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SATURDAY, MAR. 31 1900. Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR W. W. HEARD, OF UNION. FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALBERT ESTOPINAL, OF ST. BERNARD.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN T. MICHEL, OF ORLEANS. FOR AUDITOR W. S. FRAZEE, OF ST. LANDRY.

FOR TREASURER LEDOUX E. SMITH, OF RAPIDES. FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL WALTER GUION, OF ASCENSION.

FOR SEPT. OF PUBLIC EDUCATION J. V. CALHOUN, OF ORLEANS. Democratic Judicial Ticket.

FOR JUDGE OF 20TH DISTRICT, L. P. CAILLOUET, of Lafourche. FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SAME DIST W. P. MARTIN, of Lafourche.

FOR SENATORS 10TH SENATORIAL DIST W. H. PRICE, of Lafourche. A. J. BONVILLAIN, of Terrebonne.

Democratic Parish Ticket. FOR REPRESENTATIVES, OSCAR ANGELLOZ, M. DELAUNE.

FOR SHERIFF, JAMES BEARY. FOR CLERK OF COURT, CHARLES J. BARKER. FOR CORONER, DR. A. J. PRICE.

Democratic Ward Tickets. FOR POLICE JURORS.—Ward 1, J. L. Basset, Ward 2, J. L. Aucoin, Ward 3, Charles J. Guedry, Ward 4, J. P. Bourg, Ward 5, E. U. Morvant, Ward 6, Lovincy Rodrigue, Ward 7, J. Alcide Chauvin, Ward 8, R. M. Hatcher, Ward 9, James Moran, Ward 10, F. P. Parra.

FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.—Ward 1, A. E. Hoffmann, Ward 2, C. A. Engerran and Oscar L. Caro, Ward 3, E. P. Bernard, Ward 4, E. P. Dekane, Ward 5, J. B. Bourgeois, Ward 6, Joseph Meyer, Ward 7, H. L. Young, Jr., Ward 8, Marcellin Bourgeois, Ward 9, John Lyall, Sr., Ward 10, Auguste Cretni.

FOR CONSTABLES.—Ward 1, Charles Braud, Ward 2, Adrien Roger, Max Dupre, Ward 3, Jos. D. Bernard, Ward 4, Clement Hargis, Ward 5, D. L. Laperouse, Ward 6, John L. Rodrigue, Ward 7, Robert L. Askew, Ward 8, Bud White, Ward 9, John Lyall, Jr., Ward 10, Joseph Bémout.

Snap Shots. Messrs. W. E. Howell and Jules Godchaux, candidates for judge and senator, spent last week campaigning in Terrebonne. Mr. Howell is reported as having made speeches at ward meetings, in which he roasted Democrats generally. Democrats should make note of this fact, and remember it when he goes round soliciting votes.

The great majority of the white people of Louisiana are Democrats. There is no gainsaying this fact; even the most rabid Republican, with the least regard for his reputation for intelligence, will admit it.

Now, if all the Democrats are such rascals and villains as the Republicans spellbinders paint them, what a pretty condition of affairs the State is in, to be sure. We really don't understand how the Republican partisans can stand it. It is time for them to pull up stakes and quit;

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they are too good, too honest, too high toned and pure to live here. They should be translated to another world, where their pure and unspiced souls will be in no danger of contamination, or at least they should seek fresh fields and pastures new.

But, may be, things are not so bad as the Republican spellbinders portray them; it is just a way which they have of calumniating their fellow-men—just to try to slip into office.

Poor fellows! they are so office-hungry, that it is almost pardonable. The Republican speakers spend their time and efforts in denouncing and calumniating the Democratic administration and all prominent Democrats. The poor fellows! they can not find any real flaw in the Democratic record, and they are, perforce, driven to resort to the weapons of the calumniator and detractor. That is their only stock in trade in the present campaign.

The people have learned the value of the baseless charges, and receive them at the proper discount. "There ought to be a change of officers," say the opponents of the Democratic party, "and a change of administration."

Well, why? Give us the reason, and let it be a valid one. The old cry that the Democrats have been too long in office, won't do. It is not a valid reason for changing an official. On the contrary, if he has been an honest, efficient and faithful servant of the people, it may prove a good reason for continuing him in office.

For the same reason, if a political party has long honestly and faithfully, ably and efficiently conducted the affairs of the state, that is a very good reason for continuing such a party in power and trust, instead of relegating it to the rear.

Such is the common sense rule applied in the ordinary affairs of life. Only the designing demagogue or ambitious office seeker would reverse this safe and time-honored principle. The people, however, are not such fools as demagogues and office seekers take them to be; they know and appreciate true merit, and they will not turn out honest and faithful officials, and the Democratic party which has always defended their rights and liberties against the encroachments of the Republican party, the party of centralization and imperialism, simply because the Democratic party has been long in power.

The Republicans will have to give the people a better reason to justify their cry for a change. We suppose that by this time the factious inquiry "who has ever heard of Heard," bawled back and forth by the opponents of the Democratic party, shortly after the Baton Rouge convention, has been fully answered.

Even the dullest of dullards in the ranks of the opposition has now heard of Heard. Nay, more, many who made the inquiry in derision, regret that they ever made it, now that they have heard of Heard.

They will hear of Heard again on inauguration day, and, again, often during the next four years of his Democratic administration. Let them make a note of it for future reference.

All honor to the Hon. Honoré Dugas! he has refused absolutely to allow his name to stand on the ticket of the party whose head maligned the levee boards, of which Mr. Dugas is an honored member. It is a pity there are not more self respecting Republicans of Mr. Dugas's type.

In a report of the Chalachoula Republican meeting we find Mr. Howell, one of the speakers, reported as saying: "The Democratic party, he said, was a mere sheepskin for office-hungry wolves." Not very complimentary to the majority of the white men of Louisiana who are Democrats from conviction, and not for office;

but let it pass. This is not what we started out to say, and only make the comment en passant.

Mr. Howell was a Democrat, and judging from his past public utterances and his zeal and devotion for the party, a true blue Democrat, until 1894. During the time of his profession of Democratic faith he ran twice for office in the judicial district composed of the parishes of Assumption and Lafourche. Was he then an office-hungry wolf parading the country in the sheep-skin of Democracy? Or was he an honest, honorable man, having the courage of his convictions, boldly professing the doctrines of the Democratic faith, because he firmly believed, and openly seeking to gratify a laudable ambition, within the ranks of his party?

If our distinguished fellow citizen answers affirmatively the last question, what warrant, may we inquire, has he, for charging those who remained in the faith which he then professed, and which he has since repudiated, with being hypocrites and knaves? for that is what his language means.

Assuming that Mr. Howell is honest and sincere in the convictions which he now professes, why can he not accord people who differ from him in their political belief equal credit for honesty and sincerity of purpose?

Are all men who differ from Mr. Howell and his political associates in their political views hypocrites and knaves? It may be, but it will take a higher authority than Mr. Howell and his fellow-ranters to convince us of the fact. And until we are convinced to the contrary, we shall continue to credit all men with honesty of purpose and sincerity in their political professions, whether or not they agree with us. Should we ever discover a hypocrite parading in sheepskin, seeking office or public trust, we shall not hesitate, in our capacity of journalist, to expose him as such and hold him to the contempt of all honorable men, without, however, attacking the rest of his party associates.

The Thieves Helped Themselves. Billie Heard says that the people are wrong in thinking that they are being robbed of their liberties. That's right—when there is nothing to be robbed of there is no danger of robbery. The thieves got in a good while ago and helped themselves.—Donaldsonville Times.

Yes, the thieves did "get in a good while ago and helped themselves"—just about twenty-two years ago, in fact, and the white people of Louisiana don't intend to repeat the experiment. As to having nothing to be robbed of, you're wrong. Thanks to conservative Democratic management, we have something to be robbed of—prosperity, and a full treasury, white supremacy and settled industry, stable enterprises and commercial confidence, and we don't intend to replace all these with negro insolence, white (?) robberies, bankruptcy and ruin. Nay, nay.—Daily Leader.

The Republican Campaign. (Sunday), at Donaldsonville, the Republican campaigners had another "fall down." We read every day of the meetings of these gentlemen with mingled feelings of amusement and sympathy. We are amused to see grown men going through such tomfoolery and we sympathize with a number of very estimable and intelligent gentlemen deluding themselves with the belief that they are making a campaign for "reform."

Indeed, they remind us of a story a friend told us of a fight in a barroom in Bastrop he once witnessed. In the company there was one very little fellow half-dressed over and quite comical and was a little noisy. Suddenly a very large, strapping fellow, wearing what is known as No. 10 rawhide boots, accidentally stepped on the little fellow's toes. The latter, of course, became very angry and jumped at the big fellow, pum-meling his legs with both fists and swearing like a trooper. Finally, noticing him, the big fellow looked down and, with a smile, said: "He lo, little fellow; what in the hell are you doing?" "Dad burn you," shouted the little man, "I'm a fighting! I'm a fighting, sir."

That's a good illustration of the antics our Republican friends are cutting through the State.—States.

The press, and especially the Republican press, have for a long time been deluging their readers with gush over the wonderful prosperity of this country. In the face of this roscate view of the situation, the threatening attitude of labor organizations, a premonition of strikes on an unprecedented scale, is causing the leaders of the Republican party to tremble in their boots. It has always been accepted as a fact that the great strike in the Homestead (Pennsylvania) mills in 1892 was a potent factor in the defeat of Harrison, and it is also recognized that history has a sometimes inconvenient habit of repeating itself. Hence the trepidation in Republican circles.—States.

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WASHINGTON LETTER. (From our regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, MAR. 23, 1900. Republican Senators are still in a dead-lock on the Porto Rican tariff and the key is yet to be found. Some of the Republican Senators have been whipped into support of the tariff against their own convictions and against the expressed wishes of their constituents, but there are still about a dozen who hold out for free trade and who say they will vote with the democrats for a free trade amendment. The bill giving back to Porto Rico the money which has been and is being unjustly taken away from its inhabitants under the Dingley tariff has become a law, but what is to become of the other and more important Porto Rico bill is yet to be determined. Mr. McKinley and every member of his Cabinet are now openly working to get votes for the tariff, in the face of their official record as advocates of free trade with the island. Democrats are taking no part in the mess, realizing that the republicans are making democratic votes by thousands and being willing to let it go at that until the time comes to vote.

Although hampered by the republican members of the House Military Committee, which is investigating the use of Federal troops in the Idaho mining troubles last year, Representatives Lentz and Sulzer have succeeded in showing that the troops were extremely brutal in their treatment of men arrested; that warrants of arrest, similar to the infamous French lettres de cachet, with the space for the name left blank, were signed and issued to constables in quantities, and that, although there is a state law against discrimination against either union or non-union miners, no man could work in the mines of the Coeur d'Alene country without a permit, and no member of a labor union could secure a permit. This isn't a showing to be proud of, and the investigation isn't over yet.

The platform adopted by the Nebraska democrats is thought to represent Col. Bryan's idea of the platform that should be adopted by the Kansas city convention, and consequently it has been much discussed among democrats in Congress. The only feature of the platform adversely criticized by democrats is that dealing with the initiative and referendum. Among southern Senators who were outspoken in their condemnation of this idea were Tillman, Bacon and Clay. Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said of the Nebraska platform; "its various declarations seem to me to be in thorough harmony with the democratic position. Certainly we are all agreed upon the re-affirmation of the Chicago platform, upon the condemnation of trusts, in our opposition to imperialism, and in the belief that the Constitution follows the flag. The initiative and referendum is something new in a democratic platform, I admit, but I am not pre-

pared to say that it is an unwise innovation. I would not, of course, advocate the reference of all minor matters of legislation to the people but on all great questions it seems to me that the judgment of the people might well be appealed to and accepted. As a general rule, no man is afraid of submitting a question to popular will if he believes that he is in the right."

Representative Sulzer, of New York, made a warm speech before the East Washington Democratic Club, in which he said: "England controls the policy of the administration of William McKinley. It was English influence that involved us in war in the Philippines. England wanted our soldiers and our ships in Asiatic waters. It is beginning to be clear now why she wanted them there. Salisbury is a far-seeing prime minister. He foresaw the effort that England is now making to crush the South African republics; he foresaw that the Czar might seize the opportunity to push Russian interests in China and thus jeopardize what England calls her right there. With a secret alliance or understanding between the government of Great Britain and the republican administration in Washington, American goods and American bayonets might be turned to England's account in the far East."

Representative Chesup Clark, of Mo., thus stated his position on the trust question: "It would be foolish for me to waste time making an anti-trust speech. The entire matter may be summed up in a single sentence. This is not a new issue. The first anti-trust speech was made about 4,000 years ago by an old gentleman named Moses, when he wrote upon the tablets of stone the inspired words, 'Thou shalt not steal.'"

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who was in Washington on private business, was asked to state his views on the political outlook and said: "The people of Georgia are too busy making money to pay much attention to politics, but they are solid for the regular democratic nominee for President, be he Mr. Bryan or anyone else. Of course, we all believe it will be Mr. Bryan. Georgia, and I think the South generally, is dead against imperialism, and will vote that way."

Mr. McKinley has requested Gen. Joe Wheeler to withdraw his resignation and remain in the army, but Gen. Wheeler has not yet decided to do so. He has been given to understand that if he will remain in the army he can have a brigadier's commission in the regular army, or rather be retired with that rank.

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