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What Is Democracy?

The tariff discussions in Washington and more particularly the votes on the tariff bill and on the various items in its schedules, have excited much controversy over the entire country and in the beginning there was quite a disposition to read recalcitrant republicans and democrats out of their respective parties, because they did not vote as republicans for the extreme demands of the protectionists, or did not vote as democrats for the demands of the democratic leaders.

The intervention of the democrats resident West of the Mississippi, of the Mills, Jones, Vest type, brought disaster to the party which in its platforms and in its principals had previously been conservatively protective. In 1892 a reaction had set in and Cleveland was again elected to the presidency and the West of the Mississippi democrats had full swing.

Our people seem to have forgotten that directly after the civil war the republicans West of the Mississippi were just about as rampant free traders as were the democratic senators who brought our party to defeat in 1888 and again in 1896 and ever since.

Grover Cleveland was elected president in 1884 on a platform satisfactory to the Eastern democratic protectionists. In 1880 General Hancock, who was the democratic candidate for the presidency in opposition to General Garfield, the republican, was very much importuned for his views upon the tariff question and he then gave utterance to the memorable statement that "the tariff is a local issue."

In the recent debates in Congress Senator Cummins of Iowa and LaFollette of Wisconsin, whose party loyalty cannot well be impugned, have not been read out of the republican party,

but have been called "insurgents". In our own state our own senators, Samuel Douglas McEnery and Murphy J. Foster, have been called "republicans." The unfairness, the vindictiveness of these appellations become apparent the more we study them—Senator Cummins of Iowa, which state is one of the greatest states in the federal union, is a good enough republican for the people of Iowa to have elected and re-elected upon the republican ticket as their governor, several times, and on the death a few years ago of Senator Allison, one of the most distinguished republicans in the federal union and a latent candidate for the presidency on the republican ticket, Governor Cummins was made United States Senator.

In 1894, when the Wilson bill became a law, we have no doubt but that Senators Mills, Jones, Vest and Voorhies thought they were doing the best they could for their respective states, but the first three senators just named were West of the Mississippi River and their views as to the policy of the country differed from those of the senators of the Eastern states, but with President Cleveland on their side, they won a short lived success in 1894 and continuous defeat in tariff matters ever since.

The true theory of democracy is that of local self government, and that much maligned doctrine of state's rights is one of its features. The arbitrament of war settled conclusively the lack of the right of secession by any of the states of the federal union, but in practically every contested point, of the rights of the states of the union, when reached by the supreme court, has been sustained in favor of the states. We believe that no man ever did more harm to the federal union than President Roosevelt, who was willing to override every constitutional or legal limitation, provided he thought his course was right.

In the instance immediately under consideration the fact that some parties are writing down our Louisiana senators and representatives as "republicans" leads us to ask where they can find a better, a truer democrat than Samuel Douglas McEnery, who fought for his state during the civil war and during the period of reconstruction? It was to him, to his immediate efforts that we owed the so called Ouachita plan of securing relief, which was simply to drive objectionable men out of the country.

We believe that our delegation in Washington has done splendid work there and that we owe much to them. We might say, incidentally, that Senator Clark of Florida insisted that adequate duty should be laid upon imported pineapples; that Senator Bailey of Texas, insisted that adequate duty

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PARISH NEWS.

Diamond. Judge G. V. Grobley, who was suffering from a severe case of indigestion, is himself once more.

Messrs. Chas. Bailly and Edmond Lassus spent one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Grobley.

Die. Marie Josephine, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Livaudais, on Monday at 5 p. m. the remains were laid to rest in the St. Bernard cemetery.

Pointe-a-la-Hache. O. S. Buras, of Triumph, was here on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ragus were visitors in our town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bohn, of Pass Christian are visiting relatives at Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Favret, of New Orleans, on Saturday, the 7th inst., a fine baby boy.

Miss Cora Crospin, the charming sister of Mrs. W. A. Meyers, paid a pleasant visit to relatives in our town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sogay and little daughter, were in Pointe-a-la-Hache Sunday, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Eridige Perez, Secretary of the Police Jury attended the examination for cadets to State University, Wednesday.

Mrs. G. Favret went to New Orleans last Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Favret and her newly arrived grandson.

Dr. Pines has been kept quite busy since his arrival at Pointe-a-la-Hache. The doctor speaks very highly of the people and the location and seems perfectly contented.

Mrs. W. A. Meyers and little daughter, Irma, after quite an enjoyable visit of three weeks at the home of Mrs. G. Favret, left for their home in New Orleans, Wednesday.

Hon. William Dymond, president and E. C. Kohn, secretary, of the parish school board, returned from Port Eads on Wednesday, where they had been examining school property.

Dr. Geo. A. B. Hays was at the Court House on Thursday, to examine into the sanity of Alexander Buras. Both Drs. Hays and Pipes will report to Judge Hodge in the next few days their findings.

Pilot Town

Misses Deborah Wright and Gene Felger, visited Mrs. Frank Blaise at Venice last Wednesday and spent a very pleasant time.

Mrs. R. Wright, accompanied by Wilmot, Bessie and Delmar Wright, are spending some time at Nicholls, the guests of Mrs. J. J. Kelley.

Sunday afternoon a merry party of Pilot Town girls and boys visited the U. S. Dredge St. John. Mrs. Ralph Gordon chaperoned the party.

The "Rain or Shine Social Club" of Pilot Town has been organized. The Club colors are blue and white and the members anticipate many happy parties to follow.

Quite an enjoyable time was spent last Sunday at the Cabitts Gap Light-house. The Misses Sauvage entertained Misses Deborah and Elsie Wright, Messrs. B. A. Hill, D. Hartnett, J. R. Jones, T. Armstrong, C. Armstrong, W. Wright, J. Maine and A. Gordon.

Last Thursday evening a jolly party of young folks from Pilot Town made the round trip to New Orleans on the steamship Manteo. A delightful time was enjoyed by those participating.

The Gazette gives all the news that is news.

HOME AND FARM.

The Poultry Yard.

A happy hen will make a happy mistress. Do not neglect the growing chicks, or they may become stunted.

Don't wait until young poultry begin to droop and the before looking for loss.

It is a waste of time and power—hard power—to try to hatch eggs that have recently been chilled by the hen leaving the nest.

When you have set all the eggs you care to for the season, send the roosters to market. Their roost is better than their company.

The nest is not flat; the eggs are sure to roll out from under the hen; and if too deep the eggs will pile on top of each other and get broken.

The faithful hen will stay with her eggs until fairly eaten alive with mites. Do take time to give settlers attention; keep her down, if something else must be neglected.

When a shower comes up the foolish young chickens need attention. I have known them to stand out in the rain with heads up and mouths open until they drowned.

Hens have a way of settling disputes over a nest that often results in scrambled eggs. The hen that is given a setting of choice eggs should be set where there will be no trouble with other hens.

When my fowls get the egg-eating habit, I find a dose of oyster shells to be the "cure-all" remedy. Give them enough the first time to cause them to gorge themselves. This has cured some bad cases.

When making a fruit pie, roll a piece of gasboard or stiff paper, and make a smokestack as big around as a pencil and an inch long. Insert in the upper crust in an upright position, and the juice from the pie will not run out.

Did you ever watch a hen just after you had put some nice clean straw in the nest boxes? Hear her talk about it when she climbs in to lay her egg. She knows the difference and is happier than when the straw was dirty and had lice in it.

Smyrna Figs.

The following information concerning the preparation of figs for market in Asiatic Turkey is furnished by Vice-Consul-General Ernest A. Magnifico, of Smyrna.

The process of fig curing as practised in Asia Minor is simplicity itself. The fruit dries naturally on the trees and dries and drops when perfectly cured. They are then collected and spread out on scrags, or smooth, hard beaten pieces of prepared ground, measuring usually 10 yards by 2, and sloping slightly, so that any rain falling may run off immediately, where they remain four to eight days, according to the weather conditions, to dry thoroughly. They are then tightly packed in jute or wooden bags and shipped to the markets.

The figs to be packed in boxes are simply sorted into various sizes, rolled roughly into shape and then pressed into the boxes by the workers, whose hands are kept moist with sea water, or in places where that is not to be had, with a brine of water and common salt.

The thickness of the skins is not affected by the curing or the packing, but depends entirely upon the water supply; the less water, the thicker the skin. About 80 per cent of the fig trees are entirely dependent upon the rainfall for water supply, the last rains being generally early in May. In those districts where there is an abundant water supply, the trees are irrigated once in the month of June and once in July, and these plantations, without exception, produce the thin-skinned and juicy figs, which are the best quality. The trees that have not been regularly irrigated from the time of their planting are seriously damaged if irrigated upon reaching maturity.

The Forty-Acre Farm.

That we attempt to farm too much land in the Southwest to obtain the best results therefrom, has been a constant admonition from these columns for more than a quarter of a century, but a clearer, more self-evident illustration of this truth could not be found than in the case of a former Texas farmer and his three sons having more than they can do on an Arkansas hill farm of 40 acres.

The big problem of the fruit and truck growers lies, not in raising, but in solving the problem of marketing. It is essential to know the available supply, and the immediate demand. No set of small marketing organizations can ever meet this requirement on under one head. It will be necessary for the growers of each district to organize on this principle, if they

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the 40-acre farm will return more profit in time than the larger farm.

But before that, the question of soil adaptation and soil conservation and soil upbuilding will have received near- er their dues, and agriculture will have come to be generally regarded as a science when with definite processes, approximately definite results can be obtained. From one Ranch.

Marketing Organizations.

Growers of fruit and truck crops have made much progress during the past year in the matter of organizations for marketing purposes; but, as yet, their accomplishments are far from ideal. Organizations of these interests may be said to have passed the embryonic, but they are certainly in the most elementary forms of articulated, active, economic media.

Organization of growers has achieved this much: The movement of community crops may be controlled by the community, the selling may be done on the track. That next stage of organization, the control of the output of a district by the producers, has not been reached.

As an illustration of conditions, only the workings of nature, the seasons, prevents Arkansas and East Texas strawberry growers from cutting each others' throats. Yet there is always a market, somewhere, for all fruits. The trouble comes from a lack of coordination between the growers of one community and the growers of another. While Van Buren and Judsonia may each be shipping to an overcrowded market, other associations may be directing their shipments to the same points, and other markets may be bare.

If all the growers in a district were organized into a coordinated, highly active body, many mistakes of shipment might be avoided and a higher average price obtained.

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