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THE COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTIES.

The State Central Committee is the legitimate political head of our party. This is so self-evident and undeniable that to gravely and ponderously affirm it appears to us entirely superfluous.

The State Central Committee passed resolutions some time ago appointing, first—a Congressional Committee for each Congressional District; second—a judicial committee for each Senatorial district.

It is no pleasure to exercise our right of criticism thus. We would at all times rather praise than censure any and all of our Republican brethren. But when we see a body of men in whom the people have trustfully reposed authority, stepping aside from their legitimate duty of conducting campaigns against our political foes, to lead in, if not inaugurate, internal party dissensions, we feel it becomes our solemn duty to raise a warning voice.

The great mass of Louisiana Republicans will not submit to be tricked, or dictated to, by any manipulative of men. They fully comprehend what is right and fair; and party leaders must henceforth preserve themselves from even the suspicion of chicanery, or suffer the loss of all respect and confidence.

...the State Administration, shows how little appreciation they had of the existing needs of our party. The resolutions did not convey accomplishment to particular individuals but was an expression of confidence in those as a body who wield authority by virtue of our glorious triumphs at the ballot box.

GENERAL GRANT.

The Republican party took up General Grant pretty much in the way that a man buys a "pig in the bag." He was in favor of the Union, had beaten its bitterest and ablest enemies on the field of battle, and it was thought wise to trust a Union soldier instead of throwing a military victory into the hands of political enemies, such as Frank Blair.

He at first tried his "private man's cabinet," it is true, but when he saw his mistake he readily and willingly corrected it, and in powerful contrast against "his policy," he said he had "no policy to enforce against the will of the people."

We did not know, when he was nominated, whether he wanted the old Union as it was, or the Union as it now is. We did not know whether his idea of American citizenship embraced the negro or not; but trusting to the honest instincts of the masses of our party we gave our confidence and support to General Grant, and, we are happy to say, we have not been deceived.

One of his earliest acts was to appoint Mr. E. D. Bassett, a colored man, minister to Hayti; still another was to give the Post Office at Macon, Ga. to Rev. H. M. Turner, and later still Mr. Edwin Belcher, Mr. James T. Rapier, and others, received the appointments of assessors of internal revenue in their respective States.

We indulge in no high sounding terms about the payment of the national debt—the people would have been true to themselves whether Grant or another were president;—the building of the Pacific Railroad though accomplished under his administration was done by the enterprise of the people, and the reconstruction of the States must have taken place both by the negro's opportunity and the white man's necessity; but what commands General Grant to our confidence as a race is, first, that he makes so few errors on the whole, and with an almost childish simplicity readily corrects those he does make when they are once pointed out.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESS CONVENTION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Convention met on Thursday, July 13, at noon, Mr. M. F. Smith, president.

THE PRESS CONVENTION.

We hailed with unfeigned satisfaction the call for a State Convention of the Republican Press of Louisiana, because we thought there were many conflicting claims of interest in our noble profession which might be adjusted by the assembled leaders of the Press to the satisfaction of all concerned; but we have been disappointed in our expectations.

The Convention which met in Mechanics Institute on Wednesday failed on the start in its avowed object. Its avowed object was to secure journalistic harmony, editorial independence, and typographical improvement. These three objects, embracing domains of thought, experience and discipline sufficiently large and amply fertile to have taxed the wisdom of the wisest, and to have tested the experience of the oldest, among us were utterly lost sight of, and personalities, politics, and loggery reigned in their stead.

Why the governor should be censured or denounced, why the anti-administration party should succeed or be defeated in a newspaper press convention, why political resolutions should monopolize the time that ought to have been given to professional deliberations we are unable to understand.

We once before appealed to our country brethren in regard to wasting their strength over Egyptian pyramids which they can neither shoulder nor climb, and we appeal to them again to aid in calling a convention which will help to guide the republican press into the pathway of party agreement, local and general efficiency, and above all to a standpoint of political independence.

It did the unprecedented thing of wasting the time which ought to have been given to considerations which affect our profession, such as a better understanding with types, a better system of advertising, the establishment of better rules in regard to subscribers and better understanding about quoted articles, a fuller recognition of all engaged on the press, a larger representation of Southern newspaper interests in the national and other typographical unions and last but not least, the relationship between the colored and white members of the Press, and printing offices in both typographical unions and conventions.

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OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Louisianian.

EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

I was greatly pleased with the first issue of your paper, and those immediately following it, and would at once have signified the same to you; but having had, as you are aware, considerable experience with colored men's newspapers and knowing so well their proclivity to "run well for a while," I deemed it a little advisable to await future developments.

Speches were made by several gentlemen on this irrelevant topic, resulting in eliciting from Speaker Carter this important fact, that he would not consent to giving a contract to print the laws to any newspaper that would oppose or condemn Lieutenant-Governor Dunn or himself, or that would commend or defend Governor Warmoth.

The newly elected President was, on motion duly carried, escorted to his seat by a committee of three.

The colored population monopolized "all and singular" the patriotism inspired by the advent of Independence. The democratic journal of our city "celebrated" the day by publishing a leader to prove that the reasons that once existed for observing the day were no longer applicable—the constitution was busted up like a worn-out cider-barrel, the bird of liberty plucked and picked like a thanksgiving turkey, and the star spangled banner ripped and split like a bad little boy's worst, every day trousers, etc., and I suppose that paper represented the views of a large number of citizens; for, on the festival day I saw just three samples of the afore-said banner displayed—outside of those at the colored celebration—viz: one on the State House, one at the U. S. arsenal and one at the National Cemetery.

Resolved, We recognize the high mission of the Republican press of the State of Louisiana to be the elevation of the citizen thereof, and the furtherance of good feeling among the people irrespective of party, by the fearless and faithful advocacy of Republican principles, as contained in the national and State Republican platforms, adopted respectively in the cities of Chicago and New Orleans.

Resolved, That we recognize the Republican Press of Louisiana as the immediate and legitimate political authority of the Republican party of said State, deliberately created by the State Convention thereof, and that we pledge ourselves heartily to assist and cooperate in its endeavors to ally all

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