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POLITICAL SPEAKING.

APPOINTMENTS.—I will speak at the following places: Springfield, Monday, July 20th; Covington, Wednesday, July 22d; Franklinton, Friday, July 24th; Greensburg, Monday, July 27th; Clinton, Wednesday, July 29th; Jackson, Thursday, July 30th; St. Francisville, Friday, July 31st; Pointe Coupee Courthouse, August 1st.

CLINTON, July 18, 1857. MARY S. W. WALL.

THE EXAMINATION of the pupils of the Clinton Academy will take place on the 20th, 21st, and 22d inst. Hours: from 9 to 12 A.M. Exhibition: on the evening of the 23d. Hours: from 8 to 10 P.M.

THE FRIENDS and patrons of the Clinton Classical Academy are respectfully invited to attend an examination of their sons, on Friday next, 24th inst.

NOTICE.—Not having been favored, by the officers of the Ratification Meeting, (held on Tuesday last), with a copy of the proceedings, we are unable to lay the same before our readers.

SEE ADVERTISEMENT of the Clinton & Port Hudson Rail Road Company Liquidator.

WRITERS sending communications for insertion in this paper, must accompany them with their names. Otherwise, they will not be noticed.

WE are requested to call attention to an Auction Sale of Jewelry, Watches, &c., to take place at Hyman's Grocery, on next Monday night.

"THE SOUTHERN EGIS" is the name of a new quarto sheet, published at Bel Air, Md., edited by George Yellott and John Cox, the first number of which we have received.

THE TOMBOLA.

THE time is approaching for the drawing of the Tombola, and those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity should speedily make their purchases.

AS many would doubtless like to have some information as to the manner of drawing we shall explain. It will take place in some public room under the supervision of the managers, and in the presence of all who may think proper to attend.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN EAST FELICIANA.

In pursuance to previous notice, a meeting of the Democracy of the Parish of East Feliciana, opposed to the action of the late Congressional Convention, assembled at the Court House, in the Town of Clinton, on Wednesday, July 15, 1857, at 12 o'clock, P.M.

The meeting was thus organized:

- PRESIDENT. GEORGE W. CATLETT, Esq. VICE PRESIDENTS. SAMUEL LEE, WM. WOODWARD. SECRETARIES. LEWIS STURGES, I. N. LEMON.

Wm. Fergus Kernan, Esq., explained the objects of the meeting, and moved that a committee of five be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sense thereof.

The President appointed Wm. Fergus Kernan, G. W. Reese, Job Rowley, Simcon Hatcher, and D. B. Samford.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to half past 2 o'clock, P.M.

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment. The President briefly addressed it, enjoining the necessity of harmonious and united action.

Wm. Fergus Kernan, Chairman of the committee to prepare resolutions, submitted the following, and advocated their passage, in a speech replete with solid argument, and of marked ability.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Democratic party of the 3rd Congressional District is placed in imminent peril of disruption and defeat, by a course of proceedings, heretofore unparalleled in this District, and by attempts, as unusual as they are unjustifiable, which seek to force such proceedings upon the Democracy, as expressions of the will of the majority, by means of intimidation, by threats, vilifications and epithets, unbecoming a high toned Democracy and unbecoming an elevated political feeling and sentiment. Therefore,

Resolved, That while we utterly disavow all such unworthy and feeble attempts at detraction and abuse, as always emanating from a bad cause in bad hands, we feel a deep and abiding interest for the success of the Democratic party of this District, and that our whole efforts will be directed for its triumph upon the ennobling basis of principle, and equal and exact justice to all, as the only true and solid foundation upon which our united strength can rest, and our forces be consolidated for victory.

Resolved, That we cannot sanction the singular and startling rule now proposed for the government of our Conventions, by which minorities, by error or mistake, or some other tricks of legerdemain, are to be declared as majorities, and the people held bound to support them; on the contrary we hold that when Conventions, either designedly or by inadvertency shall commit such grave and fatal errors and leave them uncorrected, it is the right and the duty of the people to take the matter into their own hands and apply the corrective in such way as they may deem most conducive to the success and welfare, the honor and dignity, of our party.

Resolved, That if there ever was a time when men, with their selfish hopes and efforts for place and for self aggrandisement, should feel the power of a virtuous and true Democracy, asserting their rights and proclaiming their will in terms not to be mistaken, now is that time. We see the necessity of a new Convention and a new era, as the only plan possible, by which the will of the people can now be manifested, and harmony and strength restored in the ranks of the Democracy, and we would earnestly call upon all the parties in the District to give their aid in consummating the following propositions, viz:

- 1st. The meeting of a District Convention in Baton Rouge, on Monday, the 31st day of August next, to nominate a candidate to represent this District in the next Congress. 2nd. To thoroughly organize the District, by the appointment of a Central Democratic State Rights association with auxiliary associations throughout the District.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting appoint five delegates and five substitutes to meet in Baton Rouge such other delegates as our sister parishes may appoint, in accordance with the foregoing proposition.

Resolved, That among the many prominent, pure, and talented Democrats of this District, who would represent us most worthily and ably in Congress, we recognize Judge Robertson of West Baton Rouge, Col. Claiborne of Pointe Coupee, John Perkins, Col. Short, Hon. W. I. Parham, and Col. Reeves of Texas, either of whom could bear our standard proudly and triumphantly through the contest.

Resolved, That we deprecate as unwarrantable, preposterous, and highly censurable, the interference of official personages, outside of this District, in its political affairs, whether under the pretence of looking after wild lands, or collecting customs in Baton Rouge, and that the people of this District are competent to manage their own political matters, without the personal attendance, assistance, and interference of said official personages.

Resolved, That we highly approve the late Democratic State nominations for Treasurer, Auditor, and Superintendent, as most appropriate and fitting to be made, and as men every way worthy of the high confidence, and ardent and united support of the whole Democracy of the State.

Resolved, That as our parish nominations have already received the highest ratification, that of the people at the ballot box, it would be unbecoming in us to say anything more than, the expression of our entire satisfaction and approval of said nominations.

Resolved, That the Feliciana Democrat be requested to publish the foregoing resolutions, and that this request is hereby extended to other Democratic journals of this District and State.

At the close of Mr. Kernan's remarks, a motion was made that the resolutions be adopted, which was seconded, and they were then unanimously passed.

The following are the names of the delegates and substitutes appointed.

- DELEGATES. G. W. Munday, G. W. Reese, David Bartfield, Jared R. Jackson, Wm. Gayle. SUBSTITUTES. W. F. Kernan, Simon Hatcher, Job Rowley, B. E. Chaney, Sam. B. Haynes.

On motion, the officers of the meeting were added to the foregoing list.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

G. W. CATLETT, President. LEWIS STURGES, Isaac N. Lemon, Secretaries.

The Hon. Stephen Van Wickie has been tendered a public dinner by a number of his friends in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, as a compliment in consideration of his long and faithful services while holding Parish and Legislative trusts. He declines the honor, with the remark:

"Such a demonstration is, in my opinion, beyond the measure of my deserts and inconsistent with the simplicity with which a Democrat should do his duty."

COMMUNICATED.

THE NEW CONVENTION MEETING.—Many reports as to the smallness of this meeting, are being circulated by the industrious "whippersnappers" of the Davidson party. The meeting was not as large a one, as we have seen, although there were fully as many Democratic voters in attendance as there were at the Davidson gathering. At no time was it expected to have the whole of the Democracy present, nor were extraordinary means resorted to, such as the hiring of omnibusses, buggies, and horses, to insure their being there.

Mr. Editor.—The Advocate takes "A Voter" to task for his notice published in your last paper. It says:

"There are some people who can't understand a plain proposition when they read it, and there are some who would't if they could. 'A Voter' is among one or the other of these. How he construes our language into the covert instigation of a wrong, is beyond our comprehension. We merely suggest, as a means of testing the sense of the people of East Feliciana in regard to the nomination of Mr. Davidson, that the two meetings advertised for separate days be held at the same time, so that a direct vote be taken between the friends of ratification and those for repudiation. And 'substitute the result,' that is, whether the combined meeting reject or endorse the nominee, we trust every good Democrat will set his face against this new Convention movement. If Mr. Davidson is repudiated, he should be requested to resign by those who repudiate him, before they proceed to the extremity they propose. The appeal to 'settle this rebellious cry for a new Convention' is addressed to his enemies as well as his friends, and to all who desire to preserve the harmony of the Democratic party; an end to which the nomination of another candidate would not surely contribute an iota.

The Advocate is as unfortunate in his answer to "A Voter" as it was in his advice. Where is the necessity of requesting Mr. Davidson to resign, when, on Friday, it states, that it is authorized to contradict any statement as to his (Mr. D's) intention to withdraw from the contest.

The appeal was addressed to his enemies as well as his friends. Now, by what right does the Advocate class that portion of the Democratic party who are in favor of a new Convention the enemies of Mr. Davidson. They see that there is no possibility of his election, and their conduct evinces truer friendship for him than those miscalled friends who are advising him to persist in remaining in the field. It has become a very common practice of late for the supporters of Dr. Davidson to arrogate to themselves the credit of being the pure Democracy, to whom all others must bow down and worship. Who made you purer than us, and by what right do you answer this superiority? You would make us the very pariahs of Democracy. Come, Mr. Advocate, for you are among the number, whence do you derive your divine right? And by what authority claim you the privilege of standing in high places, and crying out 'I am holier than thou?' A VOTER.

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"Perhaps it is a sin. For us to sin and grin. At them here."—N. O. Courier. That grinning organ the Louisiana Courier attempts to break the force of Col. Short's able and scathing letter by the following exhibition of its grinning powers:

"THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT. The writers of interminable letters and the makers of long winded speeches seldom produce much effect upon the public mind. When the spirit contained in a letter is too much diluted with words it seldom pleases or exhilarates. When the mania for scribbling gets hold of a public man it never loosens its hold until he has written himself all away. Every body recollects how the ambitious and dutiful fowl was served by the Patent Back Action Hen Persuader, a machine so contrived as to deceive the hen into the belief that she had not laid an egg, and thus stimulating her to renewed exertions. One hen was so much a victim to this ingenious deception that she kept on laying until there was nothing left of her but her bill, claws and a few feathers! Young politicians sought to take warning by the fate of the unfortunate bird, and would writing themselves 'to finders' when there is no occasion for it."

This was unquestionably one of the Courier's biggest efforts at its favorite employment and if it didn't lay an egg itself in the process, it surely could not have been for the want of hard straining and extensive stretching, in order to show its grinders.

But, surely, if the Courier expects to effect any thing by such stuff as the foregoing, then it is really a genuine Monkey, or if it is, in fact a man, it must regard the good sense and intelligence of the people at a very low estimate indeed.

We have something laid up for this Monkey Organ with which, bye and bye, we expect to engage and interest its favorite propensity to the fullest extent of its powers.

THE WASHINGTON RIOTS.—Three of the persons engaged in the late election riots in Washington City have been tried, convicted, and each sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for the term of one year. Such punishment as this will bring election riots into discredit. The Courts about the country should make such scamps feel that there is a higher law than mob violence, and one which can always protect the citizens in their civil and political rights.

SALES AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC LANDS.—When lands have once been offered at public sale, pursuant to the President's proclamation, they become liable to private entry at the minimum price prescribed by law. The question occurs, what is to be done where two persons apply at the same time to make a purchase at private sale of a particular tract? The sixth section of the act of Congress of the 24th April, 1820, directs in that case that the register shall determine the preference "by forthwith offering the tract to the highest bidder." When this is done, however, the land must be paid for in cash, and warrants not being applicable to tracts that are thus offered to the highest bidder.—Washington Union.

LABEL SUIT IN NEW ORLEANS.—R. W. Rayne, Esq., obtained a verdict in the Second District Court for eleven thousand eight hundred and twenty five dollars against David Taylor, in a suit for libel. Plaintiff was the manager of the extensive shoe house of David Taylor & Co., and after the connection was severed defendant charged plaintiff with certain irregularities in the books of the establishment. Suit for damages was consequently brought against him, and after hearing the evidence and the summing up of counsel, the jury retired, and in a short time returned with the above verdict.

At a meeting of the Democrats of the Seventh Ward of the parish of East Baton Rouge, held on the 11th inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

- 1. Resolved, That it is with regret we learn of the dissatisfaction existing in the Democratic ranks in regard to the nomination of Thomas Green Davidson for Congress. 2. Resolved, That as we consider the success of the Democratic party paramount to personal interest, we respectfully recommend to the Democrats of the Third Congressional District the propriety of calling parish meetings, and requesting the Hon. T. G. Davidson to resign the nomination by which he now claims the support of the Democratic party of this District. 3. Resolved, That the officers of the Custom House and the high dignitaries of the State be requested to attend the parish and district meetings as delegates AT LARGE.

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Democratic voters of the Fourth Ward, Parish of East Baton Rouge, held at Plain's Store, July 11th, 1857. Capt. Wm. Sewell, Chairman.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the nomination of the Hon. Thomas Green Davidson is unsatisfactory to a large portion of the Democracy of the Third Congressional District, we consider his defeat inevitable.—We, therefore, as a part of the Democratic party, respectfully request Mr. Davidson to decline the nomination.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ON MASSACHUSETTS.—In 1815 Thomas Jefferson, the great apostle of American Democracy, wrote a letter to General Dearborn, of Massachusetts, in which occurs the following paragraph:

"Oh, Massachusetts! how I lament the degradation of your apostasy! Let us look forward, then, to the act of repentance, which, by diminishing her venal traitors, shall be the signal of return to the bosom and to the principles of her brethren; and if her late humiliation can just give her modesty enough to suppose that her Southern brethren are somewhat on a par with her in wisdom, in information, in bravery, and even in honesty, although not in Psalm singing, she will more justly estimate her own relative momentum in the Union. With her ancient principles, she would really be great if she did not think herself the whole."

Massachusetts, or rather the dominant political party in that State—for there is a gallant band of national men there, who have always voted and protested against its impolitic political course—was regarded by Jefferson with the same feelings that the Democracy entertains toward her now. It is remarkable how little she has changed in the last forty years, for, after the lapse of that time, we find her "besetting sins and errors" to be the very same as those pointed out and commented upon by Jefferson.

COMMUNICATED.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING—PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY. Pursuant to notice, a mass meeting of Democrats of the Parish of St. Tammany took place this day (the 11th) at the Court House, in Covington.

The meeting was organized by electing J. S. Bossier President, and F. D. Barlow Secretary.

The President explained the object of the meeting to be to appoint delegates to a Senatorial Convention, to nominate a candidate for Senator in this district, and to take into consideration the propriety of calling a new convention to nominate a candidate for Congress in this, the 3d (third) Congressional District, and of electing delegates thereto.

On motion of J. Tally the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That James Tally, Jeremiah Spring, R. C. Harper, J. H. Rudlock, Win. Stone, John Jaynor, David Tally, Sidoin Pichon, Robert Williams, L. D. Cooper, L. V. Oublier, and E. Bush be appointed delegates to represent this parish at the Senatorial Convention to be held at Amite City on the first Tuesday in August next, or at such other time and place as may be agreed on by the Democracy of the different parishes composing the Senatorial district.

On motion of A. Bowie, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Democracy of this parish ought not, and will not support T. G. Davidson, the pretended nominee for Congress in this district, that we do not consider T. G. Davidson the nominee of the party, as he did not receive the number of votes necessary to a nomination.

Resolved further, That we have learned with feelings of unmingled indignation that the late convention at Baton Rouge, on the 15th of June, admitted both sets of delegates from this parish, without any inquiry as to which delegates were entitled to seats in that convention. And we pronounce their action in that matter tyrannical, unjust and infamous, and as a virtual disfranchisement of St. Tammany parish. And as we consider the defeat of Davidson inevitable, we urgently request the State Central Committee to take the responsibility of issuing a call for a new convention; and in case of such action not being taken, we recommend that each parish composing this Congressional District, immediately elect delegates to a new Convention, to meet at Baton Rouge on the last Monday in August.

Resolved further, That Jas. Craddock, W. R. Griffin, and H. F. Spring, be appointed to represent this parish in that convention.

On motion of J. H. Rudlock, the names of the President of the meeting and August Bowie were added as delegates to that convention. On motion, it was further resolved, that the proceedings of this convention be published in the Louisiana Courier, the Daily Delta, True Delta, and Baton Rouge Advocate.

On the suggestion of the President, all those Democrats who voted for these resolutions (eighty-nine in number) sign their names to the proceedings.

Thanks having been rendered to the President and Secretary, the meeting adjourned. J. S. BOSSIER, President. F. D. BARLOW, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN POINT COUPEE.

A democratic meeting was held at the Court House, in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, on the 9th inst. Gen. C. N. Rowley was called to the chair, and J. G. Clark appointed Secretary.

Mr. Porche addressed the meeting in French upon the action of the late congressional convention, and assigned the reasons for withdrawing from it. The remarks of Mr. Porche were translated by Col. S. Van Wickie, who also made a statement corroborating them in every particular.

The following resolutions were adopted:— Resolved, That the Democracy of the parish of Pointe Coupee repudiate the pretended nomination of T. G. Davidson, at the late Convention of the Third Congressional District; and whereas much dissatisfaction exists in this Congressional District in relation to the action of the late Convention held to nominate a candidate for Congress; and whereas, from satisfactory evidence we are convinced that T. G. Davidson cannot obtain the cordial and harmonious support of the Democracy of this District; therefore in order to calm the discussions and settle the difficulties which have arisen, and to produce that unanimity which is necessary to ensure success,

Resolved, That we approve of the suggestion which has been made that a Convention be held at Baton Rouge on the last Monday, the 31st day of August, of delegates from the different parishes of this District, to make such a nomination as will afford a reasonable hope of ultimate triumph.

Resolved, That the President of this meeting appoint five delegates and five substitutes, who shall have discretionary authority to represent this parish in said Convention.

Resolved, That we earnestly call upon all parishes of this district to unite in a spirit of cordial conciliation in this effort to calm the troubled waters and restore a fraternal feeling and harmonious action, which, as in days of yore, will insure strength and victory.

The President, in accordance with the resolution appointed the following delegates, the President of the meeting, on motion, being added thereto.

- Alfred Morgan, Substitute, E. L. Jewell. Ovide Lejeune, " J. T. Strother. Pierre Porche, " E. Tirent, J. H. Moore, " W. Harfour, S. Van Wickie, " L. B. Dayries.

On motion of E. L. Jewell, it was

Resolved, That the Democrats of the Parish of Pointe Coupee heartily approve and endorse the course of their delegates in their action at the late Congressional Convention.