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The Constitutional Convention.

There is a great deal of ignorance among all classes in Louisiana in relation to the proposed constitutional convention, and many of the editors in discussing the subject exhibit about as little knowledge as the masses in their comments. The sum of the law providing for the convention may be stated as follows: An election to be held on the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1898, to elect 134 delegates from representative districts, and 36 delegates at large, to assemble in New Orleans on the 2nd Tuesday in February, 1898. The election is to be held under the present election law, and one peculiar feature of the proposition which many fail to understand, is the fact that voters will cast their ballots for the delegates to be elected, and at the same time will vote for or against holding the convention. So, under this unusual arrangment, delegates may be elected to attend the convention, and at the same time the majority vote may decide that no convention shall be held.

It has been contended, and we have heretofore favored the idea, that all needed changes in the constitution can be made by amendments. The objection to this method, however, is very serious, as the amendments are always submitted to the people when a general election is in progress and the combined demagogy of a multitude of candidates for office blinds the masses as to their true interest. This was strikingly illustrated in the last election, when half a dozen or more important and vital amendments were defeated by the selfishness and ignorance of candidates for petty offices, who opposed their adoption simply to pander to ignorant clamor and land themselves in position. To avoid this it is necessary to separate these important measures from the turmoil and strife incident to a general scramble for office, and the late legislature has wisely provided for consideration of this question at a time when there is nothing else to distract the people from their true interests.

There are many vital changes that need to be made in the constitution, and the utmost caution, and patriotism should prevail in in the selection of the delegates who are to frame it's provisions. The constitution of 1879 was adopted at a time when our people were heated and restive under the laws imposed upon them during the days of reconstruction, and they were willing to try almost anything for a change. The time is more propitious now than then, and we should be able to lay aside all prejudice and partisanship in considering it's provisions. Let it be remembered that we are to build for our children and the posterity of future generations. Within the last few years several of the States have adopted new constitutions, and we have their agregated wisdom added to our own experience to guide us in framing a constitution that will stand the test of time. Let political upstarts and demagogues be relegated to the rear, and do not allow party advantage to be considered, for no such advantage can possibly compensate for a mistake in the constitution of our beloved State.

Among the multitude of provisions to be considered in the adoption of a constitution, we will mention several that we consider the most important, viz:

1. To remodel the judiciary; abolishing the circuit courts: establishing the old parish judgeships, (or something similar, that will give the parishes the benefits of a resident judiciary) and increasing or decreasing the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, as may be necessary to suit such system—and above all to have definite and prescribed restrictions for the guidance of magistrates.

2—An election law, basing the right of suffrage upon both educational and property qualifications, or else restricting the ballot by the adoption of the Australian system.

3—Change the school system so as to provide more money and longer terms for public schools; giving the parishes, wards, towns, or townships, the right to tax themselves for school purposes.

4—Restricting the employment of convicts, only allowing them to be employed on public works, and then only in cases of public calamity or urgent necessity.

5—A railroad commission to regulate freights and prevent discrimation,

6—A provision prohibition State or parish officials from being in any way interested in public contracts.

7—Doing away with forfeiture of property to the State for non payment of taxes, and providing for it's sale in direct and satisfactory form.

8—The parishes, cities, towns and wards should also have the right to tax themselves and contract debts (under certain restrictions)for purposes of public improvement, or to aid manufacturing and other enterprises to locate improvements in the interested localities.

These, and other propositions that may be advanced during the season, we propose to discuss during the summer months, and will be pleased to receive communications from any of our citizens that may feel interest sufficient to comment on them.

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A vast volume of water is now pouring down the Mississippi river, and the water is above the danger line at all points from Cairo to Vicksburg. The startling information is given out by the U. S. weather bureau that 800 square miles of water is spread out in the State of Arkansas, and that the lower river will continue to rise. Grave fears are felt as to the levees in this State, but those who are in a position to judge say they have confidence in the levees standing the great strain.

The Item's Almanac.

As a rule we don't take much stock in the N. O. Item and its enterprises, but we have this week received a copy of the Item's Almanac and Political Register, that is really a work of merit in the way of statistics and valuable information. We are always willing to give the Devil his dues, and will say that those who wish to secure much valuable information can invest 15 cents in the book and be many times repaid for the outlay.

Oh, I am so glad that the Boston Store is open again, because we can certainly get some handsome Dressgoods there, and above all dirt cheap.

"The Editor" is the title of a weekly journal lately established at Ruston, La., in connection with the Industrial Institute at that place. It is an eight page paper, of four columns, neat and attractive in its make up, while it's editorials show thought and ability. We shall be pleased to receive the Editor as an exchange.

Report of Relief Committee.

Pollock, La., March 17, 1897.

The Grant parish relief committee met in session at Pollock, La., notice having been received that there were three car loads of corn for free distribution in Grant parish, viz: 1 car at Antonio, containing 607 bushels; 1 car at Montgomery, containing 607 bushels; 1 car at Rives Spur, number of bushels not reported, which was pro rated as follows:

The corn at Montgomery to be divided between wards 6 and 7, C. L. Purvis being appointed to pro rate the same to said wards.

The corn at Antonia, 257 bushels to ward 3, and 343 bushels to ward 2.

The corn at Rives' Spur, 312 bushels to ward 4, and 288 bushels to ward 5, estimating the car to contain 600 bushels.

We would also state that since the meeting of the parish committee there has been received by this committee 1500 lbs of meat. pro rated to wards 4 and 5; also 1000 lbs meat and 100 barrels meal, pro rated to wards 6 and 7.

This committee is informed by the chairman of the State relief committee that there will not be any more corn shipped to Grant parish for free distribution.

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The Item Called Down.

On several occasions the N. O. Daily Item has made infamous accusations against parties for political effect, and, although reasonable and temperate denial has been made to its accusations, it has failed to correct its errors when pointed out. This sort of journalism may be considered "enterprising" by some, but very few fair-minded people on account of its peculiar sensations give any weight to the Item's utterances this represensible line. The St. Landry Clarion punctures the Item's wind-bag thusly:

"VINDICATED."

When the City Item circulated broadcast over the land the report that Isaac Broussard, sheriff of Lafayette parish, was a defaulter, the Clarion promptly pronounced the statement a lie. We felt that it was but a thinly disguised scheme of the Item to murder politically this gallant and beloved Democratic leader, schemes that that paper has been known to resort to on several occasions. Therefore, we are glad to be able to give below the result of an investigation into the matter by the Lafayette Grand Jury, which completely exonerates, if such was needed, the beloved young sheriff of our sister parish:

"We took special occasion to make a minute investigation of the sheriff's accounts both with the parish and with the State, and we are proud to say to the people of the parish that the scurrilous article that appeared in the Daily City Item some time since, charging the sheriff with defalcation of State funds, was and is absolutely false and libelous. Sheriff Broussard's accounts not only show that he is in good account with both State and parish, but they also show that he has settled with the auditor for amounts due on deduction tax list and holds the auditor's receipts therefor."

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