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Hail, 1908! And in your train may you bring health and happiness, peace and prosperity, kind-heartedness and love to all.

Will Sparkman enter the race for the Senate? If he does so conclude and then jumps in, you can just bet your last dollar that he will make a splash that will go all over, under and around the entire State.

The Lake City Index says that "the U. S. Senate has passed an amendment to the Wilson bill which, if agreed to by the House of Representatives, will prevent the shipment of liquors into districts under inter-State commerce traffic."

We'll bet a ginger cake that when Lamar's withdrawal from the congressional race was announced a mighty sigh of relief and a broad smile of satisfaction went up from Pensacola, Apalachicola and Marianna. And my, but ain't the gentlemen from those cities getting busy?

Mid all the kaleidoscopic changes in political plans during the holidays the little matter of an extra session of the legislature was entirely lost sight of. Now if the governor would make us all a New Year present of his assurance that no such session will be called we'd all feel better.

The managers of the International Mid-Winter Exposition in Jacksonville promise one attraction which ought to be a great drawing card. A family residing in Jacksonville, in which there is a father and four sons, none of whom are candidates for State office, have offered themselves for exhibition and their offer has been accepted.—Fernandina Record.

The Madison New Enterprise thunders out: "Who dares to say that Madison county is not progressive?" Not us, Lum. We haven't opened our face except to eat. If you say Madison is all right we will agree to it.—Orlando Reporter-Star. We sure say that thing, old man, and we mean it, too, and if anybody dares to doubt it we'll prove the assertion.

February 7th, 1908, has been appointed Arbor Day in Florida by State Superintendent Holloway, and he requests a proper observance of the same throughout the State. We sincerely hope that in Madison it will be observed and that it will be made the occasion of planting a few much needed shade trees on the school grounds.

Every farmer in Madison county should attend the Farmers Institutes to be held in the county this week. In another part of this paper we publish the dates and places at which these Institutes will be held together with the program to be rendered. Read it, and then put your shoulder to the wheel and help to push along the enterprise.

The declination of Judge Charles B. Parkhill to enter the race for Congress in this district is thoroughly characteristic of the man. Only those who are most intimately acquainted with him can appreciate the great sacrifice that he has made in refusing to enter into a race which promised victory. We believe we state a fact when we say that for years it has been the ambition of Judge Parkhill to represent his native state in the halls of the national congress. In the first campaign of the new district he refrained from entering the race out of regard for his political and personal friend. Now, at this day, when we honestly believe that the place would be his for the asking, he declines because of his regard for the ethics of a gentleman and high-minded statesman. He thinks it would not be proper for him to enter a contest for one office while holding another exalted position to which he was chosen by the people, the term of which he is now about to enter upon. Judge Parkhill has held many positions of honor and trust and in everyone he has brought honor upon himself and credit to the people by whom he was elevated. We sincerely hope that at some future day he may have his ambition realized and be elected to serve this district in Congress.

There may be some who think that Congressman Lamar made a mistake in giving up a reasonably "sure thing" to enter into a contest with some of the strongest men in the State for a higher office. We confess to thinking along that line ourselves when we first received the news of his entry into the senatorial race. But we've had another think or two, since that day, and we have arrived at the conclusion that the gentleman did not jump into the fight hoodwinked or blinded in any manner. Lamar is acknowledged to be among the most astute and far seeing of Florida's public men, and he has never yet been known to make a serious mistake. His whole political life has been crowned with success, and there is no reason for thinking that he will not be a decided factor in the fight for the chair now temporarily occupied by the young Jacksonville statesman, Bryan.

I do hereby resolve that during this year of 1908 I will exert every effort toward promoting the peace, progress and prosperity of my town and county. That I will denounce and condemn all outbreaks of disorder and lawlessness. That I will demand of all officials, State, county and municipal, a fearless and rigid discharge of the duties imposed upon them by the laws and ordinances and assumed by them with the taking of the oath of office. That I will in every way possible aid and assist in the preservation of peace, the observance of law and order and the bringing to justice of all offenders, to the end that my town and county may be purged of that which is unwholesome, illegal, vicious and criminal. When every true citizen, every man high or humble, rich or poor, subscribes to a resolution as above set forth and proceeds to carry out its purposes by a strict observance of its provisions, then, and not until then, may we hope to attain that blessed condition which should be the end and aim of every community of people. Will you subscribe?

The governor did the expected thing. Indeed, it would have surprised everybody if he had not appointed Bryan to succeed the dead Mallory. The governor owes a great deal to Will Bryan and he would have shown ingratitude at least, had he not embraced the opportunity presented to reward him for his faithful and efficient services.

Georgia has started out on her career as a prohibition State, the liquor business in all its lines having legally ceased in that State with the close of the year. This innovation upon the part of Georgia will be watched with intense interest throughout the union, and if prohibition proves a success the cause will receive such an impetus as to make it the prevailing condition in many other States.

Let's see: The present Governor—Jacksonville man. Wants to be—and probably will—governor next term, Jacksonville man. One United States Senator—Jacksonville man. Another United States Senator for a season at least—Jacksonville man, and wants it again. Two more candidates for United States Senate—Jacksonville men. Is this all? Maybe so, but the campaign is not fully open yet. Great is Jacksonville and mighty are her people.

Didn't the News tell you so? What? That some others might come out for high office. And he's come. W. B. Lamar enters the race for the U. S. Senate. So far, he has never met defeat on the political field. This may prove his Waterloo. And it may not. Anyhow, those already in the arena, and those thinking of entering, will all know at the final finish that the gentleman from Jefferson was in the fight.—DeSoto County News.

Congressman Lamar of the Third District has introduced a bill making federal judges and postmasters elective by the people. It seems to us that in a government like ours, where the ballot is supreme, that this ought to be the case. Other federal officers might also be included in the bill, such as marshals, clerks, collectors of internal revenue, etc. If ours is to remain a government of the ballot everyone ought readily concede that Congressman Lamar is moving along on the right line.—Ocala Banner.

The signs indicate that ex-Senator Samuel Pasco of Monticello would like to get back into the harness and occupy his old seat in the chamber in Washington occupied by the "most august deliberative body in the world." The gentleman had what governor Jennings would term a "tentative" announcement of his candidacy in a recent issue of his home paper, the Monticello News, and it is altogether within the realm of probability that he will before a great while follow up his "tentative" announcement with one that will be both positive and emphatic. Should he enter there will be another splash.

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