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White Citizens, Attention!

There will be a meeting of the citizens of this Ward on Monday next, at 12 o'clock M., to form a White League and organize for the coming campaign.

We publish in to-day's issue a letter from N. P. Metoyer, one of our old time, respectable free men of color, and we ask for it a careful perusal.

WARD MEETINGS.—We are requested to announce to the white citizens of the several wards of our parish, that meetings of the people should be held before Friday August 8th, 1874, to organize White Leagues, and elect delegates to attend a convention to be held in this city on the date above mentioned.

Let each Ward immediately organize white leagues and elect delegates to meet in this city on Friday, August 8th, 1874. Do not fail white men to give this matter your earnest attention.

The crops generally are in splendid condition and the best we have had in ten years. The increased acreage of corn will fully make up for the short crop.

Our worthy and efficient Mayor, Mr. J. F. DeVargas, took up the Lovies who were having a lively little quarrel last week, and upon the report of one that they were abusing each other in such language as is not considered polite, he mentioned the fact that \$10 or ten days each, would be the sum total of the amount he charged for such conduct.

ROUNDABOUT.—It will be remembered that last week we made mention of the departure of H. C. Myers and D. H. Boult, District and Parish Judges. They, we supposed, were getting out of the way of any Committee appointed to demand their resignations, we now learn that they were in Shreveport upon last Saturday, and took the train for New Orleans via Galveston, that day.

RAIN.—Our city was visited with delightful rains upon Tuesday and Wednesday, which were much needed. The atmosphere, which had been hot indeed, was cooled and the dust laid in our streets.

We call attention to the card of Wallace & Co., in to-day's issue, the firm is one of the largest in the city and is too well known to require comment from us.

Complaints, Demands and Results.

The troubles existing at this moment in our Parish are of long standing, and the causes can be traced back to the conduct of Radical officials here for the past six years.

Every iniquitous law which has been passed by the Radical General Assembly from that of the act of forcing Parishes to levy taxes to pay judgments, to the organization of State Militia, has been strictly followed out in their extreme letter, and we venture to say, and we defy contradiction, that more general laws for robbery and the better protection of the plunderers have been devised, planned and executed, by the leading radical officials in our parish, than any other one body of men in the State, we have tamely submitted to their interference, with some protest it is true, but with no organized opposition, the masses being frightened into submission with the usual threats from the officials, that troops would be used to sustain them, backed by the support it is true, of some of our own people, from good motives no doubt.

The first alarm that our people took was in 1870, but after appointing a Committee and making an examination of the affairs of the Parish, a compromise was effected in which, as usual, the people lost all, and the Ring was suffered to go on.

But the stealing did not end; for scarcely had our people become quiet before all the pledges made were violated, and the plundering went sweeping along until 1873, when the first Democratic Police Jury we have had since 1867, came in power, and went so far as to charge this movement of the Democrats in the city, as one planned and intended to bring about dissension and division among the white people of our State, we do not give credit to such statements, but admit they are felt and uttered by many of our best citizens.

D. H. Boult, Sr., a man to whom must be given the credit of possessing all the brains and money in the party here, was Tax Collector, and to him we are indebted for all this; as he publicly declared in the city of New Orleans, after the formation of the 17th Judicial District, and the appointments of H. C. Myers as District and his son D. H. Boult, Jr., as Parish Judges, the removal of the Simmons' Police Jury, which was in itself, a direct violation of a written and signed compromise made between the Kellogg and McEnery officers in 1873; that every thing was arranged to his satisfaction, and he would proceed to grind us to the dust.

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man D. H. Boult. This "crushing process" was inaugurated and 30,000 acres of land offered at forced sale for taxes in one week, this was the straw that "broke the camels back."

The power of the Radical party is completely broken here, not one of them would dare attempt to organize a club of negroes, for he is known to be a corrupt man even by them, and his influence has passed away with his power.

Attitude of the Parishes.

The parishes demand a hearing in the councils of Louisiana, and their demand has so far assumed the following shape:

- 1. We want a Convention to assemble outside of New Orleans.
2. We want that Convention to be limited in numbers, so that its personnel may be select.
3. We want the country to enjoy an opportunity of making itself heard.
4. We want the name and the policy of the white man's party for the present campaign to be decided by the Convention thus assembled.

We perfectly agree with our able contemporary in the matter of our wants, and the heed the Democrats of New Orleans should give to our wishes. Some of our people have gone so far as to charge this movement of the Democrats in the city, as one planned and intended to bring about dissension and division among the white people of our State, we do not give credit to such statements, but admit they are felt and uttered by many of our best citizens.

INCENDIARISM.—We hear from good and substantial authority, that very serious threats have been made by some turbulent negroes in our city. These are men who have been thoroughly taught the radical plans of warring or burning, and their action is not at all calculated for good.

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Our Duty Done.

We suppose that our friends will not consider us impertinent, when we assume a congratulatory tone and extend to our people that greeting we consider they so richly deserve.

Who three short months ago, would have imagined that the ideoles of August should, in our midst, see an enemy dethroned, an enemy, vast in strength and resources, that had ground our people to the dust, had with the mailed hand of Radical and ignorant negro law, grasped the bread we would convey to the mouths of our wives and little ones, seized upon all avenues of revenue, and by a villainous manipulation rushed our taxpayers into bankruptcy, an enemy rendered unscrupulous and arrogant from our conservatism and indifference, and that trod alike, upon all right, all justice and all law, in its march to that one goal that actuate such characters—the god, Mammon.

To our sister parishes we can proudly commend our action, and will for a moment revert to that expression again, conservatism in dealing with fraud, we contend, and are so much convinced in our opinion from the surrounding facts of the case, that we willingly accept that opinion as a fixed principle, that in our political contest we must assume a radical position, for we are radically right or radically wrong, and we fail to perceive any middle ground that an honest body of citizens could occupy in the contingency of a contest between such parties.

Which report was unanimously adopted. On motion, it was resolved that the Committee of Seventy carry out the spirit and letter of the resolution demanding other resignations. After speeches from Col. D. Pierson, W. H. Jack and M. J. Cunningham, who advised all to return quietly to their homes, but not to relax their organizations, and in future, allow no man to hold office, who was not honest and capable—the meeting adjourned.

and be true to yourselves, united and daring to demand and require any right or immunity an honest citizen should expect, and our word for it, Louisiana will be practically redeemed before the election in November.

Mass Meeting on Monday.

CORRUPTION DETHRONED!

Natchitoches is Redeemed!

13 00 Citizens in Attendance.

The largest gathering, by far, that was ever held in our parish, of the white people, took place on Monday last, the 27th ult. It was impossible for the Court House to contain one-half of the citizens assembled, and the meeting was held on Second street, in front of the offices of our fellow-citizens Col. Wm. M. Levy, D. Pierson and W. H. Jack, and the large space on Second and Trudeau streets was packed with a dense mass of determined and quiet citizens, among whom were over two hundred leading and respectable colored people.

Col. Wm. M. Levy was loudly called for and upon his appearance he was greeted with three cheers and a tiger. In a short and telling speech he cautioned our people to quiet and determined action, that this was not a mob as had been stated by our opponents, but that we had met as honest citizens to demand, as was our right, that corrupt and incompetent men should no longer rule over us.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, It is the sense of the tax payers and citizens of the Parish of Natchitoches in this Mass Meeting assembled, that the best interests of the Parish as well as the peace and quietude of the whole community require the immediate resignations of the officials hereinafter named, that for the reason, that to their bad influence and mischievous acts are traceable the corruption which have brought suffering upon our people and distress and poverty in our Parish, therefore,

Be it resolved, That a committee of seventeen be appointed by the President of this Association to notify H. C. Myers, District Judge, D. H. Boult, Jr., Parish Judge, D. H. Boult, Sr., Tax Collector and J. J. Bossier, Parish Attorney, severally, of the sense of this meeting as above expressed and that they do thereupon request their immediate resignations of their respective offices—(Unanimously adopted.)

The President then appointed the following as the committee to wait upon the parties designated and solicit their resignations:

- W. A. Ponder, Chairman.
M. H. Carver, E. Masson,
Jacob Kile, M. Hertzog,
Mortimer Perot, S. D. Rains,
L. N. Laue, J. C. Trichel,
Sidney Harrison, Joseph Henry,
E. W. Rawle, B. A. Terrett,
A. P. Massey, G. C. Cunningham
Jos. A. Carroll, J. J. Rains.

Who immediately withdrew to fulfill their duties. After a recess of an hour, the meeting was again called to order by the President and was informed that the committee was ready to report. Which report was as follows:

W. A. PONDER, Chairman.
Which report was unanimously adopted. On motion, it was resolved that the Committee of Seventy carry out the spirit and letter of the resolution demanding other resignations.

Rail Road Figures.

The Question of having and not having a Railroad, are being discussed with all their bearings among our people, in conversations and newspaper articles, and according to promise we will now have our little say in the matter.

Figures in array have been used in estimating costs of building the road, donations from parishes and citizens along the line of construction, and in summing up the taxes we will have to pay in liquidating donations, meeting accruing interest upon bonds, &c.

We estimate the increase in valuation of real and personal property at the low figures of \$300,000 more than at present, placing the estimate of the assessment of the Railroad and its property running through the parish at \$20,000 per mile, certainly a very small estimate, we find this adds \$1,200,000 to the taxable property. Making the total assessment, from which the parish is to derive a revenue as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Real estate and personal property, Railroad. Values: \$4,000,000, 1,200,000.

Now figure up our taxation on that assessment of property at the rate of 100 per cent of the State tax, we have \$75,400, to meet the following expenses.

Table with 2 columns: Railroad interest tax, Parish expenses proper. Values: \$14,000, 30,000.

leaving a surplus of \$31,400 as a sinking fund and to pay off judgements, &c.

Of this \$75,400 the Railroad company pays \$15,080, \$1020 more than the entire amount of interest we will owe upon the Bonds, in other words, the Railroad pays, in twenty years, a direct revenue to the parish in the way of taxes alone, the sum of \$21,600, which can be used in liquidating the donation.

This settles the question of the interest and taxes to be levied for its payment, on the \$200,000 in bonds we will give the company. The railroad pays that, and over, itself, for the privilege of using the bonds to facilitate its construction, and add wealth to our parish.

Now turn to the other hand, we can reasonably expect an increase in business and general prosperity, in the same ratio as the property valuation, that of 4 to 1, and we can make this more simple and easily understood by exemplifying it thus. An income at present from any parant is \$1000, when the Railroad is built it will be \$5000; in greater and less revenues in like proportion; would we not in the face of this alone be able to pay increased rates of taxation? But the argument is, we conceive, unanswerable, when at the same time figures and facts show that the rate of taxation does not increase at all, on the contrary, it is diminished, being then only 3 per cent for all purposes, and the Railroad pays one-fifth of that amount; to put it plainly, we are getting some one to pay one-fifth of present taxes of 3 per cent, and putting us in the way of being five times more able to pay the balance than we now are.

You will only feel high taxation when you are too poor to pay, or when you do not meet a proportionate revenue to pay with. We are in favor of a Railroad, and the Central road more particularly, from the fact that its managers say, and figures show, it intends to do more for us than any heretofore proposed, and asks us less for doing it.

We were pleased to meet Maj. T. W. Abney and Mr. Joseph Pierson, of Conshatta on Monday, looking well and much pleased with our success. Thanks to you gentlemen for your kind remembrance of the Vindicator.

A CARD.

Editor Vindicator: Having for reasons better known to myself, ceased all affiliation with the Republican party, I respectfully request you to publish this card, so as to disabuse the minds of those who are misinformed in that respect. Respectfully, HENRY HERTZOG, Jr.