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THE Times is authorized to announce
James Jones Young, of Claiborne,
as a candidate for Congress from the
Fifth Congressional District—subject to
the action of the Democratic nominat-
ing convention.

THE Times is authorized to announce
Hon. John Murdoch of Texas, as
a candidate for Congress from the Fifth
Congressional District—subject to the
action of the Democratic nominating
Convention.

Minister Cox sails for home Oct.
2d.

Cholera is raging in Austria and
Italy.

The result of the Vermont elec-
tion insures the re-election of Sen-
ator Edmunds.

The week opened with rain and
the creaking cisterns immediately
proceeded to get tight.

The Mayflower beat the Galatea
for the second time, last Saturday,
which retains the cup in America.

Jay Gould's son George, was
married to Miss Edith Kingdom
the actress last Tuesday, Septem-
ber 14, at Jay Gould's residence
on the Hudson.

Henry Ward Beecher's son, who
was collector of customs at Puget
Sound, left there a short time ago,
and no one appears to know where
he is.

Col. L. P. Reeves, who shot his
son-in-law, Joseph Nicholls, in
St. Joseph, La., has been released
on bond, his physician declaring
that death would result from his
confinement.

The New York City Irving Hall
general committee, enthusiastically
cheered Ex-Senator Ecclesine's
speech, commending Gov. Hill's
administration, and condemning
that of President Cleveland.

At a meeting of the American
colony in the City of Mexico, Sept.
10, at which fully 200 were present,
Consul Porch's telegram to secre-
tary Bayard, regarding the Sedge-
wick scandal, was indorsed.

A collision on the Nickel Plate
road near Silver creek, N. Y., last
Tuesday, caused the death of fif-
teen passengers, and the wounding
of a large number of others. Mis-
understood orders.

That old chestnut of the Presi-
dent's making a sweep soon, is again
going the rounds, the time set now
is his return from his vacation.
Won't somebody ring a chestnut
gong?

The great sea serpent seen in the
Hudson river, N. Y. turns out to
be a large log with a root about
five or six feet long at one end,
which as the log rolled would occa-
sionally stick up in the air and was
taken for a serpents neck and head.

Prof. M. B. Hillyard has been
furnishing the Times-Democrat
some letters on the west and north-
west. His account of Dakota
makes it out a country that it
would be better to give away than
to keep, and he places a very low
estimate on the natural grasses of
Dakota. The grasses may have
changed in the last ten years, but
they used to be mighty fine and
made a better hay than Louisiana
ever saw, with the exception of
Bermuda.

POLITICIANS.

There is a prevailing custom
among men who have little to do
with politics, of sneering at poli-
ticians, and of classing politicians
as antagonistic to "the people"
but have the gentlemen so acting
ever carefully considered the mat-
ter, and fully understood just what
they were talking about? Poli-
tical bosses are looked upon by the
ignorant as something to be op-
posed, on general principles, but
a boss is a necessity. The people
without leaders occupy the position
of an army without generals, pow-
erful if well lead, impotent if not.
A well disciplined company of
soldiers or policemen with a good
leader can scatter a mob of a thou-
sand or two unorganized men, hav-
ing no recognized leader.

When a political boss is to be
downed, the first thing on the pro-
gramme of the downers, is organi-
zation, and to organize, a leader is
necessary, and it invariably follows
that the leader or boss who is
downed is replaced by another
boss, and the patriots who assisted
in downing boss the first, rest con-
tentedly—for awhile anyhow—
under the dominion of boss the
second. One boss succeeds another,
and that is all. A leader, is of
necessity, a politician, and the
popular movements, having for
their objects the downfall of some
one or more politicians generally,
result in putting forward some in-
experienced man, whose adminis-
tration of affairs, proves to be a
dismal failure. On such occasions,
the cry is for an honest man who
is uncontaminated by politics, and
the fact that there are as many dis-
honest men outside of politics as
there are inside, is lost sight of. A
man who is dishonest in politics,
would be dishonest anyhow.

As long as there is such a thing
as politics, there will be leaders or
bosses, and the fact may as well
be accepted. The man who can
be led away by the cry of "boss"
is weak and unstable, and shows
by that very act, that he requires
a boss and a leader. The great
majority of men need a leader.
Only a comparatively few men are
fit for leadership, and in any un-
dertaking, no success is possible,
without a leader. The antagonism
to politicians is foolish, and child-
ish. Whenever a politician is fought
some other politician leads the
fight against him, and whenever
you join in a fight against a poli-
tician, be very sure that you are
not putting a club into the hands
of some one, with which to break
your own head.

Unwarranted Assumptions.

Madison parish was stronger for
Wells than any other one man bet on
the wind up it instructed for King.

At the Madison parish convention
held Wednesday week the vote stood:
King, 65, Wells, 56. So he only lost by 9
votes. This shows that Wells had a
strong following.

At the mass meeting in Madison on
the third ballot, the vote stood: Wells
45; King 35, Murdoch 37.

Now this ballot showed beyond a
doubt that Capt. Wells was the choice
of a plurality of votes. It shows an-
other thing, that notwithstanding the
assertion of Gen. King and his friends
to the contrary that the plurality of
candidates worked out in King's favor.

Is not this charge sufficient to drive
the friends of the other candidates
from him? It is a well known fact
that Capt. Wells was the first man out
for Congress and of course his candi-
dacy was not with a view to combine
to beat King. King, himself, had
never expressed a desire to go back
when Capt. Wells came out.

The above paragraphs taken
from the Richland Beacon, are mis-
leading, and not in accordance with
the facts. The first one is far from
correct. The first ballot which
was a fair test of the strength of
each candidate was King 35, Mur-
doch 34, Wells 33. Lott 20, a total
of 122. This shows King to have
been the strongest man, and Wells
is third in strength instead of first,
as the Beacon claims. The second
ballot stood Murdoch 35, Wells 35,
King 34, Lott 16, a total of 120,
two votes less than the first ballot.
Lott lost four votes. Of the four
votes lost by Lott, Wells got two
and Murdoch one. King lost one,
but as there were two votes short,
one of them was clearly a King
vote, and the other may have been.
The third ballot showed a gain of
ten for Wells, four for King and
two for Murdoch, which shows that
the Lott vote went mostly to Wells,
but when Murdoch was dropped
and the final test came, Mr. Wells
got only 56 out of a total of 121,
which demonstrated that Madison
did not want Wells, and to em-
phasize the rejection of Wells when
it came to a vote for second choice,
the meeting voted 66 for Murdoch,
30 for Wells.

O no, Mr. Beacon! Your figures
are all right but your deductions
are all wrong. Take another look
at the situation, and you may see
aright.

NEWTON THE MAN.

Just before going to press, the
news came, that Hon. C. Newton
of Morehouse, was nominated at
the Ruston Convention on the 84th
ballot. No details have been re-
ceived.

Col. E. W. Robertson, of East
Baton Rouge, was nominated for
Congress from the Sixth District,
at Baton Rouge last Thursday,
Sept. 16.

An Old Citizen Speaks.

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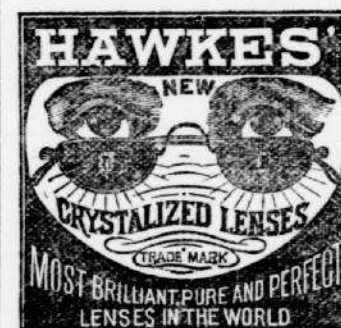
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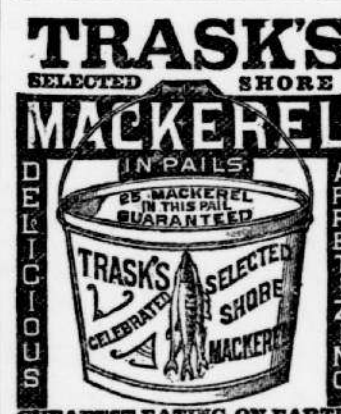
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