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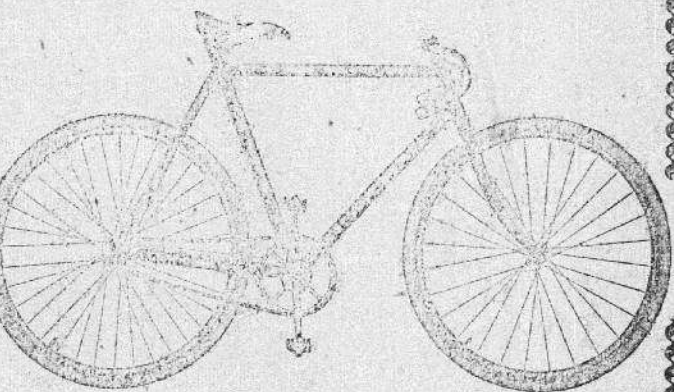
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The Hunter Canal.

July the fourth was fittingly chosen by Capt. S. S. Hunter of Shreveport, who has been securing the right of way and making surveys preparatory to locating a definite route for the canal for the past three months, as the occasion to break dirt on his huge irrigating canal. The work was begun on Vermillion river, ten miles north of Abbeville, in this parish, and where the pumping plant will be located. This canal will be built from the Vermillion river, running ten miles west, thence five miles south, and again five miles west, making in all twenty miles main canal. In addition to the main canal there will be numerous laterals running out along its route. This canal will be 200 feet wide and will have a capacity of irrigating 100,000 acres of rice land. This will be one of the largest irrigating canals in the world. There are at present a force of hands with a hundred and thirty mules at work throwing up the levees, and a train of ten carloads of mules and scrapers are in transit from Shreveport and will arrive on the canal the early part next week. While it is to be regretted that the route first selected, starting from the bayou at Adame Boudreaux place, has been abandoned, we are glad to know there is a chance of some of our local people taking up the project and building a canal westward from that point.

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To Raise Tea.

"It's only a question of time," says Sec. Wilson, who lately made a trip in the southern states, "when the south will produce all the tea the people in the United States want. This department proposes to push experiments along that line. We intend to establish a tea farm in every southern state as soon as that can be done intelligently. We propose to get the finest varieties of tea to be found, and intend to have the planting done where growth can be forced through irrigation, so as to get plenty of tender shoots."

The Washington Enterprise's reporter states that he met Judge Blackman, from Lake Charles. He informs the reporter that the company that he is interested in to develop the salt deposit in St. Martin Parish, are now receiving the machinery for boring the test wells.

The initiative is the application of the people by petition to the legislature for certain laws. The referendum is the returning of the act to the people for its final vote. This system is used in Switzerland.

The astute editor of the Times-Democrat has made a great discovery. It is that "the people of the Fifth congressional district are particularly remarkable for their political independence of 'the bosses 'the machine' or 'the powers that would be.'" We are certainly glad to know it, and the Democrats of the hill parishes who have been forced to bow to the will of a few 'bosses' in the big nigger voting river parishes, will no doubt rejoice to hear of their newly found independence. What do you think about it Bros. McMeans and Everett? Why, bless your soul, these river 'bosses' are the jim dandies. Why they actually had the Constitutional convention under the reach of their lash and they dared to write in that should be sacred instrument the damnable absurdity—that in all political conventions the basis of representation should rest upon the population. They might with equal propriety have declared that henceforth circumcision should be a rite of the Baptist religion.

Propositions to buy the bonds to be floated by this town are coming in from rich men in the north. They are hungry for such an opportunity to invest their surplus spuds.—Bastrop Appeal.

This only serves to show how much surplus money there is in commercial centers, which is seeking safe investment. And yet while the holders of the 'stuff' are anxious to put it in bonds at even a low rate of interest, they are very slow to invest it in farm property. Why is this? There is only one answer—because farm property is not a safe and paying investment. Farming and agriculture is the prime basis of all real and ultimate prosperity, and when they fail, the country is getting in a bad shape. When financiers are jumping at municipal bonds, and yet refuse to advance money on lands in the same localities at much better rates of interest, it shows that the farming industry—the true wealth producing calling—is at a low ebb.—Farmerville Gazette.

There is some howling going on in different parts of the State about Foster's ring, but Lord bless your soul didn't we have the Nicholls ring and the McEnery ring? They were just as bad as the Foster ring. And we wouldn't give a continental for a governor who did not stick to his friends and his friends stick to the governor. The present governor may have kinder looked out for the future too, but there is not an office holder that does not do that. One thing can be said—and that is, that the State's finances are in a better condition to-day than ever before. Those not in accord with Governor Foster will have to acknowledge this.—Lake Providence Banner-Democrat.

By far the most sensible article yet produced on the race question is published in the Forum for July, and it's from the pen of a colored man, W. H. Council, president of the normal college for negroes at Normal, Alabama. President Council maintains that neither wealth nor education will solve the negro problem. His conclusions are that the negro will be annihilated; absorbed by the lower and degraded element of the white race, or deported. He thinks that the emigration of the negro to Africa is the proper solution of the problem; that there he will go in the course of time and found a great nation among the millions of his brethren in the dark continent.

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