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Democrats suggested in one convention, and Jim Houston dictated in other.—Monroe Times.

The lottery is a child of Republicanism, yet we see men who claim to be good Democrats espousing the cause.

Judge McEnery's resignation from the Supreme Bench is now in order, but it will be a long time coming, we dare say.—Iberia Democrat.

Leaving out all of the frivolous contests the anti controlled at least 25 or 30 more delegates to the convention than the lottery people.

The Pointe Coupee Banner very aptly says Boatner, the "trimmer," can not so set or trim the sails of the McEnery-Lottery boat as to save it from wreck.

We place at our masthead this week the straight Democratic ticket. It was not named by Jim Houston or any other Republican boss.—Monroe Times.

Who dares say that Charles Parlange is not an honest and able man? The people of Pointe Coupee know that he is both able and pure.—Pt. Coupee Banner.

The Lottery's candidate declares that he has not changed his mind about the Lottery, and then write about a column of matter finding excuses for the electors to vote for the amendment.—St. Mary Banner.

Why not have the Judicial convention in Franklin? It is just the place and our delegates should urge its claims on the Vermilion and Lafayette delegations.—St. Mary Banner.

"It will if the menaced danger is carried into execution, not only destroy the party, wreck and ruin the State."—McEnery.

Of course the lottery will, if put in power over the State. You have said so in your message, Sam.—Commercial.

McEnery says: "There is evidence from official sources, that the State is sadly in need of money." Yes, you are correct Samivel, the hole left in the State treasury by the peculations of scape-goat Burke during your administration, needs a heap of filling yet.—Commercial.

The Democratic nominations in this parish and in this senatorial and judicial district, have been made regularly according to the custom and usages of the party; but the McLotteryites do not support them—yet they talk about bolters. What a gift, to blow hot and cold at the same time.—St. Landry Clarion.

The late opinion of Judge McEnery in the lottery case gives solid reasons why the decision should be otherwise. We are strongly reminded while reading it, of the remark of an eminent attorney of the Louisiana bar, after the rendition of a favorable decision by the presiding Judge. "Thanks, your honor, for the judgment, but damn your reasons."

How would it do to reneite the Democracy and insure a free election and fair count, by petitioning Governor McEnery to "return the compliment" and place Gen. Nicholls on the Supreme Bench?—City Item.

Oh! mercy, Bro. Fairfax dost thou see danger lurking in yon distant cloud? Has it become possible, that a reconstruction of the Constitution of this grand old State is looming in the back-ground.—Trinity Herald.

The Senatorial Convention.

The delegates from Cameron, Calcasieu, Vermilion and St. Mary assembled at the courthouse in Lake Charles, at 11:35 a. m., on Thursday. On going up stairs in a body they found the doors closed and a deputy sheriff on guard who stated that the Lottery men claiming to be delegates were in caucus and the doors would soon be opened. Promptly at 11:55 o'clock, W. B. White, chairman of the senatorial executive committee appeared, a minute later the doors were opened and as the delegates marched in Alex. Reid the Boss Gambler seated on the rostrum announced in a loud rasping voice that the convention had already organized. As Mr. White approached the stand Reid brandished a stick and said the chairman had no right to call the convention to order. Unmindful of Reid's ravings chairman White rapped on a table for order and calling the convention to order announced John McCall, of Cameron, as temporary chairman. As McCall approached Reid again waved his baton and dared McCall to take a seat. Mr. McCall sat down and the convention proceeded to business utterly unmindful of Reid and his little caucus.

After the report of the committee on credentials was read and adopted Hon. Don Caffery, of Mary, and Hon. S. P. Henry, of Cameron, were elected by acclamation as the regular Democratic nominees for the senate from the 10th senatorial district.

The Reid caucus named Dr. J. H. P. Wise, of Morgan City and Dr. J. C. Munday, of Lake Charles, both of whom are unknown and unheard of outside of their own towns as their choice for the senate.

The Black Contingent.

The famous wood pile "nigger" is in their camp. The St. Mary toy delegation carried Frederick White the "black" jailer of this town to the seat of contention with them.

This chaste and abstemious ebouhued politician will no doubt impeach the testimony of any of our delegation, Messrs. Foster, Caffery, O'Niell and the rest.

We don't know how these champions of white Democracy will manage this matter, as Fred will be smuggled back into Jim Crow cars, and of course white folks don't ride in those cars. But somebody must teach Fred his catechism before he appears before the committee. We recommend that some of you black your face and entertain the White gentleman.—St. Mary Banner.

Bob Sims, the notorious Alabama outlaw and four of his gang were hanged by a mob Christmas evening. A few days ago he and his gang set fire to a neighbor's house and murdered the inmates, men and women and children, as they tried to escape from the burning building. A large posse surrounded Sims' house, to which the gang had retired and there was considerable firing by both sides for two or three days, one of the posse being killed. Christmas day Sims agreed to surrender if the sheriff would promise protection. All possible protection was promised and they started to the jail at Butler but were met by 200 men and the outlaws were all hanged on one tree.

Thus always to such men as Sims and his gang.

The Franklin Vindicator says it's going to support McEnery "though the heavens fall." We assure the Vindicator that its fears are entirely groundless. The heavens are in no possible danger whatever. McEnery is the man who is going to do the falling act, and great will be the fall thereof.—Ranger.

When did McEnery make his Anti-Lottery record? Was it when the Senate was a tie on the lottery question and he cast the deciding vote in its favor, or was it on the Supreme bench? Which? When?—Baton Rouge Truth.

"The Democratic party at this time is threatened with a peril."—McEnery.

Of course, Sam, it is, and why did you not say what that peril is. And be honest enough to admit that it is the lottery.—Commercial.

"This feeling has never, even in the absence of a canvass been obliterated."—McEnery.

That's so, Sam, you are a truthful man. You and your henchmen have been after office ever since you were kicked out nearly four years ago.—Lake Charles Commercial.

Good citizens should rejoice that the crowd of hoodlums who came up with the McEnery delegation from the city left before Christmas. Our friends on the other side of the house should have left these characters at home. They were no credit to the McEneryites.—Truth.

McEnery in accepting the nomination of the lottery gamblers and hoodlers who have desecrated the honored name of Democracy, writes himself down as a model political pecksniff. He declares his opposition to the scheme of the Lotteryites to make the State a partner of their gambling monopoly, and still takes their nomination.—Jackson (Miss.) Ledger.

Our Congressman, Mr. Boatner, it seems, is too talkative with newspaper reporters for his own record. We all remember who wanted office in this congressional district even at a risk of Democratic success when King, Morey and Boatner ran for congress. Don't talk so much about a suspicion of other Democrats' fidelity when facts embarrass your own record.—Monroe Times.

Morehouse people are going to vote for Foster, bolt or no bolt. Morehouse people have come to that point where they do not believe a blank world a Lottery paper says. It would be just as well therefore for Morris to cease sending his Lottery "sample copies" to this parish. So far as our people are concerned the doom of McEnery and Morris is sealed—fixed—written.

No man desires to make personal war upon Judge McEnery. But he carries the banner of the lottery, therefore he is a fit subject for criticism. His public acts are not above suspicion, even if the recreant anti Wells does say "his democracy has been so filtered that it is as pure as angel's tears." The trouble is it has been filtered through the lottery papers.—Pointe Coupee Banner.

In the combine the Farmers were to have the temporary chairmanship the temporary chairman was Hon. Hiram Lott a farmer's union man, the pact said that the farmers union caucus should nominate the governor, treasurer and superintendent of public education, that was all carried out to the letter—the farmers nominated Mr. Adams for Governor—Mr. Adams received the entire vote of the convention amid great enthusiasm, Mr. Adams, realizing the fact that he was weak in New Orleans and southern Louisiana declined the honor, the farmers re-assembled in caucus and named Hon. Murphy J. Foster as their choice for governor, they named Mr. Picket for treasurer and Mr. Lafargue for superintendent of public education, every one of these nominees received the full vote of the convention.—St. Mary Banner.

Will McEnery Resign?

Will Judge McEnery descend from the high plane to which he has been elevated by Governor Nicholls, into the arena of practical politics? To this question there can be but one answer in the mind of any one who knows Samuel D. McEnery. He will not resign! He will continue to be a component part of the court until the State election in April next. S. D. McEnery is, above all, a practical politician. He is not liable to be influenced by any of the squirms of conscience, which would actuate an ordinary individual. Nay, more, the very necessity of the political situation in Louisiana makes it imperative on him that he should not resign.

Under ordinary circumstances, a decent respect for public opinion, not to say common decency itself, would dictate the other course. As a candidate for an office, which his own opinion as judge has rendered possible; as the avowed candidate of a faction of the Democratic party which his decision as a judge created; and, as the candidate of that faction which deserted and betrayed the Democratic party, to attach itself to the fortunes of a dishonorable swindling corporation, it would have shown a decent regard for the common proprieties of life, to cast off the judicial ermine, in order to buckle on the brazen armor of the combattant to parade the golden livery of the master in whose cause he has enlisted.

But, however unpleasant might be the situation, McEnery is bound to skulk. The lottery cannot afford to lose his services on the bench. He will, therefore, not resign.—Lake Charles Commercial.

Boatner may say what he pleases, but the people of the North know that there is an Anti-Lottery Democratic State ticket in the field in this State, and that the lottery company says that ninety-three per cent of its ill-gotten gains are filched from people in the Northern, Eastern and Western States. Do you hear Mr. Boatner?—Lake Charles Commercial.

McEnery's friends are trying to bank heavily on his war record. But it appears that he was only a holiday soldier. Gen. McGrath very pertinently arises "to inquire in what war Governor McEnery shouldered his musket? He went to Virginia as lieutenant of a company, but resigned before the opening of active hostilities. We are satisfied that Gov. McEnery would have been a gallant soldier had he remained in the army, but he did not, and therefore is not entitled to praise as such. Honor to whom honor is due; to those who suffered and bled with muskets on their shoulders, and not to those who left before the battles began."

Boatner is indeed a hearty specimen to prate about Democracy. The man who bolted the Democratic convention which nominated King and came near having a Republican elected; the man who owes his seat in Congress now to treachery to Churubusco Newton, and to virtual political theft, to come out now as the apostle of Democracy is a spectacle sad enough to make the angels weep. And it will cause Boatner to weep yet before the Democracy of the Fifth District get through dealing with his Democracy.—Ranger.

If McEnery is elected governor through lottery influence, who will he feel under the most obligations to the people or the lottery company, and who will he feel it his duty then to serve? It is either one or the other that the next governor of Louisiana must serve, you know.—Monroe Times.

Pure Democracy.

For Governor—MURPHY J. FOSTER, of St. Mary.
For Lieutenant Governor—Hon. CHAS. PARLANGE of Point Coupee.
For Auditor—W. W. HEARD of Union.
For Treasurer—JOHN PICKETT, of Bossier.
For Secretary of State—Hon. THOS. S. ADAMS of East Feliciana.
For Superintendent of Public Education—A. D. LAFARGUE of Rapides.
For Attorney General—Hon. M. J. CUNNINGHAM, of Natchitoches.

For the Senate.

DON CAFFERY,
of St. Mary.
S. P. HENRY,
of Cameron.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION AT BATON ROUGE, DECEMBER 17, 1891.
The Democracy of the State of Louisiana in convention assembled do hereby declare their allegiance and support of the time honored principles of the Democratic party which form the foundation of a free government and the safeguard of the liberties of the people. They congratulate the Democrats of this State and other States on the result of recent congressional and State elections as evincing the confidence of the people therein, they gratefully acknowledge the skillful election labors of the minority of last Congress in defeating the odious and undemocratic force bill.
They congratulate the people of Louisiana on the wise, careful and economical administration of her State affairs; under the leadership of her present executive, Francis T. Nicholls, and his colleagues in office, the finances of the State have been restored to a sound basis and there is an accumulation of \$600,000 in the treasury. The parish debts have been largely reduced and, in many instances, extinguished; the levees of the State have been rebuilt and enlarged and are stronger than ever before. The State charitable institutions have been greatly enlarged and improved. The school system has been improved and extended; the present condition of the State exceeds in prosperity and promise of future improvement any previous era in her history since the war.
The Democratic party of this State can thus claim, that through its administration and by the observances of the party's principle, the State has been placed upon the high road of general and individual prosperity to a continuance of this beneficent policy; we pledge our nominees.
A single obstruction now stands in the way of the progress of this State. An amendment to the State constitution is proposed whereby its revenues shall be largely derived from the Louisiana Lottery. Such means of raising revenues are at variance with the civilization of the century, in opposition to and subversive of all Democratic principles. Demanding equal rights to all, and special privileges to none, we hereby reaffirm our uncompromising hostility to the entire principle of lottery gambling as denounced on the State Democratic platform of 1888.
We denounce the proposed amendment to our State constitution to be submitted to the vote of the people in April next as a concession to a monopoly, wholly undemocratic, and its adoption destructive of our liberties. No Democratic platform should be adopted which does not condemn and denounce all lotteries until they shall have ceased to exist in Louisiana, nor should any Democrat vote for any State, legislative or judicial officer who is not unalterably opposed to lotteries and pledged to promote the passage of laws which will secure their suppression. To the maintenance of these principles and policy, this convention pledges its united and individual support, and confidently appeals to the Democrats of Louisiana to move on in solid phalanx to assured victory.
McEnery has now accepted the standard of the lottery as his gaudon in the coming fight, and has publicly announced himself as a candidate for Governor. Never before, we believe, has the judicial ermine of the highest court in the commonwealth been so disgraced as to have it trailing in the mire of a heated political campaign. Common decency, if no higher consideration, should induce Judge McEnery to either resign his position on the Supreme Bench, or step down and out of the race for Governor.
A prominent merchant of Franklin was in the city this week and informed us on his return that he was completely taken aback while there to find that Foster was so universally liked and honored. He said that he thought New Orleans was nothing if not for McEnery but thinks now that Foster can carry it. This is good news but nothing more than we expected.—St. Mary Banner.
The difference: When McEnery was Governor State warrants were being hawked on the streets at 40 and 50 cents on the dollar, but now that Nicholls is Governor, and the public treasury is securely guarded, State warrants are worth 100 cents on the dollar. Let us keep up this method, and all our State institutions will soon equal those of other States.