

**A DISGRACEFUL APPOINTMENT.**

New York World.  
President McKinley Wednesday appointed Henry Demas Naval Officer of the Customs at New Orleans, a position of high responsibility and trust in the Government of the United States.

The President made the appointment with full knowledge that Demas was a perjurer, a bribe-taker, a man without character, a boon companion of the frequenters and inmates of the lowest dives in New Orleans. The proof of these allegations were laid before him and he has admitted that he has read them and "was worried" by them.

He made the appointment knowing that the people of the whole country were aware of his complete acquaintance with the facts about Demas. The proofs were published in the World in a series of articles beginning June 11 last, and were copied everywhere, and were not, and cannot be denied in the smallest particular of depravity.

He made the appointment to fulfill a bargain between Demas on the one side and William McKinley, Osborne and Mark Hanna on the other. Demas and several of his "pals" were pledged and even sworn to support Reed in the Republican National Convention. Osborne bought Demas for McKinley with cash and a promise of this office.

President McKinley has now made himself a principal partner in this bargain, shocking in itself, but vastly more shocking in view of the degraded character of the man with whom the President of the United States has locked arms.

It is a disgraceful fact, and one which will put a lasting stain on the administration of President McKinley.

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In all candor we believe our brethren of the Democratic press are making entirely too much of a matter of the appointment of Demas. Demas is a typical representative of the Republican party in this State. We believe we do not exaggerate the case when we assert that ninety per cent of his party in this State do not come up to his level socially, morally or intellectually, hence we can see no reason he should not be selected as a fair representative of his party. Besides, had it not been for his unprincipled dicker with "Cousin Osborne", even the immaculate McKinley himself might have been turned down at the St. Louis convention. Our brethren can't expect a party to forget the men upon whom it depended to elevate them to place and power, and the appointment of Demas was simply the payment by the President of another installment of the debt corruptly contracted by his authorized agents by means of which the nomination was secured to him. Demas' appointment is alright so far as we are concerned, and we hope it will be confirmed. It convicts the Republicans of corruption and to that extent strengthens the Democracy.—Baton Rouge Advocate, Dem.

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**City Council Proceedings.**

LAFAYETTE, La., Sept. 10, 1897.—The City Council met this evening in special session with the following members present: Mayor Caffery, Councilmen Bru, Hahn, Hopkins, Landry, Martin and Davidson. Absent: Mouton.

The mayor explained the object of the meeting to be to consider the yellow fever which prevails in New Orleans and to adopt precautionary measures to prevent the disease from coming to Lafayette.

After discussion of the question by the members, it was moved by Dr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Bru, that the city marshal be instructed to enforce strictly the ordinance of June, 1880, relative to the cleansing of premises. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hopkins and seconded by Dr. Martin, that the mayor appoint a temporary board of health to be composed of seven members, the sanitary committee and four regular practicing physicians, and that the board meet to-morrow at the City Hall.

The mayor appointed the following as a health board: Drs. J. D. Trahan, F. M. Girard, F. S. Mudd and F. R. Tolson, with the sanitary committee, Drs. Martin and Hopkins, and Davidson.

A communication from Mr. Zell, also a duplicate copy of a letter written by Mr. Zell to the Consolidated Engineering Co., Limited, were read.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

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