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HON. W. E. WASSON TALKS.

He Tells What Induced Him to Vote for Caffery.

He Thinks the Ends Justify the Means, Thereby Imitating the Great and Only E. D. White.

To the Editor of The Progress.

BEYON ROUSE, La., May 21. In your issue of May 19 you have an editorial headed "Senator Caffery's Election," in which you severely criticize the members of the Alliance for supporting Caffery for the Senate, and I am glad, Mr. Editor, that I also find in the same issue that you endorse Mr. Blanchard. Now I do not propose to render any apology to THE PROGRESS for my actions, being one who has not acted in accord with the views of its editor, but wish to make a statement for the information of my constituents, both members of the Alliance and those who are not members of the order. In the first place every member of the Alliance whose names you have given as supporting Mr. Caffery are strong friends of Mr. Blanchard and feel as THE PROGRESS does that he is nearer the people than any candidate before the Legislature. Now the question was, how were we to elect Mr. Blanchard, the favorite of North Louisiana? It is a well known fact that Mr. Blanchard's position on the silver question, the income tax and other measures advocated by the Alliance, are as much opposed by the southern part of the State as is Mr. Caffery's position opposed by the northern part of the State.

With this difference the question was, can the Alliance members and other members favorable to Mr. Blanchard elect him and also elect a man of their choice from the southern part of the State; or should the supporters of Mr. Blanchard be willing to elect him by the aid of his friends from South Louisiana and leave it to them to select their own candidate? On thorough canvass we found it impossible to elect our man without help from South Louisiana, and in getting that support we had to look to Mr. Caffery's friends as they were the only ones that could insure

enough votes to elect Mr. Blanchard, and we did not feel that we had the right to dictate whom they should choose to represent them. As for James Price or Boutner the election of either was certain defeat to Mr. Blanchard, for if the Alliance members had combined to defeat Caffery with either of them, his friends would undoubtedly have voted against Blanchard or at least enough to have defeated him; but by supporting Mr. Caffery we had the assurance of support enough to land our man, and I can say Gov. Foster did all in his power for the election of Mr. Blanchard. Mr. Editor I believe that you are a fair man, although you may get a little wrong some times, but soon get right. I would ask you candidly, do you think that if the people of South La. preferred Mr. Caffery and he was the choice of a large majority, do you think we of North La. should dictate to them whom they should select or ask them to elect some other not their choice, especially after conceding to us our advice without any reservation whatever? The Senators are now chosen to represent different parts of the State and it is the first time in over fifty years that North La. has had a Senator and I am glad to know he is a man that THE PROGRESS endorses, even if it does not endorse the manner in which he was elected. I am glad you have given the names of the Alliance that voted for Mr. Caffery and also those voting against him. You will find among the names supporting him Alliance members whose fealty to the order cannot be questioned, men who in the last session of the Legislature were called the old guard on account of their unswerving support of Bro. Adams, but the members found the situation different and have acted for what they thought best always having in view the election of Mr. Blanchard. As for the members whose names you give as not supporting Mr. Caffery and whom you praise for it, some may not have voted for Mr. Blanchard in the event that Mr. Caffery had been defeated, that is, it is very doubtful if they would all have given their support.

And now Bro. Cal, I have tried to give you a view of the situation here

and the cause of our course, hoping it will somewhat allay your displeasure against us that supported Caffery; but if it does not and it will do the cause of reform any good, I say go ahead giving us H. Hail Columbia. Wishing THE PROGRESS and its Editor success, I remain, yours truly,
W. E. Wasson.

Not Treated Fairly.

The following notice we clip from the Caucasian of June 5:

Will you kindly make a correction of the game of base ball between the Cotton Street Sluggers and Fairfield Blues? The game at the close of the ninth inning was 18 to 10 in favor of the Blues. The game was played at the Shreveport and Houston depot and not at the base ball park. Garnet Billin was umpire and and Hervey Little scorer. A. S. Prescott, Captain of Blues.

As the reputed error was made by THE PROGRESS we think our friend, Master Albert Prescott should have first called on us to learn from whence we gained our information, and if in error, we would gladly have made the correction.

If his card in the Caucasian is correct, THE PROGRESS has been most shamefully treated, by having its credit imposed on by those in whose veracity it had the utmost confidence. No doubt you thought it a nice joke, boys! but it is no joke at all, as it placed us in the position of making a false statement.

THE PROGRESS had intended to open its columns to the small boys, and to give an account of their match games, but if its confidence is to be so unfeelingly and unhesitatingly betrayed, we will alter our purpose and devote its space to those who have a higher regard for veracity and the confidence of those who trust them.

The Auditor's Report.

THE PROGRESS is indebted to Hon. W. W. Heard, State Auditor, for his report of the condition of the State's affairs, which come under his supervision, for the years 1892 and 1893.

This report, which is neatly bound in cloth, contains a fund of information which is extremely valuable, and we assure Auditor Heard of our profound appreciation of his courtesy.

WEATHER CROP SUMMARIES.

Louisiana—Crops continue generally good stands, except rice that is reported variable. Cane is flourishing, and corn is tasseling. Cotton is good, but lice are reported and the growth has been retarded by the cool nights. The showers of past week were scattered, and general warm rains are needed.

Texas—Rainfall was above the normal except near the coast. Temperature was below the normal. Cotton is well worked and is doing well. The wheat harvest is under good headway and the crop is good. The oat crop has improved.

Arkansas—All crops are in need of rain and warm weather. Oats were badly damaged. Wheat is good and harvesting has commenced. Cotton is about at a standstill. Corn is doing fairly well but is small. All crops are clean and well cultivated.

Mississippi—Plenty of sunshine but rainfall hardly sufficient. Weather too cool since 1st, checking growth of crops and causes lice in cotton. Oats harvested with light yields. Some corn laid by. Crops are backward north but look well in south part of State.

Alabama—Cool nights and light frosts Thursday and Friday. Cotton has made no progress and looks sick. Corn and oats in fair condition. Considerable hay made. Warmth and rain badly needed.

Georgia—There has been no rain except in northwest counties and there is drought in every section. The temperature has been low except on the coast. Much cotton has died. Sweet potatoes cannot be set for want of rain.

Florida—The showers were badly distributed and the rainfall was generally insufficient for vegetation. Crops have, however, improved in some sections. Hailstorms have damaged crops in the central part of the peninsula.

South Carolina—There is but little improvement to be noted in the staple crops and they have remained at nearly a standstill. Much cotton is dying owing to the cool nights. The wheat and oat harvest continues. Rain is badly needed.

North Carolina—The first five days

of past week were cool and last two much warmer. Slight damage on June 1st by frost in western and central portion. Abundant rainfall in east part of state, but rain is greatly needed in west portion. Wheat and oats are being harvested, and the yield is below the average.

Tennessee—The low temperature and dry weather were very unfavorable to the growth of crops. Tobacco and corn need rain badly, and pastures are failing rapidly. The cool weather has seriously injured cotton. Wheat looks well. Oats are inferior. Peanuts were injured by the cold.

The Louisiana Chautauqua.

The third session of the Louisiana Chautauqua will open at Ruston on July 23, and continue four weeks. A beautiful location, ample accommodations and reasonable rates make the Chautauqua an ideal summer resort. The best advantages are offered with special reduction in rates and special courses of study for teachers. A brilliant program will be presented, Platform lectures, reunions, Red Letter days, musicals and social diversions.

Grand rally of the journaists will take place July 6, Press Day. The public are cordially invited. Platform lectures embrace the following unrivaled orators:

July 6 and 7, Ex-Gov. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee.

July 11 and 12, Hon. H. W. J. Ham, the celebrated Georgia humorist.

July 18, the Ex-Gov. R. B. Hubbard, silver-tongued orator of the Lone Star State.

July 23 and 24, Rev. Sam Jones, of international fame.

For handsome Annual containing full program address Mrs. M. H. Williams, Shreveport, manager, or Mr. B. E. Thompson, Ruston, secretary.

While the Democratic party is not proud of its Congress, and doesn't hesitate to say so, the Republicans have nothing to glee over, as they have done nothing but blockade legislation, like the Democrats, while the people starved. Broad-minded statesmen are those we have at the national capital, truly.

Peabody Normal Institute.

THE PROGRESS has, from time to time, given notice that this institute would meet here at the appointed time. Monday morning, June 4, quite a large number of teachers from this and surrounding parishes convened at our High School building and at once entered into this busy work. Profs. Caldwell and Byrd, Mrs. McVoy and Miss Lawless compose the faculty.

This institute is for the bettering of our teachers in every possible way in the line of teaching. All the latest methods that have been devised by the ablest teachers of the land are brought before this body of teachers, that they may be the better qualified to go back to their life work.

Prof. Caldwell comes from the Moline (Ill.) public school and sustains well the reputation that had preceded him as one of our finest educators.

Mrs. McVoy comes fresh from the Tennessee Normal, whither she has been for a time preparing for the normal work. She was (while as Miss Carter) for years one of the faculty of our State Normal.

Miss Lawless comes to us from the State Normal as one of our finest educators.

As to Prof. Byrd, his reputation as an educator is too well known to this community for any words of praise from us.

There is, up to this writing, quite a good attendance of teachers.

There is in the line of this great and instructive work a practice school for children, where teachers teach under the supervision of the faculty; and the other work is where the teacher, for a time, become a pupil, and submits him or herself to be taught.

From 5 to 6 every evening, there will be instructive lectures on one or two topics, to which the public is invited.

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