

THE PROGRESS.

THE TICKETS.

Democratic. For President, GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York. For Vice-President, ADLAI E. STEVENSON, of Illinois. Prohibition. For President, JOHN EDWELL, of California. For Vice-President, DR. J. B. CRANFILL, of Texas. People's Party. For President, JAMES B. WEAVER, of Iowa. For Vice-President, JAMES G. FIELD, of Virginia.

FOR CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT.

Democratic. N. C. BLANCHARD, of Caddo. People's Party. T. J. GUICE, of DeSoto.

LET US BE MAGNANIMOUS.

The doctrine embodied in the Golden Rule is one which commends itself to all people and nations where justice is considered and civilization reigns. It was laid down by a master mind, one to whom the question of ethics was as simple as our a b c. Coming then from so great a master, men of whatever nation need not hesitate to follow its precepts, practice its teachings. As long as he keeps within the scope of its spirit, no man need fear for the consequence, as a question of right, justice and fairness. In this spirit then, we suggest that our returning officer give the People's Party representation at the polls in the coming election, in the nature of a commissioner chosen by themselves. If they are misguided in their ideas of political necessities, no one will discover the error sooner than they will, and a return, like the prodigal of old, will be a question of but a short time. If they are not deceived, but have a casus belli, a reason for organizing a new party, of course there will be no return, but their fight will be kept up as long as there are men of the faith with courage and manliness sufficient to keep it up. But of this latter this article has nothing to do. Its spirit is for the Democratic party to be magnanimous, and accord to the followers of the People's Party the same rights which the party in power would wish if the condition of affairs were reversed.

Of one thing there is no doubt, and that is, the People's Party will never be taught their error, if any exists, by means of oppression and ostracism at the polls. To treat their claims as childish requests is also hazardous, and one which will not strengthen the cause of Democracy.

Liberty, justice and equality have dominant places in the breast of the American people. It is their inherent characteristic, and education strengthens its growth until it becomes the ruling power in their composition.

In this cause our forefathers fought, and to their posterity they have handed it down as their most sacred heritage, one which should be upheld at the sacrifice even of life, if need be. An attempt on the part of any party or power to deny another the freedom of speech, action or franchise brings to the assistance of the oppressed all the individual spirits of manhood in the nation, and the power that would attempt injustice in the matter of franchise between those of equal intelligence and honor, will ere long go down in the mire of defeat.

The Democratic party cannot afford to deny the People's Party adherents representation at the polls. To do so will sound the death-knell of the now dominant party. Men

who still adhere to its standard, despite the call of the People's Party, which in many instances are righteous ones, will not do so if the former party attempts any act of intimidation or unfairness against this new party at the polls next month.

We have no right to treat our brethren in this manner. Many of the People's Party have done more to overthrow negro domination and secure white supremacy than either the Returning Officer of Caddo parish, or this writer either—that is, in this parish at least—and we think it would be in extremely bad taste for either of us to treat the followers of this new party as insurgents and men disloyal to the cause of Caucasian rule.

We do not know that Returning Officer Soape will refuse the People's Party representation, and for the cause of Democracy we hope he will not, but if he does, he will do more, in the brief time between now and the election, to overthrow the Democratic party in this parish than all the lowest elements of the infamous force bill could accomplish in a long time.

PRESS ECHOES.

Progressive Age: Prof. J. M. Collins, a graduate of Centenary college, has taken charge of Longstraw academy, and the school will open on the 10th instant.

Webster Signal: We see that the police jury of Claiborne has discontinued its Poor Farm for one year. It would be a good plan for the police jury of Webster to get one, and the paupers will vanish like clouds before a Biscay gale.

And it would pay Caddo to have one. Then parties against whom charges are lodged in justice courts would be convicted, the convicts would work out their fines, and there would be no necessity for grand juries to ignore bills, and have money "wrung from the tax-payer's pockets and utterly wasted."

Signal: Ex-Senator J. R. Phipps, and Miss Susie Freeman were married in Homer a few days ago. We wish friend Phipps abundant happiness, and may he and his lovely bride never have cause to regret the step they have taken.

Signal: A Cleveland club was organized in Minden on Wednesday last, with about two hundred names, with Wards 5, 2 and 3 yet to be heard from. Let each precinct organize a club and work for our next president. Every indication points to Cleveland and Stevenson.

Houston Post: The colored voter in the South has emancipated himself from Republican slavery and is now voting the straight Democratic ticket with a degree of political independence highly creditable to his intellectual advancement and more intelligent conception of the duties of citizenship. The negro in the South is no longer a purely political chattel.

Plaquemine Home Journal: The spurs put down by the government engineers last year do not seem to be much protection to our river banks. We learn that a large portion of the bank near the third spur has caved into the river and that the water at that point is about forty feet deep.

Journal: Mr. A. H. Gay has had to build a veritable railway across the large U. S. government levee in front of his Union plantation.

Journal: The grand jury for the October term of the District Court of the parish of Lafayette concluded its labors last Saturday evening and returned seventy-eight true bills against merchants and others for violating the Sunday law.

The people of the State seem to be waking up on this question, and now we will see who will govern the affairs, the law or the saloon men?

The town is full of people this week, and it seems as though "King Alcohol" is sitting on his throne with great pomp and majesty and saying to the souls of men "my foun-

tain is sweet and enticing, come and drink at my table, it will afford you pleasure." My dear fellow mortals, this curse of strong drink will destroy the happiness of your family and all earthly pleasure, and at last send your soul to hell. Why do you continue drink at this fountain?—Vernon News.

Louisiana Sun: The present cut rates in Chicago of \$12 round trip to New Orleans, with a prospect of their going much lower, is bound to fill this country up with "northerners." Hammond can accommodate a few, providing they are peaceable people and do not object to being pecked like sardines. If waver, they had best come early if they wish to occupy a "front seat."

The attention of those taking advantage of these cut rates should be directed to North Louisiana. We have homes for them all. We have good land for them, a healthy climate and good public schools. Some good Samaritans should point them to this part of the country.

Louisiana Builder: Work on the mammoth sugar refinery on the Willow Glen plantation, a few miles from Alexandria, is steadily going forward. The total cost of buildings, machinery, teams, etc., will foot up \$285,000. It will be ready for business in June next, and will employ about one hundred hands.

Builder: The bank of Houma has increased its capital stock from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Democrat-Journal: The State Normal School at Natchitoches opened with 218 matriculations against 151 a year ago. And yet the years those who say that education languishes in Louisiana.

Lake Charles American: The total enrollment and average attendance of our public schools for the month ending Sept. 30, were respectively 330 and 262. For the high school 33-29, grammar 50-43, intermediate 53-43, third primary 59-46, second primary 66-48, and first primary 69-53.

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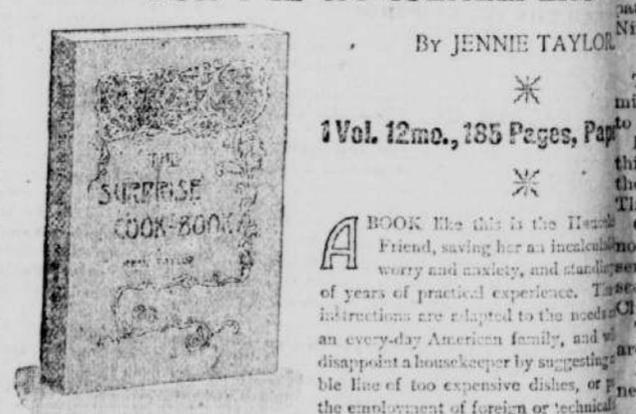
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