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For Governor, 1904,  
**HON. JOSEPH W. FOLK,**  
Circuit Attorney of St. Louis.

What do you think of the Morgan County Magazine?

St. Joseph is to have a \$15,000 display at the World's Fair next year.

Nevada, Mo., has genuine grit. The people of that city recently voted to bond the city for \$100,000 to build water works.

The State University at Columbia was compelled to suspend operations several days last week because of a scarcity of coal.

If it is understood that the corn shows now being held in all sections of the state are to take the place of the ratty street fairs, the people will call for more corn shows.

Everyone has been agreeably surprised to find the Morgan County Magazine even better than we said it would be. It is up-to-date in every particular, and will be kept so.

The Benton Eagle is willing to lend its aid to eradicate crime from Cooper county, and thinks criminals are getting entirely too bold for comfort within the borders of their county.

Doniphan citizens are treated to free music three times a day by a genius who attached a steam calliope to a mill whistle, and three times a day he plays a tune to indicate the meal hours.

Warrensburg has a list of 200 citizens for a Folk club in that city, and Circuit Attorney Folk has consented to speak there on December 19, at which time the club will be permanently organized. Preparations will be made to give Mr. Folk an ovation.

A Chicago physician has succeeded in making a dead heart beat, says an exchange. If the doctor would now discover how to make the dead heart pay, the business men and editors of the country would fall over each other in an effort to erect a suitable monument to his memory.

The mill operators of the New England states have reduced the wages of employes which affect about 75,000 working people, yet their cost of living is higher now than ever before. This is prosperity with a big P. Is it any wonder those workmen are inclined to inaugurate a strike?

The yearly income from live stock in Missouri, according to the last census, is one and one-half times as great as the one from the 14 leading manufacturing industries, 16 times that of all the mining industries, 24 times that of all horticultural industries, and 11 times that of all the cereals combined. When the census was taken only 53 per cent of the farmers gave live stock as the chief source of income, yet these had 70 per cent of the income of the entire state from agricultural products.

## Aggressive Campaign.

Headquarters Joseph W. Folk Campaign Committee, Equitable Building, St. Louis, December 1, 1903.

MR. EDITOR—DEAR SIR—

At the request of Mr. N. W. McLeod a number of friends of Joseph W. Folk held a preliminary meeting in Mr. McLeod's office last Saturday, and formed the nucleus of an organization which is expected to be completed and perfected at a larger meeting to be held here in the near future, for the purpose of pushing the campaign of Mr. Folk for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri.

As Chairman of the meeting I was asked to invite the co-operation of all those who favor making Mr. Folk the standard bearer of the party in the next campaign, and especially to request the assistance of two gentlemen from each Congressional District to constitute a general committee to look after the matter in their respective sections, five of whom should constitute an executive committee to act in connection with Mr. McLeod and the city committee in managing the campaign, and in arranging for a representative gathering of Folk Democrats from all parts of the state, to be held in this city as early as practicable, at which time a complete organization will be effected and committees appointed to push the fight in every county and township of the state. It is expected that at this meeting the Folk clubs and supporters of Folk in every county will be represented.

Allow me to say most sincerely that I am in this movement not for any personal reason or interest, but for the cause of good government as I see it. What time I can spare from official duties will be given freely without compensation or reward of any kind.

When I cannot be in the office headquarters the vice-chairman of the executive committee will be here to attend to all correspondence.

We earnestly invite correspondence with all Democrats who may be willing to support Mr. Folk. We hope you will be willing to publish this for the information of your readers.

Respectfully,  
W. D. VANDIVER, Chairman.

To say that the postoffice department of the government at Washington is "rotten to the core," is putting it mildly. It is so decomposed that the stench reaches from ocean to ocean. This should convince any reasonable person that a change is needed. The Democratic party would have to carry off the National capital to outstrip the corruption now being unearthed in the Republican camp. Fourteen postoffice officials indicted, Senators caught in the net and about twenty-five prominent outsiders implicated in defrauding the government is the President's report so far.

Kansas will not pay state warrants, but will hold them until the first of the year when the tax moneys come in. In other words, Kansas is "busted." Missouri has \$1,794,297.53 laid up for a rainy day. Kansas has a straight tax levy of 35 cents. Missouri has a straight tax levy of 10 cents. Here's both a distinction and a difference. Missouri is a Democratic state, while Kansas is Republican. "You pays your money and takes your choice."

The fact that Congressman W. D. Vandiver has taken hold of Joseph W. Folk's campaign, will give the famous prosecutor's gubernatorial boom a big boost and brighter outlook than ever. Congressman Vandiver is one of the best campaigners in Missouri and a Democrat without a blemish, and if he don't make all the weak points strong in shaping up Mr. Folk's chances before the next Democratic state convention, there's little use of any other political warrior coming to the rescue. Machine men who already fear the advancement made by the Folk adherents, will shiver with back ache when the Vandiver picket lines are concentrated, and there will not be room in the Folk band-wagon for the new accessions ere the buds swell in the spring.

Mark Twain continues to be a good joker, even in his old age. Interviewed recently by an Italian newspaper man at Florence, where he is spending the winter, he said that he intended to return to America in the spring and run for President. The object of his present sojourn in Italy was to enable him all the better to cultivate the Italian vote in America.

Last Saturday afternoon Congressman Vandiver addressed a large meeting at Mexico, advocating Joseph W. Folk for Governor. The Folk club of Mexico is composed of 700 Democrats, and Mr. Vandiver's speech was greeted with enthusiasm. Preceding the speech, resolutions were adopted demanding of the county committee that a primary election be held for county and state officers, and indorsing Senator Cockrell for President.

The Missouri Supreme Court handed down a decision in the Ed Butler case Wednesday, in which the decision of the lower court was reversed and the defendant, Butler, was ordered released.

## Cheap Excursions to the South.

On Oct. 29th, the Kansas City Southern Ry. (Port Arthur) route will run a cheap excursion from Kansas City and all stations in Missouri and Kansas to Lake Charles, Shreveport, Beaumont and Port Arthur. The rate for the round trip will be \$15.00, limited from date of sale, good to stop over on going trip at all points en route, provided final destination is reached inside of 15 days from date of sale. This exceptionally low rate, together with liberal stop over privileges allowed, should insure a great crowd, especially in view of the fact that this is the most delightful season of the year to visit the Southland. Similar low rates will probably be placed in effect from points north and east of Kansas City, ask your ticket agent.

Every effort will be made by the Company to secure the safety and comfort of its patrons. All inquiries relative to desirable locations to visit or other information will be cheerfully furnished. Address either S. G. Warner, G. P. & T. A., F. E. Roessler, T. P. & I. A. or J. H. Morris, T. P. A., Kansas City, Mo. Respectfully,  
S. G. WARNER, G. P. & T. A.

## Best Liment on Earth.

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Texas, writes, Nov. 24, 1903: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything, but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liment to be the best liment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, neuralgic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liment, you will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1 by Milton Lewis, Florence, Mo.

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