

## THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE DEBT ORDINANCE.

(Colfax Chronicle.)

After a close examination of the new constitution we are convinced that it is an instrument which will meet the approval of the good people of this State, regardless of race or color, and unhesitatingly give it our support and recommend it to the support of others.

(Natchitoches Vindicator.)

Bitter and almost fatal feelings at one time prevailed in the Convention, which those attending could alone appreciate, and we were joyed beyond expression when the Democratic party, which in our opinion saved the Democratic party from defeat, and secured the people the model constitution of the Union.

Union Gazette: We have no doubt whatever as to the ultimate adoption of the constitution by the voters, as it secures to our citizens those rights and privileges for which they have been laboring for so many years. As far as old Union is concerned, it is a foregone conclusion as to the ratification of the constitution.

(Colfax Chronicle.)

The question finally resolves itself into this: Whether it is better to vote the ordinance down and continue to pay 7 per cent while longer, with the feeble hope that a reduction in keeping with the wishes of the people may be made at some future time, or to accept the ordinance which repudiates or "remits" the entire interest for the present year, allows 2 per cent per annum for five years from the first of January, 1880, 3 per cent per annum for five years, and 4 per cent per annum thereafter. Bearing in mind the old adage that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," we have been forced to the conclusion that the latter proposition should be accepted, giving, as it does, immediate relief to the taxpayer.

(Natchitoches Vindicator.)

The country papers south of us are coming up solid for the constitution. The Bulletin, of Avoyelles, says that the debt ordinance "seems to meet with general approval." The Opelousas, of Baton Rouge, comes out strongly in favor of it, as "it is the best settlement for the people that can be reached; while it affords immediate relief." The Advocate also takes that ground. The Morning Star and Messenger, strongly anti-debt during the convention sitting, pronounce the "settlement" "as good as a fifty per cent scale to the people."

The fact is, that the more the settlement is studied, the more it is apparent that the interests of the public will be greatly served by its adoption.

(Morgan City Review.)

The constitution presented to our people for ratification or rejection, is certainly better than the constitution of 1868, and will be adopted by a large majority. We do not approve of it in each particular, but considered as a whole, it is good and meets the approval of the people.

(Morehouse Clarion.)

We advise every voter in the parish to support the new constitution at the election in December. We give this advice because we think this instrument a great improvement on the old rotten, bayonet constitution under which we have lived since 1868. There is no doubt defects in the new one, but taken as a whole, it will compare favorably with the constitution of any State in the Union.

(Livingstonian.)

The new constitution is by no means a perfect piece of work. While there are many objectionable features introduced and article in the new instrument, it is, as a whole, so much better than the present one that we gladly subscribe to its adoption, and have no hesitancy in expressing the opinion that it will be endorsed by the people.

The debt ordinance, to be voted on separately, is one of grave import, and should be considered thoroughly before action. This is the way to look at it. "A rejection of the ordinance will leave the present debt of the State unchanged, with its heavy rate of interest, and a scale of taxation utterly inadequate to the demands upon it. The best alternative, under the circumstances, as it points to a more definite future for Louisiana.

We honestly believe that the adoption of the new constitution, in its entirety, will effectually close the Cadogan Pandora-box, and banish the many pestilential ills that have issued therefrom since 1869.

## THE CAMPAIGN.

Candidates are numerous in St. John the Baptist.

L. U. Webb is out in Lafourche as a candidate for sheriff.

Sheriff Cawthon, of Caldo, is a candidate for re-election.

T. D. McDonald is a candidate for clerk of the Webster District Court.

Edgar Mouton, chief deputy sheriff in Lafayette, is a candidate.

Goy Nichols is re-nominated for the governorship by the Richard Beaucon.

A correspondent writing to the West Carroll Courier wants Col. Lott for Governor.

The Houma Courier boasts the name of L. A. Wiltz as its masthead as its choice for Governor.

O. P. Bickford, of East Baton Rouge, is a candidate for clerk of the district court of that district.

A correspondent of the Morehouse Clarion nominates Col. R. B. Todd of that parish for Governor.

W. N. Potts is a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District.

The Democratic parish executive committee of Ouachita is called to meet August 23 to consider important business.

Alvan E. Read is a candidate for district judge in the Baton Rouge District. He served there for three years as district attorney.

The Carroll Conservative nominates J. M. Kennedy, of East Carroll, for judge of the district embracing East Carroll and Madison.

E. T. Lewis is a candidate for district judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District. Geo. W. Hudspeeth is in the field for the same office both of St. Landry.

Up to 10 o'clock yesterday morning there were four candidates out for clerk of the Boarder District Court, and no returns had been received from "twixt the bayous."

Leut. Gov. Wiltz is at the head of the government. He performs his duties well. The public is thinking about putting him there permanently. (St. James Advocate.)

Gervais Leche, of St. John the Baptist, is a candidate for District Judge of that district. The Meschacoe endorses him. Livin DePorter is its candidate for district attorney.

The campaign promises to be an early one. The four most serious candidates are Iberia, East Baton Rouge, Calhoun and Ouachita, where a host of candidates are already in the field.

Rapides had a severe attack, at the last election, of a Radical-Workingmen-Greenback-National party. The party will run at the coming election with the title Independent.

that there are differences in the Democratic party, but that, such, he thinks that there will be healed before election. The great danger, it says, is from Independents.

The announcements in Lincoln are—Judge E. M. Graham for district judge, James A. Ramsey, of Union, for district attorney, Eugene Howard for sheriff, and J. W. Williams and Judge W. E. Redwine for clerk.

And he read the new constitution and exclaimed: "I want to be sheriff and tax collector." We reckon so, but the required bond of \$40,000 will greatly agitate the mind of the ordinary candidate. (Madison Journal.)

A grand mass meeting was held in St. James parish last week to welcome home the delegates from the convention. The reception committee consisted of twenty-one negroes. The new constitution was endorsed by all the speakers.

In Ouachita Wm. Potts, the present incumbent, and Thos. G. Garrett are candidates for district attorney of the Fifth District. Messrs. T. P. Richardson, J. E. McQuire and R. W. McLendon for sheriff, and Austin Green for clerk of the Fifth District Court for the parish.

There are candidates in plenty in East Feliciana. Judge F. M. Brune for judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court; Messrs. W. Munday and J. H. Stone for the Legislature, John A. Morgan for clerk of the District Court, and John A. White, Jr., Thos. W. Robbins, W. E. Woodward and J. A. Norwood for sheriff.

The Republicans of the third ward of Iberia held, on last Saturday, a temporary mass meeting in the woods, near Judge Rigues' plantation. We learn from a reliable source that the meeting was held for the purpose of thoroughly organizing that ward, and to nominate six delegates to the parish convention, which will meet in this place on the first Saturday of September. (New Iberia Sugar Bowl.)

Dr. Nix, who is engaged in organizing the Greenback party in this parish in connection with Capt. R. E. Webb, was met in district court at Athens and Tulip by Col. J. S. Young, J. H. Chappell, Esq., and Gen. John Young. The gentlemen all spoke at Mount Zion on Monday last and at Athens on Tuesday.

The appointments yet to be filled are those of District Thursday and Summerfield Friday. (Clarborne Guardian.)

Judge D. L. Norwood, of Morehouse, is a candidate for Secretary of State. He is endorsed by the Lincoln Sentinel and the Morehouse Clarion, and will receive their support. The Clarion announces Col. Todd and Hon. F. D. Hammond, of Morehouse, Hon. W. F. Kernan of East Feliciana, Col. Robt. Richardson and S. D. McEnery of Ouachita, G. L. Garkins of Lincoln, E. L. Kidd of Jackson, E. John Ellis, of New Orleans and others.

Louisiana has within her borders many worthy citizens eminently fitted to occupy the highest position within the gift of her people, and foremost among them there towers majestically the Hon. Louis A. Wiltz. As a statesman, parliamentarian and financier he has no superior. His zeal and devotion, and his tireless and sublime record have won for him the esteem of all. The air is now filled with his immense popularity, and the people of Louisiana look for his nomination by acclamation. (Houma Courier.)

## LOUISIANA.

The cane is small in Assumption.

The cotton worms have made their appearance in the parish of Lincoln.

Port Hudson shipped two bales of cotton on the seventh, both on the John W. Cannon.

The cotton crop of Union parish is promising, but the yield of corn will be very small.

There will be an election in Vermilionville on the 18th, to decide a tie for member of the town council.

Much complaint has been made of late of the irregularities of the Shreveport and Red River Landings.

Clinton is the healthiest, incorporated and guaranteed place in the State, excepting New Orleans. (Clinton Watchman.)

Crops are doing better in Lind Grove, Morehouse parish, than expected. The Kansas fever there is also cooling down.

That portion of Caddo parish in which Boggy Bayou is situated is said to be infested with horse thieves and suspicious characters.

Mr. W. Q. Laffite brought on our steam on Thursday a sack of cotton containing eleven joints and measuring five feet. (East Feliciana Patriot Democrat.)

The Kansas fever has struck "Old Livingston" and from all appearances at least one-half of her colored population will exodus next spring. (Maurepas Gazette.)

There was a free fight on the Trinity plantation, in Assumption parish, last Sunday, in which one colored man killed another and then absconded to parts unknown.

The dead body of a new-born colored infant was found in the city cemetery at Shreveport. It is thought to be a case of infanticide, and the police are on the track of the guilty couple.

There will perhaps be enough corn made in this parish to supply the home demand. The crop averages well all over the parish. The cotton crop is splendid; will probably average one bale per acre. (Richland Beacon.)

The Iberville South man has been shown five samples of rice from the Ophelia plantation, grown by Capt. Brule. Some rice on his place is about as good as the present time.

A few acres on this place promise a yield of twenty barrels to the acre.

Mr. Herbin informs us that he saw a genuine cotton worm on his cotton last Monday, and we presume he crushed it; so that if there were no others concealed among the leaves of his cotton, there can be little danger of its being damaged by worms. (Richland Beacon.)

A petition, signed by several of our citizens who use the telegraph, has been forwarded to the president and directors of the Western Union Company asking a reduction of the excessive rates charged for telegrams and messages in this section of country. (Shreveport Times.)

The second bale of new cotton made its advent into the city yesterday. It was brought in by Mr. E. T. Turnley, of DeSoto parish, on whose place it was raised, and passed as middling. Messrs. Steers & Lindsay were the purchasers at nine and three-fourths cents per pound. (Shreveport Standard.)

For the last ten or fifteen days we have had an over-abundance of rain, and crops, which were entirely clean when "laid by," are now fast being more than watered.

Mr. J. H. Sutherland assures us that they are very abundant in the cotton, averaging five or six to the stalk in some places in the field.

During the past week we have heard a dozen or more farmers say that they have made their appearance. (De Soto Democrat.)

On the uplands of our parish cotton picking has commenced in earnest. The yield on these lands will not be good except in a few localities, where favored by timely rains.

On the lowlands the corn is only tolerably good, but the cotton is fine. The cane, with the rains we are having, will be large enough to yield well if the rains stop in time to permit it to ripen in time for the rolling season. (St. Landry News.)

The Kansas fever has been prevailing in the eastern part of our parish during the past week, and four or five colored families have departed for that distant State. We learn a rumor prevails among the colored population that the white people will force them to leave within two years, and all who remain after that time will be again reduced to slavery. The idea also prevails among them that those who leave will not be permitted to return to this State. (East Feliciana Watchman.)

We learn from a gentleman just from Coushatta that one colored man shot and killed another on the Hollingsworth place, below that town, a few days ago. The only reason learned for the killing was that the murdered man insisted on passing through the murdered man's field in order to avoid some damp weeds which were in the road. He was warned not to enter the field and lost his life by not heeding the warning. The murderer escaped, but was being hotly pursued by the sheriff of Red River parish. Our informant was unable to learn the names of the parties. (Shreveport Times.)

Moses McCullough, colored, accidentally shot and killed himself while camp-hunting on the west side of Bayou Bartholomew, in Morehouse parish. McCullough was firing the position of camp keeper. On hearing the dogs, in pursuit of a deer, approaching, he mounted his horse, went up to the wagon, and while attempting to get his gun there from the hamper caught in a snare, the gun exploded, and the soul of Moses McCullough took flight to heaven—or elsewhere. (Morehouse Clarion.)

A sharp shower about noon on Monday is all the rain we have had this week, and that fell within a very limited space. The dry weather has injured the cotton on quite a number of places, but little damage has been done thus far, and by the time the third crop puts in an appearance the cotton will be well out of the way. The corn crop is decidedly spotted, and many planters will have to get their next year's supply from the St. Louis cribs. (East Carroll Conservative.)

## TO TEXAS LAND OWNERS.

Send to J. E. Foster, Houston, Texas, for information on recent stringent tax laws.

Send free.

## WEATHER BULLETIN.

(Signal Service, United States Army.) Daily meteorological record for the eight hours ending at 11 p. m. Sunday, August 17.

Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

Stations. Bar. Therm. Wind. Miles per hour. Rain last 24 hours.

Chattanooga... 29.92—R 66 N 4 0

Ovando... 29.93—R 78 NE 4 0

Indianapolis... 29.93—R 78 NE 4 0

Louisville... 29.93—R 66 NW 4 0

Memphis... 29.93—R 66 NW 4 0

St. Louis... 29.93—R 66 NW 4 0

New Orleans... 29.91—R 79 NE 10 0

Shreveport... 29.94—R 78 NE 10 0

Vicksburg... 29.98—R 71 NE 4 0

Augusta... 29.92—R 71 W 1 0

Atlanta... 29.82—R 68 NW 4 0

Corsicana... 29.89—R 78 S 4 0

Galveston... 29.90—R 86... 0 0

Mobile... 29.92—R 71 W 1 0

Montgomery... 29.92—R 70 N 1 0

Savannah... 29.76—F 76 NW 13 50

B. Indicates rising; F. Indicates falling; S. Indicates stationary.

## LOCAL RECORD.

NEW ORLEANS, AUG. 17, 1879.

Time. Bar. Therm. Wind. Weather.

7 a. m. 29.94 78 N N 8 Clear.

2 p. m. 29.91 79 N N 10 Clear.

9 p. m. 29.91 79 N N 6 Clear.

Mean... 29.91 78.5

Maximum temperature, 83; minimum, 72.

## RIVER NEWS.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT.

Monday, August 18, 1879.

Arrivals.

See marine column.

Departures.

John A. Souder, Port Eads.

To Arrive.

Emma Irvine, Martha, lower coast; St. John, E. J. Gay, Bayou Sara; Holly, upper coast; J. B. M. Kehlor, Gold Dust, St. Louis; Assumption, Lafourche; Thompson Dean, Vicksburg; Yazoo, Fanchon, Opelousas; John Wilson, Ouachita; Cherokee, Cincinnati.

Stage of the Rivers.

Daily telegraphic report of the stage of water at various points, with changes, in the 24 hours ending yesterday at 5 p. m.

Stations. Above low water. Change.

Delta... 12 8 10

Cincinnati... 12 8 10

Louisville... 8 6 11 0

Memphis... 9 5 10 5

St. Louis... 11 7 10 0

New Orleans... 11 7 10 0

Shreveport... 2 0 10 0

Pittsburg... 3 4 10 7

Vicksburg... 12 3 10 4

Below high water mark of 1874, indicates rise. Underlines fall.

The John A. Souder and the Port Eads arrived from St. Louis Saturday night and returned yesterday, both of them. The Souder did a very large way business, having put out 1200 tons. Mr. Owen Cates was in charge of the Souder's office, and will change off with Mr. Huls, who remained at St. Louis, when the Souder leaves for New Orleans.

The E. J. Gay, bound at Carrollton every Monday and Friday. The fare is ten cents, and the proceeds are given to the orphans.

The Laura Lee leaves Wednesday for the Ohio.

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The tri-weekly regular Bayou Goula packet, Belle, J. A. Comstock master, Messrs. Wood, J. C. Bergeron and Dean clerks, leaves to-day at 5 a. m.

The tri-weekly upper coast packet Eva, Chas. DeBouché master, Supt. Toza clerk, leaves to-day, as usual, at 11 a. m., for the new Vacherie road.

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