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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Judge.

To My Friends and The Public of St. Landry Parish: I am a candidate for District Judge of this District, subject to the nomination by the Democratic party, through primaries or otherwise, as the Executive Committee may deem advisable. I earnestly solicit your support.

JOHN N. OGDEN, Opelousas, August 11, 1899.

I am a candidate for the nomination, by the Democratic party of the parish of St. Landry, for the office of Judge of the 11th Judicial District, and will abide by its action, whether the nomination be made by primaries or by parish convention.

Fellow-Citizens of St. Landry: I am a candidate for the office of District Judge for this parish at the Democratic Primary Election to be held December 9th, 1899, and I respectfully solicit your support.

GILBERT L. DUPRE, Opelousas, August 11, 1899.

For District Attorney.

We are authorized to announce EDWARD B. DUBUISSON, as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM J. SANDOZ, as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of this Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce R. LEE GARLAND, as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce MARION L. SWORDS, as a candidate for Sheriff of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

At the request of many friends, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of St. Landry parish, subject to the White Democratic Primary Election to be held December 9, 1899, and I respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the parish.

Z. T. YOUNG.

I am a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry at the Democratic primary election to be held December 9th, 1899, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters of this parish.

VICTOR HUGO SIBILLE.

We are authorized to announce OZEME PONTENOT, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of St. Landry parish, subject to the Democratic primary on December 9, 1899.

To the Voters of St. Landry Parish: I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff of this parish at the Democratic Primary Election to be held Dec. 9th, 1899, and I respectfully solicit your support.

ADOLPH GUINDRY, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

For Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce J. J. BARRY, as a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

I am a candidate for Clerk of Court of the Parish of St. Landry at the Democratic primary election to be held December 9th, 1899, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters of this parish.

ALFRED PAVY.

To the Voters of St. Landry Parish: I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court for this parish at the Democratic Primary Election to be held December 9th, 1899, and I respectfully solicit your support.

HENRY E. ESTORGE.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT CHACHERRE, as a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of the parish of St. Landry, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

For Representative.

We are authorized to announce T. A. HICKS, as a candidate for the office of Representative of the parish of St. Landry, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce JAMES J. BAILEY, as a candidate for the office of Representative of the parish of St. Landry, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce D. W. BASS, as a candidate for the office of Representative of the parish of St. Landry, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce JOHN M. OGE, as a candidate for the office of Representative of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce LAURENT DUPRE, as a candidate for the office of Representative of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce YVES ANDREPOINT, as a candidate for the office of Representative of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce C. SEPTOON, as a candidate for the office of Representative of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce GEO. O. ELMS, as a candidate for the office of Representative of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES—THE ISSUE.

The issue to be determined by the Democracy of St. Landry on the 9th and 23rd of next month is whom shall it nominate for the various offices? Whom shall it choose for its standard-bearers for the coming contest next April?

The Democratic Executive Committee of the parish has called a "white Democratic primary" for the purpose of nominating the candidates of the Democratic party of this parish for the various district, parish and ward offices, etc., to be held on the above mentioned dates. If any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office for which he is a candidate, he shall be declared the nominee of the party for said office. If no candidate shall receive a majority of the votes cast for any given office at the first primary, then the highest shall make the race at the second primary, December 23rd.

At its first meeting, the Democratic Executive Committee invited registered white men of all parties to join in the primaries by the adoption of the following resolution: "That all white men who are registered voters of the parish of St. Landry shall be allowed to vote and participate in said primary election; provided, he obligates himself to abide by the result and support the nominee. In the event of any dispute as to the right of any voter to participate in the primary, the only question to be asked such voter shall be: Are you a duly registered voter of the parish and precinct, and will you abide by the result of the primaries and support its nominees for office?"

At a subsequent meeting, by mutual agreement, that clause was stricken out. That means that the invitation to Populists, Republicans, and other enemies of the party, to come into the primaries without pledging themselves, by their act of participation, to become Democrats. As the call now stands, it is a white Democratic primary to nominate Democratic candidates by Democrats.

As the method chosen for making nominations is by the direct votes of the members of the party in a general primary, no new platform can be adopted, and the nominees will have to stand on the last National and State platforms adopted by the party, which remain in force until new ones be adopted. Every candidate, therefore, who presents his name to the suffrage of his fellow-Democrats at the primaries tacitly agrees to stand on said platforms, or else he is not in good faith. The platform is therefore already made. The primaries will neither add anything to nor detract anything from it. As no new platform of party principles is to be adopted, the only function of the coming primaries is to determine the personnel of the ticket; that is: who shall the Democrats of the parish elect to place upon their ticket? To properly solve that question two things must be taken into consideration: first, the fitness of the candidates, and secondly, their party fealty and loyalty.

1st. The candidate must be fit. He must be honest; he must be trustworthy; he must have the capacity to properly discharge the duties and functions for which he seeks a nomination.

2d. The candidate must have a clean party record, or, if a recent convert, the sincerity of this conversion must, like Caesar's wife, be above suspicion. Nothing is so demoralizing to party fealty and party discipline; nothing so disheartens and disgusts the rank and file of a party as to place in power or authority or position of honor a deserter, or what is worse, a deserter and a traitor; one who not only deserts the party in its hour of need, but, joining its enemies, raises his traitorous hands to aim a deadly blow against it. This is a crime not easily forgotten or pardoned. The traitor to his country is thereafter not only not raised to a position of authority and power during life, but, dying, leaves to posterity a name execrated and detested. The same obloquy does not attach to the traitor to his party, it is true, but the offense is sufficient grave, and is held in sufficient detestation and contempt by the membership of a party to cause the most lamentable dissatisfaction and disorganization when an unfaithful member of the party is promoted over the head of an equally competent whose fealty has never swerved.

There are men who are candidates for the Democratic nomination at the coming primaries who call themselves Democrats, but who habitually vote against that party. One, District Attorney Garland, in a recent speech was heard to say that at the last election he thought the best way to obtain the office which he now holds was to fight the local organization of the party and its nominees and to boast that the result proved the soundness of his judgment. Doubtless he now thinks the best way to obtain the same office is to fall in line with that same local organization. Why? Because the negro vote, the weapon with which he successfully fought the party in the past, has been destroyed by the State organization, powerfully aided by the local organization. The same gentleman in the same speech proclaimed his allegiance to the Chicago platform; and that he still followed Bryan's leadership, but emphatically repudiated any allegiance to the "State machine" "parish bosses," or "ward heelers."

If he meant by that that he submitted to the authority of the National organization, but repudiated that of the State and parish organizations, he might possibly be in the right church, but certainly in the wrong pew, when he asks that same parish organization to make him one of its nominees.

If the Democrats of St. Landry wish to maintain the integrity of their party organization; if they wish to maintain discipline and esprit de corps in their party; if they wish to win the political battles of

the future, let them nominate for office none but competent and true and tried and loyal Democrats to office; men who stand up to the rack fodder or no fodder.

The Clarion is fully convinced that the Democrats of St. Landry who have heretofore been so sorely beset by enemies from within and from without, will not forget on the 9th and 23rd of next December, the men who have proved faithful in their allegiance, not only to the National organization, but to that of the State and parish as well, and will give them a rousing majority, such, for instance, as the Regulars of New Orleans received on the 7th instant over the bolting "Jacks."

There is some discussion going on in political circles as to who will receive the Democratic nomination for Governor in the convention that meets in Baton Rouge on December 20. There are two avowed candidates, Lieutenant-Governor R. H. Snyder and State Senator S. McC. Lawason, and rumor also states that Auditor W. W. Heard would like to take a four-year term as Foster's successor; but this is denied, and in refutation of said report people are given to understand that Mr. Heard will be satisfied to be nominated and re-elected auditor and wait another four years for the governorship.

There is also some talk about Congressman Robert F. Broussard, of Iberia, being a probable candidate for the gubernatorial nomination; and there is no doubt he will be if there is a deadlock in the convention and neither Snyder nor Lawason can win out.

The cotton-market, after going up like a flash, took a decided tumble some days since. Of course this was all the work of the speculators and cotton thieves, and will not materially affect the future price of the staple. There is no doubt that the crop is short, and if the farmers are careful and hold their product for a rising market they will be benefitted. At present it is a grand stand play between the bulls and "bears"—first one being on top and then the other. When these chaps cool their ardor and work off their surplus fat—accumulated through the years of robbing the people—the market will take a healthy rise. At present these high plunges up or down is both unnatural and foolish, and won't hold water.

Mr. Dubuisson only came out at the urgent solicitation of his Democratic friends. He did not intend to be a candidate within two minutes of the time he announced himself. It was the Democracy of St. Landry who called upon him en masse, you may say, and forced him to come out, and he could not turn a deaf-ear to his old friends, members of the party that he loved; that had stood by him in the past. The party needed his services and he buried his personal inclination and consented to run. That, and no more, explains his candidacy.

The election in Kentucky on the 7th has not been decided yet—that is, the official count hasn't been finished and it is so close that it is difficult to tell who will be the governor, Goebel or Taylor. Both sides claim the election by a narrow majority, and it is certain that there will be a contest before the legislature. That body is Democratic by thirty-five on joint ballot, and it is reasonable to suppose that Wm. Goebel will be the next Governor of the Blue Grass State.

The grave of John Paul Jones, American naval hero of the Revolution, has been discovered in Paris after many years search. His remains will be disinterred and returned to America for burial.

The Democratic primary in Calcasieu parish passed off quietly the other day. Miller for judge, Perkins for sheriff, Moore for district attorney, Drew for the Senate, Steidley and Vincent for the legislature is the ticket nominated.

Mr. Sandoz's Candidacy. Opelousas, La., November 14, 1899. Editor Clarion—I am reliably informed that on Monday, the 13th inst., Mr. W. J. Sandoz called on Mr. E. B. Dubuisson, and after informing him that numerous friends had solicited him to enter the race against Mr. Lee Garland for district attorney, asked him if he had adhered to his previously announced determination of not becoming a candidate for that office. Mr. Dubuisson thereupon positively assured Mr. Sandoz that he was not and would not be a candidate, advised him to enter the race and pledge to him his support; and that on the same day and afterwards Mr. Sandoz informed a number of influential friends that, as Mr. D. declined to become a candidate, he would enter the race. I know that in your paper of October 21, which appeared on the streets of Opelousas on October 24, announced that Mr. Sandoz had been nominated a candidate for any office, and that on October 26, two days afterwards, he announced that he was a candidate for district attorney. I am further reliably informed that when approached by Mr. Sandoz on the subject, Mr. D. stated to that gentleman that he had with great reluctance reconsidered his determination, and had done so only at the earnest solicitation of friends who insisted that he was the only man who could defeat Mr. Garland. Mr. Sandoz stated that he had been literally dragged out by some of his political friends, and that he had come out not for the sake of the office but for the sake of the party.

I, like Mr. Sandoz, and like many unprejudiced citizens of this parish, am fully convinced of the perfect sincerity and good faith of Mr. Sandoz in this entire matter. Mr. Sandoz, however, having entered the race, and having met with such flattering encouragement decided to stay in. He has been making an active canvass of the parish for several weeks and, like the chivalrous gentleman and good Democrat that he is, he has constantly avowed his belief in Mr. Dubuisson's good faith in the premises. He has met with much encouragement in every section that he has visited, and Mr. Dubuisson and his friends who insisted on bringing him out surely cannot close their eyes to the fact that he is not only receiving the active and earnest assistance of many of Mr. Dubuisson's former supporters, but that he is making very considerable inroads upon the ranks of Mr. Garland's active and earnest supporters. It is believed that the contest is fast developing into a race between Mr. Dubuisson and Mr. Sandoz for the office.

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Resolved, That, as he is only mortal—thinks as man thinks, feels as man feels—our sincerest sympathy and heartfelt condolence in this hour of profound grief; but remind him that—Death is an awful yet a sublime fact. God in His wisdom has seen fit to adopt this means of transition from a baser to a purer state, to a purer life. Why question Him? Do not those immortal words spoken by Calvary assure us—"I am the resurrection and the life? Does not the beautiful idea of Heaven suggest one? If on this mortal sphere we feel, yes, know our immortality, why question death? God's seal is placed on every lip that's hushed; God's sanction given every tongue that's stilled; God's hand extended to all those who've brushed.

As to this mortal form—and all its ill? Mrs. Harris was a charming, intellectual woman. She seemed to possess all those qualities that endure woman to man—that make home a haven of rest. She had suffered much, but has reached her reward—the presence of her Maker. Yet leaves behind a little girl, Sadie, not yet three, in whose frail form "A father finds affection nurtured there." God's will be done.

J. W. Jackson, Mrs. R. Mayer, Mrs. F. Warrick, Eddie Esher, Belle Hobard, Dudley Guilbeau, Belle Dupre, Gertrude Sandoz, Lionel Mayer.

A Card Of Thanks. To the People of Port Barre: My Patrons and Friends—I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the assistance displayed in aiding me to raise funds for the improvement of my school. I wish especially to thank Mrs. P. Robin for her untiring efforts in preparing for the occasion, for the use of her spacious and lovely home, and also her kind and hospitable assistance during the entire evening.

The Grand Coliseum band added much to the occasion by their presence and delightful music, and will long be remembered with pleasure and appreciation. PAULINE MIZZI, Teacher Lamourier School.

Proceedings of the Democratic Printing and Ticket Committee. Opelousas, November 15, 1899. Present: W. S. Frazee, chairman; R. Breaux, Thos. H. Lewis, Sr., and Jos. F. DeVargas. On motion of Thos. H. Lewis, Resolved, Voters at the Democratic primary election be instructed to indicate the candidates for whom they intend to vote by scratching out, or erasing, the names of all candidates for the same office except such as they wish to vote for, and that said instructions be printed on the ticket.

On motion of R. Breaux, the number of candidates to be voted for shall be indicated on the ticket. W. S. FRAZEE, Chairman, nov18-19

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