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Some Pure Democracy.

THAT there is a stratum of pure democracy underlying the intelligence of the thinking men of the country is evidenced by the fact that at a recent banquet in New York of the National Civic Federation Senator Elihu Root was one of the speakers and unhesitatingly took the ground that in order to maintain the highest national civic conditions it was necessary to maintain the rights of the various states of the union, excepting as they were specifically relegated to the central government. Mr. Root stated that our country is too large, its interests too great and complicated to place all of its legislation under the control of a central government and we are left to infer that he was in favor of repressing that tide of centralization that seems to have obscured the senses of our own democrats and to practically sway the present republican party. When we think that the governor of our own state a few years back joined in a national convention to do away with, or restrict the powers of the state quarantines; that he urged and consummated the sale of our own Mississippi River quarantine station and that he solicited the federal intervention into the health affairs of the city of New Orleans, placing the same in the hands of a comparatively inexperienced medical man of the U. S. Service, we can see how men of our own democratic faith are sometimes led astray and peril the foundations of our government which are based upon the theory of one great republic composed of a federation of minor republics.

It seems absurd to require the Puritans of New England, the Germans of Ohio and Missouri, the French of Louisiana and the Scandinavians of the Northwest to all live and abide by the same legislation. It is better to make our vast population of various origins into one homogeneous people by means of our common language, by intercourse between the states, and by state education and without any state religion, all as laid down by the fathers of our government. Senator Root, when he came to the test in New York before the National Civic Federation, enunciated just as good democratic doctrine as the Supreme Court of the United States does whenever such cases come before it. The Supreme Court endeavors to do what is right and in common opinion it has done it, excepting under the stress of the issues of the civil war, when by packing the courts Hayes was made president, paper money was made a legal tender and the income tax was declared constitutional.

It is a pity that so many of our most intelligent democrats fail to recognize the gradual invasion of the rights of the people of the states by the central government and to recognize the resistance to this invasion as the cardinal doctrine of the democratic party, rather than to run off into side issues as how revenues shall be secured by the federal government; how tariff taxes shall be levied and on what commodities.

The Romance of The Reaper.

THE invention of the reaper by Cyrus Hall McCormick first revolutionized agriculture in the United States and then throughout the entire world. Many of our older men recall the days of their boyhood, when wheat was cut with the cradle and threshed with the old fashioned flail. The Virginian, Cyrus Hall McCormick, began the solution of the problem of harvesting the grain crops of the country with a mechanical device and horse power about 1830. He struggled with the problem for many years and finally succeeded and the McCormick harvesting machines, while they have many excellent competitors, are at present among the best in the world.

Up to the outbreak of the civil war the more elementary forms of the reaper were in use and then the improvements of the machines became rapid, because of the loss of the hundreds of thousands of young men from the ranks of the harvest laborers in the Western states. When the Centennial Exposition occurred in Philadelphia in 1876 the industrial world was startled to see how advanced the mechanism was then. At that time the complete harvesting machines had been perfected and wire was used for the binding. This was an objection raised at the time and a few years thereafter binder twine came generally into use and we have the splendid harvesting machines perfected as now.

Cyrus Hall McCormick was the pioneer in all this work and the commissioners of the Illinois Farmers' Hall of Fame will on Wednesday, December 15, at the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, install in the Hall of Fame the name of Cyrus Hall McCormick. The ceremonies will be conducted at the memorial hall of the College of Agriculture at Urbana, Illinois. An elaborate programme has been formulated and addresses will be made by Gov. Deneen of Illinois and quite a number of the most distinguished agriculturists in the country. The

portrait of Cyrus Hall McCormick will be unveiled by Miss Muriel McCormick, the granddaughter of the distinguished inventor. This year is the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Cyrus Hall McCormick and he had one of his early machines at work when he was only twenty-two years of age. Agriculture owes more to Cyrus Hall McCormick and to such men as he, than it can ever repay and it is a very wise and proper thing on this hundredth anniversary of his birth for the agriculturists of the state of Illinois, where he did most of his inventive work, to honor his memory as they are now doing.

The Central Bank Idea.

SENATOR ALDRICH, the distinguished representative for the state of Rhode Island in the U. S. Senate, made this season a financial tour through Europe and recently a tour in the West. His mission was stated to be to learn more thoroughly the measures taken in Europe to maintain a proper degree of steadiness in the money market and to prevent such panics as we seem to have every ten or twenty years. It is said that in a recent address in the West he estimated the loss in market values brought about by the panic of October, 1907 at 2,000 millions of dollars. We are not much disposed to discuss this matter from an economic point of view, as the finances of the good people of the Parish of Plaquemines are not at present in such an oppressively good condition as to demand suggestions for proper investments, but to look at Senator Aldrich's advocacy of a central bank from a political point of view.

The oldest bank in the city of New York is the Bank of New York. It was founded in the revolutionary days and the fathers of the colony of New York and of this republic were so conservative in their views that for many years they refused to allow any other bank to enter the field. As the business of New York increased at the end of the 18th century earnest efforts were made to secure an additional bank and they generally failed, but Aaron Burr, whose skill as a lawyer was at the time unsurpassed, secured from the New York legislature a charter for the organization of the Manhattan Co. for the purpose of supplying the city of New York with water and any surplus capital to be utilized in any other manner not inconsistent with the constitution of the state of New York or of the United States. This trap caught the people of the city of New York and of the state and the charter of the Manhattan Co. was secured. A small waterworks was erected in Chambers Street, near Broadway and this was kept in operation nominally at least, up to the civil war. Every time any Broadway excavation occurred they formerly, and probably now, turned up some of the old wooden water pipes of the Manhattan Co. All this, however, was a mere blind to the purpose of the company, which was to inaugurate a bank and this was done and the Bank of the Manhattan Company became a very prominent institution and was one of the two or three banks that did not suspend in 1837 or in 1857.

We only mention this to show how conservative the founders of this government were and how reluctant they were about granting any rights to chartered companies. The individualistic, or democratic idea practically prevailed with all the people. Those interested in individualism as the condition belonged to the democratic party under its then title of "Republican" and those more disposed to favor centralization belonging to the Federalist party. In due time a United States bank was formed and one of the first things that Andrew Jackson did was to order the deposits to be taken from the U. S. banks and to be placed in the U. S. Treasury and it has been only since the civil war that the public monies have been deposited to a very considerable extent in the banks of the country.

Before the civil war the various states of the union had excellent banking systems. Of course there was a whole lot of wild cat currency in the country where the banks were organized upon miscellaneous stocks and bonds, but the Louisiana banks were regarded as good throughout the length and breadth of the land, the Louisiana banking laws being considered excellent and the banks were always held in high repute up in the western states. The Kentucky banks were good as were also the state banks of Ohio and Indiana. During the civil war all of these banks were shut out of business by an arbitrary tax of 10 per cent. upon any circulation that they might choose to issue, with the results that they all discontinued issuing notes.

Louisiana is big enough to control her own finances. The state is big enough to do a great deal more in the way of its state institutions than it does at present. By the report of our own insurance department we find we are now sending out of the state four or five millions of dollars annually to the various insurance companies of the other states of the union, thus losing monies that ought to be declared in dividends to our own people, as it was so largely done here a generation ago. We believe that every patriotic citizen of Louisiana should oppose the recently launched central bank idea and should oppose centralization by the national government in every practical way.

The question may be asked of us as to what we would do about our levee system, without national intervention. We would say that the control of the navigable waters of the federal union is expressly relegated to the central government and in doing this it is now endeavoring to maintain the channel and to do this without destroying the adjacent country. It seems to be quite a problem on the Lower Coast, but with the excellent levee system now in existence and in process of improvement, it is a

pronounced success thus far.

We scarcely think that the Chicago banks will follow Senator Aldrich's lead, as Chicago has repeatedly shown its wonderful capacity to resist the panics that have developed in New York. Chicago did not suspend payment during the panic of 1873, when all the rest of the country had suspended. Let us have no central bank to dominate the finances of the country and to sustain in their hours of need such men as Rockefeller and Harriman, who want all the money and complain that the West stands as borrowers from the East, even though the reverse may be the case.

PARISH NEWS.

English Turn

Mr. John Gibbens, Jr. and Messrs. Jack and Fower Waterman of New Orleans were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Babington of St. Clair on Sunday. They spent a most enjoyable day and returned that evening to the city.

Miss Arthemue Babington spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Miss Blanche Earl of New Orleans and reports an enjoyable time.

Mr. Finney of the Chicago Board of Trade and Mr. and Mrs. Gillen of Chicago were down to visit Mr. I. S. Lothrop on a business trip in their automobile on Friday.

The Braithwaite factory is now running smoothly and grinding on an average of a thousand tons of cane a day. The weather for grinding has been very favorable and all of the planters are delivering cane to their full capacity. Linwood, Mary and Stella have already finished their crops for 1909. Mr. George Stiede paid a visit to the factory and report things running nicely.

Mrs. J. B. Babington and children, Artemus and Helen, and Mr. I. S. Lothrop, spent a very pleasant day at Linwood Sunday. Mr. Babington and son, James, spent the day in the city.

Mr. I. S. Lothrop spent Monday in New Orleans.

Mr. Grehan, of New Orleans spent Sunday evening and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Babington.

Nestor.

Mr. Rudolph Waltzer, who has been seriously ill, is now on the road to recovery, due to the skillful treatment and attention given him by Dr. Wm. H. Pipes of Pointe-a-la-Hache.

The trim launch Tebouptoulas was taken from the river into Nestor Canal by Messrs. Charles and Henry Vogt on Saturday.

Mrs. Alvin Lee and Miss Noma Huras are now collecting to present Rev. W. S. Slack a very costly Christmas gift.

Mr. F. L. Staniel visited his father at Amesville, La., on Sunday.

Mr. C. Henritzy was a business visitor to the Crescent City during the past week.

Miss Irvie Henritzy, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. E. Henritzy visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. Henritzy.

Home Place.

Mr. Ernest Alberti was a business visitor here one day last week.

Mrs. Frank Giordano and her daughter, Birdie, spent Thanksgiving in New Orleans, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Koester.

The friends of Mr. Louis Hingle, who has been sick for some time, will be glad to learn that he is convalescing.

Mr. Sam Lyons of Gretna, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Walter Richards of New Orleans was the week end guest of Miss Agnes Lyons.

Mr. Jules Hingle spent last Monday in the Crescent City.

Mr. Edward Lassus who has been on the sick list is recuperating.

Mrs. S. Catalanatto returned to her home in New Orleans last Sunday, after a delightful stay of one month, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Augustin Bally.

Dr. H. L. Balloue was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giordano last Sunday evening.

The Busy Workers' Club was organized by the pupils of the Home Place school. The officers elected were: president, Miss Agnes Bally; vice-president, Martin Buras; secretary, Miss Celianna Bally; treasurer, Miss Cora Chatter. The club holds its meetings every Friday evening.

A great many hampers of beans are being shipped daily from this place to the Chicago markets and the shippers are receiving favorable prices.

Nero.

Mr. Joe Savore is having some dynamiting done in his orange orchard near the school house.

Mr. J. B. Hingle left Tuesday night on the Grover Cleveland to spend several days in the city.

Mrs. Ben. Ansardi accompanied by her three bright children spent last week end with relatives at Myrtle Grove.

Miss Fredricka Gravolet, her brother August and Miss Louise Cosse spent last Sunday at Myrtle Grove.

from the city, was down the coast last Thursday in his trim gasoline launch.

Because of the warm weather this week there were but few ducks killed.

Our school here is in a flourishing condition; the pupils are very much interested in their studies, and the teacher has introduced a little manual training which the children are working well. Basket weaving and paper cutting was done the past few weeks, and at least fifteen neatly woven, well shaped baskets of raffia have been made by the children and the walls of the school room are decorated with beautiful colored paper chains and small pictures framed by the primary class.

One day last week, at the unceremonious hour of three o'clock a. m. the lower part of this community was aroused and very much excited by an uneasy serenade. Two boys who were headed toward the back levee for ducks, were attracted by the noise and without second thought assumed it to be the howls of two crazy men, and turned back to their respective homes, with double speed and without investigation. At each step their fright grew more intense, and they started crying at the top of their voices, "Two crazy men! two crazy men!" They got home and locked themselves well in the up stairs room and pointed their guns toward the road to make sure of getting the crazy men when they came in the yard. For three long hours they waited. When daylight came and the sun was peeping well up over the back levee the boys returned to the place of the crazy men and found—two big old dogs, each sitting on the bough of an orange tree, laughing and jabbering English to each other. The boys speak only French.

Venice.

Mrs. Oscar Buras and daughters are visiting the Crescent City on business.

Dr. H. L. Balloue visited our school last Thursday afternoon, and vaccinated thirty-two pupils.

Mr. Sigmund Schoenberger was a business visitor to our place last week.

A large crowd attended the interment of the sweet baby boy of Mrs. L. Buras, which took place last Wednesday. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved mother.

Mr. J. C. DeArmas jr. has almost completed the building of Mr. Manuel Osear. It is one of the most beautiful residences in our town and the skillful work of Mr. DeArmas is greatly admired.

Mr. V. Marshall entertained a jolly bunch of girls and boys last Sunday evening in his trim little boat, Grace. Songs were sung and the gay voices of the crowd sounded melodiously to the listeners on shore. Those who participated were: Misses, Stella, Vesta and Alma Marshall, Sadie, Leone and Jane Buras, Messrs. Louis Galle, James Marshall, John and Will; Andy, John, Maudin and P. L. Buras.

Our two competent game wardens, Messrs. Smith and Santes, are still very active in the pursuit of their duties and are visiting all the passes.

Miss Julia Biaggini and Joseph Clark jr. spent a very pleasant Sunday evening with Miss Marie Buras.

Mr. Louis Galle of New Orleans, will be the guest of the Misses Marshall for a few months.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jeanfrean and presented them with a bouncing boy.

Master Walter Blaise, a bright little boy of this place returned home from New Orleans last week.

Mrs. C. F. Hallberg and her two little daughters, Alma and Hilda, from Neptune, were visitors at Venice last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Villere Dennis paid an agreeable visit here last Thursday, accompanied by their little daughters Ruth and Ruby.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for the marriage of Mr. Philip Buras and Miss Lucy Buras.

Our little village seems to be in solitude since the hunting and trapping season has begun. We hope that the hunters and trappers are successful.

Mr. F. C. Buras who was on the sick list is now convalescing.

Mrs. Alex. Conway from Burrwood is visiting relatives here.

Miss Lizzie Kinkella had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. John Conway, last Sunday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Muchobrac was blessed by a bouncing baby girl.

Mr. Ernest Alberti of San Rise was a visitor to the Misses Bernard on Sunday.

Misses Leonie and Sadie Buras visited their sister, Mrs. V. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaise are spending a while in New Orleans, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Laing.

Miss Irene Clark has returned home after a stay of several weeks in the Crescent City.

The marriage of Miss Louise Cataush of Triumph to Mr. Albert Angelo of this place is announced for the near future.

A Negro Shot.

A negro by the name of Jos. Detrian alias Doe was shot and mortally wounded last Tuesday night, by Lynn Tompkins, a white man.

It appears that Doe left his home in Pointe-a-la-Hache on Tuesday morning in a pirogue, going down the river looking for work from some of the levee contractors along the line, arriving at "Devils' Flat," Pointe Pleasant, he entered the premises of Louis Bennet, Mrs. Bennet, being alone in the house and seeing the negro enter the premises,

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ses, armed with a shotgun, became a school paper to be published once a month, and will be known as the Sentinel.

Miss Kraft of the Algiers Hotel, enjoyed a hunting trip in the rear of West Pointe-a-la-Hache, last Sunday.

There being but one witness present it has been impossible to get very accurate information concerning the shooting. The negro is now in the Charity Hospital in New Orleans in a critical condition.

Pointe-a-la-Hache. Misses Fredricka and Louise Cosse were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cosse of Myrtle Grove last Sunday.

Miss J. Ward Gunn of New Orleans was the guest of her sister Mrs. Sidney B. Meyers on Sunday.

Mrs. Felix Borne was the guest of her daughter Mrs. R. Emmet Hingle for the past week.

Mr. Felix Borne visited the home of Judge and Mrs. R. Emmet Hingle on Sunday.

The Simon boys, accompanied by several of their friends, were in our town Sunday, for the purpose of enjoying the day in hunting and fishing.

Messrs. Bernard and Lionel Favret visited their mother Mrs. Gustave Favret on Sunday.

Mr. P. C. Sears, of Chicago, was in our town on Tuesday, for the purpose of looking over the lettuce crops.

Mr. P. Lewis was a visitor at the home of Judge and Mrs. R. Emmet Hingle.

During the storm of September 20 an area of about fifteen acres of land was floated by the force of the wind and water and landed in the Back Levee Canal in the rear of this place, leaving a small bay and completely obstructing the canal. Judge R. Emmet Hingle with a force of men have for the past week been engaged in clearing the canal of this obstruction.

Superintendent Edwin C. Kohn will leave Monday for Marksville, Avoyelles Parish, to attend the Parish Superintendents' Convention.

Dr. William H. Pipes left for the Crescent City yesterday on business.

Mr. Alvie Hingle, of Belair, representing the Singer Sewing Machine Co., was in town Thursday.

Mrs. G. Favret went to New Orleans this week on business.

Miss Julia Wadsworth and her pupils at the Courthouse School have started

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