very ably by the experts employed, and great results are obtained.

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Mr. W. R. Perkins, the grain and forage specialist, is also a native of

Mr. A. E. Rolf, the poultry hus-

aforesaid, as far back, you will remem- learn one of these fine mornings that graduation Mr. Kiser was elected as-Citizens of West Feliciana, we have ber, as when it was easy to raise cot- everybody wants just what everybody sistant professor of animal industry in slept long enough! Let's wake up to ton, money and mortgages in West else wants, and then, "by Heck," we're that same college. He has had several years of experience on many of the let's all work together for the upbuild- editor is still called "Bill" White by And don't forget, either, that these largest stock farms in Kansas, and his ing of our parish, that we no longer his office boy, his friends and the office same citizens, while they are talking work now consists in assisting the shall be a byword and a reproach "devil," and to the rest of Emporia and considerably, are working considerably farmers in stocking their farms with about July 10. However, it is advisable reserved to reject any and all bids. the whole of the United States he is also. They are arming themselves desirable cattle, and in breeding, buy- to start early and have ample time to

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They have always afforded the players much pleasure and the best players have found it very profitable. This year five thousand dollars in

cash is to be divided among the 256 persons sending the best answers. The first prize is \$1,000, and other

prizes range from \$750 down to \$5.00. The picturegame editor of The Times-Picayune will be glad to furnish full To Whom it May Concern: particulars and rules for playing the Sealed bids will be received and

may join at any time up to the publish. Town of Bayou Sara, for the year June ing of the last picture which will be 15, 1915, to June 15, 1916. Right is give your answers careful study. JNO. M. BELL, Secretary.

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