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To the People of the Parish of Natchitoches.

The Parish Executive Committee of the People's Party, in view of the extraordinary events now transpiring, and the outrages now being perpetrated in this parish, deem it proper to furnish the public with a candid statement of the facts, and to give its counsel to the voters of our party in this hour of peril and persecution. The measures resorted to by the opposition to carry the approaching election, eclipse anything of the kind that has yet shocked the American mind. It is no less an outrage than the indiscriminate arrest of our prominent and influential citizens upon admitted false accusations. The object of their arrests is apparent to every candid mind. The proximity to the election; the avowed purpose of the Marshal to arrest two hundred citizens; the great display and parade made of Military forces; the unusual rigor with which persons are treated after arrest; the refusal of the officer to produce the prisoners before one of two U. S. Commissioners residing here, for examination, upon demand of counsel and orders of the Commissioners, the authority of the Commissioners not being questioned; and above all, the entire and admitted innocence of the parties in arrest, (for all the leading Republicans here, admit that the prisoners had no connection or knowledge or participation in the Coushatta affair) establish beyond cavil that the sole object of these proceedings is to deprive our people of their influence and vote in the approaching election. The Deputy Marshal accompanied by a company of U. S. Cavalry arrived on Monday. During that and Tuesday succeeding, they occupied themselves by riding through the dusty streets and searching houses. Among the latter the residence of two widows, the Mistresses Bossier, with whom no person had resided for a year. The efforts of these two days resulted in the arrest of Mr. Jas. H. Cosgrove, Editor of the Natchitoches Vindicator, charged with "conspiracy and murder" in the Coushatta affair, but really for his manly and independent conduct in exposing the wicked and corrupt acts of the dominant party in this parish. On Wednesday night a raid up the river brought to camp Capt. L. N. Lane, Col. W. W. Breazeale, and Messrs. Lowe and Martin, all planters, some of whom represent large interests, and not one of whom was connected in the remotest way with the Coushatta affair. Their real crimes in the eyes of those that so shamefully persecute them, are their good standing as citizens, and their influence among the masses, especially with the negroes in their employ, and the consequent dread of their power on the day of the election. It would be an easy task for either of these gentlemen to establish before one of the Commissioners here, their entire innocence of the charges against them had they an opportunity to do so, but this opportunity is denied them, and they are to be held in custody until the work is finished—the election over—and then taken to New Orleans to go through the farce of a trial. Other facts are not wanting in establishing the conspiracy to deprive our people of their dearest rights. The Deputy Marshal who equines amongst us ostensibly to execute the process of U. S. courts, devotes a part of one day to an inspection of the books of registration, and to-day it is announced that he will address a meeting of his party on the issues of the day. Thus it is seen he proceeds straight forward to his work not even disguising in any plausible way his main purpose. According to his own statements, often times repeated, there is little doubt that on the day of the election he will have secured the custody of two hundred of our citizens who will be thus deprived of their votes. What have the people of Natchitoches parish done that they should thus be broken up and dragged around like felons? They did make a move in May last, long before any thought was had about the political campaign. That movement was directed against the confiscation of their estates, and the

extortions of the official plunderers in this parish. A parish tax of 64 mills was illegally levied and being collected. There was no relief in the courts. The people came together in mass meeting and the honest indignation of the whole people, black and white—republican and democrat, put a stop to the wrongs of which they complained. It was not violence, disorder, nor lawlessness; it was the touch of honest indignation and the will of wronged thousands, that produced the result. This action of our people was sustained even by the Radical administration itself. The Auditor said "the parish taxes are illegal and appalling." Kellogg said "investigate and report, I am satisfied there is wrong up there" and the Auditor made a written report condemning the parochial administration. Assistant Atty General Dibble said in an elaborate opinion "the parish taxes are illegal and there must be fraud at the bottom of it."

Orders were issued requiring the collector of taxes to restrict his collections, to the legal rate 14 1/2 mills for any and all parochial purposes. The Supreme Court said "there had been great dereliction of duty on the part of parish officers, and that parish officers paid no attention to the law." These are the facts connected with the conduct of this people during the past few months and for which they are now branded as Ku-Klux, White Leaguers, &c. For this they are to be arrested, and outraged on the eve of an election and thus deprived of their only means of obtaining an honest parochial government—the ballot. The charges have been trumped up without the shadow of truth or even plausible pretext. Leading Republicans here admit that the whole proceeding is for political purposes and an outrage upon all law and justice. Not only are the white people to be arrested and intimidated, but the negroes are to be forced to come out and vote by threats, and even violence. Such are some of the outrages weakly portrayed, that now challenge our fortitude. More, no doubt, remain in store for you. It is, in all human probability the wish and desire of the conspirators that you will, out of despair, and smarting under the wrongs and indignities heaped upon you, resort to resistance even against the U. S. army in your midst. Such a collision would be heralded over the North to stay the tide now set so strongly against our unfortunate condition. We admonish you to forbearance and fortitude. The great American heart is right and your sufferings and imprisonment will call down upon the heads of those that violate your liberties for political purposes, the indignation of the honest masses of the great States of Pennsylvania and New York in November, and then the day of your deliverance will surely come. Let no man fly from the threatened arrests. Abate not a single effort to obtain your rights at the polls. Stand together against this last assault upon your patriotism and manhood, as you have hitherto stood against spoliation and robbery, and you cannot fail of success. The rottenness of the party in power in this State cannot always be supported by armies. Unity of purpose and unity of action are now more imperative than ever before. Let no man fail to do his whole duty in such a crisis.

By order of the PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. PIERSON,
Chairman.

A "respectable" Oawego woman created quite a sensation in the streets of that city the other day by getting drunk and driving furiously about town in a one horse buggy. She had her two little children with her, and one of them was thrown out during the escapade, but she paid no attention to it. Brandishing a loaded revolver, she threatened death to any who showed a disposition to interfere. She was finally secured and taken home, and the local papers charitably suppress her name.

A putting bride, on her first sea voyage, writes home: "The motion of the screw steamer is like riding a gigantic camel that has the heart disease, and you do not miss a single throb. I know of nothing to compare with it for boredom, unless it be your honeymoon when you have married for money."

The Truth.

We clip the following from the Louisiana State Register, a staunch and fearless Republican Journal. It truthfully says:

"We read a great deal in the Northern paper about the murder of Northern men in the South, and we frequently hear the remarks that if the democrats were in office in Louisiana, a Northern man, and especially a Northern republican could not remain alive in the State. The Coushatta murders are referred to as a very aggravated instance of Southern hostilities to Northern men. The flourishing condition of Coushatta is duly referred to as evidence of Northern thrift and enterprise. The other side of this Coushatta tragedy has never been told. Red river parish, of which this town was the seat of Justice, is a new parish, created by the Legislature since the State was reconstructed. There was no object in creating this new parish, except to increase offices and give certain republicans a sort of patrimony, inhabited chiefly by colored people, that could be managed and taxed in the interest of the office holders. The people who own the lands and pay the taxes in Red river parish, never desired the creation of the parish. It was done without their consent and against their wishes. Of course a half dozen or so of men with a parish, comparatively wealthy, under their own control, where they could assess taxes, collect and expend them as they pleased, could soon build a Court House, School houses, buy farms, erect mills and generally do a thriving business. It has been stated in the papers that the taxes in this parish were eight hundred per cent higher than in the adjoining parish of Natchitoches. This statement has never been contradicted to our knowledge. It was also told to the writer by a planter of the parish that we believe reliable and whose name can be had for the asking. The men who were managing matters in this way were murdered. Were they killed because they were Northern men? This creation of new parishes for corrupt purposes does not work well. Grant parish was created for the same purposes as Red river. The seeds sown in corruption have in both cases brought a harvest of murder, in which several men of Northern birth were victims, but they did not die for that reason. We imagine, if the democrats were to get into power in this State, that considerable many Northern men would leave it very shortly, but we do not believe that any Northern man, who has been faithful as an officer, or useful and reputable as a citizen, that would be compelled or expected to leave the State. This article is not written by any ex-federal soldier, who has gone to the democracy, or who has any desire to see them in office, but by one who has edited a republican paper in the State since its reconstruction. If he has ever failed to give the democracy and its villainies their just deserts, it must be attributed rather to a lack of capacity than inclination. We live here, and we are tired of seeing the people who are our neighbors, maligned and lied about by a set of newspaper scavengers, whose only object is to make the republican party of the North toe the chalk mark, by reciting the terrible treatment of men from the North by the Southern rebels. A Northern man, who proposes to make an honest living in Louisiana without office, can live here without being disturbed, although he is as radical as Ben Butler. If his ambition is an office, and he prostitutes that to his own gain, he is pretty sure not only to enjoy the curses of the rebels, but of every decent Northern man in the State.

THE REAL RICH MAN.—Ben Franklin said: "Many a man is rich without money. Thousands of men with nothing in their pockets are rich. A man born with a good sound constitution, a good stomach, a good heart, good limbs, and a pretty good head-piece, is rich. Good bones are better than gold; tough muscles better than silver; and nerves that flash fire and carry energy to every function are better than houses or land. It is better than a landed estate to have the right kind of father or mother. Good breeds and bad breeds exist among men as really as among herds and horses. Education may do much to check bad tendencies or to develop good ones; it is a greater thing to inherit the right proportion of faculties to start with. The man is rich who has a good disposition, who is naturally kind, patient, cheerful and hopeful."

As she rolled up her sleeves and looked hard at a big basket of tomatoes she remarked: "There's get up, pay up, bang up, go up, step up and climb up, but here goes for catsup."

A dry goods dealer in a fit of somnambulism arose from his couch, nearly cut the bed quilt in two with his pocket scissors, and then asked his terrified wife if he could not show her something else.

From an Officer of the U. S. Army.

UNITED STATES TROOPS USED TO CRUSH THE PEOPLE OF LOUISIANA.

The letter below, taken from the New York Sun, was written to a friend by a captain in the service of the U. S. Let any one ask the officers stationed here at this time if they cannot corroborate the truth of the statement therein contained. Let it be remembered that S. B. Packard, is chairman of the State Central Executive Committee of the Republican party of this State:

Oct. 5, 1874.—I am more than glad that I am not down there (Louisiana) during the present state of affairs. God help the poor people of that unfortunate State. He is the only one that can give her any aid. Congress refuses to help her and the President is trying to place the whole country in arms against her. I see by the papers that Packard, the United States Marshal and Gen. Emory, the officer in command of the Department of the Gulf, are both out in a false card, because I know of my own knowledge that my own company and I in command of it, have been ordered on duty for just such purposes. But, thank fortune, I had some discretion allowed in the matter, and instead of helping the thieving, lying rascals, whose only intention is to rob both the blacks and whites, I was always able to help the people of the State, I would not be happy until Kellogg, Packard and his crew were hung to the lamp-posts in New Orleans. The carpet-baggers have robbed the people to such an extent that it is almost next to impossible for a man to exist there. I am only one of the officers of the Infantry, but the whole regiment from the Colonel down, feel just as I do about the matter, and if we hear of any more carrels from Emory, or any one else, about the non-use of troops for political purposes, we will all sign a card that from the time the regiment went into the State till it left it, we were used as a means to overawe the people in behalf of Kellogg and his thieves.

Killed by His Own Invention.

A Franklin, Ky., paper tells us of an old colored man who invented a wagon so arranged that, after being set in motion, it runs itself by virtue of the fact that the weight of gravitation is thrown forward of the center motion, and consequently the machine is compelled to run. It has been the intention of the inventor to have his wagon at the fair, so that its value might be tested publicly, and the old man mounted the machine, adjusted the bands, tipped the balance-weight over the center of motion, gave the driving-wheel a shove, and started for Franklin, to report to the Secretary of the association, and have his machine regularly entered on the books. About one mile off there and here, unfortunately, an accident occurred. The machine was humming along the smooth, sandy road at about fifteen miles an hour, and the happy inventor was on deck, feeling as proud as Fulton on board his first steamboat, when, in making the turn just near the margin of the Red Pond, the starboard front wheel collided with a heavy-set post-oak sapling, and the rebound was so powerful that the old man was thrown forward over the dashboard, and was at the same time struck by the flange of the driving-wheel, which precipitated his speed so much that, when his head struck the fence panel on the opposite side of the road, he was so badly smashed that his death must have taken place immediately. Coroner Hartfield's inquest was uncertain as to whether he had been killed by a sudden stroke of the driving-wheel, or by a too hasty collision with the panel of the fence. The machine, after the accident, struck out with freedom, and, passing the residence of Capt. Lea, soon made its way across in the direction of Boisseau's meadow, but was arrested in its progress by a large log, which tilted the balance-weight back of the centre of motion, and the wild wagon was standing gently at rest when overtaken by the coroner and his party, who were following along to take care of the killed and wounded. Since the tragic death of the inventor, no man has dared to mount the fiery, untamed steed, but our informant assures us that it will be on exhibition at the fair grounds, and we invite the attention of inventors and machinists to its peculiar mechanism. We will not vouch for any man's life who mounts it and sets it in motion in a timbered locality, but it can be managed safely on the half mile track on the fair grounds, and will be put to its best speed, if any man can be found who is competent to guide it.

The anniversary of Mexican independence was celebrated Sept. 16th with appropriate ceremonies and festivities.

A Boston man recently walked three miles in twenty minutes. His mother-in-law was not far behind, but she had to give up.