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HONEST JOHN WANAMAKER TELLS SOME POLITICAL TRUTHS.

Ex-Postmaster-General Wanamaker has long been regarded as one of the most level-headed men in the Republican party, and therefore his speech at the banquet of the Business Men's League, Philadelphia, May 14th, created a considerable stir in political circles.

He points to the failure of prosperity to arrive on the scheduled time planned for it by the Republicans. "The young men he says are growing up indifferent to Republican principles, with no respect for parties of broken platforms, who use national and State patronage in payment of election contracts."

Mr. Wanamaker evidently sees great rocks ahead of the G. O. P. and says that there will surely come a day "when there will be a mighty revolt and resistance, resulting in a revolution that will give birth to a new political party."

Mr. Wanamaker's speech in full is as follows:

"The number and character of the men who have met here today is at once a witness to the disaffection throughout the State touching the existing political conditions. It is also an evidence of your deep determination to do something to give to Pennsylvania a better government. I believe this gathering at this time, when the air is full of patriotism, will stand as a proof or pledge that the battle begun nearly two years ago is still in progress, and going on without limit of time, strength and money until the foes of good government are compelled to ground their arms."

THE COUNTRY NOT PROSPEROUS.

"The country is not prosperous. Since the outset of the last Presidential campaign the party, press and political leaders, generally, fixed the November election of 1896 as the date of the beginning of good times. A full half of the year has expired since the will of the Republican party was declared. Thus far but one of the important issues of the campaign is nearing settlement, and hardly any noticeable improvement of the wretched times is manifest. The tide will soon set in strongly against the Republican party unless the depression of business is altered. Idleness and want breed a bitter discontent which will never be overcome until there are ample employments."

"The foes America has to fear are not the sullen, savage Turks nor the insurrectionists of Cuba nor the territory-grasping British, but they are our own patient and heart-tired people, our own suffering, much promised people, who, betrayed and disheartened, no longer have faith in their party, and will turn to any leadership that offers promise of better times, believing that worse times can never come than those now existing. It is a terrible thing to observe public sentiment admit and unrepentant and the people sweeping away from their affection to the old party."

"The young men are growing up indifferent to Republican principles, with no respect for parties of broken platforms, who use national and State patronage in payment of election contracts. The political religion of the nation is falling lower and lower under insults, trait lipence, violations of law, reckless daring of unscrupulous bosses. There are immeasurable depths of misfortune for this nation and State if the continued use of corporation and public moneys and the dispensation of Federal and State patronage continue to be controlled in the interest of officeholders to hold office for themselves and to benefit those who desire to keep government contracts or maintain particular protections through the money given by which elections are decided."

THE DAY OF REVELS.

"There will most assuredly come a day when there will be a mighty revolt and resistance, resulting in a revolution that will give birth to a

new political party. Laws continually deepened and disregarded, legislation conceived for black-mailing purposes, speculation by public officials in trust and other stocks, while tariffs and other financial bills are pending, must surely and irrevocably alienate the people from their party and awaken a disposition and desperation to substitute almighty wild and untried leadership with the hope of possible relief.

"From some points of view it might seem that there was not much to be done except to suffer and wait. To see sixty-seven counties play a State convention, to make a platform and nominate candidates for office while all the time it is one man that constitutes himself a convention, himself adopts a platform, himself adopts resolutions, himself nominates candidates, and himself adjourns, it is a pitiable and discouraging spectacle; even if two generations of our people have become accustomed to this condition of things. The newspapers, with very few exceptions, and those not in the metropolitan cities of this State, have accepted the situation and are silent in the face of the gravest issues that have ever confronted the people."

"It will be no easy task to undo the shackles which have grown upon us with the growth of years. There is no short cut across the field to victory. As next Winter's barns are to be filled only by ploughing in the Winter, sowing in the Spring and reaping in the Summer, so must the ploughing and planting be done for a crop of better methods in public affairs."

BELIEVERS IN VOO-DOOISM.

It is both strange and pitiful to see sensible people professing a belief in the efficacious operations of the little bill of conjuration prepared by a voo-doo doctor.

There are people in this parish, and we regret to say there are apparently intelligent people, who allow themselves to be carried away by a superstition dread of being voo-dood. If they are sick or ailing and some one suggests that they are voo-dooded, life thereafter is excruciatingly miserable.

It is in this superstitious dread that often does the harm, and not any mystic or magic composition of the voo-doo conjuration ball. A person, and especially a sick person, can brood over anything until he either dies or goes crazy. The strain of a constant dread on the mind of a person will eventually be followed by direful results, whether or not there exists any reasonable cause for the dread.

Superstition, the fetish of the voo-dooists, the creature of midnight ignorance, must continue to hobble, in its imp-like fashion, out of the light of the Nineteenth Century and of our race into the darkest corners of human nature.

An intelligent mind should afford no hiding place for superstition. The voo-doo's conjure ball hidden away in a pillow or mattress should cause no more alarm than a dirt dauber's mud abode on the head-board of the bed. One contains just about as much conjuring power as the other.

All who allow the dread of the conjure ball, or the voo-doo concoction, to frighten them should rid themselves as speedily as possible of such superstitious foolishness.

THE KUHLMAN MURDER.

Few more shocking murders have occurred on Louisiana soil than that of levee guard Kuhlman, of St. John parish, who, while at his post of duty, was shot in the back by some assassin who stole upon him in the dark. Kuhlman's body was then stripped of every article of value that he had on his person when he was murdered, and thrown into the river.

A young man by the name of Grover, who, from every description is not a very intelligent country youth, was arrested on suspicion and later on Mr. James Harper, captain of the levee guard, was accused of having committed the crime. Harper was arrested and narrowly escaped being lynched. It was due to Sheriff Hartz, of St. John, who by the way is a son-in-law of our esteemed parishoner, Mr. H. P. Belloc, that Harper was not roughly handled by citizens of the outraged community in which the crime was perpetrated.

After their arrest Grover made a confession in which he asserts that he, Grover, was the unwilling tool of Harper in the commission of the crime. Grover declares that he saw Harper fire the fatal shot, that Harper, at the point of his Winchester rifle forced him to throw the body of the murdered man in the river, and later on to hide in a hay-loft the jewels taken from the body of Kuhlman. Harper resided in this parish for a number of years. He filled the position of overseer on Arago's plantation, and later on he filled a similar position on one of the Mosses, Berger's plantations. Harper was considered a dangerous man while under the influence of liquor. He has enemies here who think him capable of committing any crime, and he has friends who do not believe that he would be guilty of the atrocious murder with which he is charged.

WHAT HOUMA FIRE CO. NO. 1, CAN DO.

The Courier still insists that our postoffice needs a brand new set of up-to-date fixtures; but the necessary improvements will not be made soon unless the gentlemen at the head of the Houma Fire Co. No. 1, take complete charge of the matter. Now that the post-office is located in the South-west quarter of the open house, it is apt to stay there, it is doubtful if any future postmaster, Republican, Democrat or Populite would live long enough to finish moving the office, should such a step be contemplated by him. He would be mobbed by our law-abiding citizens and his carcass would be left for flash-eating tows and crawfish to prey upon. Since the postoffice is destined to remain where it is forever and a day, could not the Houma Fire Company very profitably invest money in modern fixtures? The postoffice is the most extensively patronized place in town. Every visitor, every stranger within our gates, has occasion to inspect the postoffice, and very often the impression the postoffice leaves on his mind helps to shape the impression the town leaves on him. If he sees old-time, back-number postoffice fixtures he very naturally concludes that the town is old-timed and back-numbered, and it is not often that he is mistaken in these conclusions.

There are gentlemen at the head of the Fire Company, who, if they would only take an interest in this matter, could succeed in making and paying for the required improvements in the interior of our postoffice.

We hear some fellow say that the Fire Company has not the money to pay for these improvements. As far as THE COURIER is concerned we have a monumental regard for the ability of the gentlemen at the head of the Houma Fire Co. No. 1, to plan, carry out and pay for anything in the way of local improvement that they turn their attention to. The absence of the wherewithal is no insurmountable obstacle to them, as was recently demonstrated, when, with a fund of \$2000 they erected and will pay for a \$9000 opera-house.

All THE COURIER wants is for the leading spirits of the Fire Company to say that they are in favor of the post office improvements suggested by us. That is all. If they say they favor it they mean what they say, and if they mean what they say it is only a question of a short time when our post-office will be wonderfully beautified by a set of handsome modern fixtures.

Beginning June 13th, the Louisiana State University and A. and M. College, Baton Rouge, will hold its regular closing commencement exercises. The cadets will go through with their studies sooner this year than usual. It is too hot during the last days of June to do much studying and the faculty of the L. S. U. in our opinion have acted wisely in changing the date for the commencement of the final examinations.

STATE TAX SALES

—OF—
Immovable Property.

The State of Louisiana,
VS.
Delinquent Tax Debtors.

PARISH OF TERREBONNE,
DISTRICT 18th.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY
VESTED IN ME BY THE
Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, I will sell, at the front door of the Court-house, in which the Civil District Court of said parish is held, within the legal hours for judicial sales, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on

SATURDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF
JULY, A. D. 1897.

and continuing on each succeeding day until said sales are completed, all immovable property on which taxes are now due to the State of Louisiana, and parish of Terrebonne, to wit: the collection of taxes assessed in the year 1896, together with interest thereon from the 31st day of December 1896, at the rate of two per cent per month, until paid, and all costs. The names of said delinquent tax-payers, the amount of taxes due by each on the assessment of said year, and the immovable property assessed to each to be offered for sale as follows, to-wit:

Akins, Daniel Lot No. 10 in block 83 Arcock street, Newtown, Taxes 493 cts. Poll \$1.00.
Bell, Est. Henderson One lot of ground bounded above by Laura Anderson and below by James Medwood, taxes \$2.79.

Blanchard, Belland 160 acres of land E 1/2 of S W 1/4 and S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 and N 1/2 of N W 1/4 of Lot 4 section 113, T 20 S R 18 E, taxes \$5.32. Poll \$1.00.

Billot, Est. Mrs. Etienne Sr. 7 acres of land, bounded above by B. Billot and below by Solomon Verret, taxes 79 cts.

Barrilleaux, Adrien 61 acres of land bounded above by Chas. P. Haunagriffe and below by A. Roussel, taxes \$6.15. Poll \$1.00.

Boudreaux, Mrs. E. C. 1 lot of ground bounded above by bayou Chacahoula and below by Morgan's La. & Tex R R and S S Co., taxes \$2.63.

Bopvillain, Est. Ives Lots Nos. 7 and 8 in Block 59 High street Houma, taxes \$2.32.

Bonvillain, Joseph H. Lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 65 High St. Dufur's Addition, taxes \$1.05. Poll \$1.00.

Cook, Moses 4 acres of land bounded above by Thomas Brooks and below by James Francis, taxes \$3.64. Poll \$1.00.

Chissou, Armande 8 acres of land bounded above by N. B. Inger, and below by A. M. Latrop, taxes \$2.34. Poll \$1.00.

Chauvin, Est. Hippolyte 61 acres of land in section 29 T 21 S R 18 E, taxes \$1.93.

Carlos, Jr., Est. Salvador 10 acres of land bounded above by S. Carlos, Jr., and below by Estate R Luke & als., taxes \$1.02.

Carlos, Jr., Est. Salvador 21 acres of land bounded above by Pierre Genac and below by Pierre Cenac, taxes \$3.16.

Cross, David 12 acres of land bounded above by Eugene Baiden and below by Peyton Cross, taxes \$5.10. Poll \$1.00.

Chambres, Est. Mrs. Nancy 6 acres of land bounded above by William Brown and below by Mrs. L. Darcé, taxes \$2.32.

Comoux, Est. Eli The undivided one-half of lot No. 3 in block 25 Barrow St., Houma, taxes \$2.63.

Capelatt, Joseph 1 lot of ground bounded above by Robert Williams and below by Mrs. Pauline Robert, taxes \$2.48. Poll \$1.00.

Diggs, Est. Prince 8 acres of land bounded above by Pierre Mitchell and below by R. R. Barrow, taxes \$2.06.

DeHart, Abraham 160 acres of land E 1/2 of S W 1/4 and N 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Section 15 T 19 S R 12 E, taxes \$6.63.

Eshie, Mrs. Sarah, 40 acres of land N 1/2 of S 1/2 of 7th sec. 55 T 16 S R 17 E, taxes \$1.31.

Frills, Widow John S 1/2 of lot 17 Corner School and Goodie Sts., Houma, taxes \$4.65.

Hawthorn, W. S. and William Banks Lots Nos. 4, 6 and 8 in block 70 Russell Street, Newtown, taxes \$4.65. Polls \$2.00.

LeBlanc, Neville 100 acres of land bounded above by Mrs. P. Lottigera and below by Jos. Yoris, taxes \$4.05. Poll \$1.00.

LeBlanc, Neville 180 acres of land bounded above by School lands and below by B. D. Romero, taxes \$6.67.

Loman, Joseph 40 acres of land bounded above by Oak Forest plantation and below by Mrs. E. Vigore, taxes \$3.79. Poll \$1.00.

McGwynn, Joseph 10 acres of land bounded above by George Jackson and below by R. R. Barrow, taxes \$3.66. Poll \$1.00.

Pieter, Manuel A. 12 acres of land bounded above by Estate Caliste Bonjean and below by Est. L. McMurray, taxes \$5.05.

Porché, H. C. The undivided one-half of 200 acres of land bounded above by Harriet Celestin and below by Estate J. B. D. 1105, taxes \$9.78.

Richard, F. R. 70 acres of land bounded above by Theophile LeBlanc, and below by Mrs. F. R. Richard, taxes \$4.85.

Savoie, Joseph The undivided one-seventh of 20 acres of land bounded above by Jackson Samans and below by V. LeBoeuf taxes \$1.36.

Thomas, Mrs. Letha 3 acres of land bounded above by O. E. Peltier and below by Silas Chestnut, taxes \$2.55.

Taplet, Abraham 12 acres of land in fractional sec. 36 T 16 S R 15 E, taxes \$1.63. Poll \$1.00.

Turner, Deouis Lots Nos. 41 and 42 in block "D" Barrow Avenue, Mechanicville, taxes \$2.17. Poll \$1.00.

Welsh, Mrs. Peter 100 acres of land bounded above by E. A. Chauvin and below by Mrs. Jane White, taxes \$18.00.

Welsh, Estate Peter The undivided one-half of 320 acres of land bounded above by Justin Trahan and below by Mrs. E. Welsh, taxes \$5.55.

Welsh, Mrs. Evelina 324 acres of land all of sections 92 and 94 T 20 S R 18 E, taxes \$3.72.

White, Mrs. June 100 acres of land bounded above by Mrs. Peter Welsh, and below by Est. Mrs. Elvie Chauvin, taxes \$7.15.

Williams Jr., N. S. 1800 acres of land bounded above by Crescent Insurance Co. and below by Henry Walther, taxes \$94.60. Poll \$1.00.

Non Residents.

Audum William 40 acres of land S W 1/4 of Sec. 3 T 17 S R 14 E, taxes \$1.46.

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