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FRIDAY, October 12, 1894.

## People's Party Candidate

FOR CONGRESS

OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,

HON. B. W. BAILEY,

OF WINN.

The Georgia Election.

For some cause or another the papers have ceased to give us any further results of the Georgia election. The Democratic papers first claimed the State by about 30,000 majority, but finally admitted that it was nearer 7,000 than it was even 10,000. Since this time we have failed to hear anything more about it. The Democratic papers also claim the election by the black belt vote. This shows conclusively that in Alabama and Georgia the Democrats have nothing to depend upon but the negro vote, and another remarkable fact the negro has gone to voting solidly for white supremacy.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson says there was untold fraud in the election, but notwithstanding this fact the Populists have reduced the Democratic vote from 75,000 majority in 1892 to 7,000 in 1894. This is a good showing and points to the fact that this country is fast going into the hands of the people.

The Democrats made a tremendous fight employing any amount of hoodlum. The Populists claim the State by a majority of 7,500 which no doubt is correct.

## Democratic Party Not in Favor of Free Coinage.

The free and unlimited coinage of silver is a Populist idea and has no place in any Democratic platform. It is equally as absurd as the subtreasury idea, the greenback idea, the opposition to national banks, or the government ownership of railroads and telegraphs. None of these absurd vagaries can find place in any genuine Democratic platform. They are only catch phrases invented for the purpose of deceiving the unthinking and are both impractical and vicious in the last degree. If there is no difference between the doctrines of Democracy and those of Populism then it makes no difference which party should triumph, as there can be no logical reason for the existence side by side of two parties representing the same ideas; hence every time a so-called Democratic convention adopts a Populist platform it is, in effect, a statement to the world that is so far as the members of that convention are concerned there is no longer any excuse for the existence of the Democratic party. In a race between a Democratic Populist and a straight-out Sister Lease and Governor Waite Populist, our sympathies are with the straight-out Populist every time.—Baton Rouge Advocate.

The above taken from the Democratic organ of the State is sufficient to convince any thinking man that the Democratic party is not in favor of the free coinage of silver, in fact, it has never so declared, notwithstanding some of our country journals pretend to hold to that view, despite the overwhelming evidence against it. The Baton Rouge Advocate is the authoritative organ of the State Democracy, and was made the official organ of a Democratic administration because of its simon-pure Democracy, and speaking for the Democratic party and by authority says: "It (the free coinage of silver) is equally as absurd as the subtreasury idea, the opposition to national banks, the green-

back idea, or the government ownership of railroads and telegraphs." "None of these absurd vagaries can find place in any genuine Democratic platform." There is no doubt in our mind that this Democratic organ speaks from authority from, and dictation by the Democratic bosses at national headquarters. It is nothing short of an official notice to those would be free silverites seeking to delude the people to get their votes, not to go so far in these pretenses as not to be able to slide back into ranks after they get the offices.

This accounts for another fact, and that is that so many Democrats are running for congress without any expressed platform of principles. If the Democratic party had intended to keep faith with the people of the Fourth Congressional District they would have placed their candidate upon a platform containing an absolute free silver plank, but this they have not done. There is no expression whatever from the Democratic party of this district by any platform whatsoever, that pledges them as a party to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Now readers, if you are fighting national banks, and if you want free silver and greenbacks, vote the People's party ticket, it is the only party that is pledged to these things.

Mr. Bailey is our candidate on that platform, now if you are really in earnest vote for him.

## The Bond Issue Is Coming.

The receipts at the United States Treasury during the quarter ending October 1st, 1894, were \$79,379,414, and the expenditures were \$98,459,129, leaving a clear deficiency of \$19,079,715. This means that the people will have another issue of bonds to pay interest upon.

## Out With the Party Lash Already.

It is widely stated and generally believed that the Populists largely participated in the recent Democratic primaries. If such be the case, the only inference to be drawn is that they have returned to their first love, as the rules governing the primary explicitly stated that none but known white Democrats should participate in the election, and if so those voting at the primary are honor bound to support the nominee. Populism and Democracy are entirely distinct faiths and no man can believe in both.

The above is from the Shreveport Times, and proves what we have already said about the party lash. Is this country never to be free? Is that old party lash to forever be held over the people? Just such language as the above ought to be considered as an insult to every intelligent man; whether he is a Democrat, Republican or Populist.

## Can You See Any Difference.

"There is not a man in this town or State, who has not a blazing fire, and meat for dinner every day in the year, nor would a flaming sword in the air attract so much attention as a beggar in the street."—Charles Dickens in letter from Boston, 1842.

In 1893, 5000 people without homes and without bread, assembled in the city of Boston to demand work or bread of the legislature. This has been done under old party management. Do you see why you should vote to continue it?

## His Merit Recognized.

In speaking of a Populist meeting in Alexandria, in which Messrs. Bailey and Vincent spoke, the Town Talk has this to say of Mr. Bailey:

Mr. Bailey was the first speaker, and made a very favorable impression. He is a fluent talker, and evidently thoroughly posted on the current political issues of the day. Mr. Bailey seems to be sincere in his battle for the party of his choice, and his words convey the thought that he believes the Populist platform adopted into law the only remedy for present national evils.

Just as we go to press we learn of a wreck on the Texas & Pacific Railroad, in which the fireman, Tom Herden, had both wrists and his thigh broken, and the engineer, Jarrod, had one leg broken and received internal injuries. Both in hospital, said to be doing as well as could be expected. It is said that the wreck resulted from carelessness. We were unable to learn particulars.

## Why Don't They?

During Cleveland's first term the Democrats had control of the house. Their excuse then for not enacting some measures of relief was that the Republican senate was in the way. That it would not permit the passage of such measures as the people needed and demanded. The failure to do anything again put the Republicans in power in 1888. Harrison was elected. In 1890 a political "land-slide" gave the Democrats the house by 148 majority. Again their cry was they had no "chance" to do anything. They cavorted around about how quick they would give the people free silver if they only had the chance. They could hardly keep their shirts on when they talked about the "robber tariff." If they only had "a chance" they would knock out the trusts and throttle the greedy corporations. They fairly foamed at the mouth against the encroachments of capital on the rights of labor. They swore eternal friendship to the men who made their living "in the sweat of their faces."

Then came the election of 1892. The people trusted in the promises of the Democratic leaders. They gave the Democratic party complete control of every department of government. We held our breath. Now all these mighty promises would be fulfilled. We imagined the trusts quaked before this mighty power. We could see in our imagination the corporations covering before it. We thought we saw justice putting on a new dress and brightening up her scales. Now labor was to be enthroned and capital taught to know its bounds. But lo, what bitter disappointment!

Justice appears in her same old dirty garb.

She has the same old "loaded" scales.

Cleveland appoints a corporation lawyer to prosecute the corporations and trusts. His cabinet is made up of lawyers, most of whom represent corporations. Then follows the record. The things they said they would do they did not do. The things they said that ought not to be done they did.

Now, they are wringing their hands and pleading for more time—for another "chance."

But the question arises: Why did they not do something when they had the chance?

Why did they not remonetize silver, as they said they would, instead of demonetizing it?

Why did they not give us a real, genuine reform tariff bill as they promised?

Why did they not wipe out the trusts and the national banks?

Why, oh, why, did they not do something to show their regard for the people?

They have lied.

They have deceived the people. Shall we trust them again?—Dakota Ruralist.

## Dying Out.

The falling new Populist papers have started up in the last few days:

OHIO.  
Sentinel, at Lima.  
Progress, at Sandusky.  
Populist at Wellington.  
Tribune, Birmingham, Ala.  
Reasoner, Nashville, Tenn.  
Times, Rushville, Indiana.  
News, Wabash, Indiana.  
Journal, Hammond, Indiana.  
May we keep on dying some more.

We learn that T. Monk Wells, of Natchitoches, is a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket.

John T. Callahan, of New Orleans bribery fame, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

What has come over the Courier Journal? It has been advocating the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, until recently it has adopted the international theory of Cleveland. Something significant in this.

## Dots From Winnfield.

The Populist rallies held at Pollock, Grant parish, and Hurricane Grove and Gansville, this parish, by Prof. Vincent and candidate for congress, Mr. B. W. Bailey, were decided successes. Over 400 people attended each place, magnificent dinners, such as only the country can furnish, were served up, and Populism was ably expounded to willing hearers.

Meetings were held at night, near each place, and were largely attended. At these meetings Prof. Vincent illustrated his remarks with a magic lantern with telling effect. Populism seems to be growing even in its strongholds, and all we have to fear is the danger of our people staying at home in the country precincts.

Winnfield will give a basket dinner, and a crowd to hear Mr. Bailey and Maj. Cox next Monday, (15th).

The Watkins and Ogden meetings at this place were small, but a good portion of the crowd present was Populist.

The Democratic primary held here last Saturday was 35 for Ogden and 18 for Watkins—a number of these votes coming from other wards by people just come to town on Saturday's business. Don't suppose 3 other boxes in the parish were opened. The people seem to feel that they have but little interest in Democratic primaries.

I have often said Gov. Foster could not keep his police jury in this parish Democratic, that is, according to his style of Democracy.

The Populists besieged them so heavily with petitions in the matter of building a courthouse, that they have agreed to raise the assessment on fine-timbered lands instead of raising the rate of taxation, to build a courthouse.

Now 9-tenths of this land in Winn is owned by non-resident speculators, and hence Winn is to have a splendid brick courthouse, without raising the taxes of a single resident, except one that owns this kind of land. The People's party and the Alliance before it, contended for this principle for years, and now that the police jury have adopted it as good Democracy, they ought and will be commended for it.

Winnfield is building a two story school building, and will have a fine school. She is already employing two teachers at good salaries.

Crops are good, the worst about them is their price. B.

## Colfax Dots.

Grant parish school board met Saturday, October 6th. Proceedings of same will be sent next issue, we failed to secure same this week, for the following reason:

The report of the grand jury relative to the action of the parish superintendent was read as follows:

We have examined the parish treasurer's books, and find same correct. We consider the school fund a very sacred one, and have made a very careful investigation of same, and find our parish superintendent's salary amply sufficient for his services, and find that the law allows him actual expenses while away in the interest of the schools; and find further that he draws the patent price of \$50 to cover the expenses of attending the superintendent's annual convention. For instance, he draws \$50 for his expenses to Lake Charles, and a like amount to Natchitoches. We believe that the trips can be made for a great deal less money. We find that he has been paid the sum of \$202 to cover the expenses of four trips to these conventions, and we are certain that a prudent man could have made the trips for about one-third of the amount drawn. Too much care and judgment can not be used by the president in drawing his warrants, and we suggest that an expense account be presented before drawing his warrants. We also suggest that the school board endeavor to secure the services of competent examiners who will discharge this duty free of cost.

This extract was taken from the report of the grand jury sitting at the September court, 1894. Judge W. L. Richardson, the parish superintendent who is also ex-officio a member of the school board, and secretary of the school board, was called upon for his resignation. He agreed to resign, but when the board was about to adjourn, he declined to do so, and was removed. This action on the part of the secretary caused the board to adjourn amid some excitement, and no minutes were regularly recorded. The board adjourned until Saturday, October 13th, to elect a new official.

At Meredith plantation gin, about two miles below Colfax, Tuesday morning, October 9th, W. H. Irwin, while feeding the cotton gin stand was caught by the coat and jerked into the machinery, and

painfully injured. His face, shoulders and arms were badly cut. He was doing as well as could be expected at last report.

James Braden, living about three miles north of Pollock, on Big Creek, was assassinated while sitting in his house, about 8 o'clock on the night of Tuesday, October 2d. We have none of the particulars, but learn that it was probably the result of jealousy. Braden at the time was living with another man's wife.—Chronicle.

The former husband of the woman Braden was living with, was arrested some time ago under a warrant sworn out by Braden, charging him with abducting one of the woman's children. He was subsequently released, and the proceedings against him destroyed. The matter was then presented to the grand jury by Braden, both against the official and the husband of the woman referred to. The grand jury failed to return an indictment against either. This action and the immorality of the Bradens family connection, caused an ill feeling among his neighbors toward him. Braden was from the North and was about 60 years old. The woman was from South Louisiana, and is about 50 years of age. They have a little girl with them, a daughter of the woman, who is about 13 years old. S.

## Montgomery Dots.

On Monday morning, the 8th inst., about 5 o'clock, a shadow of gloom was cast over our town and community by the sad news of the death of Mrs. W. O. Harrison. It is indeed sad; sad to chronicle the death of this good lady. It again reminds us that death is no respecter of persons, and we can only humbly bow to the will of our Creator and pray, His will be done. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and relatives, and commend them to the blessed Savior, in whom Mrs. Harrison has long since put her trust, as their guide and comfort through this life, and hope there will be a happy reunion of these people where there will be no more sickness, no sorrow, no pain, no death.

The Democratic primary election passed off very quiet at this place and but little interest manifested. Out of about 200 voters in this ward only 27 votes were cast. Watkins received 28; Ogden, 1. This ward is O. K. for Hon. B. W. Bailey, Populist candidate.

Messrs. Walter and Owen Harrison, Elaxis and Morgan Brian, Charles Dyson and Thomas Milling, departed last week for Baton Rouge to attend school at the State University.

Mrs. Myers, of our town, has taken a class in elocution at the Montgomery High School, with a good attendance. This new branch of study in our school should be given all the patronage possible. We wish her success.

We are still without a music teacher for our school. Can't the patrons of this department bestir themselves and work up an interest sufficient for the school board to employ a teacher?

The new election law requires three supervisors of election for each parish. In this parish the Clerk of Court has appointed W. W. Smith, and the Police Jury has appointed M. E. Swafford. Now if the Governor will appoint a good man, we will have a board of supervisors for Grant parish that we can all trust. DOT.

POLLOCK, La., Oct. 3, 1894.

## EDITOR POPULIST:

If you will allow me space in your valuable paper, I will write you from this part of the country. Prof. C. Vincent made us an excellent speech yesterday. I think he opened the eyes of the people and put them to thinking. All we need is enough like Prof. Vincent. Mr. Bailey was not present, as he was expected. But I think Prof. Vincent is sufficient to convince anybody that the Democrats are not going to do anything in behalf of the people. He gave the Democrats a rousing reception. The Professor made us a fine speech. Would be glad to hear one like it every week. I think the people had better come out to the polls and try the People's party. They have tried the Democrats long enough to be convinced that they are not going to do anything for the poor man. They should come out and vote the People's party ticket and stay with it and see that they get a fair count. As long as you vote and go home and leave the ballot box in the enemy's hands you may expect to be counted out. Success to the POPULIST. D. B. COATES.

## The Greatest of Shows.

The renowned Howe and Cushings, are coming with their great exhibitions and is said to be of surpassing interest. No other show of the past or present has ever been so favorably mentioned in the eastern papers. A contemporary says that from entrance to exit it is the most interesting exhibition or more properly speaking exhibitions ever presented American audiences its many wonders never seen with any other shows and the universal excellence of the performance accounts for the great success that has attended the brilliant managers in their career of many years before the public of the world. The big show will be here at Natchitoches, Tuesday, October 30th, when everybody will have an opportunity of seeing the universally acknowledged best show on earth.

## Public Enterprise.

There has of late been some talk of establishing water works in the city of Natchitoches. We are always ready to advocate any measure that will carry our country forward instead of backward, and from what we can learn from a cursory investigation we think there might be many advantages derived from an enterprise of this kind both to the individual citizen and also to them in a collective capacity as a city. As a matter of course there may be many things connected with the project both pro and con that would not be readily revealed to one who is comparatively a stranger, therefore we could not well suggest any details. There are various ways in which this enterprise may be brought about. One is by the city building and operating the water works; another is by granting a franchise to a company to be organized for that purpose, and if the latter plan is adopted there may be a sufficient amount of home capital raised to carry the work through.

As we have already said we will not suggest any details, but we will venture to suggest that a meeting of all the citizens interested be called for the purpose of discussing the propriety, feasibility and probable success of the undertaking. Therefore we offer the columns of the LOUISIANA POPULIST to those who feel an interest in the matter for the purpose of calling meetings of the citizens, and also for short communications discussing the matter. Let us hear from you.

## Social Gathering.

Last Saturday evening is long to be remembered by those who shared the kind hospitality of Mrs. Beatrice Tessier and her two estimable daughters, Misses Lucile and Elmira, who kindly entertained their guests at their beautiful home on Cane river, on the occasion of a delightful social gathering.

At an early hour in the evening the guests began to arrive and continued until some forty or fifty of the charming bells and handsome beaux had arrived, when they began to trip the fantastic toe in a chore that would have put Terpsichore himself in envy of their success. Sweet strains of music being dispensed by the Natchitoches string band. The enjoyment of those present was only interrupted by refreshments, which were dispensed by the kind hostess. All enjoyed themselves to their hearts content, until a late hour in the night, and retired to their homes, where no doubt, their thoughts in dream-land continued to dwell upon the pleasant evening which is to be long remembered by those present.

## OBITUARY.

With deep regret and sorrowful hearts are we again reminded of that irrevocable decree of the Great King, "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return," by the sudden death of our much esteemed young friend, Miss GRACIE HALE.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Grant parish, La., and the youngest daughter of Rev. J. C. Hale and wife, and died at her native home at the early age of eighteen. One of her many distinguishing characteristics was her strict adherence to Christian duty. She seemed ever ready to show forth to the world her unflinching faith by her daily walk and untiring kindness to her many friends.

She became a member of the Baptist church at quite a tender age, and there remained a model Christian, unswerving in her determination for good, till the angel of Death bade her spread her downy wings for a flight across the cold, dark stream, into the realms of eternal bliss, to join with her loved ones who have gone before.

While it is with much grief and regret that we must say "Farewell" to our young friend, it is indeed a consoling thought for us to have that blessed assurance that another bright jewel has been added to the blood-washed throng in our celestial home. Though we would not call her back, let us strive to meet her there.

"She is waiting, ever waiting,  
For the friends she loved the best,  
And she'll gladly hail their coming  
To the mansions of the blest."

"One by one the Lord will call us,  
As our labor here is done;  
And then as we cross the river,  
We may meet her one by one."

W. R. O'NEAL.

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