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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.
FOR PRESIDENT.
GEN. W. S. HANCOCK,
OF PENNSYLVANIA.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.
HON. WM. H. ENGLISH,
OF INDIANA.
FOR CONGRESS.
GEN. J. FLOYD KING,
OF CONCORDIA.

Our Parish—Its Future.

The total population of Richland parish in 1870 was 5101; this year the census returns show a population of 8327, or an increase of 3226. Those who are acquainted with the facts know that, instead of extending over ten years' time, this increase, except from births, has really been confined to less than half that time. A considerable tide of immigration flowed into this parish in 1872 and 1873, but it was completely stopped by the overflow of 1874; this was followed by the disastrous inundation of 1876. Thus immigration not only effectually stopped, but many of those already here became discouraged and left. The yellow fever epidemic dealt another terrible blow to the prosperity of our parish in 1878. Yet, notwithstanding all these disadvantages, we see unmistakable evidences of prosperity, progress and improvement all over the parish, especially on the farms, with which the towns do not begin to keep pace, while the figures show that Richland is behind only three parishes as to per centage in the increase of population, and behind none as to increase in wealth. We should also bear in mind the fact that there has been no organized effort in our parish to encourage immigration; that those who have come of their own accord or through the influence of a few individual citizens of the parish.

The most encouraging feature of this increase of population has been chiefly from the very class of people we want and need all over the state, small farmers, who alone can make this a prosperous and wealthy country. Now, suppose the country should be protected from overflow, the railroad completed to Shreveport, and our people should organize an immigration association, to co-operate with that of the state actively and energetically, can any one doubt that Richland would soon become one of the first parishes in the state, in point of population, wealth and refinement? The fact is, nothing can prevent it becoming so ultimately, because we already possess all the natural resources, that only await development, and it remains for our people to determine whether it shall be soon or late; whether they will enjoy these advantages themselves or leave them entirely to their posterity.

Let us erect good public buildings, fence in and set out shade trees upon our court house square, so that persons passing through our parish on the railroad will not imagine that we are in the last stages of poverty and decay. The fact is our public buildings are a disgrace to the parish, and we do not see how any citizen of the parish can look upon them without blushing. The jail is hardly fit to be used as a dog kennel, while it is a burning shame that the old tumble down barn, that we dignify with the name of court house, should be allowed to stand forty-eight hours. We sometimes wish it would tumble down in a heap and then take fire and burn up. But one of the four houses that ornament (1) our public square is fit for the uses to which it is applied, and it is nothing to brag about. And these are the buildings owned and used by a people whose property is assessed at \$2,234,790; and everybody knows that tax assessments on property do not more than approximate its actual value.

After we have done this, then let us organize an immigration association in our parish and inform the world of the quantity of fertile land in this parish that has been forfeited to the state for taxes by nonresidents; let us try to have this land divided into small tracts and donated, or at least sold on the most favorable terms—its donation would soon repay the state in taxes—let the large land owners divide their lands into small farms and offer them upon reasonable terms to purchasers or tenants; and then let the association invite farmers from all parts of the world to come and occupy these lands, and see that the invitations reach the people they want, and we guarantee the parish will soon be filled up with sturdy farmers and their families, who will build up churches and schools and cause that which is now a malarial breeding wilderness and harbor for reptiles and ravenous beasts to blossom as the rose.

Signs.

If he puts his arms around her like a bear, and snugs her breast when he kisses her, they are not married, but are likely to be. If he puts his hands on her shoulders, leans forward a little, catches the prize and falls back they have been married two weeks. If he comes up with his hands in his pockets, looks out of the window, says, "well, goodby," gives her a careless smile, and rushes off, they have been married two years, and life is a desert.

Do not be too Confident.

Confidence begets indifference and produces lethargy, which invites attack and defeat. Too much confidence in political strength produces an apathy that endangers the success of the party that considers itself invincible. It is from this state of apathy that we appeal to the wide awake and reading Democrats of Richland parish to attempt to arouse their neighbors. Do not leave them to slumber in the thick of the battle, lulled to sleep by the reflection that the Democrats will carry this parish anyway, as they always have done. It is quite true that there is very little if any danger of democratic defeat in this parish; but this is not a parochial contest; it is a presidential and congressional election, in which each vote will count for all it is worth, not in this parish but in the entire district and state. The election of a democratic President may depend upon the vote of this parish. The vote of the parish is not counted as such, but each individual vote is counted, and it is this fact that we would have forcibly impressed upon the minds of these indifferent Democrats.

This is not such a strong democratic district that it can afford to risk its success upon a small vote in democratic parishes. It is in fact a doubtful district, which will be carried by the party that polishes full strength, provided the other does not do it. In other words, if the Republicans bring out their full strength, and the Democrats do not our candidate will be defeated.

The Republicans hold a convention at Delta on the 7th of October, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Representative of this district in Congress; and it is reasonable to suppose that they will do every thing they can to elect their man, provided they harmonize on one who is popular with the masses; and if this apathy continues in the democratic ranks until the election they certainly will stand a very good chance of success. We must disabuse the minds of the democratic voters of our parish of the erroneous impression that there will be no contest in the 5th Congressional District. The Republicans will do all they can to regain it in our opinion, and we must do what we can to prevent it. The triumph of our party in this district depends upon the activity displayed in the parishes lying between the river and hill parishes and the vote polled in the latter. In the former only Richland, Franklin and West Carroll can be relied upon as surely democratic, because the others have only been carried in the last congressional election.

We do not counsel too much political excitement, so as to divert the men from their daily avocation, but we advise the members of the Democratic Executive Committee in each ward to organize Hancock and King clubs in their respective wards and get up at least efficient enthusiasm to secure a full vote of the parish. To do this, it is only necessary to convince them that there is danger in their refusal to vote; that the election of our congress member and president may depend upon their votes. Let us be awake.

State News.

On the night of Sept. 4th a difficulty occurred at a ball given by a Mr. Guedry, in Assumption parish, in which Mr. Guedry received a fatal wound and Mr. Alonzo, his overseer, a very painful wound, at the hands of Bradford and Gomez, brothers-in-law.

A little son of Mr. Baptiste Walker, of Donaldsonville fell from a fence and broke his arm last week.

There has been a great deal of fatal sickness among the negro children in the neighborhood of Bastrop.

The Clarion calls his Honor Bastrop's Lord Mayor.

Jim Harris cut Frank Evans throat from ear to ear, on the Pipes plantation, in Morehouse parish, last week. Frank is dead and Jim is in jail.

The press convention of this State will meet in Baton Rouge on the second Monday in October. We may or we may not attend, we wish to, but doubt whether we can or not.

The business prospects of Baton Rouge are very promising.

The merchants of New Orleans are more hopeful than they have been for years. The fact is, our metropolis is booming.

The rice crop of Louisiana turns out splendidly.

The Banner speaks of hunting and fishing as regular occupations, instead of sport, in Bossier parish.

They have a professional colored burglar, horse thief and forger at Berwick city, who has heretofore escaped punishment for want of proof, but, as stolen property has been found in his possession at last, he will probably go up.

D. L. Morgan, Jr., the ten years old son of Col. D. L. Morgan, of Lake Providence, died in New Orleans on Wednesday of last week.

Andrew Cunningham, a respected citizen of East Carroll parish, died at his plantation on the 12th inst., age 56 years.

Two colored men, John Conates and Elijah Berry, on Mr. Wade's plantation in Caldwell parish, cursed each other in a terrible manner last week—all about a woman.

Cotton worms made their appearance in Caldwell parish last week.

Diphtheria prevails in Sabine parish.

The late rains prevailed all over this State and Texas too we believe, and the complaint of damage to cotton is general.

In Jefferson City last Sunday night, Mike Connors and Wm. Vinken fought with knives in a bar-room. Result—Vinken probably mortally wounded and Connors locked up.

The police force in the Algiers ward of the city is inadequate. The hoodlums overpower and sometimes attempt to kill the policemen whenever they try to make an arrest.

In the third congressional district a seceding nominating convention was held, resulting as the first in the nomination of John S. Billia; and still the Acklen faction is not satisfied. They bolted, led by Acklen and nominated him; and thus he is assisting the Republicans to elect Darrall.

Green Redding, the colored wife murderer, of Ouachita parish, who was to have paid the penalty of his crime by hanging, on the first of October, was taken sick on Tuesday of last week and died in the jail at Monroe last Sunday night.

An unknown German died in Monroe last Tuesday of congestion.

A grand ball and supper will be given at the Opera House in Monroe next Wednesday night, for the benefit of the Hebrew congregation of that city.

Chas. T. Bagwell was shot by Dock Boarden, in Union parish on the 11th inst. The wound was in the hip and quite painful, though not dangerous. The fight resulted from the inhibiting too freely of ardent spirits.

The Donaldsonville Chief entered upon its tenth year last week. It is one of the best and most neatly printed papers in the State and is by far the ablest edited Republican paper with which we exchange. It has our best wishes for its success away from politics.

The New York Sun is an independent newspaper, but it is striking heavy blows for Hancock and English; and those blows fall thick and fast and with crushing force upon the head of Garfield.

Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic restores the appetite.

The Alto School.

ALTO, LA., Sept. 22, 1880.

Editor Beacon: Perhaps the readers of the Beacon would like to know that the Alto High School is on a boom. Prof. Runnels opened on Monday, Sept. 13th, under the very gloomiest circumstances. Rain! rain! had been the order of the day for several days back; pupils could not attend; Prof. Runnels looked blue; the trustees could but look to the future for hope. Had the Professor been in the least vacillating he would have in all probability turned his face again towards old Rankin; but he is a very great admirer of Hancock, and like him, he is invincible. He has come to stay; has burned the bridges behind him, and today he is one of Louisiana's adopted sons, ready to work for all of her varied interests, and more particularly that of the educational interest of Richland. Then parents of Richland, come forward and extend to him your hearty cooperation. Let us build here a school worthy of Richland. Prof. Runnels at the solicitation of the board of trustees, has consented to deliver an address to the citizens of Richland upon an address to the citizens of Education on Friday, Oct. 1st at 1 p. m. The citizens of Richland are invited to come and hear him; and if you have children to educate we are constrained to believe you will be induced to conclude that Alto High School is the place to educate them. There will be exercises by the scholars, commencing at 10 a. m. All are invited to come; and we further ask those living in the neighborhood of Alto to bring a good sized basket, well filled with good things for the children, as we want to gladden their hearts also. Come ahead, and listen to one of Clinton's boys. Come young ladies, for we are satisfied that the fire flashing from your bright eyes will kindle within his breast such enthusiasm that will interest all who favor him with their presence. And you, Mr. Editor, must be sure to be on hand.

H. F. VICKERS.

PUBLIC SPEAKING!

The Democratic nominee for Congress, **GEN. J. FLOYD KING,**

Will address the citizens of the 5th Congressional District at the following places and dates:

Floyd Wednesday, September 29th, Delhi, Thursday, " 30th, Winsboro, Saturday, October 2nd, Red Mouth, Monday, " 4th, Alto, " 4th, Rayville, Tuesday, October 5th, Oak Ridge, Wednesday, October 6th, COME ONE! COME ALL!!

Cotton Factories.

In the N. O. Democrat's mammoth issue of September 1st we see that a company of New Orleans capitalists have purchased the Arizona Cotton Mills away up in Claiborne parish. We do not wish to begrudge the good people of that fine parish the good fortune that has befallen them and which they richly deserve; but we do desire to call the attention of capitalists in the Crescent City or elsewhere to the fact that some four hundred bolls are lying idle at the State penitentiary in our city, which could be rented at a small cost. In addition, Baton Rouge can furnish all the operatives that may be needed to run them. The fuel can be obtained either from the adjacent inexhaustible forests or from our coal yards; and when it comes to the raw material, the company could purchase it on the spot from the farmers who haul it here for shipment. Besides which, almost every bale that goes to New Orleans via the Mississippi passes our city, and could be landed here in unlimited supply.—Baton Rouge Capitalist.

This machinery certainly ought to be in operation; no cotton manufacturing machinery ought to be idle in any cotton growing region much less on the bank of the Mississippi.

Morris Roos has 1000 pairs Ladies', Gents', Youth's and Children's Shoes, that be bought cheap for cash, and will sell them cheap for cash only.

Jury List for November Term.

Jury for first week of November Term 5th Dist. Court.

Mason, John T.	Cheek, Henry
Morehan, Morris	Perry, Seymour
Newton, Henry T.	Jones, Alfred
Hewitt, Jno. A.	Neilon, Jim
Williams, M. C.	NeSmith, O. M.
Scarborough, R. W.	Herron, Robt. A.
Turbeville, A. H.	Powe, Chas. E.
Goodrum, Thomas	Earle, Henry W.
Copeland, Daniel	Nicholls, J. D.
Archibald, J. J.	Cason, J. H.
Rhymes, J. H.	Wright, Frank
Edwards, B. O.	Ware, Chas.
Hewitt, A. R.	Branch, Tuck
Loggett, Jas. A.	Strother, Ed
Taylor, Jno	Walker, Allen
Walker, Andrew	Duff, W. H.
Dyson, A. E.	Wright, Joseph
Sorey, B. R.	Dunham, W. G.
Daniels, Dempsey	Thomas, Wm
Johnson, Lewis	Wagner, Nash
Bane, Oregon	Porter, Ned
Draper, Wash	Plummer, Jack
A true copy of the original now on file in my office, Sept 21st, 1880.	Hallack, W. H.
	Rushing, J. L.
	Davis, Richard I.

J. NEWT. PITTS, Clerk 5th D. C.

Jury for 2nd week of the November term

Daniels, W. D.	Spencer, H. N.
Vickers, N. C.	Budley, David
Thomas, Alfred	White, Jack
Spencer, J. L.	Alexander, Frank
Purvis, George C.	Jones, J. H.
Lynn, S. W.	Williams, Cezar
Bones, E. A.	Chapman, D. T.
Lewis, W. K.	Bour, M.
Rush, H.	Archibald, Zack
Trumper, Ernest	Taylor, A. M.
Myers, Cezar	Jolley, Wm. T.
Wesley, John	Weaver, J. F.
Cochran, Thos. M.	Windham, Lewis
Shipley, J. D.	Jamar, J. F.
Porter, Joseph	Prayer, J. C.

A true copy. Attest: J. NEWT. PITTS, Clerk 5th D. C.

Jury for 3rd week of the November Term

Seaberry, Wm. R.	Smith, O. T.
Edwards, L. B.	Montgomery, Sam'l
Morgan, W. I.	Bledsoe, F. M.
Trechevant, Jas. P.	Bones, J. L.
Griffin, E. C.	Draper, Sam'l
Campbell, Bessley	Cheat, Wm. F.
Alexander, Adam	Hood, Sam
Archibald, E. T.	Good, Isaac
Blount, Richard	Baughman, R. S.
McIntosh, Geo. W.	Coutney, Geo. W.
Gillis, Henry	Austin, P. H.
Conley, Jno. W.	Brown, Henry
Shepard, Wash	Hardy, Alfred
Hawkins, Wm	Moseley, Geo. M.
Hare, Thos	Dooley, Wm

A true copy. Sept. 21st, 1880. Attest: J. NEWT. PITTS, Clerk 5th D. C.

PROCLAMATION

By the Sheriff of Richland, for the election of Presidential Electors and Representative in Congress.

IN OBEDIENCE to the proclamation of Hon. S. D. McNery, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of the State of Louisiana, an election will be held, on Tuesday, the second day of the month of November, A. D. 1880, (it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month), at the different polling places in each ward of this parish, from seven o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing by general ticket eight Electors of President and Vice President, two of whom shall be for the State at large, and six for the several Electoral districts of the State, to-wit:

One Elector for the First District, composed of the parishes of Paquequines and St. Bernard and of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and fifteenth wards of the city of New Orleans.

One Elector for the Second District, composed of the parishes of Iberville, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Rapides, Vernon, Webster, Winn and Saline.

One Elector for the Third District, composed of the parishes of Assumption, Calcasieu, Calumet, Iberville, Lafayette, La Fourche, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Vermilion and Iberia.

One Elector for the Fourth District, composed of the parishes of Beville, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Rapides, Vernon, Webster, Winn and Saline.

One Elector for the Fifth District, composed of the parishes of Concordia, Caldwell, Claiborne, Catahoula, East Carroll, West Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and Union.

One Elector for the Sixth District, composed of the parishes of Avoyelles, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

And also for one Representative in Congress to represent the State of Louisiana in the Forty seventh Congress of the United States, for the term of two years, to date from the fourth day of March, 1881, from the fifth Congressional District, composed of the parishes of Concordia, Caldwell, Claiborne, Catahoula, East Carroll, West Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and Union.

And I do hereby direct all Commissioners and other officers, to hold said election at the different polling places, and make due returns thereon in the manner and form provided for by existing laws.

Witness my hand and signature, officially, this 25th day of September, 1880.

LEM SCOTT, Sheriff.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The tax payers of Richland Parish, State of Louisiana, will take notice, that the taxes assessed in the year 1880, are set forth in the tax rolls now on file in my office and the office of the Recorder of mortgages of said Parish of Richland; and that they are now due and will become delinquent on the 1st day of December, and will draw eight per cent per annum interest from that date until paid in accordance with article 210 of the Constitution.

LEM SCOTT, Sheriff & Tax Collector. Rayville, La., Sept. 11th, 1880.—71.

FOR SALE VERY CHEAP, AIT SAW Revolving Drum Pratt Gin Stand, in perfect order and as good as new. Any person desiring to purchase such a gin stand will find it to his interest to apply to

W. E. DUKE, Alto, La.

P. J. FOLEY,

Boilermaker and Blacksmith.
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

ALL KINDS OF
Steamboat and Plantation
Work Attended To.
SECOND-HAND
BOILERS and ENGINES
Always on Hand.

Cor. Grove and Mulberry Sts.,
VICKSBURG, MISS.

Aug. 13, 1880.—70.

Registration Notice.

I hereby give notice that the Registration Books will be open at the following places the Parish of Richland, on the days specified below, (according to the provision of act no. 3 of 1878, act no. 101 of 1877, and act no. 123 of 1880, approved April 10th, 1880,) to all persons who failed to register before the last election, and those who may have become eligible voters of this parish, since that date, also that changes may be made when necessary, in number of precincts given as the Registration of any voter, on Registration books of last election.

In Rayville, Sept. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 7th.

1st Ward, Delhi, 8th & 9th, September

Midway, 10th "

2nd " Rayville, 13th & 14th "

3rd " Girar, 15th & 16th "

4th " Alto, 17th & 18th "

5th " Amery's, 20th "

6th " Red Mouth, 21st "

7th " Holdiness, 22nd & 23rd "

8th " Two notsons, 24th "

9th " Charleville, 25th "

And two weeks in Rayville before final closing of Registration.

JAS. T. STOKES, Assessor & Ex-Officio Registrar, Richland Parish.

Aug. 27th, 1880.

SUCCESSION OF HENRY BELDEN, DECEASED.

State of Louisiana Parish of Richland, 5th District Court.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the 5th Judicial District Court, in the above succession, commanding the sale of the entire property thereof, I will offer for sale at public auction at the court house door, on

Wednesday October 13th, A. D., 1880,

to the last and highest bidder the following described property, comprising the entire property of said succession, to-wit:

One lot of ground adjoining and on the east side of the town of Rayville, La., lying due south of lot no. one of William's addition to Rayville, La., commencing at the south end of said lot and running back south to the dividing line between Mrs. Mary D. Bickers and the succession of Thos. Williams, deceased, and being three hundred feet wide the entire length from east to west; said lot being the one upon which W. F. McTulley formerly resided.

L. E. TIDDALE, Administrator.

Sept. 9th, 1880.—51.

Sheriff's Sale.

Daniel Weaver vs. State of Louisiana, No. 193. vs. Parish of Richland, B. & E. Myrick 5th Dist. Court.

By virtue of a writ of fi. fa. issued from the Hon. 5th District Court, in and for the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale, at public auction at the court house door, on

Saturday, the 2nd day of October, 1880,

to the last and highest bidder the following described property, to-wit:

The undivided one half interest in the south east quarter of north east quarter, east half of south east quarter, south west quarter of south east quarter, section 26, township 18, north range 6, E. 12 and 15, south half of south west quarter, section 31, township 18, north range 7 east, containing in the aggregate 300 acres more or less, together with one half the rent and revenues of the above said land, the whole of the north east quarter, section, and south east quarter of north west quarter, section 22, township 17, north range 8 east, containing 200 acres more or less, seized as the property of B. Myrick, and will be sold to satisfy said fi. fa. and all costs.

Terms of sale—cash with the benefit of appraisement.

LEM SCOTT, Sheriff's Office, Rayville, La. Sheriff.

Aug. 21st 1880.—71.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Louisiana, vs. State of Louisiana, No. 142. vs. Parish of Richland, Charles Johnson 5th Dist. Court.

Hubler & Ivy vs. No. 138. State of Louisiana, Parish of Richland, Wm. L. Johnson et al. 5th Dist. Court.

By virtue of two writs of fi. fa. issued from the Hon. 5th District Court in and for the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction before the court house door in the town of Rayville, said parish and state, on

Saturday, the 2nd day of October, 1880,

to the last and highest bidder the following described property, to-wit:

The undivided four thirds interest in lot no. one (1), and the east half of north east quarter, of section thirty (30), and the west half of north west quarter, of section twenty one (21), and the east half of north west quarter, of section twenty nine (29), all in township 18, north range 6, E. 12 and 15, south half of section 31, township 18, north range 7 east, containing three hundred (300) acres, more or less; also forty (4) acres adjoining north east portion of above, lying on Thomas J. McKay from widow Kenneson, numbers not now known, the above property will be sold to satisfy said writ and all costs.

Terms of sale—cash, with the benefit of appraisement.

LEM SCOTT, Sheriff's Office, Rayville, La. Sheriff.

Aug. 21st, 1880.—71.

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