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"WOOL HAT"

Reaches for the Delta Man—He Hits a Lick or Two.

ALDEN BRIDGE, La., October 5, 1892.

To the Editor of The Progress:

The strictures contained in the New Delta of the 23rd of September, in regard to any Southern white man voting for Weaver and the People's Party candidates for Congress is severe, uncalled for, and without the semblance of facts.

The Delta charges that any white man voting for the above parties, vote direct for the Federal force bill and negro supremacy. Now, this kind of political gush is mere twaddle in the ears of the reform Democrat. Such harangue and mad-dogging in the eyes of the conservative thinking farmer and laborer. The crack of the Delta's party whip falls still-born to the earth, and is not heeded by the masses.

The farmers and labor classes are the prime movers in the reform revolution, under the name of the People's Party. It was their votes that seated Hon. Murphy J. Foster in the gubernatorial chair, and reinstated the Democratic dynasty of the old ring bosses. It was their power and influence that killed the "Louisiana State Lottery" and saved Louisiana's name from humiliation and disgrace.

From the fact that the farmers, seeing such bar-face corruption in the Democratic party, called a halt, and demanded governmental reform, and for such demands, the farmers were kicked out of Cleveland's Democratic party.

The farmers declared the right of having a voice in the election of their rulers, and are not willing to subsist alone upon the crumbs that fall from their master's table; and for these just reasons are stigmatized as traitors to party principles, and are not worthy to sit at meat with the party managers—the bosses.

The Federal force bill—the Democratic scare crow—died in Congress two years ago, and the conservative element of the Republican party will never permit the passage of a force bill so infamous as this one. Therefore, no force bill exists, and the farmers have nothing to fear from that source, as they never anticipate trouble ahead, or cross a bridge before they get to it. Negro supremacy is a thing of the past, and only lives in the vivid imagination of the wily politician as a phantom to intimidate the laboring classes and bring them back under the boss rule.

If the dead Federal force bill existed today as a law, with its infamous intent, it could not be compared with the one-man-election-law of Louisiana. This iniquitous plan of conducting elections in this State is the grandest and most unmitigated fraud ever perpetrated upon a fee people. Under this existing law, the executive is clothed with autocratic power, who can control the ballot to suit his will. Such power is dangerous in the hands of a king.

Still the Democratic press continues to howl about the dangers of a Federal force bill when the citizens of Louisiana are deprived of their liberty with one here at home that suprateth the whole world in its unlimited power for evil.

The people are going to vote the People's Party ticket from A to Z, and give the executive committee an opportunity of keeping its hand in by counting out their candidates. The machinery must be kept greased, you know.

"WOOL HAT."

JUST FOR BUNCOMBE.

"Twist" Spring Ridge and the Texas State Line.

BUNCOMBE La., October 5, 1892.

To the Editor of The Progress:

Deeming that a few dots from Buncombe would be of interest to your readers, I venture to inflict this upon you and them. But as some of your readers may not know where that part of the moral vineyard called Buncombe is situated, perhaps it will be best for me to say right here twist Spring Ridge and the Texas State line, thence north to Lick Skillet. It does not, however, include either of the above mentioned cities, but does include one of the newest and neatest school houses in the parish,

outside of Shreveport. There ought to be maintained here one of the best schools in the parish. It presents a fine opening for a competent, masculine, middle aged teacher.

Our cotton crop is short, but we are harvesting the finest corn crop we have made in years, and the turnip patches are growing up right royally. So, with plenty of potatoes and peas on hand, we are still cheerful and hopeful that if we can win the election for the People's Party in November, a brighter day may yet dawn.

On the 17 inst, the People's Party met in masse at the school house and organized a club, endorsed the party's nominees, etc.

But, to return to the subject of education, we think the success of the People's Party will prove a more potent factor in the educating of the children than the levying of taxes, for we know that many laboring men and farmers are too poor to take advantage of schools, even when established at their doors. Let Louisiana arise in her might and help throw off the financial yoke placed upon her by one of the old parties and held on by both of them, and then, may the poor children learn to read. I think we will do it. I know of no method so effectual in instructing the masses as that adopted by the Alliance and other labor organizations. Few read the political papers, and fewer still understand them. The people are reading, hearing and thinking. We will soon have a State full of intelligent voters. The war of 1861 is over and we are finding it out. BUNCOMBE.

TALK UP YOUR TOWN.

The "Croaker" Was Never Calculated to Build Up a Town.

SHREVEPORT, La., October 7, 1892.

To the Editor of The Progress:

As we go about town from day to day, and talk to the various business men, we sometimes get so tired that we wish we could, like Rip Van Winkle, go somewhere and sleep a few years, and then wake up and find the croakers all out of sight; that they had been gathered in by their heavenly Father, where they can no longer stand in their store doors and bewail the hard times. Yet we fear they will not be satisfied, for verily we believe they will kick, no matter where they go. They seem to think it a part of their business to abuse the town or somebody in it. Instead of saying to the stranger that Shreveport is played out, they should have a word of encouragement for every one that crosses their doorstep. Ask one of these same merchants to advertise his business, and he tells you that it don't pay. He ought to take his sign down, so that nobody can find him. We are happy to say that there are not many of this class in Shreveport. Yet we suppose that the good Lord intended them for a purpose, like many other things that are of no seeming use. The trouble is, they never die or leave the town.

Talk up your town, for we have got a good one. Many croakers owe all they have to the town, for they came here with nothing, and have grown rich.

It is true that a calamity was visited upon us by the spring flood, but because you are not raking in the shekels by the scoopful, it is no reason why you should stand all the day long and abuse the town.

Take down your goods and dust the accumulation of years from them. Do like you see the wide-awake advertising business men doing. Put in a nice front, keep yourselves busy making your goods as attractive as possible to the passing public, and you will begin to lose your croaking habits, and have a good word to say at all times.

It is a living fact that the merchant and business man who is a liberal advertiser is always well satisfied with his business, and is always ready to say a good word for his own town. Yours truly, D.

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GRAND REUNION OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

The Lake Charles Echo requests the papers of Louisiana to publish the following, which THE PROGRESS does with pleasure. We were too young to engage in the late war, but we can show our appreciation of the heroes who were old enough and did offer their lives for the principles that they and we love so well:

COMRADES - Calcasieu Camp No. 52, United Confederate Veterans, have organized a grand reunion of all Confederate Veterans of this parish and South-west Louisiana, to be held October 21, 1892 which will be Columbus Day, or the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. This day will be observed all over the United States as a national holiday.

We propose to erect a camp in one of the beautiful groves that surround our city, where all the old Confederate soldiers will be fed and sheltered, thus bringing back the memories of the days from 1861 to 1865 when we stood together for a cause we all loved so well.

Around the camp-fire, on the night of the 20th, we propose to meet each other with the hearty hand shake and recount the scenes of bygone days—the story of march, bivouac and battle, of dangers of field and flood, of trials through heat and cold, in a word, to have one more good old Confederate rally before we pass away into the Great Beyond.

Every Confederate soldier, whether enrolled or not in the organization of United Confederate Veterans, is cordially invited and urgently requested to attend.

Arrangements will be made with railroads to give reduced rates over their lines.

Distinguished ex-Confederate generals, among whom will be Gen. Gordon, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans; Gen. Moorhead, adjutant general; Gen. Lyman, Beauregard, Fitzhugh Lee, Early, Nicholls and others, are expected to be in attendance. Mrs. Jefferson Davis and daughter, Miss Winnie, are invited.

Eloquent speakers will be present and deliver addresses.

Come, and induce all your comrades to come with you, and meet a soldier's welcome.

W. H. ALBERTSON,
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THOS. K. KISPETER,
W. L. HUTCHINS,
G. M. GOSS-ET,
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Arrangement Committee.

A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD.

That portion of Caddo parish in the neighborhood of Jewella, which several years ago bore little signs of improvement, has in the last few years undergone a wonderful transformation. The cultivation of fruits, vegetables and diversified farming has made that section a prosperous neighborhood. The number of small farms, with their neat houses and orchards, have by the enterprise of their owners become veritable gardens.

The people have worked out of debt, have reclaimed old fields and enhanced the value of land from \$2 to \$10, \$15 and \$20 per acre. For instance, Mr. Walter Monkhouse, by intelligent industry, made a portion of the old Ward place as good a farm as can be found in Caddo parish. It yields a handsome profit every year. The orchards, cows and stock in that thrifty settlement bring their owners a steady income and a better profit for the time and labor employed than some of the large Red river plantations. Every year witnesses a steady improvement and growth. Jewella has good schools and churches, and a thrifty and intelligent community are rejoicing in the change of the old one-crop all cotton, idea. This portion of Caddo furnishes an object lesson, and is a fair settlement of what can be done, and demonstrates that hill farming can be successfully conducted.

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For the St. Louis Fair, to be held October 3 to 8, the Texas and Pacific railway will sell excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip, selling October 1 to 7 inclusive, good to return to and including October 11.

For the Alliance Picnic at Stone-wall, La., on October 8, the Texas and Pacific railway will sell excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip.