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War News.

Bombardment of forts at and near Santiago, Cuba, have been kept up this week, and a landing of 800 marines was effected at Guantanamo, where forts arranged, supplies stored, and other preparations made for the landing of our invading army, which was to be made yesterday, under Gen. Shafter, with 15,000 men who left Tampa Tuesday. 5 or 6 of our men have been killed in defending this place, but many Spaniards were killed.

Another expedition is being fitted out to take Porto Rico, while later on Gen. Lee will lead 40,000 men to the capture of Havana.

The second expedition has started to the Philippines, and consists of 33,000 men under Gen. Otis. The first expedition should reach there in another week, but it is likely the Philippine Insurgents under Aguinaldo, aided and directed by Dewey, will have taken Manila before our troops reach there.

Will Mr. B. W. Baily of Winn, please explain his reason for voting against the Railroad Commission in the Constitutional Convention. Surely the Populists have very generously and continuously demanded one.—Shreveport Progress.

We do not think Mr. Baily will need any suggestion from us to aid him in an answer to the above question, or that it will in the least disturb or inconvenience him, for there were several reasons he could give for voting against the measure, and the most suggestive one to us would have been, for the reason we believe this measure was offered more as an impediment to the popular, growing in favor, populist measure "government ownership of railroads" than as a relief to the people; and it is for the purpose of propounding the following question to Bro. Hicks that we take notice of what he says. Will you, Bro. Hicks, please cite us to a single instance wherein the populist party have ever demanded a Railroad Commission? We ask you for this information, first, because we have noticed this charge before in democratic papers, and secondly, because we give you credit of wanting to be fair, and state facts when you make charges, and thirdly, because the charge is erroneous and misleading.

Populists demand government ownership of railroads, and not a Railroad Commission. Quite a difference to people who have studied these questions.—Progressive Age.

Two Kinds of Americans.

The Sentinel, published in Washington, D. C., says: "At the time when Lieutenant Hobson and his men were sailing into Santiago's harbor, thinking only of how the brief moments of life that then seemed left to them could best be used in their country's service, some other Americans were also feeling that the war was making large demands upon them. "Mr. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil Company and Mr. Havemeyer of the sugar trust were tossing on restless pillows thinking how they could evade contributing even the smallest percentage of their gigantic incomes towards defraying the expenses of the struggle.

"Hobson and his brother heroes escaped death, and if the experience of the past is any guide, Havemeyer and Rockefeller will escape taxation. To think otherwise would be to deny that peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."—Caucasian.

Yellow fever is reported to have broken out at McHenry, Miss., a small place near the Gulf coast. 8 cases have developed, but 2 are well, and there were no new cases Wednesday. The place is under strict surveillance, and it is not thought that the fever will spread.

Read the POPULIST.

Sacred Rights Lost.

The recent jury term of the District court just held here discloses some of the encroachments of that wretched Democratic farce—the Constitutional convention—upon the most sacred rights of the people.

The Grand Jury has been cut down from 16 members to 12, and it has been stripped of the great bulk of its power, which has been transferred to the Dist. Att'y. Here in Natchitoches where it never before sat less than 2 weeks, and sometimes 4, it finished up last week in less than 1, so much of its former work was done by the Dist. Att'y.

The petit jury had little to do the first week of court—a jury of 5 being used in a few cases, but none in most—and this week it was discharged on Monday morning the first thing after court assembled, while next week's panel has been notified not to come.

Thus the sacred right of trial by jury is slowly but surely and stealthily being wrenched from the hands of the people and placed in the hands of the lawyers and the Democratic machine.

The right of suffrage has already been abridged, debauched and befuddled, until the average citizen considers it almost worthless.

The great Declaration of Independence vouchsafed to every man the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and as both life and liberty have been endangered by the Louisiana Democrats, the only thing left absolutely untrammelled to our people is the PURSUIT of happiness—with but little prospect of catching it.

Little did we think that an English speaking people of Anglo-saxon descent, born on American soil, and inured to freedom would submit to the destruction of the great principles of the Magna Charta and the Declaration of Independence.

All these frauds upon humanity were attempted to be passed as constitutional amendments, and submitted in the general election of 1896, were almost unanimously voted down by the people.

So the Constitutional convention just closed was no more nor less than a Democratic arrangement, premeditated "with malice aforethought," to fasten upon the people of Louisiana the very things which they had voted down.

And yet there are animals passing for men, who will not only vote for a Democrat again, but for the very Democrats mostly instrumental in working all this ruin of liberty.

The Lake Charles American says:

"The Baton Rouge Advocate grows tiresome in its continual harping about the newspapers of the State having changed front on their treatment of the new Constitution. As shown some time ago, the Advocate and the Daily States, one printing the proceedings of the convention and the other those of the Legislature, both at war-time prices, are the only papers hotly defending that most wonderfully constructed Constitution. Both of the papers broke out and roasted the convention to a finish, but were speedily whipped into line by the politicians, who awarded them fat printing jobs. It is all right for the Advocate to whip all around the stump if it so desires, but it should quit traducing other papers. The Constitution is now the organic law of the State, and all any good citizen can do is to obey its mandates while it remains the law, but that does not make the Constitution a good one. What was a wrong yesterday is a wrong to-day, and will be a wrong a year from now. When politics is allowed to dominate a constitutional convention good results are impossible. Time may palliate the offense of inflicting this Constitution on the people, but the outlook for the State's progress while hampered by the monstrosity is not a cheerful one. If the Advocate would get to work and by pointing out the many shortcomings of the new Constitution, thereby seeking to have them remedied at the earliest possible moment, it would be doing more for the whole people than by continuing to publish columns of nauseous praise for a rotten Constitution in order to hold its political printing job.

Notice.

If the Parish owes you anything come in and get your money. The Treasurer has got it on hand.—Colfax Peoples Demands.

The above notice in one of our papers from our Parish Treasurer would astonish the natives in this country, yet such a notice from the Treasurer of Grant parish has been standing in the above paper for about a year, or ever since the Populist Police Jury and Treasurer took charge of the parish finances, and had time to straighten out the disordered condition in which Democrats left them.

Here we have a Democratic majority of 2 on the Police Jury, and the chairman of the parish Democracy is parish Treasurer, and as one of the results, though this is one of the richest parishes in the State, and although taxes were raised last year nearly \$8000 to the parish alone, the jurors at the term of court just closed, had to discount their claims from 5 to 10 per cent to get any money.

In Winn parish, where they have a Populist Police Jury and Treasurer, the jurors are all called up at the end of court and paid the cash for their services, and in every other parish where the Populists control, the finances of the parish are alright.

But here where the Democrats, in the name of "White Supremacy," have controlled things since '76, and have collected from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for parish expenses alone, every year since we have enjoyed their glorious "white supremacy" we have to discount our parish paper to get any money for our services.

Isn't it passing strange that at every term of court there just happens to be no money to the credit of the particular fund out of which the witnesses and jurors are paid? Although the other funds have some \$10,000 to their credit in the bank which is the custodian of all the parish money? And that the other money always gets around in from one week to a couple of months after said jurors and witnesses have discounted their scant wages and gone home?

This discount, boys, is a small part of what you pay to Democracy which has robbed you in the name of "White Supremacy" since '76, and will continue to rob you as long as you are fool enough to vote for it.

The remedy is easy enough—just vote for a Populist Police Jury like Winn and Grant did, and you may not have a bank flourishing in your midst, but you'll have the money that keeps it fat, in your trousers' pockets.

Setting Cuba Free.

(From the Cleveland "Leader.")

There were coat tails wildly flapping in the circumambient air, Here and there some one was sprawling on the floor; There were cries of "Order, order, order, order," from the Chair, And a hundred timid members scampered wildly for the door! It was not a Deadwood soiree nor a cowboy jamboree, Nor a Cripple Creek discussion, nor a Dawson City brawl; The House of Representatives was setting Cuba free—** that was all!

Hairy fists were fiercely shaken under bleeding noses there; Cries of "Liar!" "Coward!" "Demagogue!" were bandied to and fro; A little "gent" from Georgia hurled a volume through the air, Which a "gent" from Pennsylvania dodged by ducking very low! Oh the people who had gathered in the galleries to see, Fled in terror or hysterically groveled on the floor! The House of Representatives was setting Cuba free—** that was all!

There were whiskers of all colors flying through the atmosphere, And yells of terror mingled with the howls and hisses there; Gentlemen called one another names that can't be printed here, And hair and ruffled neckties fluttered wildly in the air! It was not a Deadwood soiree nor a cowboy jamboree, Nor a Cripple Creek discussion, nor a Dawson City brawl! The House of Representatives was setting Cuba free—** that was all!

—S. E. Kiser.

Populist Committee

Which meets on the 25th inst. at Baton Rouge:

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Populist Press of Louisiana

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Who will attend the conference in Baton Rouge next Saturday, 25th inst.: Judge M. F. Machen. Dist. Attornies { A. B. Hundley. { C. B. Roberts. Senators { J. P. Patton. { M. R. Wilson. { A. T. Nelson. { J. E. Meadors. { C. L. Gimby. { T. W. Pipes. { I. D. Hogan. { H. Breithaupt. { D. E. James. { A. W. Stewart. Representatives { J. M. Brown. { J. E. Bullard. { J. W. Williams. { J. W. Baily, Jr. { Pat. Danahay. { W. L. Truman. { J. W. Young. { Josiah Klienpeter. { John Grigsby. { J. H. Crawford. Sheriffs { John Doshier. { W. J. Davis. { W. R. Carroll. { E. C. Jones. { J. G. Talliafero. Clerks { W. L. Shackelford. { Z. T. Craft. { J. L. Fontenot.

Associate Justice L. B. Watkins of the State Supreme Court, has been appointed to succeed himself. Att'y. Gen. Cunningham was an active candidate for the appointment, but like the governor's office, it eluded his grasp.

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Thos Lambert, 6 W G Kile, 8
Jeff Lowe, 2 O Hardee, 10
P C Rogers, 1 H B Plaisance, 4
Pat Coffee Jr., 2 Ad Godard, 1
W R Sewell, 6 W R Marshall, 8
W O Carter, 6 I Raphael, 4
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Fred Lestage, 9 W H Lowe, 4
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Tom Boswell, 8 B F Drangnet, 1
Wm Bachal, 10 C Chaplin Jr., 1
I H Mayet, 6 Henry Russell, 7
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