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DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

The Democracy of the Parish of East Feliciana assembled according to previous notice at the Court House in the town of Clinton, on the ninth day of June 1855.

B. M. G. Brown, Esqr., was called to the chair, by acclamation, and Isaac N. Lemon and Willis W. Moore, were appointed Secretaries of the meeting.

W. F. Kernan was then called upon to explain the object of the meeting, which he did in a brief, eloquent and pleasing manner.

On motion of Bythell Haynes, the President appointed a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. B. Haynes, G. W. Munday, Charles McVea, Thos. W. Robbins, Edward Delony, John A. Harbour, and Robt. Vaughan. to prepare suitable resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting and the position of the Democratic party of this Parish: the Committee retired, and in due time presented the following resolutions, which were read before the meeting by E. Deloney, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS: It is a principle, co-extensive with the formation of our democratic republican form of Government, and eminently compatible with the basis of the sovereign power of such Government, as residuary with the people, to assemble together in popular meetings, and openly and freely discuss all public policies and measures of Government, and to express their opinions of the same as independent freemen, therefore:

Resolved, That we view the constitution of the United States, as a compact strictly defining the terms of Union between the several States, as parties thereto, co-equal in their sovereignties, and the rights which are reserved to themselves respectively, and co-equally bound by their pledged faith to strictly adhere to, support, and maintain the powers delegated for the benefit of each and the peace, prosperity, and welfare of the whole; therefore, that it is the imperative duty of all good citizens, whether native or naturalized, and true American Patriots, to stand by, maintain and support the Constitution of the United States and the rights of the States and the people thereof, under its sacred guarantees, at all hazards and to every extent.

Resolved, That it is with extreme and painful apprehensions that we are now witnessing one of the most thoroughly organized, bitter, and violent crusades, under the name of Know Nothingism, against the most sacred and vital guarantees of the Constitution, and that the unity of spirit and sympathy, and concordant co-operation which seem to characterize this midnight, Oath-bound political order, in all sections of the country, whether in New England or in the South, warns all true friends of the Constitution and the Union, whether Whig or Democrat, of the solemn duty of opposing their united and firm residence to its further dangerous, disorganizing, and demoralizing career.

Resolved, That those clearly expressed provisions of the Constitution which guarantee to the slaveholders of the South that "No person held to service or labor in one State under the laws thereof escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered upon claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due," and to every citizen of the Union that "No religious test shall be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States," and that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," enunciate great national principles and contain fundamental stipulations for the protection of civil and religious rights, the preservation and actual observance of which are vitally essential to the existence and continuance of this Union; and that the unholy efforts now being concentrated and directed: to strike down these sacred guarantees of the constitution, by the fanaticism and bigotry of Know-Nothingism, if successful, will lead directly to anarchy and civil discord of a character most horrid to humanity.

Resolved, That when our revolutionary fathers asserted and chartered, in the Declaration of American Independence, that George the III, "had endeavored to prevent the population of these States, for the purpose of obstructing the laws of naturalization of foreigners and refusing to pass others, encouraging their emigration hitherto," they proclaimed to the world a great principle, essential to our independence and the future prosperity, greatness and power of this nation, pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to maintain it; so we, their descendants, having seen its wisdom and enjoyed its benefits,

still approve its policy and acknowledge the sacred obligation which they have imposed upon us.

Resolved, That the late infamous treason which has been consummated by the Know Nothing Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, by enactments obstructing and prohibiting the execution of the fugitive slave law, made in accordance with a plain provision of the federal compact, (as cited in a foregoing resolution) and the acts, by resolution, of other northern Know Nothing Legislatures, declaring their fixed purpose of opposition to the execution of said slave law, as well as to the admission of any more states into this Union, whose constitution does not prohibit slavery therein, demands, on the part of the southern states, the immediate adoption of such measures as may seem necessary to secure Union and co-operation for their safety and the security of their rights; that this resolution be laid before our approaching State Convention in order that its opinion upon the important question involved, shall be proclaimed, and such measures recommended as may be deemed efficient in counteracting the dangers that surrounded, and are steadily closing in upon us.

Resolved, That to the noble old Commonwealth of Virginia, the thanks of the South are eminently due for her gallant resistance, and glorious overthrow of the dark legions of those combined allies of Know Nothingism, and Abolitionism, who sought, through her consecrated soil, to invade the whole South, and to overpower and bind her down to the helms, and in the embraces of northern cupidity and fanaticism. Thanks to her noble son HENRY A. WISE, for his untiring exertions and ceaseless efforts, his noble bearing, and his brilliant defence and exposition of the true principles of the Constitution throughout this unprecedented struggle; thanks to the host of noble Whigs,—natives of her proud soil,—who spurred from their presence this northern born, and low-bred ISM, and heartily united their patriotic efforts in maintaining the Constitution and the rights and institutions of the South.

Resolved, That in view of the approaching contest in Louisiana, and the dangers that are threatening to strike her down into a state of servitude to the north, and her accused ISMS, and fanaticisms, the Democracy should put forward their truest and ablest champions for all offices, whether State or Parish, and every Democrat should be as active, vigilant and untiring, as though the result depended upon his individual exertions. Let every man do his duty, follow the example of the Democracy of Virginia, in maintaining the rights, and with the patriotic aid of noble Whigs in Louisiana, our triumph will be like hers.

Resolved, That the eminent and able services of the Hon. John Perkins, our representative in Congress, and his firm and efficient advocacy of the constitutional rights of the South, merits the high approval of his constituency and that in the present crisis in the political affairs of the country and the eminent peril of the South, we should regret his retirement from the national councils as peculiarly unfortunate. We therefore present his name to the District Convention for a return to the next Congress.

Resolved, That we have reasonable grounds for belief that the secret oath bound conspiracy of Know-Nothingism, has insidiously invaded the sacred precincts of the judicial ermine, and that we cannot and will not aid or countenance any attempts whatever to elevate any man to any Judicial position within this State whom we may believe to have taken upon himself extra oaths or obligations that may impose noxious and baneful prejudices where the highest integrity should reign, and thus seriously to impair the just interpretation and administration of the laws; such a court would be a nullity and its acts a foul desecration of the Temple of Justice.

Resolved, That the Democracy of the North deserves the gratitude and thanks of every patriot and especially every Southern man, for the truly noble and national stand which they have taken, and continue to maintain, in defence of the Constitution and the rights which it guarantees to the slave holders of the South, and although in occupying this position, they have been overpowered and prostrated, in all the free States, by the dark conspiracy of Know-Nothingism and Abolitionism,—still maintaining the right, and faithfully confiding in the justice of their course, a speedy and brilliant triumph of justice, truth and reason awaits them.

Resolved, That President Pierce, in the discharge of his numerous and delicate duties, has faithfully adhered to and supported the constitution and the South has full and

just cause to rely upon his integrity and faithful defence of her just rights; under his administration she may repose in safety and security.

Resolved, That the Democratic press throughout the State are respectfully requested to publish the foregoing resolutions.

Mr. Haynes introduced the following: Resolved, "That the president of this meeting, appoint a Committee consisting of one member from each ward to assist him in appointing delegates to the State and District Democratic Convention to be held in Baton Rouge on the 18th inst. That five delegates be appointed from each Ward, and that said delegates act in both Conventions as the representatives of the Democracy of this Parish."

The resolution was unanimously adopted and in conformity with it, the President appointed the following committee: Ward No. 1, Robt. Vaughan; Ward No. 2, Thos. Chapman; Ward No. 3, J. W. Taylor; Ward No. 4, Josiah Bentor; Ward No. 5, D. S. Beauchamp; Ward No. 6, Irwin Brown; Ward No. 7, Bythell Haynes; Ward No. 8, Wm. Woodward; who appointed the following delegates to attend the District and State Convention at Baton Rouge on the 18th inst.

Ward No. 1.—Gen. A. G. Carter, J. C. Jackson, Capt. J. A. Harbour, W. W. Munson, James H. Powell.

Ward No. 2.—Thomas Chapman, Sr., Giles Kent, Henry Clark, Charles Trotter, Wm. Millican.

Ward No. 3.—J. W. Taylor, T. W. Robbins, T. W. Scott, Charles McVea, A. Hazard.

Ward No. 4.—W. Ronane, M. G. Gauden, A. T. McKneely, Ed. Scott, Thos. Cason.

Ward No. 5.—W. Patterson, G. W. Reese, G. W. Munday, Ed. Delony, W. F. Kernan.

Ward No. 6.—Irwin Brown, Samuel Lee, D. C. Bowman, John F. George, J. M. Chaney.

Ward No. 7.—Bythell Haynes, J. B. Jackson, W. B. Hobgood, Willis Rowley, W. B. Rourke.

Ward No. 8.—Wm. M. Jourdan, Wm. Woodward, T. J. Rogers, Evans Dunn, Seymour Taylor.

On motion of Bythell Haynes, the President and Secretaries of the meeting were added to the list of delegates to attend the District and State Convention.

Mr. Kernan offered the following: Resolved: That we recommend to the State convention, the Hon. F. H. Hatch, of the parish of St. Helena, for the office of Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. G. W. Munday, of the parish of East Feliciana, for the office of Treasurer, and the Hon. S. F. Marks, of the parish of West Feliciana, for the office of Auditor of Public Accounts. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Delony offered the following: Resolved: That the Democrats who are present here to-day, be requested to take the necessary steps for organizing the Democratic party, in their respective Wards, into Democratic Clubs or Associations.

Unanimously adopted. The meeting then adjourned sine die.

B. M. G. BROWN, President,
ISAAC N. LEMON, } Secretaries.
W. W. MOORE, }

AN INCIDENT.—The following occurred at the burning of the Wm. Knox. A woman jumped overboard with a tale. She came to the surface, and taking the tale's hand in her mouth, thus held it out of the water, while she attempted to paddle to shore. A man plunged in after her, and by strong efforts succeeded in getting the mother where the water was shallow enough to touch the bottom. "Do not bite its head now—you are safe," said the man to her, while they were wandering ashore. She took the child's hand from between her teeth, and simply said—"You do not know a mother sir." Scarcely a print of the gentle mother's hold on the poor infant's hand was perceptible.

WOMAN'S JUDGEMENT.—Women remark manners far more than characters. The mental force which might be compressed and pointed into a javelin, to pierce quite through a character, they splinter into little tiny darts to stick all over the features, complexion, attitude drapery, &c. How often have I entered a room with the embarrassment of feeling that all my motions, gestures, postures, dress, &c., were critically appreciated, and self-complacently condemned; but at the same time, with bold consciousness that the inquisition could reach no further, I have said within myself, "My character, that is the man, laughs at you behind this veil; I may be the devil for what you can tell; and you would not perceive, either, if I were an angel of light."