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McKINLEY AT NEW ORLEANS

Gov. Wm. McKinley, of Ohio, author of the celebrated tariff bill, which bears his name and aspirant for the Republican nomination for the Presidency spoke to an audience of eight thousand people in New Orleans last Saturday night.

We have carefully read the speech and from a Democratic point of view it is a good one. McKinley is the leading exponent in his party of the Republican doctrine of protection. While in Congress he was the recognized leader of his party and is serving his second term as Governor of the great Republican State of Ohio. He is now a pronounced and prominent candidate for the Presidency.

Certainly if any man is qualified to strongly present the protection idea, McKinley is that man.

Yet his New Orleans speech must serve only the more strongly to expose the weakness of the protection argument. The juggling with facts in which the distinguished speaker indulged and his disingenuous and specious conclusions damn his cause and stamp him as a demagogue, who, while pretending to instruct the people is really seeking to mislead them.

The truth is that McKinley was in a peculiarly trying position in New Orleans.

Coming there at the invitation of the bolting sugar planters, but debarred by his political ambitions from giving these beneficiaries of protection any promise of future rewards from the Republican party, he was really out of place.

The sugar planters have joined forces with the negroes and become Republicans solely for the dollars and cents they expect to get by changing their politics.

Gov. McKinley's generalities as to the beauties of protection fell upon cold ears. The late "Col." McCall and his brother "sugar treats" are business men in politics. There is absolutely no sentiment about them. Even the negro question in Southern politics, according to them is mere sentiment.

We can imagine the sickly smile which they interchanged when the man whom they had brought a thousand miles to talk about the cold cash their new politics would put in their pockets, dilated on the higher wages brought about by protection, but never said a word about their "pay."

The High Priest of protection has come and gone. He had a big meeting. There were bonfires and illuminations and beautiful decorations about the building in which he spoke paid for by the "sugar-treats" with money donated them by the tax-payers of the country. But the fires and illuminations are out, the decorations have disappeared and gloom reigns in the camp of the new converts to Republicanism. For McKinley didn't say a word about "their pay."

SOME STARTLING FIGURES.

The following figures from the official records are absolutely startling. The iniquity of the bounty system and the selfish greed of the sugar planter who would retain it, could not be more forcibly shown by columns of argument.

The Elm Hall plantation of Mr. Godechaux in Ascension parish, really, nachin ry and live stock is assessed for \$137,170. His bounty received in 1893 was \$164,252.

The Evan Hall plantation of McCall Bros. is assessed for \$104,475, the bounty for 1893 \$115,171. Senator Levert's St. John plantation is assessed for \$86,000, bounty was \$119,381.

The Belle Alliance plantation of M. E. and J. P. Koch in Assumption is assessed for \$134,900, and received in bounty \$120,765.

These figures are inclusive of everything attached to the realty except the stocks of merchandise in the plantation stores.

The values of the plantations we are forced to accept as true and real for the owners thereof, under the law, are required to make oath of the verity of their returns. We therefore have Evan Hall receiving in one year a gratuity from the pockets of the people of \$11,000 more than its value. Elm Hall \$28,000 more than its total worth. St. John \$33,000 of bounty more than its value and Belle Alliance within \$14,000 of its sworn assessment.

These figures are amazing, and should without comment, standing by themselves, utterly condemn and destroy the monstrous and unjustifiable system which made them possible.

But the half is not yet told for in

EX-COLONEL McCALL'S MULES we have the proof of a productive capacity hitherto unknown and unsuspected, familiar as we are with the many good qualities of this most useful of animals. We find from an examination of the rolls that all of the live stock, such as horses, mules and cattle on Evan Hall, the property of the Ex-Kernel and the Ex-Major, is assessed for \$3900. Now the "sugar mule" is a costly animal, ranging in value from \$165 00 to \$225 00, and it is surely fair to estimate the assessed value of the Evan Hall mules at \$100 00 each, or say 39 mules on the property. For the purpose of this article we will say there are 40 mules on the property. The bounty of \$115,000 represents 5,750,000 pounds of sugar which the McCalls sold at an average price of 4 cents per pound or about \$230,000; the gross revenue of the property for 1893 being \$345,000 or some \$8600 00 to the mule. To put it a little more clearly these revenue Republicans received for the services of each mule on their property during the year 1893, more, far more than did the largest cotton planter in the South receive as a net revenue on his entire property.

The owners of Evan Hall may urge, however, that this product was not all of their own production, that they bought cane for their factory raised on other plantations. Let us admit that. Then we ask these impoverished sugar planters to explain how it happened that on Belle Alliance, only a few miles distant from Evan Hall, it required \$14,000 worth of mules to produce practically the same amount of sugar you got from your 40 mules.

No Colonel! No Major! These are marvelous mules of yours and no amount of explanation can disprove it. The bounty on sugar is doomed. No free people, no intelligent political party can sustain a proposition of such enormity, such unfairness and such injustice.

Hon. Chas. F. Buck, Democratic nominee for Congress in the 2d District is making a splendid campaign and shows himself to be a speaker of fine ability. He will win.

An idea of the wide range of interests involved in Texas can be gathered from the fact that while a drainage convention is in session in the eastern part of the State, arrangements are being made for an irrigation convention in the west etc.—San Antonio Express.

It was amusing to watch the frantic efforts of a large number of the recent converts to Republicanism to embrace Governor McKinley when he finished his speech the other night. Had it not been for a muscular policeman several hundred enthusiastic individuals would have fallen on McKinley's neck and wept to the utter destruction of his collar and shirt front.—States.

The McCalls are "resigners" as well as "jinners." Marise Henry has struck the Governor's staff a fatal blow by tendering his resignation as a "Kernel" and paralyzed the Board of Supervisors of the L. S. U. by divorcing himself from that body of excellent citizens. Meantime Bre'r Richard, with Republican war-paint on his face and sugar bounty in his mind, is prancing around, determined upon the annihilation of the Atchafalaya Levee Board. Gov. Foster, here is our band in this, your hour of unspeakable, agonized bereavement.—West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter.

Natchez Democrat: Judge J. L. Dagg, of Vidalia, received a telegram from New Orleans announcing the sudden death in that city of Capt. C. C. Duke, and stating that the remains would be up on the steamer Natchez Friday morning for final interment in the Natchez cemetery. Captain Duke was the father of the late Hon. Charles S. Duke, the predecessor of Judge Dagg as the judge of the District Court of Concordia and Catahoula parishes, and was a gentleman widely known and highly esteemed throughout North Louisiana. For very many years he was clerk of the court of Catahoula parish, and could have held the position for an indefinite time, so highly was he thought of by the people over there, but he voluntarily relinquished it some time since. He has a number of relatives in Louisiana, and to them the Democrat professes its sympathies.

States: Saturday night when Governor McKinley was asserting quite earnestly that the Republican party was not a sectional party, and had the good of the country at heart, some one in the audience asked "How About the Force Bill?" The question staggered him as though he had been struck squarely between the eyes, and finally he recovered himself sufficiently to remark that it was not a proper question—but it was eminently proper for the reason that the speaker was trying to make his audience believe that the Republican party is, and has ever been, friendly to the South. Our people, however, have not forgotten that Gov. McKinley, when a member of Congress in 1890, made a speech urging the passage of the force bill, and also voted for that infamous measure. No political party which desired to enact a bill, the purpose of which was to establish negro domination and destroy white supremacy and civilization, can be regarded as friendly to the South, and should the Republican party obtain control of the government it will again attempt to pass the force bill. Ex-president Harrison in his speeches in Indiana has promised that much, and no one knows better than he the sentiment of his party.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

An election will be held at Restor's Store on

Monday, December 5th, 1894.

to take the sense of the voters entitled to vote within the Lake Bruen Drainage District as to the levying of a tax of 15 mills on the dollar for the year 1894, on all the immovable property in said district for the purposes of said district.

The polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p. m. and all persons who own and are assessed for immovable property in said district are entitled to vote.

JOHN MURDOCH, President Police Jury.

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PROPOSALS FOR HIRING CONVICTS.

Acting under the authority of Act No. 29, of 1894, of the General Assembly, the Police Jury of Tensas parish will receive until 12 m o'clock on

Monday, December 3d, 1894.

sealed proposals for the hire of all convicts from said parish coming within the provisions of said act, the term of the contract for such hire to be two years beginning on said 3d December, 1894.

On said day bids will be opened in public session of the Board and the contract awarded to the highest bidder.

Under said act convicts are divided into three classes. First class, males over eighteen and under fifty five years of age; second class, all other convicts, and the wages of convicts of the first class are fixed at between five and fifteen dollars per month and of convicts of the second class at between two and ten dollars per month. Bidders should indicate in their proposals the amount bid for the respective classes of convicts.

The contracts awarded by the Police Jury shall be subject to such rules and regulations for the working, guarding and safe-keeping, clothing, housing and sustenance of convicts and for their discipline when idle or refractory, as the said Police Jury may from time to time adopt.

All proposals should be directed to the Clerk of the Police Jury at St. Joseph, La., and endorsed "Proposal for hire of convicts."

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