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A REPUBLICAN APPEAL.

Third District Campaign Committee Says it is Time People of Louisiana Began to Think and Reason for Themselves as to Their Politics.

The Republican campaign committee of the third congressional district has issued the following appeal to the voters of Louisiana: "In so far as the Country Review is concerned, it believes the ratification of the amendments to be in the interest of the public welfare and a very long step in the right direction. That they are imperfect is freely admitted; that inequalities exist may be conceded. And yet, those inequalities and imperfections are not nearly so glaring as are those which exist in the present system and have existed thus for fifty years, despite every effort to correct them."

"Notwithstanding this fealty to the party, twice in that period the Democratic party has enacted measures which under the 'Wilson bill' reduced the tariff on sugar to 49 per cent ad valorem, and brought privation, poverty and bankruptcy to a great many in the sugar section, and which, if it had been carried out under the 'Underwood bill,' which provided for free trade on sugar, would have ruined and entirely wiped out the industry.

"It is impossible to raise sugar cane or make sugar in Louisiana under free trade, and the wiping out of the sugar and other protected industries would mean hard times for New Orleans, as sugar, lumber, rice and other industries bring millions of dollars of business to the city."

"It is now time the people of Louisiana begin to think and reason for themselves as to their politics; whether it is better to continue to vote for and put in office national Democrats, who assist in taking the protective tariff off of Louisiana's products, or put in national Republicans, who insist on retaining the tariff, thereby insuring them living prices for their goods. In other words, which is better: Democratic representation and poverty, or Republican representation and prosperity? This is simply a business proposition and has no sentiment in it.

"Think over this seriously and at the next election go to the polls and cast your vote for the Republican party, which has always fostered and protected Louisiana's products, and has insured stability and living prices for sugar cane and sugar, rice, lumber, onions, oranges, potatoes, and nearly everything that Louisiana produces."

Get Rid of the Cattle Tick.
Dr. E. M. Nighbert, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, says it is conservatively estimated that the cattle tick causes a loss of between fifty and one hundred million dollars annually to the south. "The cattle tick prevents safe breeding, handling and marketing of cattle because it transmits disease to every animal it infests," says Dr. Nighbert, in pointing out the necessity for the eradication of the pest. "The tick may be easily, permanently and inexpensively eradicated by dipping cattle in a concrete vat containing the standard solutions. By co-operative efforts the tick can be eradicated from any farm, no matter what the conditions, within six to nine months."

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Senator Ransdell Approves Tax Reform.

Gov. Hall is in receipt of a letter from Senator-elect Ransdell, announcing his intention to vote for the tax reform amendment, and saying further:

"I believe if this act is ratified the results will be decided benefits to the state. * * * The feature providing fair taxation on natural resources, now being rapidly exhausted without any benefit or practical none to the state, cannot be commended too highly. I shall not attempt to enter into details, but wish to compliment you and the members of the committee which prepared this very advanced piece of legislation, and to express the hope that it will be ratified by an overwhelming majority."

The People Understand.

One or two papers that come to our exchange table are making a great noise about the people being unable to understand the tax amendments because they are so voluminous. Boiled down, they mean that the great mass of common people, who for generations past have borne the burdens of taxation, are to be relieved from state taxation and pay only parish taxes. We can not speak for the other parishes, but we know the people of St. Helena can understand that, and they also have sense enough to read and understand them all, as there is nothing ambiguous about them.—St. Helena Echo.

Hits the Nail on the Head.

The Baton Rouge Country Review thus drives home an unanswerable argument in favor of the proposed tax revision amendments: "In so far as the Country Review is concerned, it believes the ratification of the amendments to be in the interest of the public welfare and a very long step in the right direction. That they are imperfect is freely admitted; that inequalities exist may be conceded. And yet, those inequalities and imperfections are not nearly so glaring as are those which exist in the present system and have existed thus for fifty years, despite every effort to correct them."

Ex-Gov. Blanchard's Opinion.

"There is no argument," declared ex-Governor Newton C. Blanchard, of Shreveport, "that should bring to the support of any amendments every parish in this state, and that is that under this segregation plan the state ceases to be the unit and the parish becomes the unit of assessment. It for all time wipes out of existence the ever-recurring trouble over inequality of assessments, which is the source of great dissatisfaction in Louisiana."

A Gentleman.

A man that's clean inside and out; who neither looks up to the rich nor down to the poor; who can lose without squealing and who can win without bragging; who is considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.—New York Sun.

The Morning After.

Many a fellow goes to bed feeling like a king and wakes up feeling like the deuce.

An Excellent Example Set.

The Louisiana "Progressives" have adopted a resolution to the effect that they do not desire any electoral votes in Louisiana through technical lapses on the part of their opponents, and that they will not press any legal objection to the Democrats curing the defects in their electoral ticket.

In effect they say: "The Progressives are battling for a principle—and they only want what the genuine voice of the people gives them!" This is good, sane, honest doctrine, and fairer and more just than what is usually heard from political sources.

It takes a faint, far cry to bring to the imagination any word of the Democratic State Central Committee, yielding a scintilla of technical advantage if it thought by such waiving it jeopardized one electoral vote or one seat in Congress, or even a sheriff or justice of the peace.

Majorities are seldom generous, and not too often just. In every state where one party has a normal majority the "organization" seeks to make that majority perpetual, to establish rigid party lines, to discourage fluidity of party membership, to hamper independence of political action and to build up the party into a sort of fetish.

Al this tends toward corruption, inefficiency, narrowness, and lack of progress, either in material achievement or breadth of view.

The real test of legislation regarding parties is:

"Were I in a minority party would I regard that law as just and fair?" But that test is seldom applied in a state where one party is in the rule—save to guide to places where the law can be amended more substantially to hinder the minority and facilitate the organization of the supposititious majority.

This is human nature, of course; but it is unfortunate, and in some regions they are growing out of the selfishness and narrowness of such action, perforce of popular clamor and political revolution.—Baton Rouge Advocate.

A Good Show.

Under the above caption, the Concordia Sentinel, published at Vidalia, Concordia parish, says in its issue of Oct. 13:

"W. R. Markie's show-boat came down Thursday, and a fine exhibition was given at the landing that evening to a large audience. There are several attractions in this show that are superior to any heretofore seen here. The acrobatic feats and Carlo's dog and monkey circus were each worth the price of admission. It was the unanimous expression of those who were present that Markie has this season the finest aggregation that has ever visited this section."

The Markie floating theatre will give a performance at Donaldsonville next Tuesday night, Oct. 29.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Donaldsonville for week ending Oct. 26: Stella Brown (2), Amelia Burks, Georgiana Chae, Secretary Commission Club, Constance Craig, Althea Dandridge, Laura Dupuy, Mrs. Arriane Falcon, Margaret Fountain, Landry Ford, E. Gaudin, Lizzie Graham, Cecelia Green, E. H. Harriest, Sarah Jackson, Randall Johnson, J. L. Lairmore, J. T. Michel (2), Frank Morgan, Chas. Rice, Pender Richardson, Arthemise Richard, Mary Worley. J. J. LAFARGUE, Postmaster

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RIGHT VIEW OF TAX REFORM.

Imperfections in Proposed Plan No Reason for Defeating It—Make a Start and Correct Defects as They Develop.

The following editorial copied from the New Orleans Times-Democrat of the 16th instant puts the tax reform question up to the people of Louisiana in a conservative and sensible manner that ought to command their general approbation and assent:

"Discussion of the tax amendments has now reached a stage where the people of Louisiana may wisely pause for a moment and take stock of it. We think it is established past dispute, first of all, that intelligent Louisianians regardless of faction or personal interest deem radical reform of the state's archaic tax system a necessity. Advocates and opponents of the definite scheme of reform submitted by the tax commission seem thoroughly agreed, too, that the principle upon which the plan has been based is fundamentally sound. The debate has developed, we believe, no difference of opinion upon either of these points. It is only when the details of the comprehensive project are taken up that disagreements begin. Its critics are by no means in complete agreement regarding their disagreements. One finds a flaw in this specific provision; another objects to that detail; a third finds still a different feature in the plan objectionable that the two first have either tacitly approved or overlooked.

"The various objections have been ably presented and argued. Most of them—certainly the salient ones—have been in our opinion satisfactorily answered by the proponents of the plan. There will be further discussion and additional light, for we are glad to say that the Louisiana press and public are both evincing a livelier interest in the subject and are arguing it much more freely and on a higher plane than the past. It has been written and spoken, there will inevitably remain certain marked differences of opinion regarding a few of the details of the plan.

"So much may be taken for granted. The ultimate question is whether tax reform shall be defeated at the polls by the votes of citizens who, basing their opposition upon what is based and agreed that the present system is hopelessly unsatisfactory, find in the whole great project one or two details not entirely to their liking. If the reorganization of the state taxing system must wait upon complete agreement with respect to the multifarious details of the laws giving it effect, it must wait forever. There never was—there never will be—a complete meeting of one hundred—to say nothing of one hundred thousand—minds upon a program necessarily complex. It has taken years of agitation and discussion to bring about the submission of the plan in definite form. They are mistaken who contend that the commission's plan was drafted too hastily, with no adequate consideration or study of the subject. We venture the assertion also that no tax commission could draft a plan so perfect in all of its details as to win universal indorsement.

"It seems to us that the essential thing is to make a start in this matter of tax reform. Since the correctness of the basic principle and the need of change are both undisputed, the best and indeed the only way to test the theoretical defects in the details of the submitted plan is by actual practice. Such details as prove unsatisfactory in operation can be better corrected in the light of practical experience. With all its alleged defects the new system is infinitely superior to the old. It insures the taxation of wealth that now escapes taxation; it assures home rule in taxation; its virtues greatly outnumber the vices theoretically charged against it. Nobody asserts that the plan in all of its details is perfect—nor will anybody seriously contend that another plan submitted by another commission, convention or legislature one year or ten or twenty years hence, would approximate perfection and escape criticism. Let us make the beginning, and correct our mistakes as they develop. Shall Louisiana march with the progressive states or continue to mark time indefinitely?"

Election Returns Completed.
Secretary of State Alvin E. Hebert has completed the official compilation of the election returns from the sixth congressional district and the fourth supreme court district, the figures being as follows:

Sixth congressional district, full term—Morgan 6273, Calborne 4882; Morgan's majority, 1391. The vote of both candidates for the unexpired term is slightly in excess of these figures.

Fourth supreme court district—O'Neill 16,681, Reid 5785; O'Neill's majority, 4896.

In the third railroad commission district, where the result of the race between B. A. Bridges of Calborne and L. M. Wade of Rapides was in doubt up to the hour at which The Chief went to press last Saturday, the official returns show that Bridges polled 9111 votes and Wade 7906, a majority of 1205 for Bridges.

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