

THE DEFEAT OF THE DEMOCRACY.

It is not our purpose to blame or rail at William J. Bryan. He is a great leader, an honest and a sincere man, but the fact cannot be disputed that his insistence on the intrusion of the discredited silver issue in the Kansas City platform was a fatal blunder and caused the overwhelming defeat of the Democracy in yesterday's presidential election, for these days the dollar is not only above the man, but above everything that is in heaven and on earth and the waters thereof.

If the Democracy is to survive as a political party it must be reorganized. New men must take the place of the present leaders and the party get back to the old ground it occupied before it became tainted with Populism and began to follow after strange gods. Having sustained two successive and crushing defeats Mr. Bryan's leadership is, of course, at an end, but the love and admiration of the masses of the people have for him is as strong as ever, and he will always have an honored place at the party's council board.

He made a splendid fight for the great principles of government which the fathers of the republic embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution; but, as we said yesterday, there was arrayed against him and his followers the tremendous money power of the country, represented by the vast trusts, syndicates, corporations and the multi-millionaires, who are waxing fatter and richer upon the sweat and blood ground out of the common people. The battle for human rights has been fought and lost. Imperialism and plutocracy have triumphed and are in the saddle drunk with the victory they have won.

McKisley carried twenty-seven States with a few more to hear from. Bryan carried only eighteen, and might possibly have one or two more. It was a crushing defeat.

England rejoices over the defeat of Bryan. His defeat shows the little sentiment expressed freely for the Boer cause, and upon which the Democratic party made its strongest issue.

Hardner, Congressman Jos. E. Ransdell's opponent in the fifth district lost his own parish by 150 majority. Hardner received a terrible defeat, and we doubt if his vote in the whole district was over 350.

The yellow fever news from Natchez is not good. The latest from Natchez says that there are three new cases and several cases that are suspicious. We can't see how it can spread.

Croker, Hill and the great Tammany organization of New York City should feel pretty sore over the loss of the state and especially over the greatly reduced majority of 90,000 that Bryan was sure to receive. Croker can now return to Europe.

The Democrats elected solid congressional delegations from the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia, aggregating seventy-five members. The Republicans will control the House and will also have a safe majority in the Senate.

In the death of Major Henry G. Hearsay, editor of the New Orleans Daily States, Louisiana has lost one of its grandest and noblest men. The Democratic party will miss him; the whole State will miss him. He was always found fighting the battles of the people. He never flinched from right. We mourn the death of the true and noble Hearsay.

The Democratic party has been defeated before, and it does not feel discouraged by its defeat of Tuesday. It will continue to live and will win in time. The corrupt party now in power will become too brazen, then the people will rise up and crush it out. Such a party cannot last. It may be victorious today, by the use of corruption funds, subscribed by gold bugs and trusts, but it cannot last.

The Daily States says that "the transport Sherman, it is noted, arrived at San Francisco Thursday with the following human cargo: Dead, 51; sick, 467; convalescent, 58; insane, 12. The transport Meade is now on her way across the Pacific, with three hundred soldiers, who are shattered in mind and body; the Logan left Manila last Tuesday with a cargo of two hundred and seventy-three sick men. It is a ghastly procession, and just what 'glory' we have won to compensate for the exhibition is yet to be determined."

The Vicksburg Dispatch in an editorial on the late election hits the nail squarely on the head when it says: "Our great party, the one that represents the masses of the plain people, has again been defeated. Considering the forces arrayed against it, the result is not astonishing. It had to contend against all the banks, the very rich people, the vast corporations and trusts, and the Republican party organized and led by one who knows too well how to use the unlimited millions of dollars placed at his command. It was a common remark before the election even by Republicans, that the Democrats could win easily but there was too much money on the other side. The election returns prove the truth of this assertion, which fully explains the defeat. The states show where the money was used on both sides.

ment of the slope and the filling of old pits at the base of the old levee. The government having no available funds, and considering it important that the work should be done at once, and while the contractor was still on the ground, I contracted for it at the expense of the contractor.

The work amounted to 11,619 cubic yards. STATE WORK. The State let on August 26, a contract for Canal Trench new levee, in Madison parish, to C. D. Leeper, at 13 1/2 cents per cubic yard. This levee will contain approximately 208,000 cubic yards. On October 3d contract was also let by the board of state engineers for a loop at 'Green s' in Concordia parish, containing about 60,000 cubic yards.

This work was contracted for at 14.43 cents per cubic yard. UNITED STATES WORK. Upper Tensas District—Col. Charles L. Potter, United States engineer, in charge of this district, has assumed the building of the large levee at Illa-wara in East Carroll parish, of about 1,500,000 cubic yards, and a large force is now at work there.

This work will consume about all of the available funds in the hands of Colonel Potter, for work in the Fifth Louisiana Leveedistrict, and any other necessary work from the Arkansas line to Reid levee must be looked after by the district or State. Lower Tensas District—Major G. Mc C. Derby has recently let contracts for about 715,000 cubic yards of enlargement and repair work in the parishes of Tensas and Concordia, of which about 292,000 cubic yards was in place on October 1st.

Of the work in this district 59,985 yards is at Stockridge levee, in the parish of Tensas, and the remainder in Concordia parish. A detailed statement, showing amount of each contract, locality, amount in place, etc., is attached to this report.

NEW LEVEES REQUIRED. The district will have to build a new levee at Duckport, in Madison parish, before next high water, which will contain about 100,000 cubic yards, and contract for same will be let at an early date. A loop may also be required near upper end of Biggs levee, in Madison parish. The care at this point is being carefully watched and the loop will be contracted for whenever it becomes necessary.

It is probable a new loop will also be required at Young's point, in Madison parish. It is hoped that no new levee will be required in Tensas and Concordia parishes this year, except the new loop now being built by the State at Green's and a levee at Vidalia.

The Vidalia levee will require approximately 75,000 cubic yards. CAVING. The most serious caves are at Illawara, in East Carroll parish; Caba-tele, in Madison parish, and at Green's, in Concordia parish, where new levees are now being constructed. The caving at Duckport, Young's point, and at upper end of Biggs levee Madison parish, is assuming serious proportions, and as mentioned above new levees will be required in the near future.

In Tensas parish the threatened points are at Claggett and Kempe. There is reason to believe that it will not be necessary to do any work at Claggett, and that the revetment work at Kempe will restrain the cave so that a new levee will not be required there. At Arnaudia, Moro, Glascock and Fairview there is no danger of the levee being built at this time. The cave at Vidalia progresses slowly, but has reached the base of the levee, and the building of a new levee is imperative.

REVIEMENT. Nothing has been done on the revetment work at Providence reach or at Delta point since the last meeting of the board, but it is expected that work will be resumed at Providence at an early date.

Fair progress is being made with the revetment at Dondurant chute and it will be completed before high water. During the month of August the lower part of the revetment at Kempe was damaged by the scorching of the bed of the river along the edge of the mattresses, are now being made to repair the damage.

The safety of the levee does not now appear to be involved, and Maj. Derby expresses the belief that the repairs will be completed before any further damage is done.

There has been very little caving above the revetment, and below it there is a margin of upwards of 600 feet between the bank and the levee. WEED CUTTING, ETC. The district has had all weeds, brush, drift, etc., in Madison to Hard Times in Tensas parish, at a cost of \$2270 20. Below Hard Times this class of work was undertaken by Major Derby.

From Reid levee north to the Arkansas line, the clearing, etc., was done under the supervision of Captain E. C. Tollinger, assistant United States engineer, the district paying one-half the cost, the amount charged to the district being \$736 20.

Work of this kind has been more carefully attended to and thoroughly done this year than ever before, it having previously been the custom to clear only those portions where the growth was rank, while this year the whole line received attention.

LANDS. Deeds have recently been executed, conveying to Howard Cole about 2600 acres of land in Tensas parish, and to Howard Cole and the North Louisiana Land Company about 8490 acres in the parish of East Carroll.

Deeds to about 24,000 acres more land in the parish of East Carroll will be executed in a few days. The addition of these lands and of that previously sold, to the tax rolls will materially increase the revenues of the board.

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TOWN COUNCIL PROVIDENCE. Lake Providence, La., Nov. 1, 1900. The Hon. Mayor and Board of Councilmen met this evening in regular monthly session.

Present—Hon. G. M. Franklin, Mayor; Councilmen J. W. Pittman, W. S. McGuire, Max Levy, N. Fosse, C. F. Davis. The Finance Committee made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Councilmen of the Town of Providence, La: We, your Finance Committee, would respectfully report that we have examined the report of the Treasurer showing on hand at this date \$128,024, and find same correct and recommend its approval.

We have examined the report of the marshal, dated this day, which shows that he has collected for account—Fines \$80 00 License \$75 00; less com. \$3 95 71 33 Taxes 1900, \$2 00, less com. 10cts. 1 90

Total \$128 15 We have examined and approved the following claims: D P Peck, salary Oct. 1900 80 00 feeding prisoners 10 00 hauling, s & b 9 75 quarantine 6 75

Chas Swafford, police 6 00 B N Ralph, police 6 00 H Schulz, inspecting fines 10 00 V M Parry, indce. & b 9 75 E L Galbreth, lamp lighter for Oct. 15 30 W C McNeil, making assessment roll 20 00 Banner-Democrat, quarter printing \$2 50, job work \$18, waterwork \$2 30

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Major H. J. Hearsay is dead. His friends, the country and the State mourn the loss of a gallant soldier, an ardent patriot and a chivalrous gentleman. No member of the fourth estate was so widely or so favorably known in a commonwealth in the service of which was spent all the days of his manhood. Eminent in every station, he was greatest in the profession which, once taken up, he never laid down. The oppression and the enormities of the old reconstruction days were well calculated to arouse all that was bravest and best in the breast of this pallid, and his transcendent pen readily proved the consternation of his political enemies and the glory and pride of that State Democracy of which he was always both buckler and shield.

For more than a quarter of a century Major Hearsay has been recognized as the most forceful political controversialist connected with the Southern press. High and deserved, however, as was this honor, it tended to narrow the estimate placed upon his literary reputation by obscuring in the potential giant the winsome and genial writer from whose dainty pen flowed so many sweet and generous thoughts.

No contributor to our papers for a generation past was so perfectly equipped as our beloved confrere to assume the responsibilities and fulfill with signal courage and ability the high and onerous functions of a public journalist. Certainly to none was the gift accorded of continuing so long and with such undiminished splendor a great career.

The item was frequently in discord with the views and policies of our dead friend upon the political questions which divided the nation. Yet, at through long years of controversial antagonism, and in spite of the fact that Major Hearsay was always an aggressive and incisive opponent, our admiration for the brilliancy of his talents but waxed with an increasing respect and admiration for the sterling qualities of the man.

To the very end, his great gifts continued unimpaired, and never perhaps were his strength, vigor and brilliancy more magnificently exemplified than in the late State and municipal campaigns. And, yet, to those who only know him in his capacity as a journalist it would be difficult to form any just estimate of the man. He who was so stern and uncompromising in his defence of principle, so bitter and unforgiving in his attacks upon those whom he deemed to be enemies of the people and of the rights of every individual of private life, overflowed with the milk of human kindness. No one could be more scrupulous and unobtrusive in what touched his own honor or yet more generous and sympathetic in dealing with the infirmities and frailties of his fellow-man. Brave as Caesar, he was as tender and sensitive as a woman. His charity exceeded his means, but never could exhaust the wealth of his unfeigned and lowly love for his fellow-men. He wore his sleeve, and its most generous gifts were to be had for the asking. He cherished Southern institutions, continued ever loyal to the traditions of the old school and sank to his grave preserving unshaken his unquestioning loyalty to his party, his State and his people. And if any class of his comrades might be singled out as the recipient of his most steadfast devotion it was that little army of Confederate veterans, who to him ever represented the lost cause—the buried aspirations of his youth and the woe-dying regret of his ripper years.

With many days of usefulness still before him, he has been called to the other shore. Howling to the inscrutable decree of an all-wise and all-merciful Providence, while committing to the grave the mortal remains of our dear departed, we preserve ever green in our land of the mighty, his virtues and his worth. These can never die. With the numberless lessons of usefulness, courage and patriotism which during more than a generation he so wondrously inculcated they raise over his earthly frame an enduring monument. They will speak always of a great man and pure who was never greedy of filthy lucre but held fast that which is good. He died to his ashes and eternal rest to him who lived and died believing that a good name was rather to be chosen than great riches.

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