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Opelousas Union No. 451 meets every other Saturday at 4 p. m. in Chachere's Hall. J. J. Thompson, president; S. M. Peters, secretary.

Caledonia Union No. 063 meets the 1st and 3d Saturdays every month, at the secretary's home. Rene Carriere president, G. T. St. Cyr vice-president, A. Valin secretary, Mrs. A. Valin treasurer, John Jennings chaplain, Walter St. Cyr lecturer, Armand Carriere assistant lecturer, Gilmer Nonnier doorkeeper, Albert Rider assistant doorkeeper, Albert Whitley sergeant-at-arms.

Fallevue Farmers Union No. 090 St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, meets at Bellevue church, first Saturday in each month. M. R. Wilson president, J. P. Smith vice-president, H. H. Peckham secretary, Benjamin Boutte treasurer, A. J. Morgan chaplain, J. S. Hazelwood lecturer, J. E. Daily door keeper.

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Resolutions Adopted by the Parish Farmers' Union, January 5, 1891.

Resolved, that this convention strongly endorses the St. Landry Clarion and recommends it to the public as a reliable, un-subsidized, honest local newspaper, devoted to the interests of the people and hostile to all monopolies.

Resolved further, that this convention recommend and advise all the subordinate Unions in this parish, to officially aid and support the Clarion, and use their influence to increase its circulation and patronage.

Resolved further, that it be selected as the Official Organ of our Order in this parish.

Whereas, the La. State Lottery is trying at the present time to subvert the wishes of the people of this State, by mandamus, and papers sent out by the Progressive League, and also by a subsidized press, owned by men acting for or in the interest of said lottery; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Farmers' Union of the parish of St. Landry, at a public meeting assembled, do most solemnly reiterate their opposition to this Hydra-headed monster, and affirm most positively that we will not support any paper in or out of this State, in favor of the Louisiana or any other lottery, and that we will oppose with all our manhood and energy the election of any man to office in this State, or parish, who is in favor of lotteries.

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SECRET POLITICAL SOCIETIES.

Some of our Democratic Lottery orators object to what they are pleased to call secret organizations in the Democratic party, alluding to the Farmers' Union and Anti-Lottery League. They show some ignorance in this matter. The Farmers' Union is not an organization in the Democratic party. It is not purely a political organization. The terms of initiation into it do not depend upon an individual's politics. In it are Democrats, Republicans and Independents. Its main object is to remove the evils that bear heavily and unjustly on the farming and working classes. To do this remedial legislation is required; and all legislation in Republican governments depend more or less on politics. Politics, in its proper sense, is the science of government. The Farmers' Union wants good government, and to attain that end it has to resort to politics.

In this State the great mass of Farmers Unionists are Democrats; and they do not wish to destroy the Democratic party, as their desertion of it would be sure to do. They decided at Lafayette to endeavor to secure legislative and governmental relief for themselves and the people generally, through the medium of the Democratic party to which most of them belonged. There is nothing to force the recalcitrant members to go with the majority, except a common object and the spirit of unity. Instead of condemnation, the Farmers Union deserves the highest praise, from a Democratic party standpoint, for deciding at Lafayette to work inside the party. A contrary decision would have destroyed the party, but saved the Lottery—hence the abuse.

As to secrecy in the Farmers' Union, that does not seem to amount to much, as the Lottery Democrats profess to publish accurate statements of its proceedings; and if they keep Lottery spies in the Union, why complain of secrecy?

One of the main purposes for which the Farmers Union was originally organized, was to oppose monopolies. It is bound therefore to oppose the Lottery. No Farmers' Unionist can be in favor of the Lottery, without being false to the Union.

The name of the Anti-Lottery League, shows its object. Its secrets can hardly be anything more than prudence in guarding against the machinations of the Lottery.

The secret caucuses in the party, and the secret organizations of factions and cliques to gain corrupt ends, are certainly more objectionable than the Farmers' Union and Anti-Lottery League and their agreement at Lafayette. It is said that at the State convention of 1888, the McEnery faction, having been overwhelmingly defeated in the primaries, and having failed to secure any Nicholls man to be a candidate for nomination against him, refused to take part in the convention until certain places were given them on the ticket. One thing is certain, they got the places, and McEnery was appointed on the Supreme Bench. Whether or not a positive agreement was entered into that the defeated faction should have these places, if it held aloof and impressed the successful faction with the belief that it would not assist in the election of the Democratic ticket nominated in convention without a share in the offices for all of which it had struggled and lost, it acted in an undemocratic spirit and in the spirit of selfish gamblers. It is the element of that faction, which has gone over, "horse, foot and dragons," to the Lottery cause, that now so unjustly condemns the agreement of the Farmers' Union and Anti-Lottery League at Lafayette. It is that element of the Democratic party, now in league, as it probably has ever been, with Morris, Baldwin, Herwig, Pinchback, etc., Lottery Republicans, who have the "cheek" to cast stones at the Farmers' Union and Anti-Lottery League.

These Democratic Lottery orators ignore however the existence of the Lottery Progressive League, a secret organization to make the Lottery win even on the ruins of the Democratic party. There are several of them here, so secret that not even their officers' names are known, and they publish nothing; yet the Lottery papers publish what they assert has been done by the Farmers' Union long before the official proceedings are published. The secret political society business is mainly on the side of the Lottery. The Lottery has branches of this secret organization in every parish; and they are well supplied with money, as the Lottery proposes to "bear the expenses" for beef, beer, etc., to bribe voters and bribe men to bribe the voters; the Lottery League proposed to have a conference last Spring of representative men from every part of the State, to decide on a plan of campaign; the conference was probably held, as the Lottery League does everything in secret, for the Lottery orators are now swinging round the country, with free bread, beer and beef, trying to debauch the Democrats of the State in the interest of the Lottery. The Lottery, begotten and born in the depths of Republican iniquity, proposes to control the Democratic State convention,

and make its vile and swindling gambling scheme a plank in the Democratic platform, to be voted for by the Democrats as a part of the State constitution, or else drive the Democrats out of their own party. Such arrogance, such viciousness, such impudence, was never heard of before in the history of politics. Yet the very men who unblushingly propose to commit this heinous political crime, denounce as rascally the agreement of the Farmers' Union and Anti-Lottery League to save their State and party from the poisonous political and moral fangs of Morris, Baldwin, Herwig, Pinchback & Co. The Lottery League proposes further, not only to "bear the expenses," but to "help them (its henchmen) in their local affairs at the same time"—to capture the offices and hold on to the offices during the quarter of a century to come of the reign of the Lottery kings, Morris, Baldwin, Herwig, Pinchback & Co.

The Democrat, who is not paid to do so, that can swallow the Lottery League and its purposes, ought to be of such gross construction that he could have no mental impression of even the existence of such slight affairs as the Farmers' Union and Anti-Lottery League.

There have been rumors for a year or two of a supposed alliance between Russia and France, to stand together in case war. France wants Alsace and Lorraine, and Russia wants an outlet for her fleet into the Mediterranean and she wants several other things that England and Austria do not want her to have. A war under such circumstances would naturally have Russia and France on one side, and Germany, Austria and Italy, and England in case of necessity, on the other. Until recently, it was thought Turkey would naturally go with England. Under existing treaties Russian war ships have no right to pass the Dardanelles; but a few days since it was done, of course with the connivance of Turkish officials. This has excited some distrust of Turkey. Russia, France and Turkey would be a strong combination in war. If Turkey has made up with her old enemy, Russia, some other way of restraining Russian aggression must be provided. An alliance between despotic Russia and republican France is unnatural, and if France can be satisfied there should be no such alliance. The matter is now discussed of the voluntary surrender by Germany of Alsace and Lorraine to France; and it is reported that the Queen of Great Britain is in favor of and the Emperor of Germany not averse to it—in order to secure France as an ally against Russian aggression and maintain peace in Europe, and at the same time disable Turkey from holding the balance of power or turning the scales in favor of Russia.

An anti-Lottery meeting was held in the fifth ward of St. Martin parish last Sunday. Gov. C. H. Mouton, and Messrs. Jean Domec, Charles Delhomme of that and Sheriff Fontenot of this parish, addressed the people. The resolutions adopted are about the same in substance as those at Chataignier three weeks ago. From the proceedings published we extract as follows: Sheriff Fontenot of St. Landry was notified in the crowd and was called upon to address the meeting. In a rattling speech of half an hour he roasted the revenue amendment. His remarks were not only well received but they were frequently and enthusiastically applauded.

Resolved, That if it were possible, to increase our opposition to the lottery infamy, that would be accomplished by the persistent endeavors of those purchased sheets, whose principal avocation is the slander of their State, and reputable citizens and officials.

William Dial and Charles Large, two negro boys each about 19 years old, raised at New Iberia, were hung at Lake Charles Friday last week, for the murder of Peter Frette, a mulatto of St. Landry parish. In December last the three were stealing a ride in a box car from Orange, Texas, when the two killed Frette for his money, which was only \$2.50, throwing the body out of the car. When arrested they confessed, and also confessed to the murder of a woman the day before leaving Orange, for the \$4 found on her person. The corpse of the woman was found as they directed.

THE RACES.

Some 1200 or 1500 people assembled last Saturday, to witness the trotting races at Jewell Farm about seven miles south of Opelousas. Besides plenty of open space all around the track, there was a stand for 500 persons. The day was cool for the season, and the track was in good condition. In being graded the dirt was put to the outside, which is best on a circular track. There were refreshments without limit, the crowd was orderly and well behaved, and, barring the dust, the day was one of enjoyment to all present—excepting the losers, of course.

Besides the animals that participated in the races, several fine stallions were exhibited. Dr. Jenkins had one from Prud'homme City, F. E. Stokes & Son's Curreney was led round the track, and Drs. L. & O. P. Daly's Bohon was trotted in harness before the crowd—the latter two horses, standard bred and registered, were brought here from Kentucky this year.

There were two races: Maud S., an Ethan Allen Jr. mare, entered by Dr. B. Guilbeau and Mentor Andrus of Grand Coteau, and Pauline, also an Ethan Allen Jr. mare, entered by J. M. Ware of Bellevue, the former driven by J. Stewart and the latter by J. M. Ware, trotted mile heats, best three in five. Maud S. beat in the first, second and fourth heats and won the race. Time, 3:03, 3:01, 3:04, 2:58.

The race between Ethan Allen Jr., entered and driven by J. M. Ware, and Milan Wilkes, entered by Dr. L. Daly and driven by J. Stewart, was won by Milan Wilkes in two straight heats—best two out of three. Time, 3:05, 3:12.

Samuel D. McEnery, although opposed to the lottery, is no fanatic. As governor of the State of Louisiana he will faithfully execute the laws—Crowley Signal.

What about the passage in his message to the Legislature in 1882, which reads:

"The constitution declares gambling to be a vice yet it encourages the vice in its worst form, not only inciting to breaches of faith and embezzlement on the part of those who are entrusted with the public money, but demoralizing society, corrupting politics and impeding legislation."

And as to seeing the laws faithfully executed, how about the way he allowed Mr. Burke to manage the State treasury?

Some of the State Lottery papers have been sending their sheets well stuffed with Lottery literature to persons without charge. It is Lottery missionary work. The ignorant, benighted people of this State must be enlightened from a Lottery standpoint, and these Lottery papers are sent to them gratis—for the Lottery "bears the expenses." Not a word is said however about how many thousands or millions of dollars have been spent for bribing men to betray the people and for buying votes.

Some of the politicians and speakers in the campaign of 1887-88, are now with them in the Lottery cause. They are good now; but quite a number who were for McEnery then, are against the Lottery now—have they become bad? Gov. McEnery, in his message, said the Lottery was a very bad institution, and these latter innocently took him at his word.

Samuel D. McEnery's deeds speak for themselves, and are stronger pledges for the liberties and just rights of the people than any utterances of other untried aspirants for gubernatorial honors. He is neither a doubtful experimenter nor a miserable executive failure—Crowley Signal.

Certainly, from a Lottery standpoint.

If the Anti-Lottery and Farmers' Union people will keep their eyes well open, they may see "one or two leading men in each ward" of their parish that has an "interest" in the Lottery "movement." See Lottery League Secretary Marshall's letter to Dr. Kelly.

"The fact of both pro and anti-lottery papers endorsing Samuel D. McEnery for the next governor shows."—Crowley Signal.

Shows that the Lottery has been getting in its work, but does not show that the genuine anti-Lottery voters are going to follow such papers—their claims of being anti-Lottery are not recognized by anti-Lotteryites.

Why don't Morris, Baldwin, Herwig, Pinchback et al. swing round the circle some and help their Democratic orators in the Lottery cause? The people would like to hear some talk from headquarters, and see the whole combine together on a speakers' stand.

We call attention to the advertisement of St. Mary's Academy. The services of an experienced professor have been secured for that institution; and as there is no other school for boys in Opelousas, it should be well patronized.

To-day we hoist at the masthead of the Signal the name of Samuel Douglas McEnery as our choice for the next Chief Magistrate of Louisiana.—Crowley Signal.

Send to Hon. J. B. Moore, State Treasurer, and the job will be complete. Advertise in the CLARION.

SHERIFF FONTENOT RECEIVED A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM MR. A. C. PREJEAN, DEFENDANT IN A SUIT, TO ADVERTISE THE SALE IN THE CLARION.

Afterwards, and after Mr. Prejean's right to select a paper had lapsed, an order was presented to the Sheriff directing him to put the advertisement in the Courier. This second order was null, unless the verbal message to the Sheriff to put it in the CLARION was false; if that message had been to put it in the Courier instead of the CLARION, it would have held good throughout, and the lapse of three days would not have nullified it. The Sheriff went to see Mr. Prejean, and the latter confirmed the truth of the first message to that effect, as follows:

COULEE CROCHE, Aug. 25th, 1891. Mr. T. S. Fontenot, Sheriff of St. Landry.—I wish to say in justice to you that at the time the seizure was made against me in the suit of W. C. Flower vs. A. C. Prejean, by deputy E. K. Wallor, he informed me of my legal right to select the paper in which the sale should be advertised and he told me that the Sheriff wanted me to select the paper in which to advertise the sale and that I told him to put the sale in the CLARION.

Subsequently when Mr. Francois Richard came to my house, he produced a document which he said was written by my attorney and I signed it thinking it my duty to do so. Since I have understood that the matter, I have said and now say that I am glad the sale was published in the CLARION as I authorized the Sheriff to do so.

If I had understood that the document presented to me by Mr. Francois Richard was aimed at the Sheriff I would have refused to sign it, as I had not been denied my legal rights by him to select a newspaper in the premises, but had on the contrary been informed of my rights by said deputy and of my own free will and accord had selected the CLARION.

ADOLPHE C. PREJEAN. The New Delta of the 9th inst., publishes a roster of the First Crescent City Regiment, Crescent City White League, giving the names of those who were present at the fight on the 14th of September, several years ago. In addition are the names of J. B. E. J. and E. S. Clements, three brothers, now residents of Opelousas.

THE PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE OF LOUISIANA. New Orleans, November 12, 1890.

Dr. John Kelly, Winnfield, La.; Dear Sir—Our friend, Mr. A. W. Faulkner of Columbia, has suggested that you would be likely to assist us in organizing a Branch of our League in your parish; and I write to ask your advice and co-operation.

The Antis are working hard all over the State, and if we are to hold our own, we must do likewise. Our plan is, as soon as the organization is complete throughout the State, to call a convention or conference (say next spring) of representative men from every part of the State and let them decide upon a plan of campaign, and take charge of same. We intend to submit the lottery amendment to the Democratic State Convention, and if it is endorsed there, the Antis will have to support it at the general election or else blot the party, which their leaders at least cannot afford to do. As matters stand now, after conceding to the Antis every doubtful promise, we think we are sure of nearly two-thirds majority in the Democratic Convention. However, we are determined to make the fight in every parish in the State where our friends can make a showing which will entitle us to have confidence in their success, and we will help them in their local affairs at the same time. We want to know who our friends are everywhere, and how far we may rely upon them.

If you will be kind enough to suggest to us one or two leading men from each ward in your parish, who are friendly to our movement, we will try and interest them in organizing a Parish League. We should much prefer, however, to have you take the lead in the matter, and let us rely on you to send the different ward leaders, or else to send some trusted friend to see them, and we will bear the expenses.

Will you kindly let us hear from you at your earliest convenience. Yours truly, T. A. MARSHALL JR., Sec'y.

"Scrap" - Bayou Chicot, Sept. 2d, 1891.

Editor Clarion—Will you allow me space in your paper to reply to an article in the St. Landry Democrat of Aug. 29, from Beaver, signed "Scrap," and addressed to the sheriff of St. Landry, stating that the citizens of the sixth ward would like to know why he charges one and two dollars for advertising tax sales when we believe it can be done for less. Now, Mr. Editor, we, the citizens of the sixth ward do not believe any such thing; for it can not be proved that it has ever been done, and we, the citizens of the sixth ward, pay our taxes, and it does not concern us what it costs to advertise tax sales; and if it did concern us, we have explicit confidence in the honesty and integrity of Sheriff Fontenot to render an account of all the money that will pass through his hands, when the proper time comes, and he will not have to account for "Scrap's" tax, for he pays none. But there is one thing he is good at, to blow hot and cold with his mouth. He says we are almost a unit anti-lottery in this ward; "we" being "Scrap" does not vote. And in the same breath he secondly mentions his friend from Morrow and Chicot and puts in nomination Mr. C. M. Thompson for sheriff, who, we believe, is pro-lottery, and "Scrap" can assure him a good support. Now we will serve notice on "Scrap" that no pro-lottery man will get a good support in this ward, no matter how popular he is personally; but we will fight this campaign in the Democratic party, and if Mr. Thompson gets the nomination we will support him. Now, the writer would like for "Scrap" to get behind that mask and let us see what kind of a scrap he is, or if he would be good for a quill patch; but our belief is that he is cut cross-ways the cloth, and only the remains of a spoiled garment at that. PATRICK DOXAHY, Bayou Chicot.

Lafayette Advertiser, Sept. 5. B. B. B. B.

(BEEF AND BEER BOODLE BARBECUE.) This much heralded event, under the auspices of the "Progressive Lottery League," but in disguise of a "Grand Democratic Rally," came off at Girard's Spring, near town, last Sunday. After the managers having procured the services of runners (at \$5.00 per day and expenses) to scour this and adjoining parishes drumming up an attendance, it was expected there would be a large crowd; and there was, from 1000 to 1200 persons, men, women and children, being present. About one-fourth of the attendance was people from the adjoining parishes of St. Martin, Iberia and Vermilion. Three-fourths of the men assembled were anti-lottery; the pro-lottery men present from Lafayette parish were a mere sprinkling of the crowd. It was a beautiful day and all the surroundings were lovely and inviting. The crowd amused itself as best it could until the "refreshments" were ready, these consisted of beef, mutton, bread, etc., and about a dozen small kegs of beer. These were wholly inadequate for the large crowd, and there was no system nor order observed for their equitable division. There was a disgusting scuffle and scramble for a short time, and the whole layout had disappeared. Many women and children, and men too, got not a bite to eat during the day. This portion of the affair was very badly managed. The meeting was organized shortly after 2 o'clock. Dr. J. P. Francoeur, of Carencro, was appointed President. The following persons spoke in order: Laurent Dupre, R. H. Snyder, Jr., G. L. Francioni, John N. Ogden, and Judge H. C. Castellanos. These eminent speakers presented nothing new, but sang the same old tune of "money, money, everywhere!" The State was virtually unable and incompetent to run its government and support its different institutions; but the great savior was at hand—Joffa A. Morris with his revenue amendment. "He hgt the tin, and would rattle it in!" All the people had to do was to recharter the lottery and continue to buy lottery tickets, Morris would see that the State government was run all right, and "bear all the expenses." The addresses were a radical diarrhoea of words with a conservative dysentery of ideas, and were received with little demonstration or enthusiasm. An amusing incident occurred during Mr. Dupre's speech. He made this statement: "No doubt there are many of you in this audience who believe that I am hired by the lottery company to go around and make these speeches; that I have sold out to the lottery?" Some of his friends in the audience, no doubt wishing to be reassuring and encouraging, responded: "Oui, Oui! On voit ça! On comprend cela!" The lotteryites have avowed their intention of carrying Lafayette and Vermilion parishes at all hazards, and we suppose this is their first step towards "buying up the Cajuns." But if Mr. Morris and his co-workers imagine that the "Cajuns" are not a shrewd people, that they have not a keen sense of intuition, that they cannot reason back from effect to cause, that they do not scrape the veneering off the surface and find what is beneath it; in other words, are "dampfools," they will find themselves as badly left as was the poor Dutchman who stuck his finger into a sleepy "possum's" mouth to prove that it was dead. They can tell a snake when they see its tail as far as the next man. We believe this demonstration of Morris's has done the anti-lottery cause a great deal of good in our parish; our people have had an opportunity of witnessing a practical illustration of the operation of boodle. We have talked with none who were present who were not thoroughly disgusted with Morris, his money, his measures and his methods. We trust that Mr. Morris will repeat the performance in every ward in the parish. A long string of resolutions were published in the lottery papers of New Orleans as having been passed at this barbecue. No such thing was done. They were afraid to submit any resolutions to a vote of the audience. That night at the Crescent Hotel Messrs. Dupre and Snyder addressed a small audience. Their efforts fell stillborn, not even receiving courteous applause. Mr. A. M. Martin then announced that in about ten days they would give a special entertainment to the railroad men; and right here John A. will again "drap his watermelon!" He is "agin their principles." They profess to abhor and antagonize encroaching monopolies in every shape and form. From the nature and danger of their occupation they are a jolly and reckless crew, and as a rule do not object to the excitement of gambling, and when pushed will indulge occasionally in a little game of "draw" or handle a hoe in "agricultural poker;" but they are fairminded, straightforward, manly men, prone to stand up and fight it out where the chances are even, and can never give their countenance to the perpetuation of a monopoly "skin game" played against the widow and the orphan, women and children, negroes—"everything is fish that comes into its net." If their principles and actions are to be controlled by a chunk of beef and a bottle of beer they do not answer straight to the roll call, and belie the estimate we have formed of them.

WASHINGTON, LA., Sept. 8th, 1891. Editor CLARION—On last Sunday, a very lively and interesting game of Base-ball was played in this town by the Morrow Junior 9's and the Washington 9's; the Morrow boys were the victors, the score having stood 11 to 4. It was almost impossible to strike the swinging balls pitched by the Morrow pitchers, Mr. Harden Hebert and Mr. Henry Eliot, who alternately pitched and stood behind the batter. They scarcely allowed a ball to pass. They with the balance of their comrades repeatedly received loud prolonged applause from the spectators, which was well attended by the fair sex. After the arrival of the Morrow boys they were taken to one of our hotels and treated to a sumptuous dinner by the Washington players, who also furnished plenty of beer on the play-ground. They did not return home until a late hour; when they left they requested your correspondent to return their most sincere thanks to the Washington boys for the many courtesies they received from them. P. H. MOONEY.

BEAVER, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LA., Sept. 3d, 1891.

To the Editor of the St. Landry CLARION—At the instigation of several persons residents of "Beaver," I beg to state that the best of my knowledge I am the only correspondent that has written to the St. Landry Democrat; my nom de plume has been for eight or nine years "Killed." The article signed by "Scrap" is not from my pen and does not present the sentiments of the residents of Beaver in any of its sentences. At the time of writing two are here present who can certify such a letter is false, and that we consider that Mr. Scrap is a little too fast, and have every confidence in our present Sheriff, and consider the change suggested by "Scrap" would be of no benefit to the residents of Beaver. I do not believe that Scrap resides on Beaver, or is he in any way interested in this section of the empire parish. Being thoroughly disgusted with the St. Landry Democrat for some time, I have not sent in any correspondence, as I am thoroughly Anti-Lottery whilst the St. L. D. is Pro-Lottery.