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Meeting of the Louisiana Agricultural Society.
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE,
Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 20, 1895.
This department desires to call the attention of the press of the State to the tenth annual meeting of this Association, which convenes in the city of Lafayette on the fourth Wednesday of January next.

The purposes and objects of this Association are to promote the science of agriculture in our State by means of public discussions, conventions and the formation of local agricultural associations and all other appropriate means by which agriculture in all its branches may be advanced, improved and developed. The press of the State, which has always been so kindly disposed towards and whose services can always be looked for and expected in behalf of the development of our resources, is the reason the Bureau of Agriculture trespasses on its time and space for aid and assistance in disseminating the information of the meeting and assisting in keeping the organization intact, and making it more successful in its efforts in developing our agricultural interests. The object of the Association is primarily for the organization of the farmers and planters of the State so that the collection and diffusion of agricultural information and the promotion of progressive and profitable agriculture may be obtained. The Bureau deems it unnecessary to discuss or try to enumerate the results that have been accomplished by the State Agricultural Society for the benefit of farmers and planters asking the press to review and impart this information since the organization of the Society.

Thanking the press for past favors, with assurance of continuance of same, I remain, very respectfully,
A. V. CARTER,
Commissioner.

Eighteen Years Under Sentence and Out of Jail.
Governor Brown, of Kentucky has granted a pardon to Berry Stone, a citizen of Clark county, under novel circumstances. The governor gave the following account of it: Berry Stone came into my office and handed me a copy of a judgment of the Clark county circuit court, from which it appeared that at the November term of the court, in 1877, he was convicted of malicious cutting, and was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary. He said that, during the eighteen years since his conviction, he had continuously lived at home, and that no officer had ever tried to take him into custody. He said he had called to enter the penitentiary under the said judgment if I said so, but presented a petition signed by good citizens asking his pardon. I told him he could go back home a free man, and issued to him a full pardon. There are ringsters in New Orleans, fearing the penitentiary, who are ready to think Kentucky a model state.—Pic.

Two Lives Saved.
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of King's New Discovery completely cured and she says it saved her life. Mr. Theo. Rogers, 120 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which there are many, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Kearney's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Has There Been A Decay of Chivalry in Louisiana?

When we review the bitter and abusive tone the fight against Gov. Foster has assumed, the question that heads this brief article is suggested to our mind. "Fair play" is a shibboleth of the English, and the true Englishman stands for fair play in any sort of contest, a yacht race, a horse race, or a knock-down and drag-out fight. This is a high quality of the Englishman. It is, however, but a rude substitute for the chivalry that characterized the countries that adopted as the standard of right what has been termed the point of honor, and which descended to the people of Louisiana from their ancestors. This meant just and fair treatment to all men, the maintenance of the truth, even to personal loss, even at the risk of life itself. It meant especially a tender devotion to woman, and a resolute defense of her honor and good name under any and all circumstances.

In the numerous bitter political contests that have during the past twenty years afflicted this State, much has been done and said that cannot be squared with the principles of that spirit of chivalry of which Louisiana has been wont to boast in both peace and war. But the present campaign, so far, has marked a sad decline in the spirit of Louisiana chivalry. Never have the batteries of irresponsible abuse and blackguardism been so active and so furious. The Governor of the State, powerless to resent personal insults by reason of the exalted position he holds, has been made the victim of a war of scurrilous newspapers and scribbles; the most opprobrious terms have been heaped up on him; he has been charged with acts he never committed; with miscarriages of justice in cases where he had no earthly control, and with disgraceful combines with rings and bosses of which he is perfectly innocent. And when a friend speaks up in his defense, even that friend is overwhelmed with abuse, his motives aspersed and his integrity questioned.

Hitherto this species of vulgar controversy; this vile business of mudslinging, has had a measure of excuse in the fact that the struggles have been between Democrats and Democrats and involved no threat to the supremacy of the Democratic party. Now, however, the question is entirely different. The issue is directly between the Democratic party and a coalition of the enemies of the Democratic party and of free institutions; and the imprecations, diatribes and invectives which have been hurled at the Democratic Governor of the State are simply blows aimed directly, willfully or unintentionally, as the case may be, in the interest of the remission of the State to the control of the worst enemies of the people and of the prosperity of the commonwealth.

We are significantly told that the worst has not been done; that there are scandals yet to be dragged into the light and before the eyes of the people. And this is the depth into which Louisiana politicians have sunk. From the high discussion of great questions of State policy Louisiana politicians have descended to the filthy business of dragging the cesspools of men's lives, the sinces and gutters of society, and fishing up all that is slimy, all that creeps and crawls and stinks in their murky depths. This class of political controversialists are ready to put their heels upon the hearts even of women and grind them bleeding into the very dust, and to spread over happy homes the shadows of shame and disgrace, even unto misery and death. And this, these modern statesmen of a State that could once boast of being the very flower of chivalry, will do, not to maintain Democratic supremacy, not in the interest of the State, but to strike down the political ambitions and aspirations and prospects of one man and boost those of another. In what black alphabet of hell is the authority of the Democratic party granted to these or any other set



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of men to do this vile, this foul and damnable outrage?

There is no alphabet black enough to embody such a contract; the suggestion comes only from souls that have been tainted and debased by political disappointments and factional hate until they have become misshapen and noisome as the nastiest and vilest of all creeping things. The suggestion is that of a nature so debased that every man who wears the shape of his Maker should recoil from and spit upon it. Even the devil would scorn the companionship of such creatures. Every honorable man should stamp with his indignant resentment such political methods, and we believe that such will be the judgment of the Democracy, nay of the great body of the people of Louisiana.—Daily States.

A Plethora of Candidates.

There is every prospect of a very lively scramble among Republican leaders for the presidential nomination. The last boomlet to enter the lists is one in the interest of Senator Sherman, which if it shows any strength, will interfere in a very annoying way with the plans which have been so carefully laid by Gov. McKinley and his friends. Senator Sherman is very much admired by the old time Republican in Ohio, and his boom, if fairly launched, will result in splitting the delegation of the Buckeye State, and probably make the nomination of McKinley impossible. At the present time the announced candidates for the Republican nomination are Reed, McKinley, Allison, Cullom and Harrison, but there is every indication that other booms will soon soar above them floating the name of Senator Dubois political horizon, and one of them will be supported by the silver element of the Republican party which is very strong in the West, and inclined to be belligerent if the Republican national convention does not give some recognition to silver in its platform. Gov. Morton also has the presidential bee buzzing in his bonnet, and his boom is under the direct management of Boss Platt who believes that his friend will make a hot race in spite of his stiffening joints. The way things now appear the arena of contest will be so crowded with Republican candidates for the presidential nomination that it will be impossible for them to move about without treading on each others toes.—States.

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Louisiana Press Opinions.

When the Democratic hosts meet at Shreveport next month let them put none but true and tried Democrats on guard. Nominate a good, clean ticket, endorse the suffrage amendment and then let each and every Democrat return home, and roll up his sleeves and work for the success of the regular Democratic tickets—State, district and parochial. There should be no compromising or temporizing with Republicans, Populists or renegade ex-Democrats. Whoever is not with us in this fight is against us. The Democracy is confronted by open enemies without and secret foes within. We realize keenly the manifold perils that environ us; but the grand old party has won brilliant victories in the past in the face of tremendous odds, and by the Eternal, we must win next April! When the final test comes, Louisiana will expect every Democrat to do his whole duty.—Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

The probable combine between the Republicans and Populists so long anticipated has at last been hatched. The State ticket is to be made up of Populists who are to be supported by the Republican party. This much has leaked out from the meeting held behind closed doors at Alexandria on Tuesday. No one is surprised at the action of the Populists, who are hungry for office, with no better chance of having their appetites gratified than that derived from a negro constituency. Our readers know exactly how much reliance there is to be placed in such votes. The Populists are now only playing the roll of the carpet bidders of former days, and like the latter cannot reasonably look for any other fate than that of being overwhelmed by political disasters. We rejoice that this combine has been consummated, as we will now know who are to be depended upon in the fight. Better have a small, well disciplined army of Democrats than a large one partly composed of malcontents, who are likely to desert at a critical moment.—B. R. Truth.

It appears to be understood in certain quarters of the State that the Democratic State Convention, in making nominations, will give equal representation on the ticket to the late factions of the party. All things being equal, there is no objection to this plan, but no man should be nominated simply because he rendered good service to either faction. His record as a Democrat should be the test. Rewards should be given for services, but they should not be based on work done in the interest of a particular wing of the party. The party has been reunited, hence it is best for its future that nothing be done at the convention which will tend to reopen old scores. Let the nominations go to Democrats and not to Foster men or McEnery men. It will be a great day for the party when these appellations are heard no more.—Democrat-Journal.

It is unfortunate, indeed for New Orleans that the condition of politics in that city has for the past two years been of such a nature as to invade the very courts and, as in the present instance, attempt to impede the course of justice and to wantonly cast discredit upon those charged with the solemn functions of the administration of justice. The grand jury is but a subordinate branch of the court—a creature of the court—and to say that the power to criticize and to call into question the motives of the creator resides, within the creature, is to reverse every axiom of disciplinary authority and to establish anarchy. The court is not above criticism, but the proper way to officially attack the court is by impeachment proceedings.—Baton Rouge Advocate.