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On the Eve of Battle.

Before the SENTINEL makes another weekly visitation to its readers the great battle of ballots for supremacy in the next congress of the United States will have been fought, and the result announced.

As we survey the situation on the eve of this final struggle between the two great political parties, we find both sides claiming victory; the Democrats with assurance, the Republicans while claiming victory, admitting nevertheless that their present majority of forty-six in the house will be reduced. The Democrats seem to have the best of the argument in their claim of victory, but there is no certainty in elections until the voting is done and the result known.

The result of the election means much to the country at large. A Democratic victory will have a marked tendency to check the march of imperialism which has been forced upon the country by the Republican party, and to stop the progress of plutocracy which is sapping the foundations of our republican institutions.

The result also means much to the sugar interest of the country. The President of the United States is determined to carry out his scheme of reciprocity with Cuba. He will doubtless strongly urge the adoption of that scheme in his message to congress when it meets in December. Should the congressmen from the sugar districts of Louisiana be returned to the next congress by materially reduced majorities, their influence will be seriously injured in the present congress when the fight will be renewed in December, as renewed it will. Indeed, material reduction would lend arguments to the advocates of reciprocity to use against the efforts of our congressmen in their fight on reciprocity.

For that reason, if for no other, every voter who disapproves of the President's reciprocity project should not fail to go to the polls on next Tuesday and vote for Robert F. Broussard, the Democratic nominee, so as to strengthen his position when congress meets in December in his fight against reciprocity. Every vote for Broussard will mean approval of his course in fighting against reciprocity, and will increase his prestige and renew his courage and enthusiasm in the coming fight; every vote against him will be construed as a condemnation of that course, and will lessen his influence and weight when the fight for reciprocity is renewed in December.

Voters of the third district consider the situation seriously, and vote for Broussard.

Be Sure to Vote.

Be sure to go and vote next Tuesday; it is an all important duty which no citizen, qualified to discharge it, may neglect. Get ready at once to discharge it; look up your poll tax receipts; if you have lost or mislaid them, you can secure duplicates from the tax collector.

Men over sixty years of age need no poll tax receipts to vote, nor do deaf and dumb, nor young men just of age who have registered.

The Democrats of Lafourche should not miss voting, no matter how busy they may be. The election is an important one, and it is important that we return the Hon. Robert F. Broussard to congress by an increase majority over the last election, so as to show to the world that we approve his course in fighting the President's reciprocity scheme, and to arm him with new vigor, strength and courage to continue his struggle against reciprocity when the scheme is revived in congress next December.

Stamp the Rooster.

Don't fail to stamp the Rooster, the proud Democratic bird, on next Tuesday, and thus vote for the Hon. Robert F. Broussard, the gallant bearer of the Democratic banner. Stamping the Rooster will do it; don't fail to do it.

After stamping the Rooster, if you wish to vote for the amendments you will stamp the space opposite the words "For amendment, etc., or should you desire to vote against any amendment, then stamp the space opposite "Against Amendment, etc.

Go about it deliberately; there is no need of overhastiness; stamp and refold your ballot and quietly deposit it in the box, and your duty is done.

The Ruston *Leader* charges the Republicans of North Louisiana with resorting to the trick of publishing the names of well known Democrats as delegates to their convention to influence others to join their ranks. The trick was exposed and thus not only fell short of its purpose but reacted against its authors.

Vote for the ratification of the amendment to art. 198 of the Constitution, to strike out the poll tax qualification from the constitution.

Vote against the judiciary amendment so as to leave the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as it is. It would be unwise to raise its lowest jurisdiction to cases involving $5000 or more, as that it is proposed by that amendment to do.

It appears that Judge Gilbert L. Dupré, Republican nominee for Congress from the 7th district, has kept and is keeping his promise made when he accepted the nomination, "to vilify and abuse the Democratic party in every hamlet in his district."

He has given his spleen full vent; well knowing that he has not the ghost of a chance of being elected, he struck right and left, intent only on giving voice to his grievances. Judge Dupré may yet have cause to regret his course. Vilification and abuse often prove treacherous boomerangs, hurting more the man who indulges in them than those against whom aimed.

Sound Advice.

In concluding an editorial giving reasons why the voters of this district should cast their vote for the Hon. Robert F. Broussard on next *Tuesday*, Nov. 4th, the St. Mary Banner, a staunch Democratic paper, says:

Again, the Republican party is under the supervision and control of the trusts and money power, as a general proposition, and irrespective of the unsoundness of its position upon the Cuban sugar tariff question, should be vigorously opposed by every poor man and wage earner, because his only place of security is with the Democratic party, whose principles regarding popular government have remained unchanged for a century, and the wisdom of whose precepts is amply proved by practice in the past.

Cast your vote for ROBERT F. BROUSSARD; he has behind him the great party of the common people, whose promises he will fulfill. Every hour that the Republican party remains in power the liberties of the people are the more curtailed and endangered.

Reciprocity With Cuba.

Under this head the Picayune says editorially:

"That the domestic sugar interests will have a bitter fight on their hands when Congress reassembles for the short session in December, seems certain. The Administration, despairing of securing the consent of Congress to the passage of a reciprocity bill, has determined to accomplish by a treaty what has not been possible to accomplish by a direct vote of Congress. Accordingly, a reciprocity treaty between the United States and the Republic of Cuba has been negotiated and will be submitted to the Senate in December for ratification.

The Cuban Congress will be called together on Nov. 4, and the treaty will be submitted to the Senate for ratification, it being the belief that the treaty can be ratified by Cuba and got in shape for presentation to the United States Senate by the time it reassembles. Just what the terms of this treaty will be has not yet been disclosed, although it is safe to assume that it will be on the general lines of the reciprocity bill, which failed to pass at the last session of Congress. Tariff duties are to to be reduced on Cuban products, in consideration of a reduction by Cuba on American products."

There is certainly danger ahead for the domestic sugar interests. President Roosevelt is a stubborn man and will do all in his power to carry his point.

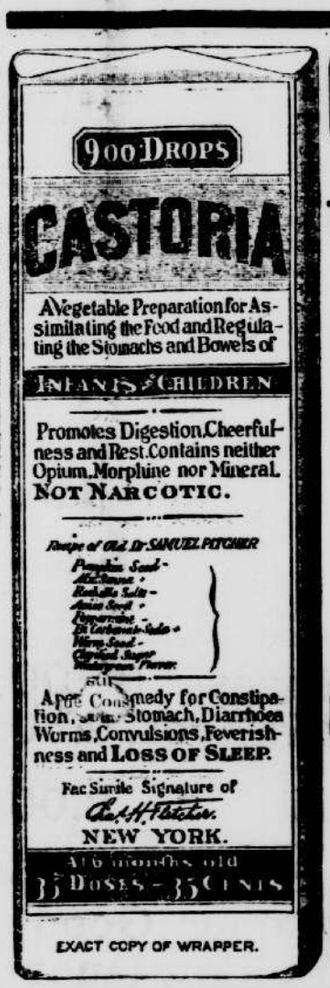
It will take a two thirds to ratify the treaty, and he may have a hard fight on hand to secure that.

Of course, Louisiana's two Senators and her whole delegation in the house will be found arrayed against the ratification of the President's reciprocity treaty, notwithstanding the fact that Republican leaders and speakers charge them with being Democrats at home and Republicans in Washington.

Name the Good Ones.

The Philadelphia *Press*, a true blue Republican paper which never fails to defend the trusts, having spoken of "good trusts," the Daily States calls on it to name two or three of the "good trusts," and thus concludes:

"We do not believe that even so rampant a defender of the protective tariff as the Philadelphia Press will have the hardihood to claim that the Beef Trust, the Steel Trust, the Tin Plate Trust, the Plate Glass Trust, and the numerous other combines that are absolute monopolies and have crushed out competition in certain lines of industry are "good trusts," because the people know by sad experience that they are not. Why prate about these good concerns without mentioning them and illustrating their virtues and need of protection? Hold them up to the public gaze so that we may see and know what they are. But this will not be done for the "good trusts" are figments of the imagination—the ghosts of sophistry, and have no existence whatever save in the buncombe talk of Republican politicians. The Norfok Virginian-Pilot very correctly says:



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This covers the case like a horse blanket, and there is nothing to be added to or taken from it.

The Southern Pacific will sell tickets from Thibodaux to New Orleans and return Nov. 10, and 11, on account of the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy at rate of one fare for round trip with return limit not later than Nov. 18th, 1902.

For further particulars apply to

Local Agent.

Election Proclamation.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE.

Whereas, His Excellency, W. W. Heard, Governor of the State of Louisiana, has issued his proclamation or writ of election under date of October 4th, 1902, at the City of Baton Rouge, directing and requiring the supervisors of election of the various districts of the State, and all other election officers therein, to cause an election to be held on Tuesday, November 4th, 1902, according to law, for the purpose herein after named:

Now, therefore, we the Board of Supervisors of election in and for the parish of Lafourche, acting by virtue of authority vested in us by law in such case made and provided, and conformably to the said writ or proclamation of election issued by the Governor of the State as aforesaid, do hereby order, call and proclaim an election to be held throughout the parish of Lafourche, on Tuesday, November 4th, 1902, from seven o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the afternoon, at the various polling places hereinafter fixed, for the purpose of

(1) Electing one Congressman from the Third Congressional District to the United States Congress, and

(2) Of electing one Railroad Commissioner from the Second Railway Commission District to the Railway Commission of the State of Louisiana; in which election none but the qualified voters of the parish of Lafourche shall participate.

(3) Of voting upon the six several Amendments to the Constitution of 1898, proposed by the Legislature at its session of 1902.

We do hereby direct and require the Commissioners of Elections and other officers therein concerned to hold said elections on the day and hours above mentioned within the time prescribed by Law and the place designated, returns thereof to be made in all respects in the manner and in time prescribed by law. The regular polling precincts adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche are as follows:

Police Jury Ward No. 1.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall comprise all that portion of this Parish between the upper part of the parish, right bank of the Bayou Lafourche, and the upper line of the St. John's Chapel lot including the Brulee Chene Vert with polling place at or near the Webre Plantation.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall comprise the remainder of the Police Jury Ward No. 1 with a polling place at or near the Bayou Lafourche end of the Brulee Lane or Road.

Police Jury Ward No. 2.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from the lower limits of the Ridgefield plantation to the upper limits of the Acadia plantation with polling place at or near the Court House in the town of Thibodaux.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the upper line of the Acadia plantation to Lafourche Crossing, with a poll at or near the Arsene Bergeron's residence.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall extend from the rear of the Acadia Plantation or Bayou Blue east bank, to the bridge over the bayou Lacroix, with polling place at or near Orville Thibodaux's residence.

Precinct No. 4.—Shall extend from said bayou Lacroix to the extreme settlement, with a polling place at or near the residence of Demetrius Hotard.

Police Jury Ward No. 3.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from Lafourche Crossing to the lower line of Louis Bourgeois' place, with polling place at or near the residence of the late Jules Thibodaux.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the lower line of Louis Bourgeois place to the lower line of Louis Martin's place, with polling place at or near the store formerly kept by Lovincy Folse.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall extend from the lower line of Louis Martin's to the upper line of Ursin LeBlanc, with polling place at or near the store formerly kept by Ben Folse.

Police Jury Ward No. 4.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from the upper line of Ursin LeBlanc's to the lower line of the plantation owned by Jean Claudet with a polling place at Lockport.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the lower line of Jean Claudet's plantation, to the lower line of J. T. Badeaux's place with polling place at or near Aristide Delaune's place.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall extend from the lower line of J. T. Badeaux's place to a point opposite Harang's Canal, with a polling place at or near the store formerly kept by F. H. Lacroix.

Police Jury Ward No. 5.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from the upper line of the Parish, left bank, eighty arpents back, to the upper line of R. L. Pugh's Live Oak plantation with a polling place at or near the Felix Delatte's Shoo Fly Store.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the upper line of Live Oak plantation with a depth of eighty arpents, to the upper line of the Collins plantation, now owned by Drauzin Cancienne with polling place at or near the store formerly owned by H. N. Coulon, but now by the Abby & Highland Planting Company.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall extend from the upper line of Drauzin Cancienne's place to Lafourche Crossing including the Coteau Boudreaux, with polling place at or near the Mrs. L. A. Gossin.

Precinct No. 4.—Shall include the Baton Pilon and Choctaw settlements, with polling place at or near the public school house on Section No. 12.

Police Jury Ward No. 6.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from the upper line of the parish in the rear of Police Ward No. 5 to the Grand Bayou bridge with polling place at or near Onizippe Chiasson's place on the Chackbay Ridge or settlement.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the bridge over Grand Bayou to the lower line of the A. A. Laforest place formerly, with polling place at or near Victor Legendre's place.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall comprise the Malagay settlements, with polling place at or near Louis Kraemer's store.

Police Jury Ward No. 7.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from Lafourche Crossing, left bank, to the lower line of Ariel plantation including rear settlements with polling place at or near the store of Toups & Gaude, formerly P. Ledet's store.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the lower line of the Ariel plantation to the upper line of the "Upper Ten" plantation of Leon Godchaux, with polling place at or near the Willington Hebert store or residence.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall extend from the upper line of the "Upper Ten" plantation to the upper line of the Raceland plantation including the Coteau Folse, with polling place at Bowie, near the main store of the Bowie Plant.

Precinct No. 4.—Shall extend from the upper line of the Raceland plantation to the lower line of the Georgia plantation of C. S. Mathews with a poll at or near the residence of the Mary plantation of Mr. Leon Godchaux.

Police Jury Ward No. 8.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall include the whole of the Ward No. 8 with polling place at or near Rosemond Dufresne.

Police Jury Ward No. 9.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall extend from the lower line of C. S. Mathews' Georgia plantation to the lower line of Mrs. Joseph Barilleaux's place with polling place at or near Longueville.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall extend from the lower line of Mrs. Joseph Barilleaux's place to Harang's Canal, with polling place at or near Trasimond Foret's place.

Police Jury Ward No. 10.

Precinct No. 1.—Shall comprise both sides of Bayou Lafourche from Harang's Canal to the upper line of Jean Galjour's place now or formerly with a polling place at the Cut Off.

Precinct No. 2.—Shall comprise both sides of the Bayou Lafourche from the upper line of Jean Galjour's place to the lower line of Gregoire Serigny's estate, with polling place at or near the the old Janvier Guedry residence.

Precinct No. 3.—Shall comprise both sides of Bayou Lafourche from the lower line of Gregoire Serigney's estate to the Gulf of Mexico, with polling place at or near the residence of the Pierre Lee place, near the Sander's Canal on the right bank of Bayou Lafourche.

Given under our official signatures at Thibodaux, La., this 4th day of October A. D., 1902.

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