

THE CAMPAIGN.

THE OPELOUSAS MEETING.

A SPLENDID GATHERING.

SPEECH OF HON. JOHN E. KING.

General Wharton, Mr. Packard, Colonel Lewis, Judge Campbell and Mr. Trevigne.

THE EYES OF THE DEMOCRACY OPENED.

OPELOUSAS, October 26, 1876.

THE GREAT REPUBLICAN.

The great Republican mass meeting and barbecue at Opelousas, yesterday, was a magnificent display.

The speakers recognized themselves with great credit, and were received with the most hearty enthusiasm.

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MORE DEMOCRATIC REFORM.

ROBBERY OF THE MAIL STAGE.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

A widely published card from a prominent citizen all-gees that Messrs. R. H. Wilde, of the second ward, and W. H. Fernald, of the fifth, are "young and inexperienced"—in fact, pictures them as perfect services in public affairs.

As the Bulletin seems to be disturbed about it, Political Notes will explain that the word "obscurity" in the paragraph complained of was used solely with reference to Mr. Lusher's candidacy.

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REGISTRATION AFFIDAVITS.

The Great Bagaboo Temperately Discussed at Home—Furiously Falminted Abroad.

Chairman Hewitt's Advice to Chairman Patton—Keep Your Shirt On.

Yesterday Colonel Bush, Senator H. N. Ogden and Judge Albert Voorhies, members of the Democratic State Central Committee, waited upon Governor Hahn, State Registrar of Voters, and Governor K. Ilogz, with reference to the alleged wholesale erasure of names from the registration lists.

The interviews were characterized by marked courtesy and moderation of tone, differing widely in this respect from the telegrams despatched North by Chairman Patton, and the inflammatory statements of a portion of the local press.

The position assumed by the Democratic spokesmen appeared to be, in brief: First—That the duty of striking from the poll lists the names of all parties who had been fraudulently registered in the city of New Orleans, was vested by law absolutely and exclusively in the State Registrar himself, and could not be delegated by him to any one else, not even to his assistant supervisors; that he, individually, must pass upon every case, on its merits, just as a judge of a court would do.

Some minor points were urged, but the main contention was that the strict letter of the law required the chief Registrar alone to pass upon all cases of fraudulent registration, and consequently, that the assistant supervisors were not authorized to make erasures (except in cases of persons reported delinquent), even under the direction of the State Registrar himself.

Governor Kellogg stated that the registration officers this year were only following out the plan which had been pursued and questioned at every previous election since 1868, and which Major Burke and the Democratic party had themselves fallen in with. State Registrar Hahn and also Governor Kellogg pointed out the utter impracticability of one officer passing upon thousands of cases of fraudulent registration.

The committee replied that they were there to discuss the law, not to consider its inconveniences.

In the course of the discussion which followed, Governor Kellogg told some plain truths. He said no reasonable man could believe the city of New Orleans, with a population of 200,000, could properly have, on any fair registration, 56,000 voters, one-third more than were polled by St. Louis and Chicago, cities of twice its size.

He was prepared to admit, judging from appearances, that there were 5000 or 6000 colored men fraudulently registered, but he was equally sure there was a still greater amount of fraud in the registration of whites, and he believed in the great majority of cases where warrants for fraudulent registration had been taken out, the persons accused would be found to be men of straw, having no existence outside the registration books.

He wanted all these fraudulent voters stricken off, white as well as black. He wanted a fair registration and a fair election.

Mr. Ogden brought forward some rather striking instances where affidavits had been made against persons who were the reverse of men of straw. For instance, he himself having recently changed his residence, but not his ward, had been served with a warrant for fraudulent registration, because he did not happen to live now in the same house he lived in when he registered in 1874.

Another member of the committee, Colonel Bush, his son and his nephew in like manner had all been arrested for false registration.

Mr. Ogden said he knew of hundreds of similar cases.

The Governor replied that these were wrongs which, undoubtedly, could be and should be promptly remedied. There was one plan he would suggest, of getting to the bottom of these frauds, and that was by a rigid house to house investigation, but at this late hour this would be a matter of great difficulty and expense.

The committee said they were prepared to render every assistance in order to have such a canvass.

Governor Kellogg remarked incidentally that it was understood that Mr. Burke, on behalf of the Democrats, had almost as many affidavits ready to file against Republicans as the Republicans had filed against the Democrats.

NEW YORK CAPITALISTS TAKE THE ALARM.

The Hidden-Tweed-Tammany Combination Makes the Bonds Men Tremble.

MR. EVARTS CALLED ON FOR ADVICE.

The appearance of Mr. Everts at Cooper Institute on Wednesday evening last, was the sequel to the following correspondence:

New York, October 28, 1876.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to receive your request for the expression, at a public meeting in this city, of my views on some of the principal questions which enter into the pending canvass for the election of a President and Vice President of the United States.

Although I can not assent to your kind estimate of the interest or value to the public which the terms of your invitation attribute to my opinions or their expression, yet I fully recognize the obligation of every man to take such part in the public discussions of the election as his fellow-citizen may see fit to require of him.

The earliest day which my necessary occupation leave at my command is Wednesday next, and it will then give me great pleasure to offer to the public judgment such considerations as seem to me important and controlling on the topics to which you have invited my attention.

I am, with great respect, your obedient servant, WILLIAM M. EVARTS.

The Baton Rouge Nominations.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN: In consequence of an erroneous impression which seems to prevail respecting the regular nominees of the Republican party in the parish of East Baton Rouge, I deem it but proper to present a plain statement of facts regarding the ticket as finally agreed upon.

The nominations were made by convention on September 2, and the Parish Executive Committee was duly authorized to fill any vacancies that might occur, or make such changes as the manifest interest of the party might suggest.

In the exercise of this authority, as is customary in such cases, the Parish Executive Committee met on Saturday last, and after due deliberation, agreed to substitute the name of Hon. W. G. Lane for one of the nominees for the House of Representatives, and the name of Judge Schorten for that of Mr. John O'Connor, for parish judge.

This action of the committee in the premises was considered final, and met with the hearty concurrence of the voters of the parish.

In consequence of the communication appearing in your issue of the third instant, respecting said nominations, and for the purpose of settling all doubts as to the ticket in question, the Parish Executive Committee re-assembled, and appointed a sub-committee to wait in person upon the State Central Committee and advise them of the facts as above set forth, and to direct that the tickets for that parish be printed in accordance with the final action of the parish committee on Saturday last, with the names of Hon. W. G. Lane and Judge Schorten, in place of Mr. Alex. Gilbert and Mr. John O'Connor, respectively.

J. B. COLLINS, Chairman.

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