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FRIDAY, May 15, 1896.

**A Card.**

The Enterprise in the last issue published two long editorials to prove that the Populist leaders were guilty of conduct unworthy of gentlemen. To prove same it cites the fact that I wrote a note to my father asking him not to come on a certain train. This I frankly admit. I feared our people would be so incensed by men from other parishes taking part in our affairs that a conflict might ensue. I never had any fear that the train might be wrecked, as the Enterprise would infer.

Now whenever anybody makes the statement that I asked for a postponement of the count with the intention of massing a crowd here, and took any undue or ungentlemanly advantage of any man or set of men, it becomes my duty to unhesitating and unflinchingly hurl the lie in his face.

SAMEL J. HENRY.

When Capt. Pharr arrived at Baton Rouge he was given an ovation. His followers formed a line and escorted him to his headquarters opposite the Capitol.

The first knockout at Baton Rouge was the flooring of Trezevant by Henry, of Cameron. Trezevant was Foster's candidate, and Henry was the candidate of the League and the Combine.

Our neighbor, the Enterprise, long after quiet reigns, tells us that all the Populist leaders were to be killed, and "would have never lived to have told the tale." Well the Populist leaders are all alive and doing well, and life assurance has not gone up from Democrats threats.

A committee of one hundred business men in New Orleans submitted to the opposing factions a solution of the differences.

The proposition was promptly accepted by Mr. Clarke on behalf of the Combine forces, but were refused by Mr. Krutchett on behalf of the Democratic party. Nothing but the offices will suit the Democrats.

The race for Senator is getting a little mixed. However, it is with consolation that we can notice that about the only thing certain is that little whiskered Newton B. is going to get left.

Mr. Walter Denegre seems to be in the lead, with Mr. Price a close second.

Foster sent a long message to the General Assembly, and gave an account of his stewardship. Among the many things that he praises is our State militia, and he advocates an increased appropriation for same. The militia were quite a potent factor in helping Foster to steal, and he hoped they may be able to hold him in his stolen seat. He is reckoning without his host, the honest men of this State have enough of Foster and Fosterism.

**The Latest.**

From the latest telegraphic dispatches received as we are going to press it is learned that the legislature has voted to not go behind the returns, and will seat Foster, and it is now possible that the fair State of Louisiana will have to endure Foster and Fosterism for another four years.

It is an admitted fact that Foster's majorities are received from the negro parishes. In the twenty-five parishes where the white vote predominates Pharr carried 21 and Foster 4. Then we see that the white people of Louisiana are compelled to submit to the negro vote and the stuffed negro vote.

It is indeed a contemptible sight to see the party that ever talked about white supremacy, depending on the votes of negroes to sustain them in power.

From Baton Rouge, we learn that Foster has promised to sign a bill for a Constitutional Convention and a new election law, but to people of Louisiana, a promise from Foster is not received with much consideration. We think it reasonable to presume that any man that will steal an office will not have to hesitate long to break a promise; to rely upon the word of Foster is indeed a poor hope for redress.

The Citizen's League, elected upon a platform of honest election and fair count, have thrown all principle overboard, and are now upholding the steal of Foster.

It is indeed a sad day for honesty in Louisiana.

**Resolutions.**

May 4th, 1896.

At a meeting of the People's party club held at Tabernacle school house, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the vote cast for parish and State officers in this parish (Natchitoches) on the 21st day of April, 1896, show fraud as promulgated by the Returning Board:

1. Be it Resolved, that we, the members of the above named club, will not tolerate such gigantic frauds to be perpetrated without protesting against it, and if the men declared elected by the Returning Board of Natchitoches parish, are commissioned, we will not recognize them as such, nor will we submit to them.

2. Be it further Resolved, that we heartily endorse the action of the people of ward three, and will stand by them for justice.

Resolved, that as we have been informed that certain merchants have threatened to boycott all Populists, we take this method of informing them that we do not intend to do them any financial harm in any way, but if they persist in their folly, we will be forced to draw the line and give our business strictly to friends.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Louisiana Populist with a request to publish the same. All papers friendly to the cause will please copy.

- J. N. Errington, President.
- G. W. Harrison, Secretary.
- J. W. Scarborough.
- Fred. Shelton.
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Editor Louisiana Populist:

Sir—A letter has been sent to a citizen of this ward, stating that ward three and the Robeline box would be settled by the court, and that this would decide the matter in favor of the Populist candidates, but that if it did so they, the Democrats were determined to put their men in the offices, if it required guns to do it.

If it must come to guns, I know what the people of ward five will do. We are thoroughly organized and determined upon insisting that we have our rights. We have sought to wrong no one, and we shall not allow them to carry out their premeditated scheme for our disfranchisement. We are white men with the instincts of white men, and Murphy J. Foster with his partisans and abettors in fraud cannot enslave us. We know that there was nothing unfair about the voting in ward three, and that the shooting into the polling place at Robeline was the work of the Democrats for a vile purpose.

We now say that they shall not put aside the men whom we have elected, and place over us those whom they may fraudulently declare elected, with the sacrifice of nothing but their oaths, which they regard as nothing.

When we tell them this, and warn them that it were better for their defeated candidates to acknowledge their defeat and retire than to risk the exasperation of an outraged people by attempting to hold offices to which they have no right, they will no doubt start the terrifying cry of revolution.

Well, if revolution is the end, it was not our beginning. Long before the election the decision was made at Democratic headquarters, and passed to Natchitoches, and from there among the people was sent this warning: "You might as well give it up now, for no matter how many votes you may cast, we will never surrender the offices to you?"

The excuse for this revolutionary threat was that we favored negro domination, &c., while at the same moment these hypocrites and pretenders to a high-toned "white supremacy," were placing negroes on the Democratic ticket as candidates for office in some of the negro parishes where they could not force, but might bribe the negro vote.

If the air begins to glow with a revolutionary flame let it be remembered that their own vile breath and acts began it.

The Enterprise asserts that whomsoever handles the negro must get down to his level. We have proof of this in the condition of the Democracy as it now is, for it has got below the negro's level. No negro could do a more contemptible thing than rob white men of their votes as the said Democracy is now doing.

The Enterprise has much to say about our visit to Natchitoches to compel the counting of the votes. I was one of the boys that was there ready to compel that count, but neither act nor the shame of the thing, could prevent the counting out enough votes to put your gang in.

By the New Orleans papers I see that the game is now one of barter. They are in the habit of stealing all they can and bartering taffy for the balance. They are offering great things—all in the future—to the citizens league and the Populists, provided Foster and his gang are allowed to hold the offices. They are willing to pass the Australian ballot law, and many of them would be willing to wipe out all laws pertaining to elections, so that Murphy could appoint himself to succeed Foster when the present term expires, and then Foster could appoint Murphy J. to succeed himself.

This latter arrangement for wiping out all election laws, would have one great advantage; it would prevent our farmers from going to the election and losing valuable time without any valuable result.

But hold! the Constitution of the United States declares that "the United States shall guaran-

tee to each State a republican form of government! Has Louisiana such a State government?

Where is the liar so bold, or the man so ignorant as to say that she has?

Capt. Pharr, you have taken charge of the honest people's cause. You must know where to look for the legal force to combat the criminal hoard.

**FIFTH WARD.**

The People's Messenger has this to say in regard to the Louisiana election:

"The State election in Louisiana last week discloses the usual conditions in the negro belt. Foster, the Democratic candidate for governor, running on a platform declaring for certain amendments to the constitution, which had for their object the 'elimination' of the negro from the ballot box, claims to have been elected on the vote of the black parishes. That is, if the count is honest, the negroes voted to disfranchise themselves. The white parishes almost unanimously voted for Pharr, the fusion candidate for governor, and the large negro parishes are counted solely Foster, and thus 'white supremacy' of the Democratic variety is maintained in Louisiana as in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, by counting negro votes not cast against white votes actually deposited in the box.

"In New Orleans, where the better class of citizens, irrespective of party, combined in a league to rid the city of hoodlers who had been preying upon it for years, the opposition to the 'regular Democracy' was successful by a majority of more than 11,000. But this could not have been accomplished, except through the utmost vigilance on the part of the opposition to the machine, with a show of force that deterred the heelers from bull-dozing and ballot stuffing. Without such a determined effort even New Orleans would have been made to give the usual Democratic majority."

The State Convention of National Republicans to elect four delegates and four alternates to the National Convention at St. Louis, met at Baton Rouge on the 11th inst. at 4 p. m. The Convention was called to order by W. E. Howell, L. M. Soniat was named temporary chairman and A. B. Romero of Iberia, temporary secretary. On permanent organization Gen. W. J. Behan was elected chairman, L. S. Clarke vice president, and A. B. Bomero secretary. The delegates elected were A. A. Maginnis of New Orleans, E. N. Cooney of St. Mary, R. H. Hackney of Baton Rouge. The alternate were E. N. Pugh of Ascension, T. J. Kennedy of Algiers, C. C. Duson of St. Landry, and J. Ernest Breddo of Natchitoches, in consideration of the fight that that parish made for Pharr.

We congratulate our townsman for the honor he receives.

H. L. Curtis, of New Orleans was made assistant secretary at the suggestion Gen. Behan. Wm. Howell reported the resolutions which were filled with protection, enthusiasm and indorsed McKinley, and pledged the delegates to stand by him as long as his name was before the convention. Mr. Howell said that if the Democrats did not count them out this time, they never would do it again. They were all white men and they would not submit to it. He said that they would give McKinley twice as big a majority as they did Captain Pharr. There was discussion about reorganizing the State committee, but Howell said he would call a convention for that purpose. The convention adjourned.

**Estray Notice.**

State of Louisiana, parish of Natchitoches, Fourth Justice Court.  
Estrayed before me, the undersigned authority by J. A. Young, of the aforesaid parish, one brown cow and calf. No mark or band; 8 years old. Appraised by T. J. Goodson, W. M. McCurdy in conjunction with the undersigned Justice of the Peace, for \$6 00 six dollars. This 9th day of March, 1896.

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It was a strange day in more ways than one. The wind was high and rain fell furiously. Hail as large as walnuts rattled on the housetops and battered the windows of buildings. A great cloud hung, after the storm had subsided, in the western sky and on its face was pictured the Masonic temple in complete mirage.

The structure was plainly visible, and people could be seen walking about in its vicinity. Warsaw is 109 miles from Chicago, on the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne road. It has a population of 3,500.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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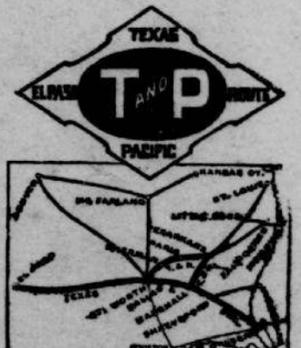
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