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FRIDAY, January 24, 1896.

## People's Party Ticket.

- FOR STATE SENATORS, 19TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.
- D. G. FREEMAN, Of Red River.
  - E. J. GAMBLE, Of Natchitoches.
- FOR REPRESENTATIVES.
- DR. J. M. BROWN.
  - E. J. A. TETTS.
- FOR SHERIFF.
- JAS. W. JONES.
- FOR CLERK.
- O. O. HATHORN.
- FOR CORONER.
- DR. G. H. PROTHRO.

## Take It Easy.

Old Natchitoches was highly honored by our State convention for the big vote she polled in the last election.

Our brilliant, but modest young Attorney, Samuel J. Henry, was made permanent Chairman, and though a stranger to most of the Populists outside of our parish, he won the respect and confidence of the entire convention by his eminently fair, but resolute management of the proceedings.

Mr. E. J. Gamble, one of our most prominent business men, also came into much favor with the convention, and was made Chairman of the most important committee, that of Resolutions and Platform, and the excellent work he did there gave the convention great satisfaction and better acquaintance with him.

Both of these gentlemen are known and appreciated by every Populist in old Natchitoches, and we will show the party our appreciation of the honors it has so worthily bestowed upon our leaders.

The Populist editors in this parish were not forgotten, as this quill-driver was elected by the convention on a flattering vote as Chairman of its State Central Committee for the next four years, while Bro. Tetts, of Our Battle Flag, at Robeline, was made Secretary of same committee.

These latter promotions, however, we attribute to our long service in the party in other parishes, as well as this, and especially do we credit ours to old pioneer Winn, where we first "tackled" the old parties, and saw their graves. Old Winn put us in nomination, demanded our election, and she got it, and if we were to betray the trust we'd never dare show our head in that parish again. Long may Winn and Natchitoches live and prosper, and may their unremitting efforts never weaken until pure Democracy has been restored to the people through the People's party—its only hope.

The independent man is one who thinks for himself.

## More Evidence.

The Daily Times-Democrat of last Saturday gives an account of Mr. C. D. Puckette's report to the Sugar-planters of his efforts to have the Populist State convention indorse the Republican ticket.

We have charged that Mr. Booth was in collusion with Mr. Puckette to accomplish that end, and we gave last week some evidences of it picked up in the convention by delegates. Now we wish to give some evidence from the other side.

In this report to his people, Mr. Puckette narrates the principal events of our convention at Alexandria, and speaking of Capt. Piarr's declination, says:

"This brought about still further demoralization, and as the delegates had become entirely uncontrollable, so far as effecting a fusion was concerned, he was compelled to do the next best thing, which was to have Booth secure the nomination himself, with the understanding that a resolution was to be adopted empowering the Executive Committee to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation or failure to nominate; he (Booth) to come down from the head of the ticket and accept second place at the proper time, and thus make the fusion scheme possible by means of a ticket that the Executive Committee would place in the field."

Now, we have Mr. Booth's word to such men as Howell, McFarland, Benoit and Gamble, that it was his purpose to resign in favor of the Sugar-planter, and the above statement from Mr. Puckette that he had Booth to secure the nomination in the interest of the Sugar-planter ticket, thus completing the chain of evidence, which ought to satisfy the most skeptical that Mr. Booth has acted in bad faith with our party, and is by no means a suitable man for the head of our ticket.

All good Populists should at once demand Mr. Booth's resignation from the ticket, and join their State Central Committee in making a ticket that will, at least command the respect and earnest support of the party.

The convention at Alexandria would have done this, if Booth's treachery had been discovered earlier, but the time for adjournment had already come, the delegates were worn out and exhausted by the dilatory tactics which had been pursued by Booth, so that they did well to catch the traitor before he had delivered them, as was his purpose, at that meeting to the Sugar-planters. The convention was victorious, however, and made due preparations to have its defeated enemies finally disposed of.

MONROE, LA., Jan. 19, 1896.  
Mr. A. B. Booth,

New Orleans, La.  
My Dear Sir: After thinking seriously over the events which have recently transpired within the ranks of the People's party, I am more than ever convinced that your presence upon our State ticket is and will continue to be an element of weakness. The tone of the press generally, must have convinced you also that we have no chance to win in April with you as its standard bearer. But more than this, we will not even increase our vote over that polled for Congressmen in November, 1894. This would indeed be a calamity which Populists throughout the country would regret.

It is needless for me to tell you that your strange conduct at the Alexandria convention has lost you for all time, the very great esteem and confidence in which you were held by Populists especially, and the people generally.

I say to you candidly that I can not now see my way clear to support you, except as a denier resort. I shall second, so far as my humble influence goes, the efforts of the committee to take you off the ticket, if you adhere to your published determination not to step down and out. If you are honest and earnest, you will promptly place your resignation in the hands of the committee on the 23rd, this I beg you to do.

Yours truly,  
A. BENOIT.

The above is a copy of a letter sent Mr. Booth in the hope of inducing him to give up the position he now occupies by fraud, without forcing the party to eject him by main strength.

Hon. A. Benoit's patriotic mo-

tives are expressed in every line of that letter, but his expressions are considerably milder than those given vent to when he first discovered the treachery.

We have many Populists as patriotic as Benoit, but none more so, nor more brave and courageous in their patriotism.

## Grand Jury Report.

To the Hon. A. V. Coe, Judge of the 10th Judicial District Court, Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

We, the Grand Jury empaneled at the regular December Term of your Hon. Court, beg leave to make this our final report:

We have been in session three weeks, and have not entirely cleared the docket, on account of the immense amount of business that has been brought to our attention, caused by the failure to hold the regular summer term.

We have examined into four hundred and nineteen cases, and returned one hundred and sixty-three True bills, mostly for minor offenses, and have passed something like fifty cases for the next Grand Jury.

We have visited the Parish Jail, and find it well kept, and in a sanitary condition, with very little complaint from the prisoners confined therein of the quantity of food furnished them, but find that the kind was good and wholesome. We have gone through the various parish offices, Sheriff, Treasurer, &c., and find them all right, well kept, and said officers attentive to their duties.

We think it very unfortunate that the regular June term of your Hon. Court was postponed entirely, and would recommend that it be not repeated, as it tends to accumulate such an immense amount of business that it is impossible for the Grand Jury to dispatch same in any reasonable length of time, and therefore, we have not had the time to give the Institutions of the parish the attention we would have liked.

As to the crimes in the parish, we find that the one of carrying concealed weapons the most prolific, and as the cause of the most of the disturbances of the public peace, and would recommend that the good citizens of this parish stand together, present all these violations of the law to future Grand Juries, and that the Court impose heavy fines on all parties convicted of same.

We are also sorry to have to report that we find a great many communities in our parish that have been troubled with disturbances of the public peace, such as running horses and discharging firearms, profane and obscene language on the public highways, also at various churches and other gatherings. We find this to be the case particularly in wards four, seven and ten. We have given the crime of selling liquor without license our special attention, and find very few infractions of the law, and a disposition among the merchants and druggists to abide thereby to the letter; but we would further state that there are certain concoctions disposed of over the counters of some business houses in the Town of Natchitoches, which contain entirely too much Alcohol to be sold in a prohibition parish, and would recommend that the vendors thereof desist. In this connection, we would name one, viz: "Rye and Rock Balsam," which, according to the formula on the bottle contains over 75 per cent of whiskey.

Another matter which this Grand Jury has seen proper to take cognizance of is the manner in which some of the Magistrates' Courts are conducted. There is an ordinance of the Police Jury which prohibits a Magistrate from going out of his ward to take business, yet we find this had been done in some instances, and would recommend that the Hon. Police Jury refuse to honor any accounts presented under these circumstances, and thereby save the parish unnecessary expense. Again, some of the Magistrates throughout the parish have a disposition to entertain all kinds of frivolous charges and counter charges, which amount to nothing on their face, have no standing in an investigation, yet these ridiculously silly cases are taken, papers necessary issued, bound over, passed up to the Grand Jury and thrown out, after days of valuable time has been squandered in examining into them, at a heavy expense to the parish.

This is the case, especially in wards one, and has been the case in ten. Other Magistrates are careless in preparing their papers for the Grand Jury, send them up in bad shape, which consumes much time in unraveling. We find this

the case more especially in wards four, five and two.

Being pressed for time, we have been unable to visit the colored Poor House, it being several miles out of town, but we have made inquiry of the officers of the parish, and some of the best citizens, and find they are properly cared for, humanely treated, and their quarters in a good sanitary condition.

We further find that the public roads throughout the parish are not in as good condition that they might be, and would recommend that the overseers thereof be a little more zealous in the discharge of their duties. We are well aware of the fact, that considering the season of the year, all public highways are necessarily muddy, but there are some places in some sections that could be very much improved, and would caution these overseers to see after them at once, and save trouble before the next Grand Jury. We refer particularly to some roads in wards one and ten.

We trust that we may have a season of prosperity, and with a Prohibition law well enforced, a decrease in crime of all kinds throughout the parish.

There is a certain abuse of the public ferries throughout the parish, which we think demands the attention of our Police Jury. It is common in some places for parties living near a public ferry to keep a boat which the public is allowed to use without charge, to the serious detriment of the ferryman, who leases his ferry, and gives a bond for the faithful performance of certain duties. We call the attention of the Police Jury to this matter, and recommend that they adjust matters for the better protection of said ferrymen.

We have given some attention to the affairs of the School Board, and our investigation justifies us in saying the financial condition of the public schools is quite healthy, there being some \$693 48 in its treasury to the credit of the School Fund, with an apportionment of \$260 from the State, to be received soon. We regret to say however, the public do not take the interest in the school affairs of the parish we think the importance of the same requires.

Tendering our thanks as a Grand Jury to the Court for courtesies extended, to our able District Attorney for his counsel and attention, to our worthy Sheriff and Clerk, for their valuable assistance in the discharge of our duties and to Mr. Black our most excellent door-keeper through a long, cold session, we now ask to be discharged for the term.

Very Respectfully,  
PETER J. GIBSON,  
Foreman.

NEWTON, LA., Jan. 21, 1896.

Ed. Populist:—The executive committee and mass meeting of our party in ward 3, has ordered a primary election on Saturday, Feb. 1st, to nominate a Police Juror for this ward.

Red river divides our ward, and the East side has the nominees for Magistrate and Constable, and the thirty good Populists who have indorsed me for Police Juror think that the West side is entitled to name the Police Juror, and are asking that I be selected, but I suppose there are others who perhaps do not agree with us.

Respectfully,  
L. R. BURNSIDE.

We know that ward 3 has many good Populists capable and worthy of the office, but we would be glad to see Mr. Burnside selected, if it is agreeable, as then each section of the ward would be represented on the ward ticket, and we believe Mr. Burnside would make his ward an excellent Police Juror.

One of our energetic, hustling nominees for State Senator, Mr. D. G. Freeman, of Red River, was in our office last Friday.

He intended to go from here to his childhood home for a short visit, and to address his old friends at College Hill, in Grant, and Atlanta, in Winn, this week, but on hearing of the State committee meeting at Alexandria, Thursday, he straightway put the good of his party before his own pleasure and returned home, to prepare to attend said meeting.

Dave knows no such word as "fail," and is as patriotic as Patrick Henry, and fully competent to handle any opposition yet sent before him, from Att'y. Gen. down.

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## LICENSE ORDINANCE.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Natchitoches, that the graduation for a License Tax for the City of Natchitoches, La., for the year 1896, as made for the State on all Trades Professions, Vocations, Callings and Occupations, Etc., carried on within the City limits, and on which the State levies a License, is this day adopted:

That the amount of said License Tax for the City is hereby levied and fixed for the year 1896, at fifty per centum of the amount collected by the State, on all Trades, Professions, Vocations, Callings and occupations, etc., except that known as the Liquor License, in places where liquor is sold by retail, which is hereby fixed at 100 per centum, or equal to the State license.

Be it also Ordained, That any Peddler or Hawker shall pay in advance a license of Five Dollars, if on foot, Ten Dollars if with one horse, Fifteen Dollars if with horse and vehicle, and Twenty-five Dollars if with a boat.

And the City Tax Collector shall proceed with the collection of the same within the same time and under the same penalties as the State tax collector.

Adopted Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1896.  
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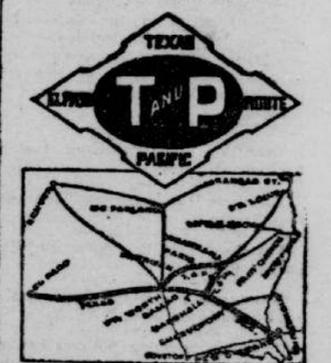
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