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THAT CONTEST.

The Gazette is informed that the People's ticket will contest the election. Defeat is bitter to the gentlemen and they can not make up their minds to accept it with becoming grace. They know very well that they were fairly and squarely beaten, but by setting up the cry of fraud they hope to lessen the bitterness of defeat and make some political capital in order to prevent a complete collapse of the combine.

The Gazette believes that the commissioners who conducted the last municipal election are honest men. We have never heard their honesty questioned and we have no reason to believe them capable of practicing fraud upon anybody. Three watchers from each party witnessed the count and every facility was afforded the opposition to see that they were not unfairly treated.

What does the People's ticket think of the men it selected as watchers? Does it accuse them of unfaithfulness? Or does it simply infer that they did not have sense enough to see what was going on? The Gazette believes that the People's ticket is doing an injustice to its watchers, for all three are intelligent, clever young fellows.

We repeat that we are satisfied there is nothing in this contest, nor do we believe that those who are claiming that fraud was committed have any hope of success.

The Democratic victory was fairly and squarely won. If there was fraud it was done by the other side.

The Pardoning Board is a nuisance that should be abolished.

The Commercial Appeal wickedly remarks that every time Grover Cleveland opens his mouth Henry Watterson puts his foot in it.

It is amusing to read the comments of certain newspapers upon Senator McEnery's tariff views. They do not appear to know that a Democrat is not a free-trader, but they are unable to see the difference between Democracy and protection.

While the recent utterances of Senator McEnery may not suit the views of consistent Democrats, no Louisianian should be guilty of ascribing a dishonest motive to him. Sam McEnery has already given unmistakable evidences that he is made of the right stuff.

This is how a Tennessee editor wrote the obituary of a delinquent subscriber: "Crock Flood died last night, owing this paper for ten years' subscription. It is reported that he said just before he pegged out that he felt like he was floating upward. No doubt of it. Crock had got so low down that he had to slide up hill to get into perdition."

The board of assessments that met at Donaldsonville last week refused to reduce the Texas Pacific's assessment from \$6500 to \$6000. An effort was made by the company to secure a reduction, but through the efforts of Mr. E. J. Harwell it failed.

The planters, who refused to accept rations for their negroes, stating that they would feed them as long as they would be able to do so, have set an example worthy of emulation. In these days when so many have become chronic beggars, it is indeed edifying to see men who have too much pride to play the role of public mendicants.

A Republican paper is wasting good paper and ink talking about the dissensions existing in the ranks of g. o. p. in Louisiana, and holds out the olive branch of peace. The olive branch has long lost its potent charms among Louisiana Republicans. The long green will do the work.

Boston thinks that it is an outrage that the people of Augusta, Ga., are committing by protesting against the appointment of a negro postmaster. It makes very little difference to the Southern people what the wishes of the Hub might be in this matter. It is safe to say that the white men of Augusta will draw the line on negro postmasters. Boston can have one if it wants. It is not likely that Augusta will object.

If the Democrats should not oppose the Dingley bill because they are in a minority, would it not be much wiser for them to go home and remain there?

When an old thief is up to some rascality, he invariably attempts to divert his victim's attention by accusing honest people of being crooked. This is especially true in politics.

Some of the preachers of New Orleans are up in arms because Bishop Sessums, who compares with the whole set intellectually as a mountain does with a molehill, has recently expressed in a sermon profound in wisdom, ideas and views in line with modern thought. Mr. Sessums is responsible to his church alone for his religious actions, deeds and words, and just what a lot of cantankerous Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Lutheran preachers have to do with his services to that church, is far from clear. Their recent protest is an exhibition of arrant ignorance, despicable intolerance and contemptible intermeddling propensities. The church, Christianity and the worship of God is elevating to humanity, without which the earth would be a veritable hades. But frequently the action of some of the self-styled ministers of God would disgrace, if credited to, the inmates of a State prison.—Iberville South, Dem.

Hon. Robert F. Broussard, the talented young Congressman from the third district, was on a visit to the capital on Thursday on official business. Mr. Broussard's short period of service at Washington has already much improved his personal appearance, his avordupois having increased several pounds since he left his home in March. The attacks made by many of the Democratic papers on account of his support of the Dingley bill do not appear to cause the young Congressman much worry as he says he expected that when he cast his vote in the way he did. He felt that it was a duty he owed to his people to vote as he did, and he feels that whatever others may say regarding his course, he has the full endorsement of the people of his district, and with this he is content to rest his case. He does not blame the people of that section of the State where sugar is not produced for attacking him as they do, as he believes it to be the right and duty of every person to stand up for the interests of his own section, and acting upon this theory he cast his vote in favor of the bill. While the Advocate does not endorse the views entertained upon this subject by the brilliant young Creole Congressman, yet it admires the manliness with which he defends his course and the ability with which he marshals the argument in support of his position. Mr. Broussard is a firm adherent and a warm admirer of Congressman Bailey, the minority leader in Congress, whom he regards as the ablest man on the Democratic side. The young Congressman left on the afternoon train for New Orleans from whence he will proceed without delay to Washington.—Baton Rouge Advocate, Dem.

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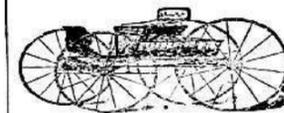
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