

For the first time in eighteen years, Lee county, Ala., has now Democratic officials. The Democrats have had many years of defeat, but at last they triumphed.

The Spanish cruiser, Maria Teresa, that cost about \$500,000 to raise, went to the bottom of the deep blue sea on Saturday last during a storm. The Spaniards no doubt are glad to see it.

West Virginia is without a State debt and has a cash surplus of \$1,000,000 in bank, drawing 3 per cent interest. Is there any other State in the Union that can make such a showing.

Joe Lee, a negro, who was appointed internal revenue collector at Jacksonville, Fla., by President McKinley, took charge of the office last week, and immediately the entire white force in the office resigned.

The town of Macy, Ind., is paralyzed by an epidemic of typhoid fever, diphtheria and scarlet fever. The schools and churches are closed, business almost suspended, and the local authorities unable to manage affairs. The State Board of Health has taken charge.

The Tensas Levee Board at its meeting held at Monroe last week, sold the land belonging to the board, realizing \$180,000 for it. It will now be a great benefit to the different parishes, as all of this land, amounting to 700,000 acres will now be placed on the assessment rolls, and taxes will have to be paid on it.

The Spanish Peace Commissioners have rejected all the propositions made them by the Peace Commissioners of the United States in the settlement of the dispute over the Philippines. The United States has possession of the country and why it continues to dilly dally in the matter with the Spanish committee it is strange.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange estimates the cotton crop of 1898 at 11,199,996 bales, and the entire crop of the world at 14,263,000 bales. The total consumption of the world is estimated at 11,263,000 bales, or only 63,000 bales more than the American crop. This will leave a surplus of about 3,000,000 bales to be carried over for the purpose of depressing prices another year.

The New Orleans Republican says that "many of the best paying Federal offices in Louisiana are still filled by Democrats, although their commissions have expired for over a year." What is the matter that President Hanna does not bounce them? Perhaps the National Committee think that for dishonorable and rotten politicians the Republican party in charge at present is a little too much to swallow.

Over in Natchitoches parish, after the primaries were held, one of the wards reported 38 votes cast for Brazile with the tally sheets signed by the commissioners, and now it turns out that there was no election held in that ward and the whole thing has been proven a forgery. The papers of that district say that this was not the only fraud done by the Brazile supporters. Pretty tough.

Mr. A. J. Landauer, of Liverpool, one of the best known men in the cotton business, who annually makes a personal investigation of the American cotton crop, prior to November 1st, has been in Galveston lately and has given to the press the results of his 1898 examination of the cotton outlook. He contends that a commercial crop of 11,000,000 bales is a conservative estimate. He considers that 3,500,000 bales for Texas is a very low estimate, and thinks 4,000,000 will be nearer the mark. Mr. Landauer claims that he has never overestimated the yield. The gentleman also states that spinners are not in a condition to buy heavily for future use—that their capacity is even somewhat less than it was last year. Mr. Landauer does not give farmers much encouragement for planting largely next year.

A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

The Vicksburg Dispatch says "there is no doubt at this writing that the Democrats have won a great victory. They have captured the House of Representatives, and swept through the great West, capturing congressional districts which the Republicans claimed Monday as entirely safe to them. They have made all the great states of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and New York, doubtful states for the Republicans in a national contest and they did that with the principles of 1896 nailed to the masthead.

It is true that the new House of Representatives can do nothing for over a year, but it will be in power when the Presidential battle is fought in 1900. If by any chance the Presidential election should be thrown into the House, the Democrats are sure to win.

In two years more wheat and all cereals will touch new low records just as cotton has done and the Democrats will sweep every state in the west. If wheat had been as low comparatively speaking as cotton, the Democrats in the Fifty-sixth Congress would have had a majority over all of fifty at least. Free coinage is the great issue, and it will be the issue until it shall be restored to the American people by the Democratic party.

The Democratic party has the confidence of the people and it only has to remain true to itself to capture every branch of the government."

\$100 REWARD.

I will pay the above reward to any one who will furnish me information which will lead to the recovery of my child, Ethel Waldron. Her age is 7 years; height, when taken, about 3 feet, 8 inches; weight, about 40 pounds; slim build; complexion, dark; eyes, dark brown; hair, dark; small scar under jaw, caused by laceration. She was taken from her home, September 29, 1897, by her mother, Phila Waldron, aged 50 years; height, about 5 feet, 2 inches; weight, about 140 pounds; medium heavy built; dark complexion; black hair and eyes; false teeth. She is a good dresser; wears glasses most of the time. Mother and daughter are supposed to be with J. C. McCoy, age 40 years; height, 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches; weight, about 137 pounds; complexion, yellow; black hair; considerable grey when not dyed; false teeth; wore moustache and side whiskers when he left; could grow a heavy beard in a very short time. Was formerly engaged in the grocery business. They are very fond of vocal music and may be connected with some church choir. The Grant County, Indiana Circuit Court has given me the custody of the child, and I will pay \$100 reward for information leading to her recovery. The attention of school teachers and children is asked for this article.

Address,
J. H. WALDRON,
Box 4, Gass City, Ind.

[Mr. Waldron is trust worthy and reliable and has the sympathy of the community in which he lives. Any aid rendered which may lead to the recovery of his child will be deserving.—Ed. Gass City, (Ind.) Weekly Journal]

The following clipping is taken from a Matagorda county, Texas paper, and it shows the difference in the amount of cotton that can be gathered in a day by pickers in that country and ours:

Brother T. B. Price of Minerva called at this office Saturday with his three little boys to give their record as cotton pickers. Little Spencer Price, five years old, weighs 38 pounds and picked in one day 155 pounds of cotton. Geo. Price, nine years old, weighs 60 pounds and picked 380 pounds in one day. Willie Price, age 11 years, weighs 68 pounds and picked 515 pounds. The father, age 40 years, picked 675 pounds. The weight of the father and three sons is 306 pounds and they picked a total of 1725 pounds of cotton in one day. To look at these little boys no one would think that they could possibly earn their bread, but here is a small man with three small boys who can pick over a bale of cotton in a day. Who can beat it?

Richard Croaker, the Tammany chief, failed to carry New York, and she is still Republican. The chances are for another Republican U. S. Senator.

Louisiana sends a solid delegation to Congress, and the Republican and Populist party in our State will hardly be heard of again. Rather rough on poor Gunby, but he is getting his just deserts.

It is glory enough for the Democrats to know that North Carolina is once more a Democratic State. New York and Delaware and other States can go, but for North Carolina to be redeemed from the Populist and negro office holders is glory enough for one day.

Miss Rose C. Falls of Chicago, a practicing attorney of that city, has been licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Last week she had her first case before one of the courts of New Orleans, and had no trouble in procuring a verdict for her client.

The late news of the election gives 109 Democrats and 85 Republicans as known to be elected to Congress where two years ago the Republicans elected 105 and the Democrats 89. This is a big change, and shows that the Democratic party will win two years hence.

AN ORDINANCE.

An ordinance providing for the submission to the property tax payers of the town of Providence, State of Louisiana, the proposition for said town to incur a debt of \$17,500, to insure bonds therefor, to levy a tax to pay the principal and interest of said bonds, more than one-third of the tax payers of the municipality having petitioned therefor:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the town of Providence, in regular and lawful session convened, that pursuant to Article 281 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana, the following proposition be submitted according to law to a vote of the property tax payers of the town of Providence, to-wit:

That the said town be authorized to contract a debt of seven thousand five hundred dollars, for the purpose of the erection or purchase of a combined Water Works and Light system for the town and for said purpose, that said Mayor and Town Council be authorized to issue negotiable bonds therefor bearing 5 per cent, per annum interest thereon payable annually, and payable as may be designated by the Mayor and Town Council of said town, and that the said Mayor and Town Council be authorized to levy a tax at the rate of 5 mills on the dollar per annum on the assessed valuation of the property subject to taxation within the town of Providence for no longer period than forty years, until a sufficient fund is provided to pay said debt as evidenced by said bonds and interest.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained etc., That a special election be and is hereby ordered according to law and to take the sense of the property tax payers on said proposition, and that said election be held on Thursday, December 15, 1898.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained etc., That the ballots to be used at said election shall be printed in the following form:

"For authorizing the town of Providence to contract a debt of seventeen thousand five hundred (\$17,500) dollars to pay for the erection or purchase of a combined Water Works and Light system for the town, and in evidence thereof to issue negotiable bonds to said amount bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, payable annually, and payable as may be designated by the Mayor and Town Council of Providence, and in order to pay same to levy and assess annually a special tax of five mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in said town, beginning with the year 1899 and lasting not exceeding forty years until a sufficient fund has been provided to pay the interest and principal of said bonds," and "Against authorizing the town of Providence to contract a debt of seventeen thousand five hundred (\$17,500) dollars to pay for the erection or purchase of a combined Water Works and Light system for the town, and in evidence thereof to issue negotiable bonds to said amount bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, payable annually, and payable as may be designated by the Mayor and Town Council of Providence, and in order to pay same to levy and assess annually a special tax of five mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in said town, beginning with the year 1899 and lasting not exceeding forty years until a sufficient fund is provided for paying principal and interest of said bonds."

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained etc., That the Board of Supervisors of Election of the parish of East Carroll are hereby required to appoint commissioners of election, and clerk to serve at the polling place to give due notice of said appointments and of the time and place of holding said election, and to make returns of said election according to law.

Sec. 5. Be it further ordained etc., That the assessor of the parish of East Carroll shall furnish to the commissioners of election a complete list of the property tax payers of the town, with the amounts of their assessments respectively due and owing, and the registering officer of said town shall furnish a duly certified list of the electors of said town to the commissioners of election.

Sec. 6. Be it further ordained etc., That the ballots of all the tax payers of the town of Providence entitled to vote under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and before depositing same in the ballot box shall endorse thereon in the presence of such voter the name of the voter and the amount of the valuation of his assessed property, and said commissioners shall make a return of the number of votes for and against the levy of said special tax.

Sec. 7. Be it further ordained etc., That upon the return of the result of said election, and the promulgation thereof, if it shall be found that a majority, in number and amount of the property tax payers qualified as electors under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, shall have voted in favor of the proposition submitted to the tax payers, then, and in that event, the Mayor and Town Council of Providence shall be authorized to pass an ordinance providing for the execution of the bonds, prescribing the form of same, declaring the manner and sum in which they shall be redeemable, fixing the date, or dates of their maturity, the mode in which they shall be sold or disposed of, and providing for the principal and interest of the said bonds by the levy of a special tax of 5 mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of all the property in the town of Providence, until the maturity of said bonds.

Sec. 8. Be it further ordained etc., That none of said bonds shall be sold for less than par, and that no part of the fund arising from the sale of said bonds shall be appropriated or expended for any other purpose than that specified in the proposition submitted in this ordinance, that no part of said funds, heretofore authorized for a special purpose, shall be diverted or used for any other purpose whatsoever.

Sec. 9. Be it further ordained etc., That this ordinance be published in the official journal of the town of Providence for full thirty days prior to the day of holding said election, and this ordinance take effect from and after its passage.

G. M. FRANKLIN, Mayor.
D. W. GILMORE, Secretary.
Mayor's office, town of Providence, La., Nov. 10, 1898.

Henry Neill, the cotton statistician, still sticks to it that the cotton crop will be 10,500,000 bales.

Election Proclamation.

Election proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of Election of East Carroll parish and the Mayor of the town of Providence.

Whereas, The Town Council of the town of Providence did at the session of November 10th, 1898, ordain that an election should be held in the town of Providence on Thursday, December 15th, 1898:

Now, we the Mayor of the town of Providence and the Board of Supervisors of Election in and for the parish of East Carroll duly commissioned, qualified and vested, hereby give public notice that on Thursday, December 15th, 1898, an election will be held at the Fireman's Hall in the town of Providence, for the purpose of taking the sense of the property tax payers of the town of Providence upon the question of authorizing the town to contract a debt of seventeen thousand five hundred (\$17,500) dollars to pay for the construction or purchase of a combined Water Works and Light system for the town, and in evidence thereof to issue negotiable bonds therefor bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, payable annually, and payable as may be designated by the Mayor and Town Council of the town of Providence, and in order to pay same to levy and assess annually a special tax of 5 mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all the property in said town, beginning with the year 1899, and lasting not exceeding forty years until a sufficient fund is provided to pay the principal and interest of said bonds.

And pursuant to law and the foregoing, we the Mayor of the town of Providence and said supervisors of election aforesaid, do hereby name and appoint W. H. Fisher, P. B. Shields and J. B. Kerlin as commissioners and S. B. Kennedy as clerk to preside at the said election above named on December 15, 1898.

Said commissioners are instructed to open said polls at 8 o'clock a. m., and close at 7 o'clock p. m., on the day of said election.

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tion, pursuant to Section 8 of Act 102 of the Acts of 1898.

Given under our sanction on this 11th day of November, 1898.
W. C. McRAE,
W. E. DUNN,
O. J. HURLEY,
Commissioners of Election of East Carroll Parish, La.

G. M. FRANKLIN,
Mayor of Providence.

The cotton crop of Concordia parish will be less than fifty per cent of last year.

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Succession Sale.

Seventh District Court, Parish of East Carroll, La.,
Succession of Emanuel Baker—No. 2. Probate.

By virtue of a writ of sale to me directed from said court in the above styled succession requiring me to sell all the property inventoried,
Wednesday, November 24, 1898,
between the hours prescribed by law, at the door of the Court House, in the town of Providence, La., all the right, title and interest of said succession in and to the following property to-wit:
1st. House and Lot in the Arlington addition to the town of Providence, opposite the property of Silas Fulgum, known as the D. L. Priest property, with the improvements thereon.
2nd. One old mare, wagon and dray.
Terms of sale—cash according to inventory.

ROSE BAKER KELLY,
Administratrix.
Providence, La., Oct. 22nd, 1898.-5t.

Cancellation of Bond.

Executive Department, State of La.
Whereas, J. D. Tompkins, late Clerk of the Seventh District Court, has applied to me for the cancellation of a bond drawn and subscribed by said J. D. Tompkins as principal, with L. Aschenburg in the full sum of \$2500, M. K. Barwick in the full sum of \$1000, Edward W. Constant in the full sum of \$1000, Phil McGuire in the full sum of \$1000, G. M. Franklyn in the full sum of \$1000, L. G. Oldfield in the full sum of \$1500 and M. C. McGuire in the full sum of \$1000 as sureties, dated July 6, 1896, and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as clerk of the Seventh Judicial District Court, parish of East Carroll.

Now, I, Murphy James Foster, Governor of the State of Louisiana, have thought proper to issue this my proclamation with the view of giving public notice to all persons interested and concerned to show cause in writing, at the office of the Secretary of State at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, within ninety days from and after the date of this proclamation, why said bond and the publication resulting therefrom should not be cancelled and annulled and the above securities discharged from any further liabilities in the premises.

Given under my signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana at the city of Baton Rouge, this tenth day of October, A. D. 1898.
MURPHY JAMES FOSTER,
By the Governor:
JOHN T. MITCHELL, Secretary of State.

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