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Appoint Delegates to attend the Convention to be held in Alexandria, Tuesday, September 1st, 1874.

The Committee of SEVENTY will meet here at 10 o'clock A. M., on Monday the 20th inst. A full attendance is desired.

M. J. CUNNINGHAM.
Chairman.

OUR PACKET.—It was again our pleasure to meet the officers of the steamer Bart Able, at Grand Ecore on Tuesday last, and our hearty thanks are due them for appreciated favors. Capt. Sinnot is looking in fine health and has nailed his flag to the mast for our trade. Our old friend Hamilton, (not old with years George—no far from it, you are in that as the smiling infant—but as we are poor in smiles, we refer you to Shakespeare's Seven Ages of Man for full particulars of the infant,) looked as usual "jam up." We thank him kindly for that file of late New Orleans and Eastern papers.

Railroad.

Col's. Edwards and Kellogg visited our town last week, and submitted a proposition to a meeting of the citizens, which will be found in another column. At present we have not fully settled in our mind the question of the donations asked. We are in favor of a Railroad, but are not exactly ready to favor the donation part of the business.

That our people should fully understand the matter, we give them a few figures which show that the cry of only \$300,000 is not exactly the whole amount we are called upon to donate. It is, at all events, best we should understand and know fully what we are doing, and what we are to pay in this matter.

The Railroad Company ask from the Parish in 20 year bonds, bearing 7 per cent interest, \$200,000

7 per cent interest for 20 years on that amount would be \$20,000

The city is also asked to donate 100,000

Interest for 20 years at 7 per cent would be 140,000

Collectors commissions to assess and collect, the whole amount would be 108,000

\$328,000

Making a total of eight hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars for a three hundred thousand dollar donation—a small amount to go in on, but a big one to come out.

But at the same time the incalculable benefit derived from the Railroad, must not be lost sight of—the population—the wealth that would flow into the Parish.

We will refer to the matter again next week, and in the mean time we demand that this Railroad question shall not be made an issue for the acceptance or resignation of the Police Jury—there is plenty of time and our assurances to the managers who have asked us for this donation, that we will give the amount, is as amply sufficient as theirs of building the road—simply a question of honor, and we consider ours as good as theirs.

The Republican party in Louisiana afraid of being detected in its true character; that of public plunderers, is trying to turn away its negro supremacy face from public gaze. Is not this something like the immortal Prentiss said of Jones, who went to bed drunk and turned over, lest his breath might betray him to his wife. Mrs. Jones not to be taken in, in such a manner, exclaimed, "you needn't turn over Jones, you are drunk clean through."

Thanks to our ever generous friend Mr. Emile Cloutier, for appreciated kindness.

To Our Colored Citizens.

We desire to address a few words to our colored fellow-citizens, which we wish them to carefully read and weigh, and if our reasoning and advice are correct, they will be but doing their duty to the country and posterity, to pay heed to, and act upon them.

You have been now six years connected with the great Republican party, the party to whom you thought you owed allegiance, from the fact that they had been instrumental in achieving your freedom. We will not stop to argue the pros and cons of that question, suffice it to say that the Republican party was in power at the time the issue was raised of the right of a State to secede, and as a material of war, you were used to insure success to those who argued against State rights, with the same intents and feelings with which the northern Democrat, the Foreigner or in fact, the very horses and mules drawing their guns and trains were. It is with the same motive that drowning men grasp at straws, that in hours of great trials a government uses all the material it can command. Such, and such only, was the reason you were used, and for that use, the boon of freedom was given you; nor will we say ought of this, the usefulness you might be put to, to save the Union, as they termed the issue of the war, was certainly offering upon your part, a good and sufficient remuneration for your freedom.

You may not understand it, but to be citizens you should, that governments are for the mutual good and the mutual protection of individuals, a simple compact for such good and protection, and when such governments fail or neglect to afford the requirements agreed upon, it naturally lapses into a community of citizens without a special head. Such a state or condition of the people is termed chaotic.

The Republican party has taught you an entirely different idea. The first step was to give you a lesson totally inconsistent with liberty in the abstract, and which tended and is used simply to promote either revolution or the private ends of political leaders; and that lesson was, secret and oath bound clubs, which has tended to completely demoralize you. You are its true, ignorant, and being so, are easily imposed upon. You are more to be led by appeals to your passion, than to reason, from our knowledge of your character we know you to be, and we say it without either the intention to compliment or cajole you, but simply to give our honest opinion, as a race, docile and desiring to do and be good if you knew how, a life of slavery has taught you to believe that liberty means laziness. But you have among you many bad, very bad colored men, and we are sorry to say that their influence over you for any end, is great. These men are bitter and uncompromising, and the smattering of knowledge they have obtained in their intercourse with worse white men, of whom we will speak further, has only tended to destroy what little common sense they at first possessed, and to make them brutal, domineering and reckless, that they have imparted this spirit to the mass of colored men is apparent, by the swagger and insolence adopted by many, the street threats and armed parades we have seen here in our city; and in the forbearance and quiet submission of the white people, you have been led to believe they were in fear of your power. The "gang" of white men who have been your acknowledged leaders, are as you know yourself, without character or responsibility—men without ideas, except that of gain, and to use you for that purpose they have pandered to all the weak points of your nature—fed your passions with tales of brutal slave owners—with pictures of burning cabins, bleeding backs, and all such "bug bear" argument as only the extreme ignorant can be made listen to; excited your prejudices by such stories as we would return you to a worse bondage than slavery, should we succeed, using for this end a thousand clap-trap expressions to convey to your untutored mind, what demons in human shape must any man be who was not a Republican, and a Republican as they judged he should be. The character and standing of these men are well known to you, they are in your midst and with the direct communication you have had with them for the past six years, can you lay your hand upon your heart and say, that one practical benefit has accrued to you from it? Have you had good schools and competent teachers? Have you well built and neat churches, attended by pious and God-loving congregations? Have you comforta-

ble homes—farms teeming with plenty—barns overflowing with the fruits of your hard earned toil? Have you officers who, by the enforcement of the laws which yourselves enacted, drive out crime from the land—protect your stock and throw around your lives and property, the mantle of protection? No! a thousand times no! Your schools are frauds, your children growing up in ignorance, your churches the scenes of bloody brawls, your barns and cribs empty, your little farms barren wastes, your stock stolen and your very lives in danger from the midnight thieves and assassins to whom alone the laws seem to give protection. It is idle to say that Providence has had a hand in the matter. Then why is it Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky, all Southern States, and growing in a measure the same staple as ourselves, are not in the same condition as Louisiana, South Carolina and Mississippi? The root of all our adversity has been the rule of the Radical party, this and nothing else. From your toil comes the tax; you are consumers and poor producers, and all you eat and wear must be paid for by your hard labor. The property owner is assessed with the taxes and you in the manner of trade and contract, must pay them for the income from your tilling his land is all he has, and high taxes means low wages—and that is to you nakedness and starvation. Thus you see how your own acts reach you through us. Now we know that you will admit this and we desire to close this article with a little plain talk and as it will be the last, we desire you to take it as a warning and act accordingly.

The white people intend to carry the State election this fall, this intention is deliberate and unalterable, from the fact that their very existence depends upon it, and that you may enjoy the blessings which will naturally follow such an event, blessings made doubly sweet when you know you were partly instrumental in bringing them about; we desire your co-operation, and we simply ask you, will you assist us in redeeming your State from the degradation and ruin she now is in, or will you follow still the advice of those who have placed her thus? Take time to answer it, and let your mind, should you decide affirmatively, be at rest for your future welfare and happiness. We propose to do for you more than any party has yet done for you, on the other hand should you imagine that the teaching of your former rulers is correct, and you elect to attempt, for it will only be an attempt, to continue their rule—then you must take the consequences. For we tell you now, and let it be distinctly remembered that you have fair warning, that we intend to carry the State of Louisiana in November next, or she will be a Military Territory.

QUESTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN OATH.—We see with surprise, the oath attached to the settlement by the Parish Treasurer, Jos. Ezernack, is certified to by W. H. Boullet as "Deputy Parish Treasurer," an official position we venture to say, unheard of by even the compilers of the Code. The law does not provide for Deputy Treasurers, no more than it does for Deputy Judges, and Deputy Presidents of the Police Jury, and the law emphatically says, "the Treasurer shall certify to the correctness of the statement under oath." The question naturally arises, has W. H. Boullet's oath any legal significance at all, and we venture to assert, it has not. He can swear to any thing for another man, as proxy oaths are in no manner regarded as binding in law. Committee of Seventy, while you are looking up these matters give this your attention, and see if you cannot at least protect the citizens from the evils which might attend a proxy certification of a Treasurer's settlement. And as these men seem to possess cheek beyond shame; you had better, once for all, give them a shaking warning, that such brazen, illegal conduct, will no longer be tolerated.

Our Friends Abroad.

MILAN, Texas, July 13, 1874.

Gentlemen:—Having learned from a waggoner that there was a probability of having trouble in your section, I write to ask that you will inform me by return mail as to the true state of affairs. Should the "ball begin to roll" we of this section might render some assistance. Let me hear from you.

At this season of the year the knowing young man stands out in the moonlight and tenderly says: "Ask me anything else, dearest, but don't—don't entreat me to sit down and wait a few minutes. Jane, those steps have just been painted. I've been there before."

Political Reflection.

Have the people of this Parish seriously reflected upon their true situation—upon the political condition of the State; the status of the party who have had possession of all the branches of government; Executive Legislative and Judicial; and the character of the men who have filled all posts of honor, profit and trust, for the past six years? The responsibility represented by the leaders in the so-called Republican party, so-called from the fact that the Northern Republicans totally ignore them as part or parcel of the National organization, amounts to simply nothing and the character of the men conducting State affairs, Legislating upon the property and liberty of the white race of this State, is as base as their purposes.

We are led to these reflections when we think of the terrible condition of our people and begin to devise ways and means by which the evils now existing may be mitigated or entirely overcome; at the risk of being considered violent in expression, we can at this moment see but one road out of our present difficulties and terrible as that method is, the mind of the true patriot will at once recognize the jesuitical policy as being applicable to our situation, the ends justifying the means. Kellogg, whose character for promising is as fertile as it is sterile of execution, has signified his intention of having a good legislature this year, in what way he will accomplish this much desired result, he sayeth not; by, we suppose, some means known only to himself, and we are at the same time equally uncertain of the men whom he will select to compose a body which he may consider a "good" General Assembly; and we are constrained to believe from the past history of the individual, that his meaning of "good" when applied to men has entirely different significance from that laid down by modern lexicographers. With him, all that legislation which tends to promote party ends, even at the cost of the destruction of the material interests of the white race, would, not only be considered good, but advancing farther in the degree of comparison, the best legislation. To prove which we have but to refer to the prolific promises of the Republican party in Louisiana for the past six years and the barren results of them.

All legislation has been, and will be, when controlled and shaped by Kellogg and his minions, intended to promote party ends, and party ends with them means individual spoils.

We are fully aware that we would be wasting words to tell our people that no confidence can be placed in the assurances of the Radical leaders with whom the destinies of our State have been identified since 1868, and who in that time have so nearly destroyed us. But as ocular demonstration will always be more convincing than theoretic argument, no matter how true that theory is, we have but to point to the men in our midst who are the representatives of the class of individuals that are supreme in power.

We enjoy, if we may be allowed to use that pleasurable term, the acquaintance of these men and we possess a knowledge of their conduct in the administration of the affairs of our parish. Boullet, Myers, Blunt, Lewis, Hornsby and such characters are good representatives of the element in our capital of those individuals who make laws, who execute laws and who judge of them; no better—worse if anything.

With this knowledge of the character of the Radicals with us, of their past conduct, and of such men who have lately joined them, can we place any faith in the goodness of the material that Kellogg's new General Assembly will be composed of? Shall we quietly wait the tide of events and give one more trial to men who have been judged and condemned? We will answer the question for ourselves. It is impossible for them to effect any good for the white people of our State; their interests, if they have any beyond personal concern, are in no way identified with ours, and what will be good and living legislation for them, will be bad and death to us. Their prejudices imbibed from their education will last them through life. We are not willing that any member of the Radical party in the parish of Natchitoches should represent us in the General Assembly or be placed in any position of trust, either State or Parochial, for we know them to be corrupt and would in the future be the robbers they have been in the past.

Now the question is, how shall we redeem our Parish and State? All the means by which the colored element could be neutralized for good

have been exhausted, and upon the white vote alone depends the solution of the difficulty and we insist upon the thorough organization of that class of our people, with the distinct understanding that property and intelligence shall rule, and success is certain.

A Warning.

It has been evident since the resignation of the Police Jury on the 6th inst., that the leading Radicals are under the impression the feelings of the people can be allayed by the appointment of such men as have heretofore borne the name of good citizens. We are strengthened in this opinion by all the acts of those leaders since the movement to effectually destroy corruption in our midst began. The game of bluff, which has with them been so successful before, was found to be totally inadequate to answer the purpose, and it seems the mass of the colored men who are controlled by these adventurers, are much better posted with regard to the feeling and conduct of the white people, as witness their refusal to attend the Grand Bolster Jubilee on the 4th. It would be well that they should have some ocular demonstration, if their reasoning powers are so blunted, that the white people are terribly in earnest and are determined to name the parties who shall in future legislate on their property. It is a fixed question of principle upon which we are acting, and the foundation of that principle is, honest and capable men must and shall be the only recipients of office, and the scoundrel and negro leaders here should be made to distinctly understand it.

In working to this end we named at a Mass Meeting, four honest and representative men to fill the important trusts of Police Jurors, and it is useless to have any others appointed, and such action on the part of the Radicals would be a waste of time, and might tend to precipitate matters. So the gentlemen(?) who compose the leading element of the Republican plunderers here, can take warning, or if they choose can act for themselves. But we give them fair play when we tell them, do not try the temper of the people too far!

The future of Natchitoches looks to our minds clear and bright, should the policy indicated be closely followed. Some suggestions may not be amiss at this moment, with regard to what spirit should animate our citizens to that end.

Some of our trust men have said if we should demand the instant removal from office, or suspension in such a manner as to deter them from doing evil, of D. H. Boullet, Tax Collector, H. C. Myers, District Judge, and the entire School Board; we might place ourselves in the light of being dictatorial.

We have, let it be observed, always heard the "might," expressed as if with doubt; seemingly a desire to draw from the public an expression of opinion on the point. After conversations with our leading citizens, we think we can state their true feelings on the situation, and in a measure reflect their opinions as to future action.

It is conceded that we have but removed one of the means which has effected by some "grand cause," a mine of trouble and plunder of our people by vile means, but still there remains that same body of individuals who have handled these "means" for base purposes, and unless they are removed we are likely at any time to have a repetition of the acts that have called for such protest as we are just making, and it is the opinion that all parties who have been the cause, and we know the men, of the state of affairs as have existed, should be required to immediately resign, or be removed.

We of the Parish of Natchitoches, have borne longer and more patiently, the conduct of our public officials, than any other people in this State would have dreamed of submitting to. Let it not then be said that when we were at last aroused, we failed, from fear of being considered dictatorial, of achieving permanent good. Let us remember those who will form opinions contrary to what we consider our rights, and that those persons in no way represent in any manner, questions of principle. We have long been dictated to, and representing the material interest of a community must assume that right which is consistent with all principle of being exacting, even at the risk of being considered dogmatical; for good citizens bent on a permanent and lasting reform in government, should in no way listen to and be swayed by the opinions of men who, nearly always from pecuniary interest of the mo-

ment, advise a compromise with the corrupt and tyrannical parties who are being assailed for that purpose.

May and might, are but poor auxiliaries to use in argument when defending men for future conduct, whose past acts have been so outrageous as these leading spirits in our midst. All criminals are entitled to acquittance upon such a plea as that, and laws to enforce purity in society, when put to such test; be those enactments human or Divine, are dead letters and void of enforcement.

To sum up, Boullet, Myers and Blunt, are known to be the supreme commanders of the gang, who have feasted upon the body politic, and through their influence, by their advice, and with their consent, has all this plundering been done; then why should we hesitate to apply the rule adopted by our mass meetings to them, do we fear their power or opinions? Certainly not. Then in the name of the white people of our parish, let their resignation or removal be demanded and required.

BOX QUOTE COLLECTOR SLOPES!

\$4366 35 of the People's Money Gone!

REDMOND THE RADICAL, LEAVES US IN THE SUDS.

The Bond a Straw!

It will be remembered that last week in an article, we alluded to the tenor of the speech made by W. H. Redmond, the City collector of Natchitoches, in which speech he alluded to his having been charged with being a defaulter, and denounced that charge as being false. This we can now see was but another exemplification of the "wincing of the galled jade;" for upon the examination of his affairs by a committee appointed by the city administrators, he was found to be in arrears \$4366.35, according to his own books, that amount will probably be largely increased when a thorough examination has been had into the receipts he has issued, the collection of Quarantine Taxes, &c. His bond is said to be worthless, from the fact that the party's sureties are not worth the amount expressed, and the bond, by reason of neglect, has not been recorded. So the tax payers and citizens of Natchitoches, are left in the suds. Redmond left for parts unknown last week, and although his absence was noted within a day or two after, enquiries as to where he was, were quitted by the assurance that he had gone fishing. No steps have been taken for his apprehension, although he is now known to have absconded. This is another telling argument against the Radical rulers here, as this man was a particular pet of Blunt, Myers, Boullet and Lewis, the grand thieving quartette and managers in general of all the villainies perpetrated on our people.

We opine Redmond has gone to New Orleans to confer with his friends, and entertain King Kellogg with the cock and bull story that "the officials are being persecuted in Natchitoches, because they are Republicans." Citizens of Natchitoches! who is responsible for this, and what are you going to do about it?

Why stand you with folded arms while the vile miscreants who are the responsible parties, are quietly smiling at your discomfiture. You know the men, and you deserve but the name of cowards if you submit one instant longer.

Mass Meeting in Sabine.

MANY, July 14th, 1874.

At a Mass Meeting of the citizens of the Parish of Sabine, assembled in many on the 13th day of July, after the object of the meeting was explained by Mr. Edmund Duggan, President of the Police Jury, Capt. C. C. Nash was called to the chair and Mr. F. C. Gay appointed secretary, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions.

Whereupon the following were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By the people of the Parish of Sabine in Mass Meeting assembled, that we have witnessed with the greatest sympathy and anxiety the great popular movement inaugurated in the Parish of Natchitoches on the part of that deeply wronged and long oppressed people to rid themselves of the official abuses to which they have been subjected, and that we do hereby tender them our hearty assistance and co-operation should the same be needed in carrying out their laudable objects.

C. C. NASH,
Chairman.

F. C. GAY,
Secretary.

"For a young woman to begin to pick lint off a young man's coat collar" is said to be the first symptom that the young man is in peril.