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FRIDAY, July 10, 1896.

Our Legislators.

The People's party of Louisiana may well be proud of its representation in the General Assembly.

The 17 Representatives and 2 Senators are all dignified, earnest, conservative men.

They have been true to their party and their principles, yet they have never refused to vote for good measures, regardless of party.

By such a course they have won the esteem and confidence of the majority of all factions and parties associated with them in the Legislature.

They have not pursued the "smart-Aleck" course of firing in a number of bills just to see their names in the journal, though several excellent measures have been introduced and passed by them, but they have sought rather to select good measures from among the great number of bills of all sorts introduced by the Democrats, and support them, while they have taken especial pains to kill a number of pernicious measures.

Their caucus leader, Hon. C. L. Gunby, assisted by Messrs. James, Stewart, Bailey and Brethaupt, have done exceedingly well in the House, and have the confidence of their followers and the respect of their opponents.

The Populists have had a responsible part to play, because they have a majority of the Combine caucus, the Republicans have conceded them the leadership, and right well have they handled it.

The 4th District will be proud of its Populist representation when the Record is made up. It consists of as good men and true, as ever graced the halls of a legislature, and is made up of A. W. Stewart, of Grant, D. E. James and Senator J. P. Patton of Winn, Dr. J. M. Brown of Natchitoches, J. E. Bullard of Sabine, and J. W. Williams of Vernon.

The 5th District also has an excellent delegation, as follows: A. T. Nelson and S. J. Meadows of Claiborne, T. W. Pipes of Lincoln, C. L. Gunby of Union, I. D. Hogan of Jackson, and Henry Brethaupt of Catahoula.

The 6th follows with equally as good, to-wit: Senator M. R. Wilson, and Representatives Pat Donahay, W. L. Truman, and J. W. Bailey Jr., of St. Landry, J. W. Young of Arcadia, and Josiah Klienpeter of East Baton Rouge; while the 3rd gives us only one, but equally as good, in the person of R. P. LeBlanc of Vermilion.

The Republicans have been equally true and conservative. They have stood by us like brothers in every emergency, and their 10 representatives and 4 senators have always been found in the thickest of the fight, backing our Populist legislators.

Their caucus leaders Senator Howell of the Senate and Representative O'Neile in the House, are able men, the soul of honor and the most earnest but careful workers.

Together the Populists and Republicans, although placed at a great disadvantage by the thievery of the Democrats, have been able by honorable and straightforward methods to worry the Democrats no little, and if the said Democrats will only continue their persecutions and dishonest practices, this combination is bound to win.

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Enforce It Strictly.

The new election law which Fosterism has foisted upon us is a fair sample of what we may expect unless public indignation makes it unsafe for the administration hirings to conduct an election in a manner suitable to the defacto officials.

This law was passed to exclude the ignorant darkey, but what will keep the henchmen from adding as many names to the poll lists as they see fit, and thereby make administration voters, unless old honesty declare no, and files his protest with a Winchester.

We, according to this law are rid of the negro domination, and there is no longer any excuse for election swindling. If the white men of this State sit down and allow themselves to be swindled, they need never to expect any law to protect them. The laws are all right, the trouble is with the men who make and execute them.

See that the law is carried out, and check any violation thereof. Show the vote thief that his mission is ended. Make him respect your rights and regard the ballot-box as sacred, and you will have no more swindling.

It takes politicians to make laws, it takes men, and shot guns, sometimes, to enforce them.

Improvements.

Notice the change for the better in our paper this week, and go at once to helping us.

The Democrats were sure we came here for the pap, and that we would leave and our paper die if we did not get it.

They measured our corn in their own half bushel and were correct by that standard, but the rule won't work.

If only one-half the Pops will do for this paper only one-half of what they can do, we'll be right here in the year 1900, worrying the life out of these pap-sucking Democrats.

How can you do it? First, by patronizing it with your subscription and your "ad." Second, by patronizing those who advertise in this paper.

Why should you do this? Because the paper is your friend and is helping you, and so is the man who advertizes in it.

Police Jury.

The newly elected Police Jurors assembled at the Court-house last Monday and were sworn in, except L. R. Buraside of ward 3.

The old member from ward 3, H. H. Oliver, was present and seemed desirous of holding over, and was urged to do so by some of the more reckless characters who seem to be running affairs on the other side.

Wiser counsels prevailed however, and Mr. Oliver went home, a sadder but wiser man. Mr. Burnside was denied his seat for the want of the forms of law. Although elected and so acknowledged by all, he had no commission because of the plain violation of law by the Supervisors and other conspirators against the peace and good name of this parish.

Mr. Geo. W. Kile of the 1st ward, a liberal Democrat, was unanimously elected President. The present incumbent, C. V. Porter, Chairman of the parish Democratic executive committee, was elected Treasurer.

By a division among the Democratic members in which President Kile through a spirit of fairness, cast the deciding vote with the 4 Populists, Mr. S. J. Henry, Chairman Populist parish executive committee, was elected Clerk.

The following standing committees were appointed: Finance Committee—J. G. Brown, H. Raphael, W. H. Russell.

Committee on Claims—C. A. Presley, J. L. Barbee and A. R. Dowden.

Committee on Improvement—J. R. Weaver, S. D. Crump and H. Raphael.

Special Committee on Court House—President Kile, J. L. Barbee, H. Raphael and C. A. Presley.

No Parish Printer having been elected; we presume the body will

acquiesce in the action of the old Board, which elected a printer for this 12 months.

We think this a fairly good police jury, except the vacant chair for ward 3, which is a blot upon the fair name of Natchitoches that Democracy should remove as quickly as possible.

We will endeavor to keep our readers posted on the most important doings of this body.

Our Normal School.

This flourishing institution which is one of most useful and meritorious in our State, has gained another victory over the prejudices and false notions of economy in our State Legislature.

Owing to the lateness of the commencement exercises occasioned by the small pox vacation, President Boyd was unable to appear before the House Appropriations Committee in the interest of the school. Although its necessities were fully set forth in the printed report, legislators seldom read the many different pamphlets that are piled upon their desks. So the committee acted rather blindly, and the deficiencies were only corrected by the Senate before whose committee President Boyd was able to appear.

But when the bill came back to the House for concurrence in the Senate Amendments, those carping economists who voted to increase every political appropriation on the list, even to the pay of Foster's ballot-box-stuffing militia, began to howl against the increase of appropriations for the Normal and the Ruston Industrial schools, two of the very best educational factors in the State, and the only ones of a high order in reach of the masses of our people.

Think of a self-respecting man voting to decrease the pay of a public school teacher and to raise the pay of the militia, which has no earthly use save to bolster up weak-kneed, ballot-box-stuffers!

But those who had faced the militia, who had been swindled out of their rights and who had voted against all useless and extravagant appropriations came to the rescue, the forces of education and progress were rallied and the two great schools of North Louisiana were saved. Liberal appropriations were given them and they will go on hand in hand educating and elevating North Louisiana and the State.

The "despised Combine" with its 30 votes in the House, threw itself nearly solid in favor of these schools—the Republicans at the request of the Populists only—while leading Fosterites opposed bitterly—whether at the dictation of Foster or not, is not known.

It is believed however, that he wanted to economize at the expense of those worthy institutions, so as to have larger surplus to invest in bonds at a premium though yet due.

Populists to St. Louis.

Delegates to the National Convention of the People's party, at St. Louis, July 22nd, will find at coupon office of any road leading to St. Louis, round trip tickets to St. Louis, for one fare. If your office is not a coupon office, ask your agent at once to wire for your ticket. The H. C. A. and N. Railway from Alexandria, via Monroe is the shortest route by several miles, and the ticket from Alexandria to St. Louis will cost \$19 23, and most of the delegates will take this route. Delegates should be at Alexandria some time on Sunday night, so as to take the 4:30 train Monday morning, which will reach St. Louis, Tuesday morning before convention meets Wednesday morning.

The Texas Democracy is in the tangle. The gold men have concluded to read the silver men out of the party. In the face of the fact that the Populists can beat both factions combined. It shows that the gold men are bent on rule or ruin. That's just the way they would run this country if permitted to. Remember the saying "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

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