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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For Representative, Sixth Congressional District:

ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE.

For District Judge:

CHAS. KILBOURNE.

GEO. J. WOODSIDE.

For Railroad Commissioner, Second Railroad Commission District:

OLIVER P. BLAND.

STIR IN HOME POLITICS.

In another column appears the card by which Mr. Matt Gilmore disproves a charge which he thinks has been made against him, but which no one who knows him could seriously entertain.

Mr. Gilmore however convicts himself of ingratitude, without giving the cause for such action. While under financial obligation to Mr. Wickliffe (who was no money-lender by profession) and while received as a friend and coadjutor at Wickliffe's headquarters and entrusted with distribution of campaign matter he underwent some revulsion of spirit that induced him to desert the home man's cause.

"What was the reason for Mr. Gilmore's defection?" is a natural question which he has not answered. In any case, Mr. Wickliffe does not show in any but a good light throughout the transaction. A man, who on the eve of an expensive campaign lends a friend—he feels sure of—one hundred dollars without asking for interest or proof of indebtedness is not likely to prove traitor afterwards, and there need be felt no solicitude about the actual return of the note, which is locked up in Mr. Wickliffe's bank box, and not in circulation.

In fact, Mr. Wickliffe has been at home during August, but once, and then was so pressed with professional matters, that he doubtless overlooked the return of the note. To intimate that he could make an unworthy use of it is a charge that should not be made by one who has benefited by Mr. Wickliffe's kindness.

As one of Mr. Gilmore's closest and best friends, the writer is deeply grieved over his present course in supporting an outsider instead of the home man under the circumstances, believing as we do that he has not acted with his usual good judgment and home loyalty.

And when Congressman Bob Broussard visited the Plaquemine locks the other day, on a mission to push this important public work, where was Iberville's own rightful congressman? We commend the latter to The News as "so attentive to business."

Congressman Favrot's pamphlet giving his reasons why he should be returned to congress and that speech he made at Washington, was printed in New Orleans. When election day rolls around he will need several hundred New Orleans voters up here in the Sixth—the kind that vote early and often.

In his address to voters, George Favrot says he does not claim to have wrought any miracles either for his constituents or for his country during his term of service. Well, we have not heard anybody else making any such claims for him.

And it seems that he wasn't even a gardener-seed congressman.

AN INSULT RESENTED.

The New York Tribune's scornful question, "Won't somebody contribute thirty cents to Mr. Bryan's campaign?" bids fair to be a boomerang. Designed to express Republican contempt, from the vantage point of unlimited trust and corporation funds, for the Democratic appeal to the plain people, it produces just that "scorn of scorn" which will arouse Democrats to their best.

Indeed Democrats are replying to the challenge and are forming thirty-cent leagues in great number throughout the west. Sometimes just the wrong word proves to be the right word in stirring people to action. And it is not unprecedented if this scornful query of the Tribune's should not prove more effective for Democracy than many eloquent Democratic speeches.

THE LARGER VIEW.

One can easily imagine how merry the paragraphers would be over feminine foibles, if women had the right to vote. Such items as these would appear: "Miss Clara Vere de Vere will positively not vote for John Smith for constable, because he is so common, you know."

Mrs. Amanda Jones will not support Judge Allentown for senator because she was not invited to Mrs. Allentown's 'at home'."

"Mrs. Betsy Johnson is campaigning against George Maywin for judge because he voted against her for school director."

"Miss Flighty thinks Judge Goode should not be re-elected because he decided the case against her pet nanny goat."

And so on, and so on. Oh how merry the comments would be, and how pointed the criticisms on woman's narrowness and pettiness! And yet the same thing goes on among the men at every election, and no one ventures to say a condemnatory word. This candidate is turned down because he is displeasing socially to a voter, another because he has offended or injured the individual voter in some way in business. Retaliation and not justice speeds the ballot to the ballot box.

And these are men. We have already intimated how such acts would be characterized if emanating from women. It should open the eyes of men as to how their conduct looks to an impartial observer.

The ballot, intended for exercise in behalf of all, becomes the instrument of vengeance, or pique, or self-interest in the hands of the individual. Oh, that men would take the larger view! Or if they would even be ashamed of taking the narrower one that would be one step gained. But they are not even that. They admit without a blush that they are voting against Grignon on account of a grudge not realizing that the injury they do thereby to their own character, manhood and franchise is greater than to the candidate whom they seek to defeat. When men shall take that larger view, only then will they be in a position to criticize the follies of womanhood.

After a canvass of the house, there were only five men to sit on the platform when George K. Favrot spoke at the courthouse Wednesday night. No ladies on the platform. No bouquets.

George Favrot must like his graduation speech pretty well. He used a part of it Wednesday night. His famous (?) Filipino speech was also drawn upon to help pass away the thirty minutes.

West Feliciana R-publicans must have felt pretty cheap after Congressman Favrot's exhortation. Somebody should have posted George. He doesn't really seem to know who his friends are.

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The Election on Tuesday.

The agony will soon be over. On Tuesday, the voters of this parish will indicate their choice for district judge, railroad commissioner and congressman. There being no school contest, the interest is centered on these three offices.

For the first named position, Judge Charles Kilbourne and Hon. George J. Woodside of East Feliciana are the candidates. Both are good, able men, and true to our policy of not taking sides in a contest between home men, we must leave them to the dicta of their fellow citizens expressed at the ballot box.

For the second mentioned office, that of railroad commissioner, we can be less reserved as a home man, Oliver P. Bland of Wilson and the only candidate from this section is pitted against three trans-Mississippi candidates. We urge support of the home man. If the Sixth Congressional District does its duty by him he will be in the second primary.

Again, for congressman, we can be as open as the free air that West Felicitanians breathe. Three candidates there are, Hon. Victor Lefebvre of West Baton Rouge, Hon. R. C. Wickliffe, and the present incumbent, George K. Favrot of Baton Rouge.

It is a pleasure to point out the home man—our Bob—and to implore our voters to stand by him to a man. Because he is the home man and because he is worthy of the support of all home electors, stand by him. He may not always have pleased you—no man can please every one—but you or no one can make charge against him as an official, as a professional man or a citizen. Then forget all minor differences and rally to the polls with West Feliciana forever!

Judge Favrot says he refrains from personalities. Yes, stonethrowing is a luxury denied to people who live in glass houses.

No law breaker is fit to make laws for other people.

Mr. Wickliffe's Wilson meeting was so large that it had to be an open air affair. He will speak in Livingston parish today. Yesterday he addressed the people at a picnic in the 7th ward, East Baton Rouge. His last speech before the primary will be at Independence Tangipahoa parish. His prospects are bright and his campaign committee expect him to carry more parishes than either of his opponents.

School Notice.

I will hold an examination at the Julius Freyhan High School on Tuesday, September 1st, for the pupils who failed on not more than two subjects in the final examinations for the school year ending May 22, 1908. These pupils making the required percentage will be promoted to the next grade. The examination will begin at 8:30 a. m.

B. N. LOWREY,
Principal.

Stolen!

Stolen from my place about June 1st, one bay horse about 15 hands high, 9 years old. Branded with figure 8 on jaw and white ring around one ear made by string being tied too tight. Any information leading to the recovery of this animal will be liberally rewarded.

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A sick girl in Mobile was forcibly taken from her mother by habeas corpus proceedings in order to be placed in a hospital for treatment, the mother being a religionist opposed to medicines and physicians.

The Daily States subscription list for the Bryan campaign has nearly reached \$6000. Committeeman Ewing is determined to put Louisiana in the front rank as a worker for Democratic success. He calls upon the country press to open subscription lists.

The Dutch are preparing to blockade Venezuelan ports. A revolutionary movement has also been organized by Castro's enemies in that country, and while the Dutch attack him in front the insurgents will attack the rear.

Plans are being made to bring a number of immigrants to Louisiana this fall from the Northwest.

Representatives from the New Orleans Board of Trade who went to the Canal Zone to investigate conditions, say that there is no discrimination against New Orleans.

John W. Kern has been notified of his nomination as Democratic candidate for vice-president. The immense Coliseum at Indianapolis was crowded for the ceremony.

The press of Louisiana is exclaiming as one voice, "keep politics out of educational affairs." It is too late to yell now. Better begin a campaign to rid educational matters of politics. The job can be completed within two years.—Monroe News.

Favrot Speaks Here.

Congressman George K. Favrot spoke at the courthouse Wednesday night in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to congress.

About a hundred voters and several ladies were present. The meeting was presided over by Dr. A. F. Barrow who stated, when he introduced the speaker, that he did so in his official capacity as mayor of the town.

Mr. Favrot, in the opening of his address, paid a tribute to Louisiana womanhood. He then endeavored to excuse his vote in the constitutional convention on the section relating to negro suffrage, and argued against making frequent changes in our representation in congress. He closed his address by making a vigorous attack on Republicanism.

Those on the platform with the speaker were: Messrs. Matt Gilmore, James Logan, Clint and George Simmons, and Robert H. Barrow. The speaking lasted for about thirty minutes.

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