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## LAFAYETTE DEMOCRACY'S

CHOICE FOR DELEGATE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

HON. R. CLEMILE LANDRY.

## THE CONSTITUTION AND EDUCATION.

Times-Democrat.

A number of the country papers want to know what the constitutional convention will do for the public schools. Their views thereon are expressed as follows by one of them, the Catahoula News:

"What will the State constitutional convention do for the public schools? is still an important question. There is one thing it can do, and that is provide a means by which to run the schools. We should either have six months public school term each year or none at all, and it would be far better to have nine months. The public school system of the cities where they provide revenue by special tax is about as good in Louisiana as anywhere, but the country people, the masses who cannot reach permanent schools at the cost of two or three hundred dollars a year for each student, are the people whom the State should assist. So long as our school system remains as it is, we will be confronted with the same problem, ignorance and irresponsibility among the masses. It is time our people who are interested in education should bring this matter to the front."

The others speak in very much the same language, and the press has certainly spoken out for better schools and a more liberal provision for education. If the candidates have not discussed this feature of the new Constitution to any very great extent, it is because the problem of suffrage is the more important, and the more difficult. Naturally they have discussed the latter first, for it is to consider it that the convention is mainly called; but nearly all those who have spoken have declared that education and a reformed and improved judiciary come next to the suffrage in importance, and they promise to give these matters their most careful consideration as soon as the suffrage is disposed of.

It was the same with the Mississippi Constitutional Convention, which, however, had no judiciary problem to worry it. The most difficult matter for that body to settle next to the suffrage, and which it undertook as soon as the former was disposed of, was proper provision for the support of the schools. The position assumed by Senator George that the State, when it required an educational qualification for the electoral franchise, undertook that every child should have a chance to read and write, and that no one would be disfranchised through neglect, was a high and honorable one, and Louisiana, we hope, will be guided by the same sense of honor.

An educational suffrage qualification must go hand in hand with such ample provision for the public schools that all the youth of the State will be provided for. Although little has been said on the subject, this, we feel assured, is the popular view of the matter: That the State must provide for the education of all its youth if it makes reading and writing necessary for the ballot.

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Omer Patureau, proprietor of the Railroad Shaving Parlor, has received six fine blue-steel razors and a good supply of barber's material, which goes to show that he is doing a splendid business.

## THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Times Democrat.

A short interview in another column with Mr. Charles Janvier, president of the Citizens' League, shows that he is greatly pleased with the ticket nominated by the State convention at Baton Rouge a few days ago. In his opinion, it is "an excellent ticket, and fully worthy of the hearty support of every white man in Louisiana who earnestly desires to absolutely insure the supremacy of his race, and to eliminate from our politics the vicious and degrading influences which perpetually threaten the peace, prosperity and safety of the State."

Mr. Janvier, moreover, while highly approving of the ticket in itself, gives an ample meed of praise to Gov. Foster for his attitude in the premises. It will be "cheerfully admitted," he says, "by every just and fair-minded citizen that the ticket owes its excellence largely to the zeal and courage of Gov. Foster. Had the Governor not stood out courageously in opposition to the plans of the petty politicians, who seem incapable of ever rising in their politics higher than the level of the gutter, the composition of the ticket would have fallen so far short of the expectations of the people that the convention might have been voted down, and the opportunity of purifying our politics would have met with the same fate which overwhelmed the unhappy suffrage amendment in the last election."

From these and other remarks of President Janvier it will be seen that all elements of the Democracy are at last unanimous in support of a policy which means so much for the political peace and prosperity of Louisiana. "Regulars" and "irregulars" have joined hands, and will work with a will with a view to having the ticket and the convention approved by an overwhelming vote of the citizens of Louisiana. All Democrats, therefore, who are entitled to vote, should at once go to the registration office, and obtain the proper papers to secure to them the right of casting their ballots at the coming election. They have an opportunity now of helping to obtain for Louisiana a better instrument of Government than the one under which her energies are cramped and her prosperity hampered now; and if they fail to use the opportunity, they are not good citizens of this Commonwealth.

"Every influence," says Mr. Janvier, "that I may be able to command, will be exerted to swell the vote both for the convention and the ticket; and I sincerely hope that every man in the State, who has at heart the best interests of the people, will do the same." These are words which all Democrats will do well to take home to themselves and make their own; we want that improved Constitution, and we must work to obtain it.

The Democrats of the parish of East Baton Rouge have at last come together, and in nominating two candidates for delegates to the convention, all animosities were smoothed over and petty factional spirit wiped out. We congratulate them on their felicitous achievement and hope that the unterrified Democracy of the old town and parish will be successful in their laudable attempt to down the scandalous negro element which has disgraced their politics in the past few years.

The Advocate has this to say of the new order of things:

"Baton Rouge is glad to have a State convention of the Democratic party within her gates once more. And it ought not to be forgotten that this time for the first time in some years the convention meets in a Democratic city, where factional dissensions have been obliterated, and the boys are getting ready to show the rest of the State what Democrats can do when they are united on a great issue. We have just finished fumigating the party and burning all the old political garbage, and from to-day this city sets out to become the Democratic citadel of central Louisiana. With clean hands and a new heart Democratic Baton Rouge extends greetings and welcome to there representatives of the great party assembled within her gates."

## Delegates at Large.

The following delegates at large to the constitutional convention were chosen by the Baton Rouge Democratic Convention:

First Congressional District—Judge A. Estopinal, St. Bernard; John St. Paul, Orleans; George W. Flynn, Orleans; Charles T. Soniat, Orleans; Jas. O'Connor, Orleans.

Second Congressional District—Judge F. A. Monroe, Hon. Thomas Richardson, Dr. H. Dickinson Bruns, Hon. H. G. Hester, all of Orleans; Hon. L. H. Marrero, Jefferson parish.

Third Congressional District—N. Sims, Ascension; J. Y. Sanders, St. Mary; Ed McCulloh, Assumption; Andrew Price, Iberville; A.

P. Fujo, Calcasieu.

Fourth Congressional District—T. F. Bell, Caddo; M. A. Carver, Natchitoches; L. K. Watkins, Webster; H. A. White, Rapides; Henry Liverman, DeSoto.

Fifth Congressional District—F. P. Stubbs, Ouachita; R. B. Dawkins, Union; H. K. Clingman, Claiborne; J. B. Snyder, Madison; Thomas M. Wade, Tensas.

Sixth Congressional District—A. V. Coco, Avoyelles; E. B. Dubuisson, St. Landry; Geo. K. Favrot, East Baton Rouge; Judge S. McC. Laurason, West Feliciana; H. Thompson, Tangipahoa.

At Large—F. L. Maxwell, of Madison, James H. Ware, of Iberville; C. J. Boatner, of Ouachita; E. B. Kruttschnitt, of Orleans; G. W. Bolton, of Rapides; W. H. Stringfellow, of Red River.

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