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JUDGE DUPRE'S REASONS.

OPRELOUSAS, La., Aug. 6, 1900.
Mr. Homer Mouton, Publisher of The Lafayette Gazette, Lafayette, La.:

Dear Sir and Friend—I send you here with some of the reasons that induced me to abandon "Democracy as she is" in this State. I could give others, and will do so from time to time as circumstances may justify.

I am going into the Republican party for the reason I am of the opinion that protection to American industries is indispensable to our nation and more particularly does this apply to the people of the South, Louisiana especially.

Without the protection given our rice, our sugar, our lumber by the Dingley bill, you would not only stagnate, but in a short while, paralyze these industries. The rice industry in South Louisiana is an established one. The parish of Acadia under its stimulating influence is blossoming as the rose. Cassias less in wealth than the rice parishes under its influence, and eastern Texas is converting its waste places into golden harvest fields by cultivation of this cereal.

The development has but begun. Major Lee, commissioner of agriculture, a short while since stated that the growth of this industry was marvelous. That in a short while we would supply the home market. I believe the same applies to the sugar industry. If capitalists and planters believe that our tariff laws would not be disturbed; or if disturbed, it would not be upon radical lines, such as the Free Trader would have, they would make investments down south, and with cotton factors or sugar refineries dotting our line of railroads, even old St. Landry would awake from its drowsiness, and rival if not excel her sister parishes in wealth and population.

I am somewhat surprised to find you shake the red flag of Warmothism in my face. Your conservatism hitherto indulged in through your columns had induced me to believe you would not urge such a weak repudiation of what was not invertebrate could renounce or forsake a conviction because Warmoth believed as he did. Warmoth flourished twenty-eight years ago, almost before your birth. His acts of oppression and domination have kept in place and power demagogues from that period up to the present moment. Stupid indeed the man who would now refuse to go into the Republican party because Warmoth adhered to it. Do you remember the following lines:

"Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side,
In the cause of mankind if our creeds agree?
Shall I give up the friend I have valued
And tried to be true to?"

If he kneel not before the same altar as me?" They fittingly apply to the present case. I join the Republican party from a sense of conviction. I believe that the nation's independence, her stability, her prosperity, can best be attained under its tenets. Mr. Warmoth adheres to the same opinion. Shall I, because Mr. Warmoth may have sinned in the past, deny myself the right of admission to that party? Why, Mr. Editor, Mr. Warmoth would abandon the Republican party and go over to Democracy your party organs would announce the fact in box, clear letters, and your people shout themselves hoarse in proclaiming the same. When a "stray" in the party Democrat curses Foster or Fosterism the reply is: Foster is not the Democratic party nor is the Democratic party responsible for his acts. Well may I retort "Warmoth is not the Republican party, nor is the Republican party responsible for what he may have done twenty-eight years ago." I am not defending Warmoth. He needs no defense for being a Republican. In days to come when the increased prejudices, the result of the war and reconstruction days, shall have worn away and reason resumed her sway, you will find the bluest and best blood of the State differing upon the economic and financial questions dividing the nation.

With the passing away of the negro our people can honestly differ. The lamented Grady with prophetic eye predicted that our emancipation would never be complete until our people voted without regard to sectional lines. I might add sectional feeling, sectional hatred, and without reference to the facts or benefits derived therefrom. Still he: "I know that the party Democrat is that every State should vote without regard to sectional lines. The reconciliation of the people will never be complete until Iowa and Georgia, Texas and Massachusetts may stand side by side without surprise. I would to God that status could be reached. If any man can define a path on which the whites of the South, though divided, can walk in honor and peace, I shall take that path, though I walk down it alone, for at the end of that path, and nowhere else lies the full emancipation of my section and the full restoration of this union." But he added this could not be, because of the Black Spectre in the body politic.

Were he alive and living in Louisiana today, he would urge our people to stand by our industries. He was a protectionist. He believed in the protection of American industries, and but for the negro he would have professed the Republican faith.

Republican misrule begotten by negro votes is a thing of the past. The night of gloom has gone glimmering with the "dream of things that were." The citizen who can be frightened into adoption of measures repugnant to his sense of duty by reference to this fact is either a fool or a coward. If the former, he is to be pitied. If the latter he deserves the execration of his fellowmen. When a Louisianian has reached the conclusion that the Democratic party is no abiding place for him, he should depart therefrom forthwith, and no red flag from the past ought deter him from the performance of what he believes his duty. No, Mr. Editor.

"Let the dead past bury its dead,
Act, act in the living present,
Heart within and God o'er head!"

Yours truly,
GILBERT L. DUPRE.

In the foregoing letter Judge Dupre gives the reasons why he abandoned "Democracy as she is." Judge Dupre tells us that he joined the Republican party because he believes in the Republican policy of protection to American industries, without which, he claims,

the industries of Louisiana would be destroyed. In his letter to the Item our friend said that although he had severed his connection with "Democracy as she is" he was still a Jeffersonian Democrat who believed in equal rights to all and special privileges to none. We submit that the confession of faith of the judge is not consistent. He says he believes in the fundamental principles of the Democratic party, reiterates his belief in the great Jeffersonian doctrine of equal rights and sings a hallelujah over the glories of Dingleyism which is the very embodiment of the Republican policy that creates and fosters trusts and monopolies through the extension of special privileges. The Jeffersonian principle of equal rights is opposed to special privileges while Dingleyism robs Peter to enrich Jack. You can not be in favor of both.

The Dingley bill may have done for the rice and sugar industries all that is claimed for it, but it is concededly the incarnation of the policy of protection which confers special privileges upon the favored classes. It may have added millions to the coffers of the protected industries, but every cent of those millions has been collected from the people the greater portion of whom do not belong to the favored classes and derive no benefit from the Dingley tariff law. Ask the intelligent cotton grower of St. Landry if he is helped by a high tariff? He will tell you that he sells his goods in a free trade market, but on everything that he eats and wears he must pay a tribute to the protected industries.

Our learned friend should not be surprised that we "shook the red flag of Warmothism in his face." In his letter to the Item Judge Dupre did not attribute his conversion to his belief in any economic policies which he advocated. He led us to believe that he was abandoning the Democracy in this State on account of certain methods to which he objected, and that he had made up his mind to seek the purer atmosphere of Republicanism under the magnetic leadership of the master of Magnolia. We found it strange that a man of Judge Dupre's experience, would, in search for decent methods and honest politics, leave the Democratic party to join Louisiana Republicanism.

Judge Dupre wants to see the white men of the South divide politically upon an honest difference of opinion. He desires to relegate to the past the horrid nightmare of reconstruction. So does every intelligent Democrat in the South. It would be far better if there were two strong, vigorous parties, composed of white men. That is exactly what the Democratic party has been working for. By eliminating the negro from the suffrage the Democratic party has tried to make such a condition not only possible but desirable. Understanding, as did the great Georgian, that the white people could not safely divide

on economic questions until the "black spectre" had been removed, the Democratic party has made strenuous efforts to do away with the African as a political factor. Though violently opposed by the Republican politicians and newspapers the Democracy of Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana and North Carolina, has, through its brainy and patriotic leaders, adopted plans by which that Republican infamy, known as the fifteenth amendment, has been so crippled that it is powerless to again inflict upon Southern civilization the blighting curse of negro domination. That Democracy which Mr. Dupre finds so bad has done all this for the South though opposed, denounced and vilified by the combined forces of Republicanism of every State of the Union.

Mr. Dupre further says: "With the passing away of the negro our people can honestly differ." Here is where Mr. Dupre and his party do not agree. The Democracy has earnestly striven to take the negro out of politics so that white men might fight it out on a higher plane. But the Republican party—the party that Mr. Dupre champions—does not want it so. It is the parent of negro suffrage. It had recourse to Federal bayonets to protect its political offspring. It forced upon the South the dark period of reconstruction for the sake of the African voter. The Republican party knows the results of the free and unhindered exercise of negro suffrage, authorized and safeguarded by the fifteenth amendment, but it shuts its eyes to the truth of history and coolly

proposes to force the South to return to the rule of ignorance and venality. Judge Dupre is mistaken. It is the Republican party that is waving "the red flag of the past." The Republican convention at Philadelphia adopted the following as a part of its platform:

It was the plain purpose of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution to prevent discrimination on account of race or color in regulating the elective franchise. Devices of State governments, whether statutory or constitutional amendment, to avoid the purpose of this enactment are revolutionary and should be condemned.

So long as the Republican party championed the cause of negro suffrage and attempts to thwart the efforts of the Democracy to solve this vexed problem it is bound to be an issue in the South—a live, burning issue that will not down at any man's bidding.

The Democratic party has neither desire nor interest in disturbing the racial conditions of the South. With the negro out of the way the party of Jefferson and Jackson is willing to live or die by its record. The supremacy of its principles made this the greatest republic in the history of mankind. Its greatness does not rest upon race prejudices. The race issue is the creation of the Republican party. It has been unceasingly kept before the people by that party. New life has just been infused into it by the Philadelphia convention. These are facts which our friend, Judge Dupre, can not deny.

In view of the fact that the highest tribunal in the Republican party has decided to stand by the negro in his alleged right to vote, Judge Dupre should not, as a good and consistent Republican, chide us because we refuse to believe "that Republican misrule begotten by negro votes is a thing of the past."

When Judge Dupre's party will make up its mind to cease its unwise opposition to the purification of the ballot in the South, the Democracy, being a party of progress, will meet its adversary on more pleasant grounds. But as long as Republicanism persists in dragging Sambo into the battle the ghosts of reconstruction will appear in all their hideousness.

When a woman is really in love with her husband she thinks he look graceful when he is carving a chicken.—New York Press.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration of Heart, failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of indigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by the Lafayette Drug Co.

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"This letter of the Emperor of China to President McKinley," began the Observant Boarder: "I have read it," replied the Cross-Eyed Boarder. "Wasn't it written by the monarch who was killed several times?" "Yes." "How do you account for it?" "There is quite a demand for posthumous literary work nowadays."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Omaha World Herald has on its staff a very clever writer of fables, and he has the knack of making them apply to political affairs, as the following will show:

"One day Criminal Aggression bethought himself of taking a walk in the adjacent country. Realizing that his aspect was repelling, he concluded to secure a disguise."

"After looking about for a time Criminal Aggression made note of the approach of Benevolent Assimilation. "Just the thing," exclaimed Criminal Aggression, "I will rob Benevolent Assimilation of her habiliments, and after donning them myself I will be in a position to do things without fear."

"So saying, Criminal Aggression swatted Benevolent Assimilation over the caput and denuded her of her robes. In due time Criminal Aggression came down the pike rigged out in the habiliments of Benevolent Assimilation."

"But Criminal Aggression had overlooked a wager. He had forgotten to disguise its ferocious teeth and he still wore a souch hat and swaggered."

"The result was that when the honest people saw him they immediately performed their plain duty and ducked him in the sea of deserved condemnation and oblivion."

"Moral: If you don't see it you you deserve to be bitten."

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