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The following telegram speaks for itself: WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, 1880.

T. De S. TUCKER: Will be appointed Naval Officer. Tell my friends. PINCHBACK.

The Hon. Allen Jumel, Auditor of Public Accounts, has our thanks for a copy of his annual report.

In the case of Hayes vs. Tilden it was 8 to 7. In the case of Davis, of Maine, vs. Smith it was 7 to 0.

Just when our national finances are in the most flourishing condition, the Democratic party comes forward with its statesmanship to say it's a hard money party.

The president-makers are quite busy in the Northern press in making calculations in the interest of their respective favorites, but a nomination alone will name the candidate.

George A. Sala solemnly asserts that the youth of New York are Byronic; whereupon all the marriageable girls of sense of that city have turned their attention elsewhere for husbands.

At last the abolition act, giving freedom to the slaves in Cuba passed both Chambers of the Spanish Cortes. It now remains to be seen whether the Ministry will honestly carry it into execution.

The election of Gen. Gibson to the Senate will be warmly appreciated by many public men of social and political influence up North who have personal regard for the General as a former classmate at Yale College.

Our fugitive junior editor expects to return home some time in the spring. The latest is that he can still lay his hand on his heart, look up mutely above and exclaim in broken accents, "Still mine, all mine, but not for long."

The Democratic press is very pathetic over the sufferings of the "poor deluded Negro refugees in Kansas." Now let it be half as solicitous of the real welfare of those who are still in the South, and there will be no need of tears to shed.

We compliment our cotemporary of the Argus, of Washington, on its improved appearance. It is clear and racy in matter, attractive in typography and alive to the current questions of interest to our people. Go on, Brother Otey, and let the Argus look arms in friendly rivalry with the Advocate to represent the journalistic enterprise of the race at the national capital.

It Is Done.

It is done—that is the new Parish Committee has been organized. A few issues back, we had occasion to speak of the order of the late Republican Parish Convention calling for a reorganization of the ward clubs and of the parish committee; we commented likewise at the time on the rebellious attitude of the old and defunct parish committee to the command of the convention. Satisfied as we were then that the Republican sentiment of this city reached the sentiment of the convention, we were nevertheless not quite prepared to find this measure of the convention supported by an almost unanimous voice. Innovations are always risky; but the convention was thoroughly in accord with the popular wish, or its proposed measure of reorganization could not have met with such a cordial support. Of the seventeen wards of the city, thirteen have responded with an alacrity for reorganization that has struck mortal terror into the handful of malcontents who are still groping in the haunts of their former greatness and amusing themselves with the notion that they are a parish committee. The sceptre has passed from these politically anointed to the great gain of the hard-fisted Republican voters who see and care only for party success through an efficient and patriotic organization. There is now, there can be no possible excuse for the old parish committee to retain its status, unless it has resolutely determined to set party discipline at defiance, flogging caution for the future to the winds, unfurl the flag of rebellion to the expressed will of nearly the entire party, and invite, so far as it can, the enemy to enter and capture the Republican citadel. How this less than a corporal's guard of a committee, veterans through they may be in the devious ways of politics, with the instructive example of the overthrow of a greater rebellion than theirs less than fifteen years back staring them in the face, propose to keep up a fight, unless they have been taken into the service of the enemy, is one of the mysteries we are neither able, nor do we care, to fathom at present. We would rather that they turn from their wicked ways and live. They are too contemptible in numbers to deserve a decent funeral, if buried they will be and must be by persisting in their refractory course. We want all the available funds possible to fight the common enemy this year, none of it can be spared to buy even rough pine coffins to lay suicidal patriots out of sight. The stentorian lungs of Republicans will be needed after November fourth to sing the requiem of the Democracy to its grave. We will not spare a single one from the ranks to perform a similar service for a Republican of rebellious antecedents. We therefore say to the members of the old and decayed parish committee, you are no longer required; give way to your successors, fall into line, or by your official or expected official heads, you may as well consider yourselves dead beyond the resurrecting blast of the loudest political trumpet.

The Republicans of Louisiana will be governed by the action of the Chicago Convention.

The future of this city is assured. Old, New—or—lean—she's here to stay.

The new Parish Committee is the representative of the Republicans who do the voting and care nothing for a cushioned official chair.

The proceedings of the new Parish Committee will be found on our first page. The late president of the Parish Convention, Wm. H. Green, Esq., has done his duty nobly and well.

The new Parish Committee has elected the LOUISIANIAN as its official organ. The honor is duly appreciated, and we'll endeavor to prove worthy of it.

It Teaches.

The Maine imbroglia, or the "Maine muddle," as the press has facetiously termed it for weeks, has substantially come to an end. The passions of the defeated Fusionists may, for a while, find vent in terms more expressive than choice, and their resolves to "die in the last ditch" may be as furious and sincere as is the dash and valor of a militia gang that have yet for the first time to face the intrepid bearing of regulars; but take it at the worst, we have seen the last of this dangerous inroad on the even tenor of a popular form of government. The effect should not be lost on the country. But a few years past, and States in the South, carried by majorities in accordance with the spirit and letter of both the national and local constitutions, were wrested by the grasp of unscrupulous minorities to the manifest indifference of the nation at large. Whatever might have been the crimes perpetrated by Republicans anywhere in power in the South, they were never of a nature to palliate the hideous sacrifice of assaulting the very life of our constitutional theory that majorities shall rule. There was no burden so grievous which could not be redressed with recourse to the field of wordy strife and reasoning. But instead of means so simple and wise the law of might against right received a tacit approbation, until the Unseen Hand who guards His own cause both against might and "rank majorities," has transferred the pernicious influence of barlotry with wrong to the most enlightened section of our country where it can be contemplated in its naked deformity. That the Negro, as the humblest of all the classes comprising the citizenship of this mighty Republican empire, has been the main sufferer in the violence of Democratic accession to power in the South, does not detract from the force of our position, but rather adds to it. He is one of this republic; and so long as he is closely interwoven with the political policies of the country to the extent that his ignorance and poverty call for the protecting mantle of the law, just so certain will the nation risk its liberties, when his rights are violated—when, on asking for justice, he is crowded to the earth with the trammels which become only a slave. We are unrepentably glad that the eternal laws of justice will not deflect from their course to take a caste view of the two great races which inhabit this reputed heritage for the oppressed of all nations; and we will dare say that the republic may as well prepare to surrender its prerogatives to some other form of government as to hope for a long lease of life, if the American people will not bury the gigantic wrongs which have grown from the ruthless overthrow of lawful majorities.

We call attention to a "Lecture on the Black Races," to be delivered by Prof. Edward Fontaine at St. Philip's Church Monday, the 26th inst. Prof. Fontaine is a Southern scholar of the highest repute. Whatever may be said of the caste prejudices of Southern white people, their ethnologists have always been as candid and zealous in maintaining the theory of the unity of the races, as Pridmore, Pridesaux, Blumenbach and other accomplished writers of Europe. Indeed, perhaps the ablest and most comprehensive treatise on the common origin of the races ever written on this side of the Atlantic is that of the learned Dr. Bachman, who was for many years a professor in the University of South Carolina. Replete with learning and fortified in irrefutable logic it is a remarkable monument of the triumph of scientific research over blind, manufactured prejudices. From what we can learn of the lecture to which we invite attention, it is one of uncommon interest both to the scientist and the man of plain, common sense understanding. We invite all to be present.

The Irish famine is a disgrace to British civilization.

CHICAGO.

DEMOCRATIC BLUNDERS—PRESIDENTIAL CALCULATIONS—AID FOR EXODUS TERS—MISCELLANEOUS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15, 1880.

Editor: The Democratic party in Illinois, thinks that the recent defeats in New York and Ohio are only incentives to the Democrats to wake up and exert their strength. Well they may, but the question arises in our mind, if they haven't been "woken up" for the last twenty years? And to what purpose but to simply abuse every principle of a true Republican form of government. (By saying true, we mean the loyal principles enounced in the party platform and Abe Lincoln's proclamation.) It is an evident fact that the Democratic party is a regular blunder-bus, and possessed with an enormous amount of asinine stupidity which can never be eradicated as long as the party exists. The Chicago Times enumerates sixteen national blunders it has committed, commencing with the Missouri compromise. Its twentieth blunder the Times fails to mention—its failure to pass in its checks, adjourn sine die, or forever steal out of existence and leave no trace or other part of its harness behind and expire.

There is not quite as much activity among Chicago political circles as was anticipated would be. But of course the "boom" is a stalwart one and needs no fostering on the part of wire-pullers or speculators.

A few counties have been canvassed in Ohio on the Presidential boom, and six counties, aggregating a vote of 133, show the following: Sherman, 197; Baine, 66; Grant, 47; Hayes, 6; no choice, 14; scattering, 8.

In the meantime, while these "straws" are blowing, we are quietly making preparations for the grand political blow-out, when will be nominated and the country saved once more.

By the way, we just mention it that at a meeting of what once was, and which has gone through the formality of a National Greenback party at Washington, it was decided to meet here also. And we doubt not that, with the National Republican Convention, the Democratic Convention, the encampment of the Knight Templars of America, numbering between 18,000 and 20,000 who will attend, and the aforesaid remnants of a very "dead issue," viz: the Greenbackers, we shall earn the title of the "convention city."

There has been considerable interest manifested on the part of prominent citizens here on the account of letters received from Topeka, and other parts of Kansas, regarding the pitiable condition of many of our colored emigrants, and movements are in progress to enlarge the agencies for relief. At a meeting held here last Monday an organized movement was started for this purpose, and it is composed of Chicago's heavy business men, and nearly every charitably disposed person.

Letters from Mrs. Comstock, secretary of the Freedmen's Relief Association, and also from Gov. St. John, were read, and after a thorough organization the following named prominent citizens were appointed as a provisional committee: H. N. Rust, ex-Gov. Beveridge, James Powell, C. E. Nelson, Rev. R. D. Fowler, L. Z. Leiter, Philip Armour, T. M. Avery, T. W. Harvey, Parley Low, T. B. Carter, Franklin MacNeagh, and J. V. Farwell.

Individual contributions, amounting to \$125.00, were collected and Mr. H. N. Rust elected permanent treasurer.

The above committee, divided into sub-committees, will work vigorously towards sending aid. Their most urgent need seems to be lumber, money, warm clothing and bedding.

Our Colored Citizens' Protective Association, whose object is to assist our many young and competent colored men into respectable

positions in stores and offices where their patronage is given (of which we made mention in a former letter), have called for a public meeting to be held next Monday evening. They have considerable work before them, but feel determined, and will doubtless succeed in supplying a long felt want in this direction.

Perhaps you can enlighten us. If you remember during last summer, while Congress was not in session, we were promised certain revelations by Senator Bruce's committee regarding the Freedmen's Bank failure when Congress next met. We should like to know what causes the delay—or is it bewitchment? One of the effects of this city has been experimenting with electric lights. With the improvements just added, the proprietor believes that he can save \$500 a month on his gas bills. Such innovations make gas companies squirm. Rumor has it that all of our colored societies (and they are numerous) are to make one grand effort towards aiding the refugees, the particulars of which we shall give in our next.

The great strike at the Union Stock Yards is practically ended, as the packing houses now running have a capacity for over twenty thousand hogs per day, and can easily take care of all the probable receipts.

A bride's reception was tendered to three of our recently married society belles, by the "Dorby," at the residence of Mr. Wm. Proctor, a prominent citizen here. The affair was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season.

WESLEY. The bill by Senator Jones to divide Louisiana into two Federal judicial districts is an act of justice due the people of this State. Though it has been long deferred, despite petitions to that effect, we trust Senator Jones will succeed in earning the good will of his constituents by securing the passage of the bill.

We are in constant receipt of information that the exodus will break out with redoubled fury next spring. Determined to leave at any cost, the masses have practiced the severest economy during the past season that they may have means with which to leave the South and settle with some independence in their new homes.

Our Democratic contemporaries are laboring to produce an impression that there is a misunderstanding between the friends of Grant and of Sherman. If it is the case North, we are happy to say that there is nothing of the kind down here.

Quite a large number of new field hands are crowding into East Carroll. Let them come; there is plenty of room, and the best kind of land for them to cultivate. Carroll Conservative.

What's the matter with Ouachita, Madison, and other adjacent parishes? Are the lands worn out, or is there too much tilling Democracy in those parts to suit the laborers?

In the contested case of Gordon vs. Deslonde for the clerkship of Iberville parish, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Mr. T. B. Stamps returned home from Washington Thursday night.

LECTURE ON THE BLACK RACES. The Rev. Prof. Edward Fontaine, recently of Washington, will deliver a lecture on the Origin, Past History and Present Condition of the Black Races, in St. Philip's P. E. Church, corner Calhoun and Prytanis streets, on Monday evening, Jan. 26, 1880, at half past seven o'clock, for the benefit of said church. Admission, 25 cents.

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