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Valley of The Teche says, "we want a bank."

The Progress is more modest; we would be satisfied with a good bank account.

The hum of the mosquito is still heard, occasionally, in these parts.

The city taxes of Plaquemine Louisiana are 18 mills. The cost of maintaining the municipal government \$9,367. This would indicate that the assessed valuation of the property in Plaquemine is only \$52,038.89, if that.

Even satan can give good, advice.

No true friend of the negro wants a Force Bill passed by Congress. He knows that it will mean only rough usage for Cuffey. The white race will never submit to Federal armed force to control them in their dealings with the negro.

THE PROGRESS extends the hand of sympathy to its friend, Mr. R. E. Crownrich, on the death of his mother, which occurred on Thursday of last week.

Though all have to endure trial, and have ever had to; the blow falls with the same heavy force always in every instance.

None of us love our mothers as fondly as we should. But we do not realize this until she is taken from us; for ever.

Jim Corbett was recently defeated by Tom Sharkey. It is true that Sharkey was awarded the fight on a foul—caused by Corbett's manager entering the ring contrary to rules—but the general opinion is that Jim was getting the worst of the encounter. We used to think Corbett could fight, but we now begin to believe that he has been a muchly over-rated man.

Lieutenant-governor R. H. Snyder, was in the city last Saturday. He came over on legal business connected with the United States court; to get some papers signed by Judge Boardman. While here he was called on by quite a number of our representative citizens. Governor Snyder has a large number of political and personal friends in Shreveport.

WE TOLD YOU SO.

The Progress believes that it can now, fairly, say to its friend, Hon. Ben Holzman, "I told you so."

The morning after the Board of Underwriters, of this city, had presented—the night preceding—to the City Council its remarkable command; for suzerance called a petition; in which it was practically demanded that the fire department be placed under the management of that Board; our editor met Mr. Holzman and to him made this prediction:

"Give the Underwriters all they ask for; and within six months, their companies will have both restored the three-quarter clause and increased the rate of insurance."

See our prophecy about to be fulfilled on one proposition already.

The following extract is from the Insurance Department of the New Orleans States, and seems to be the simpering of an upstart who was here as adjuster of the losses caused by our last big fire:

"The condition of affairs at Shreveport, La., is attracting the attention of fire underwriters. It will be remembered that not long ago, in response to the request of Shreveport local agents the three-quarter loss clause on risks in that town was abolished. Whether that has had anything to do with the late loss it is impossible to say, but certain it is, that losses in this year of 1898 have been disastrous."

If the author of that statement was half as manly as he is contemptible; he would have signed his name to it: and if he had one-fifth as much fairness as he has impudence, he would admit that part of his twaddle is but a pretext, for his advocacy of an increased rate, and the restoration of the three-quarter clause.

Will Shreveport submit to further injustice?

ALL FOR TUNNARD.

The Press of Louisiana is making an excellent campaign for General Will H. Tunnard, the Association's president, for secretary of the Railroad Commission.

The newspapers have presented the name of General Tunnard to the three Commissioners for the position because he is the proper man for it. Aside from the fact that he has an invalid wife who requires a constant attendant because she is also nearly or quite blind; and the further fact that he is out of a situation, and needs the place; he is a man of of ability; honest, conscientious, and a devotee to any business pursuit he is engaged in. He has a natural talent for such work as this Secretaryship would impose. He is systematic and thoroughly painstaking, he could fill the position with rare exactness. And his standing in the State; with the Press and the Confederate Veterans, with their power, prestige, political, social and moral standing; would add to the force and effectiveness of the Commission. Being a new thing, that Body, in all probability, will have a rough and rugged road to travel, in its early life, and it would be a powerful ally to have in the person of its Secretary, the President of the Louisiana Press Association.

Has any man—or woman—ever experienced here, such weather in November, as we have just passed through with? Let "the oldest inhabitant" speak out!

As long as newspapers will indulge in the false sentiment, dangerous sentiment in favor of such men as Frank Mullins, just so long will the arm of the assassin be emboldened to strike down less officers as John Sisemore.

Frank Mullins, who had openly defied the law, public opinion and morals, was killed by Marshal Sisemore. At the time of the killing, Mullins was not only resisting arrest, but was attempting to kill the officer. For this killing Mr. Sisemore was tried and honorably acquitted. Not only is this so, but the best people of the town, Ruston, gave him their personal and moral support. Yet despite all this, there newspapers in this State, who called him a coward and a murderer. And since the assassination of this chivalrous officer, they have, in a quasi-way, indorsed the murder by saying "we told you so," or words to that effect.

A newspaper, properly directed, is a power for good. But misdirected—it is capable of causing much harm.

It is to be hoped that the Democrats will again select Hon. Joseph B. Bailey, the brilliant young Texan, to lead them, at the reorganization of the House, next year.

Mr. Bailey has proven himself to be a leader of rare skill. He has great tact, is cool collected and a read debater. Even that great statesman, Charles F. Crisp, could not net hold down Tom Reed, any better than Bailey has.

THE PROGRESS notes that some good Democratic newspapers declare Mr. Bailey to be a feather-weight. But as he is a staunch silver man; and they, without exception, are stubborn gold-bugs; we think the reason, patent.

The Police Jury and citizens are wrestling with the saloon men and other citizens, in Lafayette parish, over the raise made by the Jury, for selling liquor in that province. As Lafayette Gazette is with the Police Jury, THE PROGRESS must think that body is right. We know Mr. Homer Mouton, editor of Lafayette Gazette, and he is straight and sound. His paper has only the best interests of that parish at heart.

It has now been agreed to submit the matter to the people.

The license was fixed at \$1,000. The saloon men think \$200 enough; and that difference will be the matter of contest.

The election will be held on the 15th instant.

Rev. John C. Sligh preached at Texas Avenue church last Sunday morning and evening, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Barnette Wright. Mr. Sligh is a talented young preacher.

The Baldwin hotel, of San Francisco, California, valued at \$2,500,000, was recently burned. There were only \$100,000 worth of insurance on it. Several lives were lost.

Julius Parker, who was accused of murdering District Attorney Joe Reid in Franklin parish last year, was recently tried and acquitted.

It is difficult to convict—when the accused is, or supposed to be—protected by an organized band of assassins.

MADAM RUMOR SAYS

That our lawyers should get The Progress to do their brief work.

That the midget is engaged in another lawsuit.

That Jordan is still the same old hard road to travel.

That when you need a notary public you should get C. D. Hicks.

That She hopes the bug under the chip in the Compress-Cotton Belt suit, will be ousted: so the people may see whatkind of "varmint" it is.

That when the pole begins to stir among those fifteen Comptons, She wonders what kind of "ereater" will be run out.

That the man who can tell which way the political cat in Caddo is going to jump next time, is a prophet of no low order.

That the man who agrees with "every body," about outside matters, is apt to have more friends in his business.

That She wonders if the managers of the opera house here had more than three misunderstandings (?) with theatrical companies this week?

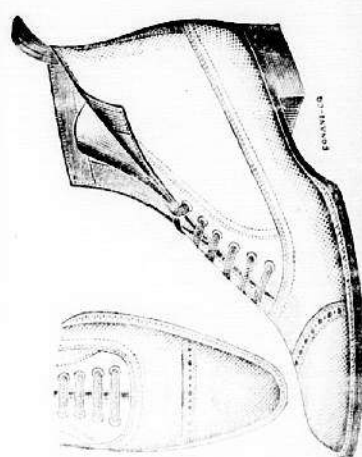
That the vote on the bond issue will take place this month. Remember we need paved streets, when you go to the polls.

That a number of people would like to know how the committees to investigate railroads, are getting along.

That our business men can get a reduction in insurance rates if they will mak the proper effort.

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A beautiful line of dress goods from
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School suits from 75c to \$3.50.
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50 pieces 4-4 bleaching at 4c.
100 pieces 4-4 Sea Island at 4c.
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Mens' all-wool suits, \$4.50, 6.00 and \$7.00.
Men's wool undershirts, 75c.
Men's wool drawers, 75c.

Men's heavy cotton undershirts, 25c.
Men's hose, 5c, 10c and 15c.
Ladies' hose, 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c.
Children's and misses jackets at very small prices.
We have an all-wool overshirt at \$1.00.
Jeans, 10c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c per yard.
1 lot of comforts, 50c, 75c, \$1, 1.50 and 1.75 each.

1 lot of white and gray blankets, 75c, \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2, and 2.50 each.
12 pcs black silk, \$1 goods, for 60c.
9 pieces black satin at 45c.
CLOTHING
Men's suits, wool, \$5.50 to 11.00.
Men's suits, fancy colors, \$2.50 to 4.
All-wool men's pants, \$2.25.
A nice line striped pants, \$1.25 to \$1.65.

SHOES
Men's calf bals. shoes at 90c to \$1.25.
Hand-made shoes, congress and bal., \$2.87.
Ladies button and lace shoes, 90c to \$2.10.
Baby shoes, 25c.
Misses' shoes, button and lace, 50c to \$1.
30 pieces cotton flannel at 4c.
40 pieces cotton flannel, heavy, 7c.