

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1898.

A NATIONAL QUARANTINE

The indecent flight of the extremely timorous chief executive of Mississippi, the exhibition of pigheadedness by the unreasoning health officer of the great State of Texas, and other remarkable incidents which have transpired in the South during the present epidemic of yellow fever, have convinced many sensible people of the advisability of a national system of quarantine. Independent State action, it is clearly evident, is not only ineffective, but greatly injurious to the commercial interests of the whole country, and when we say commercial interests we mean the business of every man, rich and poor.

It is needless to speak of the mildness of the present type of yellow fever, and it serves no purpose to dwell upon the question of whether it is exotic, indigenous or recrudescence. Its unquestioned mildness does not prevent the people from being afraid of it, while few care to know if it is a home product or a foreign foe. Scientific education on the origin and nature of the disease will not do much toward enlightening the people in this matter, for the physicians themselves are as far apart as the antipodes on anything that pertains to Yellow Jack, his origin, habits and natural proclivities.

With the annexation of Cuba and Porto Rico, and the unrestricted commercial relations which will follow, the dagger of the introduction and propagation of the disease will be largely enhanced. There is no question about this. They may fumigate and disinfect to their hearts' contents, but those familiar with the characteristic obstinacy of this particular microbe know that it will take a long time to persuade it to abandon its favorite haunts in the Antilles. With the bright light of experience to illuminate our path, and viewing the future as people with ordinary common sense should view it, we ought to prepare to meet the foe in a sensible manner and make the best of its invasion. To paraphrase Ex-President Cleveland the people of the South are "confronted with a condition and a multiplicity of theories." They must meet them in a practical way and deal with them as practical men should.

The most perfect system of State quarantine, in the hands of competent and patriotic officials, can not be depended upon to give the people the relief which is so badly needed. What avails the wise policy of one State when the adjoining commonwealth pursues a course both unreasonable and unnecessary? Had the Louisiana Board been composed of modern Solomons and the health laws been the quintessence of legislative wisdom, could they have accomplished anything, handicapped as they were, by the panic-stricken authorities of Mississippi and the stupid obstinacy of the wild medical mustang of the Texas Pan Handle? Without the intelligent co-operation of the Boards of Health of the adjoining States, our State Board was absolutely helpless, driven to the painful necessity of throwing itself upon the tender mercies of unreasoning mobs, backed by the unbending arms of State governments, directed by narrow-minded and time-serving officials.

The Democrats of the South are loath to look to Washington for relief; but in the present instance what are they to do? The principle of State's Rights is as dear to them as it was to their fathers in the good old days of Jackson and Benton, but the dire consequences of an absurd quarantine have made them think with Senator Caffery

that only the Federal power can give them a system, which, while affording reasonable protection to the people, will not block the wheels of the car of progress, which will not only be retarded in its march by the existing methods, but will be set back to where it started after the crucial period of reconstruction.

MR. PUGH DECLINES.

Some time ago Mr. Fontelieu announced through the New Orleans papers that he was getting ready to wage an active campaign in this district. He published a list of names of prominent gentlemen whom he had honored with memberships on his campaign committee. Among them was the name of Mr. Lawrence Pugh, of Assumption, a leading white Republican of that parish. It appears, however, that Mr. Pugh does not sympathize with Mr. Fontelieu in his efforts to have congressional honors bestowed upon him. As may be seen from the letter which we print below Mr. Pugh does not think that the party to which Mr. Fontelieu belongs is a respectable one. Mr. Pugh is one of those gentlemen who joined the Republican party on account of its protective tendencies. He is not willing, however, to follow the lead of those known as old-time Republicans, the legitimate successors of the Kelloggs, the Warmoths and the Pinchbacks. There is a number of eminently respectable gentlemen in the Third District who are Republicans because they believe in the principles of that party, but they must take a back seat and make way for Demas and his tribe.

The following is Mr. Pugh's letter, delimiting the honor of serving on Mr. Fontelieu's committee:

Law Offices of Pugh & Pugh, Napoléonville, La., Oct. 1, 1898.
Editor Picayune, New Orleans, La.:
Dear Sir—I learn that the announcement has been made in your paper of my appointment on a campaign committee to assist in the election of Mr. Fontelieu, from this district, to Congress, the chairman of said committee being Mr. Mayer Cahen, of Assumption.

As I am not supporting Mr. Fontelieu in his congressional aspirations, and do not recognize him as the candidate of the Thibodaux convention, held by the Republican party of this district, I am constrained to think that some mistake has been made in the appointment.

If I have been appointed without any consultation and against my consent I trust that you will permit me, through your columns, to decline to serve on this committee. The action of the Thibodaux convention, of which I was a member, indicated the position of the Republicans there present as regards the candidacy of Mr. Fontelieu.

Believing that the establishment of a respectable Republican party is a step toward keeping and increasing the prosperity of Louisiana, I am unwilling to take a position that in my humble opinion will inevitably postpone and perhaps destroy these hopes.

Yours truly,
LAWRENCE H. PUGH.

Well Done, Franklin.

It is a matter to be commended that the physicians of this town have been straight and almost severely fair to other sections of Louisiana, although at the expense of the town and people of Franklin. Every case of fever with suspicious symptoms have been made known to the health authorities of the State, thereby putting all near cities and towns on their guard.

The fairness and patience of the people deserve the praise of the whole State. The nearness of pestilence does not daunt the Franklin people. Our little town has developed many a hero. There is plenty of material here for the sinking of any future Merrimac or Albemarle. At every turn are met courage and fortitude, not stoical and physical like the Romans, but cheerful and elevated like that of the knights of the true faith.

Mr. John Frere, one of the heroes of the epidemic, is about to enter the little army of immunes, and will soon be at his post of duty, which has been a general all around worker for the sick and all the town in general. John has been a trump.—Vindicator-News.

The people of Franklin are certainly to be complimented upon the splendid courage displayed by them during the epidemic through which they have just passed. When the admirable behavior of Franklin is known no one will wonder that it is the home of so many distinguished men. A town that will make so good a record can always be depended upon to furnish more than its quota of governors and senators. Three cheers for Franklin!

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At Youngville, Theall's Ware House, on Wednesday, Oct. 19.
At Scott, Jules Guidry's Hall, Thursday, Oct. 20.
At Carencro, Guilbeau's Hall, on Friday, Oct. 21.
At Bousardville, Farmers' Alliance Hall, Monday, Oct. 24.
At Ben Avants, Tuesday, Oct. 25.
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