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For Congress—Fourth Congressional District:

Hon. N. C. BLANCHARD, OF CALDO.

—THE National Labor Party of New York has absolutely repudiated Butler.

—THE Democrats will assuredly have a majority of not less than thirty in the next Congress.

—THE traffic of the Texas and Pacific road is said to be constantly increasing and the daily receipts are encouraging.

—BREMONT'S narrow gauge railroad from Shreveport to Houston will be ready for both freight and passengers by the 1st of January.

—"THE South will divide upon economic questions when there is a change at Washington," is a truthful remark made by the Augusta Chronicle.

—THE current opinion among the big cotton men of New Orleans is that the crop of the present year will be between 5,700,000 and 6,012,000 bales.

—THE price of the Republican victory, so called, in Cincinnati at the recent election, was twenty-four killed and wounded—all brought about by the United States Deputy Marshals.

—THE Philadelphia Times predicts that Mr. Cleveland will carry New Jersey by 6,000 to 10,000 majority. Mr. McClure is a reliable political prognosticator, and it is safer to back his judgment than to bet on lottery.

—LATE papers announce the death of Wilbur F. Storey, late editor of the Chicago Times. He was one of the most successful newspaper men of the day. Of late, however, he had been seriously ill and mentally incapacitated to pursue his editorial duties.

—It is a significant fact that New York Republicans are instructing their friends in New Orleans to bet heavily that the States of Indiana and New York will both go for Cleveland. A New York friend of Pinchback's has authorized him to bet \$5000 that both of those States would go for Cleveland.

—TRAMPS and house to house peelers are the order of the day. The citizens in the suburbs are much troubled from this source. If the police would stroll out that way now and then they might provoke the remark, "What funny things we see when we have no guns!"—and yet be of much service to the denizens.—[Shreveport Democrat.

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?"

Have you fought a good fight? Have you kept the faith? These are the stern and important questions of the hour—questions very soon to be decided at the polls.— With our present issue we consider the Presidential canvass as virtually closed. Words of cheer and hope we have given—it will be seen by your acts to what avail. Whatever may be the result of next Tuesday's election, we will carry with us the consolation of knowing that we have, in our humble way, done all in our power to advance the standard of truth, honesty and justice, for each of these are typified in the Democratic candidate. We have done this conscientiously, not simply because we were born in the faith and reared in Democratic teaching, but because from the calmest exercise of our best judgment we believe it to be the party of principle, of equity, of liberality towards all. Under its practical teachings, commencing with the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson, its great founder, more than three-quarters of a century ago, we sprung almost from colonial vasalage to occupy a position as peer amongst the nations of the earth. Under its benign influence we subdued the forest, acquired territory extending from ocean to ocean, from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, embracing every variety of soil, climate and products, and mineral wealth so vast that though only partially developed places us, in connection with our agricultural and manufacturing resources, prominent amongst the wealthiest nations of the earth;—while at the same time so just, so lenient and so conservative have been our laws that taxation was almost unfelt, while liberty and equality was guaranteed to all.

Such was the happy state of our affairs until, in an evil hour, a serpent insinuated its slimy folds into this our national Eden, when by some mysterious dispensation the Republican party came into existence. For the past quarter of a century so baneful has been its influence, so utterly reckless its course, so corrupt its practices, that like the oppressed ones of Egypt we are now crying aloud for redress of grievances. The only method by which this can be effected is to hurl the party from power—give the offices it has so long prostituted to the vilest purposes into clean hands, to those who have heretofore been guided by honest principles.

Compare the character, the words and deeds of the two candidates for the Presidency, from one of which a choice must be made. The Republican party presents a man so besmirched and tattooed with moral leprosy, including the heinous crime of perjury, that a vast portion of the party opposed his nomination, as they had done at two preceding conventions, but now that he is nominated they absolutely spurn the thought of his election, publicly proclaiming it would be a national disgrace and degradation as well as a party annihilation. Such are the claims presented by James G. Blaine. How do they suit you, honest voters of Rapides? Turn to the alternate choice, the Democratic nominee. We find him pure in heart, modest in bearing, clean of hand, positively free from the taint even of suspicion. Apart from his tried administrative capacity his

whole make-up is of such stern, incorruptible material that crime and corruption wither at his touch—criminals flee at his approach.— This man Grover Cleveland did not take office as did his present rival candidate James G. Blaine, to pander to unholy lust, to traffic its opportunity, to trade its privileges for money. Ah, no! Cleveland's motto is—"Public office is but a public trust." Again, when accepting the nomination he uttered these truthful burning words, that should be universally proclaimed and heeded: "We go forth not only to gain a partisan advantage but pledged to give to those who trust us the utmost benefits of a pure, honest administration of national affairs." A platform within itself; sentiments that do honor to the head and heart that conceived and uttered them.— Look on this man who makes honor and honesty the tests and criterion of his political faith and action, and then on him who trafficked the privileges of his high office for private gain, and then perjured himself in the vain effort to escape the consequences. Look on this picture and then on that! Both by their words and actions should they be known—by them alone should they be judged. But the time for words with us is past—your acts must do the rest. Act, then, according to the promptings of your purer, better nature. Cast your vote for honesty, justice and the so much needed reform in the administration of the general government, and nations yet unborn will rise up and call you blessed.

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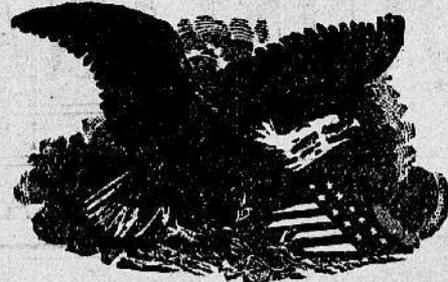
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