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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

FOR GOVERNOR.

SAML. D. McENERY, Of Ouachita.

CALL FOR A MASS MEETING.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Nov. 12, '83.

In compliance with a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of the Parish of Rapides the Democratic voters of this Parish will assemble in Mass Meeting at the Town in Alexandria, on MONDAY, the 10th day of DECEMBER, 1883, at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of choosing ten delegates to represent said Parish in the State Convention which will assemble at Baton Rouge on the 15th of December.

B. TURNER, Chairman. JAS. ANDREWS, Secretary.

MARDI Gras comes on the 26th of February this year.

McENERY men! be up and doing. Time waits on no one.

CARLENE was elected speaker of the House of Representatives on the first ballot.

RICHMOND Stuart, colored, was hanged in Shreveport on Friday for the killing of his wife.

The Clinton Watchman, while bitterly opposing the re-nomination of Gov. McENERY, is a staunch advocate of Major E. A. Burke's re-election to the position of state treasurer.

The Daily States would like to see ex-Congressman Robertson, of Baton Rouge, the next State Treasurer. Mr. Robertson, says the States, filled this position before the war.

In Shreveport, one of our exchanges says that "the Jews opposed Ogden on account of a report that he was unfriendly to them and favored a Sunday law. The gamblers opposed him on account of his opposition to gambling.

At the earnest solicitation of his many parishioners, Brother Goodwyn, of the Colfax Chronicle, has consented to become a candidate for the Legislature. If elected as a member of that honorable body, our confere will honestly perform his duties, and make for Grant Parish a representative of whom she can justly feel proud.

The following is the very latest to hand concerning the country Parishes:

McENERY makes a clean sweep in the Parish of Plaquemines.

In Terrebonne he has a solid delegation, and St. James instructs for him. Washington elects all three of her McENERY delegates, and votes down the motion to instruct them for Nicholls.

In St. Mary Parish our candidate carries Franklin Ward. Morgan City in the same Parish is also for him.

Red River is for Marston. St. Bernard, St. John and Winn have all elected delegates who favor and will vote for the Levee Governor. McENERY will be nominated. 'Rah!

O'DONNELL, the slayer of Carey has been convicted. His trial did not last but three days. When Judge Denman asked O'Donnell if he had anything to say why the sentence of death should not be passed upon him, O'Donnell made no reply. The judge then passed the sentence of death in the usual form. The prisoner now wanted to speak. The judge, however, ordered his removal. The police seized him, when O'Donnell held up his right hand, with fingers extended, and shouted: "Three cheers for old Ireland!" "Good-bye, United State!" "To hell with the British and the British Crown!" "It is a plot made up by the Crown!"

A motto recognized by all progressive and successful business men is, "Let well enough alone." Now, if this motto control in business, why attempt to disturb the present executive at this particular time? His administration has been one of unequalled success and prosperity in the history of Louisiana, and with him as her chief magistrate for four years longer she will rank with any Southern State in prosperity and good government; whereas a change in that office might entail other changes which would operate very detrimental to the State.

Then let "well enough alone," and cast your vote for the man who consults the interests of his State, and who has been instrumental in advancing State bonds from about 35 cents to their face value. [Lake Charles Echo.

RALLY, DEMOCRATS!

There has never been but one Democratic party. It has always stood solid and a unit, for its principles are as broad as the seas and as universal as creation. The Democratic party admits of no division, for all in its ranks are equal. Unbroken, it has marched on from the early days of our Republic, sweeping before it Federalism, Whiggism, Know-nothingism and their concomitants.

When the civil war broke out the Whig party went out of existence; in the North it rallied under the banners of the Republican party, while the Democrats still kept up their organization. In the South circumstances abolished all parties, and after the surrender the same reasons which had kept the Southern people united still forced them to stand close together.

But the remnants of the old Whig party, still cherishing their dead traditions, have never sat contented around the fires of the Democratic wigwags. As long as circumstances forced them to keep quiet, not a murmur could be heard, but now that peace reigns universal the "sly coon" has come out of his hole. Its nose may look like a "rat" but its tail betrays it.

The Whigs, like the Ogdinites, had no standard principles to fight for, but were, like Diogenes, with a lantern in their hands, constantly hunting up for an honest man.

Allied to all monopolies the aim of the old Whigs was always to curtail the voting franchises of the people, and constantly defeated at the polls, they formed the Know-nothing party. Ogden, true to the traditions of his party, wants to charge each voter \$2.50.

Opposed to emigration, to population and to progress, the old Whig party opposed the annexation of Texas, the Mexican war and all liberal naturalization laws; endorsed a high tariff and was opposed to internal improvements by a State. The Ogdinites, the better to reach the end they aim at, oppose the unity of the Democratic party; they want a Convention pledged to their candidate before it meets, and would rather see their State overflowed from end to end than to have levees built by the Governor.

Rally! Democrats! Rally! The slumbering "coon" which you have been sheltering, warmed by your hospitable fire, has sneaked out and has turned against you.

Rally! Democrats! Rally! Your party is in danger.

The tolling of the bell of Bell and Everett, which pealed the funeral dirge of the South and surrendered you and yours to Lincoln and Republicanism, is again ringing its mournful sounds.

It is not McENERY, it is not Ogden, it is the old Whig hydra, the mother of bolters, rising from its ashes.

Democrats, beware! Naturalized citizens, beware! Poor people, beware!

If you want your electoral franchises abridged, vote for Ogden.

If you want the Whig party revived with its tariffs, its partial laws and its monopolies, vote for Ogden.

If you want an overflowed country and no crops, vote for Ogden.

But we know better! Democrats are unchangeable! They do not belong to all parties, like the old Whigs.

Rapides Parish for one will never desert the old flag, and will endorse McENERY as the true representative of the Democracy of Rapides Parish. 'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! The rats are coming. Get into your hole, Mr. Coon. You are up too soon, To bay at the moon, My chicken is not for you, Mr. Coon.

To the Democratic voters of our party who are heartily supporting Gov. McENERY, we send words of cheer, and exhort them once more to the breach. Go to the mass meeting on Monday next and make your selections of delegates; listen not to the old stale, played out, plaintive wail of the independent and anti-ring patriots as they have christened themselves, for these are all short cuts, and lead to the same place. Stick to your colors; adhere to your honorable principles and teach all the isms now combined and frothing against you and your party that you have no fears of the result, and that they must hunt other fields than the soil of your own beloved Rapides to move you from your good resolves and consistent fealty to your party and your people.

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The Opelousas Courier says that Mr. Marston's speech did not hurt Gov. McENERY in Opelousas, but to the contrary, believes that his denunciations made McENERY votes.

DEFENCE OF JUDGE BLACKMAN.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Nov. 24.

Editor Times—

My attention has just been called to an editorial notice in the issue of your paper of the 15th inst., in which you quote or refer to an article published in the Town Talk of this place, and which appeared in that paper some days since, and in which Judge W. F. Blackman was, as I believe, unjustly criticized for two sentences he had made in criminal cases tried before him at the last term of our District Court—one a white man calling himself Johnson, the other a negro boy named Kin Ray. No reply was published to this criticism of the Town Talk because Judge Blackman's friends were satisfied he was too well known here to be harmed by it, and because they, as well as himself, accord to the public press the fullest right to freely write and criticize the public acts and conduct of every official from the highest to the lowest in the State. He and his friends would be the last to abridge any of these rights, and he and they fully comprehend that the liberties of the people are insecure whenever and wherever the public press is not at liberty to fearlessly call things by their right names, and to freely comment upon and criticize official conduct. For these reasons there has been no reply to the article in Town Talk, but since you have noticed it I deem it my duty, in justice to a Judge who is faithfully, fearlessly and conscientiously endeavoring to discharge his duty, to correct a false impression which the publication may possibly produce away from his home where Judge Blackman is not as well known as he is here. The unvarnished facts of the two cases are these: A white man calling himself J. W. Johnson, apparently about thirty years of age, a stranger on the tramp order, with a very bad countenance, was arrested in this place, and charged with stealing a coat worth about \$5. He was caught in the act and was lodged in the Parish jail. This was on the 11th day of May last, and he was not tried until the 31st day of October last. During this period of almost six months in the Parish jail, he never wrote himself, or requested our Sheriff, Mr. Paul, who is proverbially kind and obliging to prisoners, to write a line for him, nor did he tell any one who he was or where he was from. After his conviction he did tell Mr. Paul he was from Arkansas. Mr. Paul at once wrote to know something of Johnson, but up to this time had received no reply, and absolutely nothing is yet known of this man's previous character, antecedents or former residence.

In his trial he was defended by counsel assigned by the Court, was found guilty as charged and was recommended to mercy by the jury, and on that finding and recommendation he was sentenced to fifteen months, instead of two years in the penitentiary. Surely, if this man's past conduct was good, or even fair; if he had any past character to support him, or friends to aid or speak a kind word for him, he had ample time and opportunity to bring it forward. Strange conduct this for a good but unfortunate man, and wholly inconsistent with the life or character of any other than the bad and dangerous! These reasons and considerations induced Judge Blackman to pronounce the sentence he did, and he was right. I submit, and I am confident should Judge Blackman become satisfied he has been too severe, that this is Johnson's first crime or misdemeanor, and that he is a good but unfortunate man, I know he would be the first to ask for the exercise of the pardoning power.

As to the negro boy Kin Ray, who was convicted of stealing a watch worth \$50, and was sentenced to eight months in the Parish jail and ordered to work on the public roads during the term of his imprisonment, Judge Blackman was in ignorance of the past character of the boy at the time he sentenced him, for he stated when pronouncing the sentence that he took into consideration the extreme youth of the accused and the fact that it was the first time he had been charged with the commission of any crime, and he charged him that it was for those reasons he was light in his punishment and hoped, therefore, that it would be sufficient to produce a reformation and deter him from future wrong-doing. I am satisfied had Judge Blackman known at the time he sentenced Ray that this was not his first offense he would have given him the full punishment authorized by law.

If the publication referred to has in any manner led the public to infer that these sentences were made by Judge Blackman for political effect it is, in point of fact, without the slightest foundation. I do know politics or political effect was never thought of by Judge Blackman in the sentences.

Very respectfully, JAMES G. WHITE.

MANLY UTTERANCE.—There must be no bolting in the Convention which assembles at Baton Rouge the 18th of December. The decision of the majority must be abided by all parties. We are opposed to McENERY, but we stand by the party. [Clairborne Guardian.

The Shreveport Standard endorses the above and says "that it is an honest, patriotic utterance." That journal further adds that "every paper in Louisiana professing to be Democratic ought to endorse and stand by it." Whoever the nominee for Governor may be, the Standard will fall into line with the Democracy of the State. And so will the DEMOCRAT.

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