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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce

W. S. Frazee, Esq.,

as a candidate for election to the office of District Judge, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce

Hon. E. B. Dubuison,

as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce

Hon. T. S. Fontenot,

as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

We are authorized to announce

Hon. Robert Chachere

as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court of St. Landry parish, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce

Mr. D. W. Bass

as a candidate for the office of Representative from the Parish of St. Landry, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the Legislature of Louisiana, in the White Primary and White Primaries. I solicit the support of the few white Democrats of the new addition, or converts, to Gov. Foster—also no negroes at all.

C. B. ANDRUS.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

To My Friends and the Public:

I am a candidate for Justice-of-the-Peace of the 1st Ward, St. Landry Parish, La., at the election to be held on April next, and respectfully solicit your support.

J. E. HOUTSON.

A WHITE PRIMARY.

The District Democratic Executive

Committee met in Rayne on

Thursday, as per call published in

our last issue, and ordered a general

white primary for Saturday,

March 21, to nominate district,

parochial and ward officers. This

news was received just as we were

about to go to press, and consequently

we can only mention the fact without comment.

THE INCONSISTENT COMBINE.

Quite naturally the trade at

Alexandria between Andrew Hero,

representing the negro wing of the

Republican party, and the State

Populist committee has created much

opposition throughout the State in

the latter party, as will be seen by

the following extracts from the

Populist papers:

The Lake Charles New Road

(Pop.) says:

"Mr. Booth announces that he will not

be forced by manipulating politicians to

resign, and this paper proposes to keep

his name at the head of the ticket. The

People's Party State Convention did not

give the State Central Committee authority

to pull anyone down from the ticket

formulated at the head of the ticket. But

the committee undertakes to do that it goes

entirely beyond its authority."

The Farmville Advocate (Pop.)

says:

"The Populists of North Louisiana

have all along been opposed to any kind

of fusion, and have desired to stand

on the merits of the party. The action

of the committee to elect Mr. Booth

from the head of the ticket and putting

up Mr. Pharr in his place was unwarranted

and without precedent. We think

the people who do not know, and through

which the committee escaped from the

fetters that bound them by the convention

was the simple word 'otherwise.' On

the expanded meaning of this little

word they delegated to themselves the

power to pull down the man who was

the choice of the convention and to place

in his stead a man who was the choice

of only a handful of Populists. But we

believe the party will remain intact. It

will repudiate the action of the State

Central Committee and will demand the

calling of another convention."

The Lakeside Review (Pop.) says:

"That was a pretty piece of work of

the committee at Alexandria when they

used the work of the convention and

formulated a ticket to suit themselves,

dropping off Booth without first consulting

him, and placing a Republican at the

head of the ticket. On your own responsibility

and have done our party a great deal

of harm, whether intentionally or

ignorantly, you can't know, and we

think the thing to do is to get away

from the thing to deliver it. We know

the Populists of Louisiana too well to

think for a minute that any considerable

number of them will vote for a Republican

for Governor."

The check and gall of the Populist

committee in setting aside the action

of their State Convention and putting

Republican Pharr at the head of the

ticket beats anything we have ever seen

in the way of politics. But it is now said

that the anger of many of the Populist

editors is only skin deep, for they met

Captain Pharr at Alexandria last week

and it is given out that their interview

with him has pacified matters, and that

they will now stop kicking the ticket.

Whether the Captain's chin music

did the business, or whether he took

along with him and distributed a

share of the Republican campaign

boodle is not stated. Certain it is

that the Captain is a very powerful

Now, in order to make the

clerk with the negro wing of the

Republican party, they pull down

Booth against his consent and sub-

stitute a Republican at the head of

the ticket. Great Scott! What

have the Populists done with their

principles of "Jeffersonian Demo-

cracy" and white supremacy that

they should be willing to go into

this nasty business of bringing the

negro vote to the front again to

turn the State of Louisiana over to

the Republican party, when it cost

a whole generation of strife, tur-

moil and bloodshed to rescue our

State from the grasp of that dread-

ful monster of misrule! What, if

all the ideas contained in the Pop-

ulist platform are wise and sound

and statesmanlike, do the Popu-

lists expect to advance their prin-

ciples one whit by an alliance with

the Republican party, a party that

has brought upon the country all

the evils that caused the formation

of the Populist party? Do they ex-

pect to advance their cause by and

through the negro vote? If not,

where do they expect elsewhere to

get votes enough to elect any of

their party to office?

Take this parish for an illustration.

Allow the Populists 300

white votes, an estimate which

gives them 117 votes more than

they polled for Tannehill at the

last election, and add to that the

611 votes which the Thompson fac-

tion polled for McKenry, and you

have a total of white votes for the

Washington ticket of less than

1000—less than one-third the white

vote cast for Foster.

Now, as there were over 3600

negro votes cast in this parish for

the Republican party at that election,

it is easy to see that the

Washington combine is based upon

and looks for the most part to

the negro vote for success. Is that

the price the Republicans are pay-

ing the Populists for helping them

to elect Foster to their party?

Will Messrs. Truman, Bailey, Don-

ahy and Wilson give their votes

and influence to help plunge their

State again into the black gulf of

Stegro domination in exchange for

the negro vote to elect them to

seats in the Legislature? Will

they pay that fearful price for the

empty honor of being the nominees

of this disgraceful ticket?

For, as certain as the sun rises and

sets each day, they can never be

elected by that incongruous, un-

principled combine as long as a

spark of white sentiment and true

manhood remains in the breasts of

the yeomanry of old St. Landry

parish. These gentlemen must

know that the Thompson faction

and the Populist strength put to-

gether will not give them the vote

to the outside more than one-third

enough votes to elect them, and

that to get in they must join with

and help on the plan to vote the

negro in mass, and thus again or-

ganize a hell in this parish like

that we had in reconstruction

times. We say to them now and

again, pause before you go beyond

recall, and shrink back from par-

ticipation in this dark conspiracy

against the peace, dignity and

welfare of society itself, and in taking

such a course you will entitle your-

selves to, and will receive, the es-

timate and good will of the entire

body of right-thinking people of

this parish.

AS TO JOHN H. HUMBLE.

If John H. Humble, the editor of

the People's Party Tribune, were

not a complete physical wreck, an

invalid who has to be rolled around

in an invalid's chair, there would

have been but one course left open

for us to pursue concerning his

knaveish and scurrilous attack up-

on this paper last week. The Clarion

always believed that this unfor-

fortunate, but unprincipled wreck

of a man had been placed at the

head of that Populist snoot rag for

the purpose of carrying on a mud-

slinging campaign, to lie and

slander and malign respectable

men, knowing full well that he

was safe from any physical punish-

ment and exempted from the

course resorted to by gentlemen in

such cases, because he was an in-

valid and utterly irresponsible.

The white supremacy movement

had made too much headway, and

all efforts to check it by the other

side had proved unavailing, and

we suppose, the scheme of getting

a good liar that could not be touch-

ed at the head of a newspaper was

hit upon. In this way, by mis-

representation and falsification of

facts, it is hoped to stem the tide

of public opinion in favor of white

supremacy in this parish, and again

revert to the disgusting scenes of

nigger elections of which our peo-

ple have become so tired.

Believing that the above was the

purpose of this dirty sheet, this

paper has endeavored to steer clear

of its path, passing unnoticed

many things that we would have

noticed had it been a respectable

paper edited by a reasonable man.

But when the miserable, foul-

mouthed wretch got so bold as to

assert that the white supremacists

were giving negro bulls, patience

had ceased to be a virtue, and, be-

ing late in the week, we had no

time to write much about it, and

simply branded the statement as a

lie. This was unequivocal, and we

expected the informant of the Tri-

bune (there must have been an in-

formant, as Humble, as stated, is

an invalid) to come to the front or

shut up.

Instead of that, they sick their

crippled cur at us, not with proofs,

but with simply "you lie back,

but you can't touch me, because I

am crippled."

If this was not the premeditated

purpose in placing this poor cripple

at the head of the Tribune, then

why do they not check him, now

that they see how unfair and

untruthful he is in his treatment

of the opposition?

Gentlemen of the other side, the

St. Landry Clarion carries at its

mast-head the name of a man who

is responsible for its utterances,

and will stand by them. Now if it

is your purpose to carry on a cam-

paign of mud-slinging—if nothing

also but your dismal failures at

bulldozing people will satisfy you

—we will meet you half way, but

first provide your paper with a re-

sponsible head.

Take that cur of yours down and

put up somebody that is accounta-

ble for what he says.

PARTY TREACHERY SCATH-

INGLY REBUKED.

The sub-committee sent up to

look into the factional trouble ex-

isting in St. Landry and Acadia

have sent in their finding to the

State Executive Committee. The

report is a most scathing and mer-

ciless criticism of the conduct and

methods of the Thompson-Perrault

faction in St. Landry and the

Clark-Dunson faction in Acadia,

whom the sub-committee charges

with using their party organization

to further individual interests to

an extent that if successful would

eventuate in disrupting the party

in those parishes." The report of

the committee goes on as follows:

Under the guise of Democrats and

Democratic organization they are

trading the purely party offices to the

opposition, for local offices for themselves

and friends.

Notwithstanding the fact that they

have practically surrendered their func-

tions and refused to give the Democrats

of their respective parishes an oppor-

tunity to express the Democratic will,

they still keep up the semblance of

representing the organization of the

party, thus enabling them to mislead

Democrats who have neither the time

nor opportunity for investigation.

The evidence, documentary and other-

wise, mostly furnished through the

committees of their friends, which we

herewith, and make part hereof, and

their failure to offer any defense, war-

rant these conclusions; in fact, they re-

fused to come before your committee or

aid them in any way.

In view of these facts the sub-

committee has directed the Dis-

trict Executive Committee of that

judicial and senatorial district to

order white Democratic primary

elections for the nomination of dis-

trict officials, members of the legis-

lature in the two parishes and

parish and district committees. The

action of the sub-committee is em-

phatically wise and commendable

and will result in the establishment

within those parishes of an undis-

puted Democratic authority to

which the people may look with

confidence for the management of

party matters in the future. We

congratulate the Democrats of that

district upon the equitable manner

in which the reorganization of the

party is to be effected by direction

of the supreme party authority.—

Baton Rouge Advocate.

DEMOCRATIC DEFECTION.

There are men who will profess

any creed or doctrine in religion,

morals or politics for personal

gain, being wholly devoid of con-

science and utterly indifferent to

principles or any fixed standards

for the regulation of conduct. If

a report recently made by a

sub-committee of the State Demo-

cratic Executive Committee of

Louisiana gives the real political

situation in the parishes of Saint

Landry and Acadia, then the al-

leged Democratic bosses in those

parishes must be of the sort de-

scribed above. The report referred

to sets forth the following:

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Democratic organization they are

trading the purely party offices to the

opposition for local offices for themselves

and friends.

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tions and refused to give the Democrats

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tunity to express the Democratic will,

they still keep up the semblance of

representing the organization of the

party, thus enabling them to mislead

Democrats who have neither the time

nor opportunity for investigation.

This is a most discreditable state

of affairs, and it is strange that

the honest Democrats of those par-

ishes, men who are really devoted

to the party, will submit to such a

state of things. The unworthy

leaders, the barterers of the public

interests for their own personal

profit, ought to be condemned and

driven out by popular censure and

by the authorities who are compe-

tent to speak in such cases. The

State Executive Committee should

lose no time in taking action in

this important matter.—N. O. Pic-

ayune, February 8.

Mr. R. Lafleur, member of the

Police Jury for the 5th ward, in-

troduced a resolution in that body

at its session this week which

should attract the earnest atten-

tion of all property owners in the

levee district. The resolution, and

preamble thereto, sets forth the

facts in the matter, and calls on

the Levee Board to reduce the

levee tax to one cent per acre. The

same gentleman also introduced a

resolution relative to the neglect-

ing of road working by the over-

seers. The resolution, in the be-

ginning, states the Police Jury has

been unjustly censured for not en-

forcing the road laws, whereas it is

not clothed with the proper power

to do the same. It calls on the

grand jury to enforce Section 3381

of the Revised Statutes and indict

negligent overseers. Both of these

resolutions will appear in the Po-

lice Jury proceedings in our next

issue.

There are three Democratic

candidates for Senator Blanchard's

seat, viz: Blanchard, Price and

Blackman. It is probable that the

Populists and Republicans will

have each a candidate, but it is

reasonably certain that a Democrat

will be elected. The indications

for the re-election of the present

incumbent are good, but Mr. Price

may develop into a strong oppo-

nent when the contest comes off.

It is to be hoped, both for the fair

name of the State and the good

of the people, that Judge Blackman

will be defeated, for his record is

that of a political weathercock and

of a man who thinks more of him-

self than of party or political prin-

ciple. The Democrat-Journal sees

no good reason why Blanchard

should not be re-elected, as he has

discharged his duties with fidelity

and ability and is well equipped

for the position of Senator.—Man-

sfield Democrat-Journal.

The negroes encouraged by the

moral support of the bolting sugar

planters and the hope of again do-

minating the politics of this State,

flocked in hordes to the recent Re-

publican State convention, and

packed Old Fellows' Hall to suffo-

cation and also blocked the side-

walks in the vicinity. That con-

vention should unite the white

people of Louisiana and cause them

to vote solidly for Democracy and

white supremacy. If the State

ticket which is supported by the

combine of Populists, bolting sugar

planters and regular Republicans

is elected the claims of the negroes

when the offices are distributed can

not, and will not, be ignored, and

this great State which is now on

the high road to prosperity will be

debauched and despoiled as it was

in the dark days of radical rule.

New Orleans States.

MUSICAL

INSTRUMENTS

Elegant and Cheap.

—AT—

Mason McBride's.

Come and see them.

Like the dove that went forth

from Noah's ark, Tom Watson of

Georgia, flutters over the political

waters and finds no place to perch.

He now declares that he is alarmed

at the growth of socialism in the

populist party, and that if it

cannot be cured of this vice he will

have to leave it. If Mr. Watson

knows of any ism that has not

found shelter in the populist party

we should be glad to hear the name

of it. Any theory, any doctrine,

any absurdity with a handful of

votes behind it can knock at the

door of the populist party and re-

ceive a cordial welcome. Populism

is a political cave of Adullam that

offers shelter for political tramps,

outcasts and soreheads of every

description.—Memphis Commer-

cial.

Judging from the successes of

Gen. Gomez as a man who has con-

sommation and can not live two

months, he would have buried

every Spanish soldier in Cuba had

he been in good health.—Washing-

ton Times.