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The Galveston Storm.

The prediction made by a scientist some years ago: "that a day would come when Galveston that rested on an island of sand would be obliterated by the waters of the gulf blown over it by a hurricane of the tropics," has almost been verified to the letter by the unparalleled storm which swept that doomed city on Saturday the 8th inst.

Galveston is in ruins, and as a mart of trade and delightful residence city is now but a huge manseolum of its once happy and thriving population. The horrors and destruction of that sublimely awful tornado, with its mountains of crashing waters, will never be forgotten by the survivors of its terrible scenes. All of them will want to leave the desolated locality, where their friends and their all were lost and where hope gives no promise of safety in the future.

What the loss of life will amount to when full details have been received cannot now be known—but the approximate estimate is that it will be from 2000 to 5000 or more in the city—4000 buildings destroyed involving a loss of \$10,000,000 in property. The storm destroyed the waterworks and all cisterns, as well as all food supplies; leaving the survivors without drinking water and food. As the bridges which connected the city with the mainland were all swept away all food and water supplies have to be carried by boats to the relief of the sufferers.

Poor Galveston is certainly in a dire and pitiable condition, but contributions and supplies are being sent to the stricken unfortunates from all portions of the United States, and all possible help will be given them without delay.

There is no doubt that many of our sugar and rice planters are supporting McKinley mainly on the tariff question—whereas the trusts are the great beneficiaries of a high tariff which shuts out foreign competition and enables them to reap fabulous profits from all consumers. What will become of the duty on rice and sugar where Mr. McKinley annexes Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippine islands—all of which produce sugar and rice?

Wrongly Credited.

Our confrere of the Valley of the Teche in reproducing "Mark Hanna's Soliloquy," in its last issue, erroneously credits it to the National Democrat, whereas it is an editorial, paraphrasing Shakespeare, in the Sentinel of Sept. 1. We gave a similar one of Wm. J. Bryan in our last issue, and if there is any merit in either one, it belongs to the Sentinel.

Shuns the Trust Issue.

The Republican national platform does not mention the word "trust," and senator Hanna, who is the whole thing in the McKinley campaign, has publicly defended trusts, as have many other conspicuous Republicans who are justly regarded as the mouth piece of the McKinley trading administration. Hanna expects to raise a big campaign fund from the trusts, whose magnates are perfectly well aware of the fact that their interests would be protected in the event of McKinley's re-election.

The Sentinel office received a pleasant call on Tuesday from Mr. L. E. Bentley our able and esteemed contemporary of the Donaldsonville Chief, who was returning home from the Republican District Convention

which met in New Iberia on the 10th inst.

Bro. Bentley reported a very harmonious meeting, resulting in the selection of Hon. Frank Williams of St. Mary as the standard bearer of the Republican party for congress in the Third District. He says that the Hon. Robt Broussard and Mr. Williams met in New Iberia and exchanged their political amenities over a glass of champagne, and it may be expected that they will conduct a vigorous but dignified campaign.

The editor of the Sentinel regrets his absence from the office during Bro. Bentley's fraternal call, and trusts to meet him when he visits our city again.

A Nation of Pensioners.

Forty thousand six hundred and forty five new names have been added to the pension rolls by the Pension Bureau during the year. We have no official report of the number of rejected by the Bureau but passed by special enactment of congress. What the annual accessions will be when another thirty five years shall have passed, no man can tell. The figures indicate that pensioners not only reproduce their like, but are practically immortal. Mr. McKinley's Philippine war will add several thousand more to the pension list, which with a large standing army to support will grind the tax payers to dust.

Sherman On Imperialism.

John Sherman, former secretary of state in President McKinley's cabinet in a recent interview said: "The wealth we are taking out of our own country now to flog after those Philippine islands is fabulous. We have taken away the miners and agriculturists to subdue the Filipino natives. Depended upon it, the other nations do not envy us, but think us foolish."

"I see not the slightest sense in our long excursion to the Philippine islands, 12,000 miles away. There we have no acquaintances or affinities or anything which gives promise of a happy solution of a most foolish undertaking. The natives show that they do not want us by the courage with which they fight us. I fear that perseverance in this imperial policy will ruin the Republican party.—National Democrat.

Richard Olney for Bryan.

Richard Olney's "conversion" to the Bryan cause is, in some respects, the most notable event of the campaign to date. Mr. Olney was Grover Cleveland's secretary of State, and by all odds the ablest man in the cabinet. He is a Boston man, identified with many interests commonly supposed to be antagonized by the Kansas City platform. But he is a Democrat. He was the author of the Venezuelan message wherein he made Grover Cleveland defy the British government to the point of war, to try to extend its territories in South America.

Such a man was not likely to give his support to an administration that voluntarily "hauled down the American flag" over American territory in Alaska.

It is the final test. No American deserving the name can do more or less than Mr. Olney has done. The brains and heart of this American people go with this staunch New England American—away from McKinley to Bryan.—National Democrat.

United Americans.

It is becoming apparent that the true American spirit is aroused by the peril now menacing the government. No matter what arguments of loot may be advanced to tempt us to rule the Filipinos by force against their will, we have been too long taught as Americans that "constitutional governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed" to sanction a sin so surely destructive of our national integrity. No matter what selfish reasons may be urged for the continued denial to the Porto Ricans of their rights

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"I suffered for thirty years with diarrhoea and thought I was past being cured," says John S. Halloway, of French Camp, Miss. "I had spent so much time and money and suffered so much that I had given up all hopes of recovery. I was so feeble from the effects of the diarrhoea that I could do no kind of labor, could not even travel, but by accident I was permitted to find a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and taking several bottles I am entirely cured of that trouble. I am so pleased with the result that I am anxious that it be in reach of all who suffer as I have." For sale by Roth drug store.

under the constitution—a denial based upon the theory that the American flag waves over that island as a colony, not as an integral part of the United States—we know as Americans that "a republic can have no colonies." And as for the remarkable necessitated feat of attempting to exist as a republic on the American mainland while ruling as an empire in the Philippines and Porto Rico, every American knows in his soul that this government "can not exist half republic and half empire.

It is for these good and valid American reasons that the Democrats, the populists, the silver Republicans and the anti-imperialist league are now drawing close together for the great fight of 1900. It is a life and death fight. The existence of the government is dependent upon its issue. The slogan of the united assault on the plotters for empire is "Save the republic."—St. Louis Republic.

Human Depravity.

One would scarcely conceive that looting and thieving would be carried on in the presence of death, devastation and indescribable horror as was witnessed after the storm at Galveston. Yet fiends in human shape were robbing stores and even stripping dead bodies to that extent that troops had to be called for to protect the remaining property of the impoverished citizens. All such ghouls deserve to be shot wherever caught, and several were killed by the soldiers.

Parish of Lafourche Sept. 12th, 1900. Editor Sentinel.

Dear Sir:—Courtesy of several gentlemen of the village of Lockport, this parish, enables me to impart to the columns of your estimable paper a few interesting items.

That little village is officered by a set of representative men. Though yet in its infancy the village will, before many moons, have a bank, an ice factory and water works. The committee of improvement of that village is now at work having each lot surveyed and laid out. As soon as that work is completed, all proprietors of lots adjoining on the front street are agreed to have a brick walk built.

As per ordinance of that village all proprietors within the limit of the corporation are at liberty to build brick walks in conformity to specifications, and, in return for which, are entitled to receive from the corporation half of the cost of constructing. Several proprietors are meditating said improvement.

A recent improvement that the citizens of the village of Lockport may well be proud is the magnificent steel bridge spanning the Bayou at that point. That bridge is the widest, longest and finest on Bayou Lafourche.

Another thing that the people of that village and the people of its vicinity are worthy of being proud is the Lockport public school. Though the school needs no eulogy from me, I will say that it is second to none of its sort in the parish. As a tree is known by its fruits so, also, that school is known by its good work. The new life of the Lockport public school dates (began) Jan. 1st, 1891, in other words nineteen years. During that period sixteen of its pupils have passed creditable examinations before the Parish Board of Education, and have taught in the school's of this parish. Many as efficient, who are now occupying positions in the different walks of life, together with scores of others from rudimentary degrees, have left school either by limitation or other innumerable reasons, but the prevailing failure is attributable to the disinterestedness of many parents, it seems.

The present corps of teachers in the Lockport school is composed of Mr. L. O. Brumfield as principal, who has been connected with said school, during three intervals, for five years, and Misses Nellie Tuite and Noemie Abribat as assistants who have filled these positions for six years.

Mr. Bramfield is a native of Kentucky, but as he married a fair belle of Lafourche, and has resided here a number of years he is becoming a Louisianian by choice. The assistant teachers are both natives of Lockport and scholars of the particular school in which they are now teaching. The efforts of the teachers to achieve success, were can reproach.

A material source of success of the Lockport public school may be explained by the following bit of history: In the year 1830, November 15th, the good people of Lockport and

vicinity organized an association for the purpose of maintaining a white public school. The incorporate name of said association is "The Lockport Public School Fund association." The association has since its organization purchased a lot, and has erected a creditable school building at an original cost of \$3,221.49. Incidental expenses since... 1,349.90. Paid teachers during that period... 3,903.00. Total amount paid... 8,474.30. Recd. from local resources... 8,087.26. Recd. from parish school board... 800.00. Total receipts... \$8,887.26. This leaves a balance in the hands of the association this day \$412.96 and clear of debt.

The association has had many vicissitudes, financial embarrassments, unjust criticism and other unpleasant contentions, but fearless in the path of its undertaking no trouble has been great enough not to have been surmounted.

On the 29th, ult. that association recorded its one hundredth meeting. At that meeting the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Paul F. Mayer, president; J. P. Bourg, vice president; G. Abribat, Jr. secretary; G. D. Barrios, Treasurer.

The directors and teachers of the Lockport school are selected by the association, though subject to the Parish school Board's approbation.

That school opened the fall session on the 3d instant. The first day's enrollment amounted to 143, since 13 more were admitted.

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