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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

Wednesday, - - July 12, 1876.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT:
SAMUEL J. TILDEN,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS
OF INDIANA.

We are authorized to announce
JUDGE H. L. DAIGRE
as a candidate for DISTRICT JUDGE
of the Ninth Judicial District, subject
to the decision of the District Democratic-Conservative Convention.

We are authorized to announce
L. V. MARYE
as a candidate for RECORDER of the
Parish of Rapides, subject to the decision
of the Parish Democratic-Conservative
Convention.

Parish Executive Committee

JNO. A. WILLIAMS, JOHN L. WALSH,
JAS. MOORE, E. R. BLOSSAT,
JULIUS LEVIN, JAS. C. WISE.

The Resolution-Platform wrapped up for us to stand on and fight under, in this Parish, is a plain, good and strong meaning one, with true grit instincts, and the right ring, and cannot fail to meet with full and general approbation. But it is to be regretted that the Committee should have marred it somewhat by extending their powers beyond their limited and usual jurisdiction; yet this is a harmless innovation which must be overlooked, as we close our ranks, and open fire under its guidance. We must pull together, we must be as one man, our aims must be directed solely against Radicalism, and never for a single moment lose sight of that important fact.

We believe it is an admitted and honorable fact, that no women in Europe or America, are looked upon with more respect, esteem and even veneration than the religious society of the Sisters of Charity. Their name and deeds are a passport to all that is good and charitable all over the christian world. In Louisiana we are happily blessed with many of these pure and good women, and in the beautiful Town of Donaldsonville they have a Boarding School for young ladies, known as St. Vincent's. We are led to this eulogy of these "blessed sisters" as we desire to call public attention to their card in today's Democrat.

That was a fitting and just tribute and compliment, paid by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in calling J. C. Wise, the old warhorse of Democracy, to the Chair of the Mass Meeting. The man, his record, his true worth and veteran services in our cause marked him for the occasion, and we venture the assertion that no ratification meeting in the State, can outrace ours in favor of the great Reformer and Ring-smasher. We have the good start, boys, and now keep it, and never cry hold, enough!

Two new candidates in the field, and both gentlemen well qualified for positions they aim to be elected to. Judge H. L. Daigre, our present Parish Judge, announces himself for the District Bench, and Justice L. V. Marye is out for Recorder of the Parish.

We demand particular attention to the card of Dr. T. G. Richardson, Dean of the Medical Department of the University of Louisiana. This is an Institution of great merits and advantages to medical students, and should by all means be liberally patronized.

For the special benefit and accommodation of the Ladies of our Parish, we publish in advance of the Programmes of the Rapides Agricultural Fair Association, a complete list of Premiums to be offered in their Department.

We are under our usual obligations to the officers of the Packet Bart. Able, for files of New Orleans papers.

J. J. Ferguson has not as yet recovered his stolen saddle and harness; see again his notice about them.

CORRUPTION AND ECONOMY.

The troubles in the House of Representatives at the National Capitol, over the appropriations bills, are now wholly engrossing their attention, exclusive of almost everything else. It is a conflict between corrupt extravagance which the Radical Senate seeks to perpetuate, and a commendable effort on the part of the Democratic House in favor of economy; and a reduction of the expenses of the Government in their just and reasonable limits. The House occupies an impregnable position on the question and must be upheld by the great body of the taxpayers of the country. No nation on the face of the earth shows such a reckless and lavish expenditure of public funds as the United States under Radical rule. The people are suffering from excessive taxation which is imposed upon them to support and keep in office a crowd of useless officials and all thinking men join in the hope that the Democratic House will stand firm in the position which it has taken. The great secret of the determined opposition which the Radical Senate is making to the reductions, determined upon by the Democratic House, lies in the fact that it would deprive the party in power of a large corruption fund, which they hope to use to carry the next Presidential election. They feel that the honest sentiment of the country is against them, and that the only hope of perpetuating their power lies in the lavish use of money fraudulently diverted from the vaults of the Treasury by means of excessive appropriations. For years past the elections have been carried in favor of the Radical party in doubtful States and districts by buying up votes with money wrung from the producing classes who are thus made to pay the price of their own disfranchisement. It is a fight for existence on the part of the Radical office-holders, and an early settlement of the deadlock which now exists cannot very reasonably be expected.

The nominations of the Radicals in our State, which have recently been made under a herculean pressure, are but a forerunner of all these corruptions and actions of their betters at Washington, and with the Democratic-Conservative masses rests the fearful responsibility of understanding these continued issues, of facing them, and preparing our lines to meet again the shock of the battle charge which they have already sounded against them. We have again the same old foe, living, kicking, defiant, with all its ranks closed, cemented and compact, and candor should compel us to acknowledge at least the pertinacity and everlasting pluck of such adversaries. With us rests the awful responsibility of once more uniting and harmonizing to give them battle, and strive for the last time to defeat them with such crushing blows, that this Centennial year will chaunt their funeral dirge.

The modern Tantalus is altogether the opposite of his great namesake. The latter as a punishment from the gods for an infraction of their commands, was condemned to perpetual thirst, and immovably fixed in water to his chin. What must have been his feelings to see that fluid, which more than all the world besides, he wanted, within his reach, and he powerless to drink it! What a refinement of cruelty must be such a punishment. How different our feelings to his antitype, who though suffering from sickness all the time, having means to meet the cost of alleviating his ailment, yet deliberately neglects using the remedies to his recovery. The majority of sickness arises from the torpidity of the liver, and can be dissipated and prevented by the use of that valuable elixir tonic the HOME STOMACH BITTERS.

All the blood and thunder aspirants of Radicalism have been whipped in by the Boss, and paid off in empty compliments. The Returning Board President, who shouted to go to Congress, has simmered down to Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Fourth Congressional District, and then only beat a negro for the position one vote. The President of that Committee is the infamous Twitchell, of Red River.

That stem-winding politician, Carl Schurz, has been breakfasting with Governor Hayes. The Governor is reported as having remarked after the meal that "Schurz was all right," and we suppose he was probably right for his paper, the Westliche Post, of St. Louis, has come out with an attack on the Democratic ticket, Mr. Hendricks' nomination for the Vice-Presidency being the cause of the assault.

Don Carlos and three of his former staff, reached New Orleans a few days since, and put up at the City Hotel. They are travelling incognito.

THE MASS MEETING.

The Mass Meeting of the Democratic-Conservative people of Rapides, which was held in the Town Hall, in this Town, on last Saturday, was truthfully and eminently a good one, a large one, a decent and respectable demonstration of the true and genuine feelings of our people in favor of our cause, and in favor of its National standard-bearers, Tilden, the great Reformer, and Hendricks, the great and pure Governor of Indiana. We have seldom seen more people from the rural precincts come to Town on the same day and assemble together with more determination, zeal and fervor. The men who there assembled were from every section of the Parish, and the very stamina and solid worth of the Party. We felt good to greet such and to be permitted to see the campaign open under such favorable auspices.

The meeting was very appropriately, effectively and eloquently addressed by Judge Manning, one of the Delegates at large to the late St. Louis Convention, who rendered to his home constituents a thrilling and interesting detail and account of his mission, which opened the interesting series of speeches which were to follow on the part of home orators and champions. The remarks of Judge Manning were followed by short, effective and exceedingly appropriate remarks from W. F. Blackman, Judge Ryan, Lewis Texada and J. G. White. The full and official proceedings of the meeting, which are published elsewhere, will give all details, which we have not included in this short notice of the meeting.

THE MENAGERIE.—Louisiana Radicalism's grand Show, under one tent, after being in boisterous and drunken session for nine long days, has at last adjourned, and the animals have all returned to their various homes. As was to be expected they have harmonized after a fashion, the prospective-cohesive bonds of public and private plunder being the ligaments which have effected the timely harmony. Packard, their great Boss, more than well known in Louisiana as our chief persecutor and Grant-Tyrant, is their nominee for Governor; Antoine, a poor, miserable, ignorant negro, fit tool and dupe for the Boss, tails the gubernatorial ticket. Honore, another negro, is honored with the seal of the State office; Brown, the great negro of the crowd, is intended again to hold on to and wield the School purse; whilst Johnson, the present Auditor, a white man and pretty decent fellow so far, is again to be voted for Auditor; and William H. Hunt, the youngest brother of the great Hunt family, a new-fledged traitor to his home, its interests and its honor, is rewarded by the nomination of the Menagerie with the important position of Attorney-General. This is the ticket we have to face, to fight and win victory over. We believe in our heart of hearts we can defeat it!

BLAINE is conveniently sick again and has gone home to Augusta Maine, bag and baggage, and will not appear in the House again this session. The atmosphere of investigation which hangs over Washington has proved very unhealthy for Mr. Blaine and his physicians advised a change of climate just in time to save him from the clutches of the Judiciary Committee which is in possession of further damaging evidence against him. Though his friends profess to be very much alarmed about his health there are many who believe that he is not as sick as he pretends to be, and that his political existence is in more danger of a sudden termination than his life.

WHEN you hear a sovereign chap about this particular time, with our present political well marked lines, declare that he is independent and don't belong to either party, put him down as very doubtful, really on the fence, with all the chances of dropping on the Radical side. History the world over vouches for this.

WE should not omit to mention that our Prodigal Son, Warmoth, has been soothed down and taken from the Boss as his *douceur* the nomination for Congress from the First District. Rather empty honor this, as sure defeat stares him in his handsome face to the tune of 2500 majority!

HAYES represents Grantism, stands on an endorsed Grant platform, which means plenty more on the same line. Tilden is a Reformer, practices Reform and is the great Ring-smasher.

TILDEN and Hendricks! nothing top-heavy about that ticket. It would run well either end foremost.

THE Republican reformers did not get their man. The Democratic reformers did.

Democratic Meeting in Vernon.

LEXINGTON, VERNON PARISH, }
July 3rd, 1876.

Pursuant to a call for a Mass Meeting, made by posting up notices in various sections of the Parish, the Democracy of Vernon Parish, met this day in the Court House in the Town of Leesville, and organized temporarily by calling P. Koonce to the chair and Thos. Richardson to act as Secretary.

On motion the same officers were retained for permanent organization.

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting to be the selection of delegates to the State and District Conventions.

On motion the chair appointed a Committee of five to draft resolutions suitable to the occasion. Dr. S. J. Smart, J. F. Kirk, R. A. Brown and Samuel McOnoth were appointed.

The meeting took a recess, to allow the Committee time to report, and on re-assembling the Committee through their Chairman, Dr. S. J. Smart submitted the following report which was on motion, unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We are in favor of the Republican Institutions as adopted and maintained by our forefathers, and Whereas, We believe it to be the duty of all good patriots to sustain an honest government, relieving themselves of all bias or prejudice, and

Resolved, That we demand an honest, economical and intelligent Administration, both National and State and hereby instruct our delegates to exercise their best judgment in selecting the most able, honest and worthy gentlemen as candidates.

Resolved, That we earnestly desire harmony and a thorough organization of the Democratic and Conservative party.

Resolved, That we are in favor of giving a united support to the nominees of the National and State Conventions.

On motion of Dr. E. E. Smart, the following named gentlemen were elected to represent this Parish in the State Convention, to convene on the 24th of July next: C. Bray, John Franklin, P. Koonce, J. M. Liles, Jas. H. Ward, J. C. Davis, James Hicks, E. E. Smart, E. Self, C. D. Collins and W. R. Cryer.

On motion of C. Bray, That in event of the non-attendance of all the Delegates to the State Convention, that Col. J. C. Wise of Alexandria, be and is authorized to cast the vote of the Parish in said Convention. On motion the following named gentlemen were unanimously selected to represent this Parish in the next District Convention to nominate a District Judge, Senator and District Attorney: Dr. S. J. Smart, Wm. H. Moore, C. B. Burr, Sonlonge Lacaze, Wm. Smith, Madison West, Joshua Mitchell, Samuel McOnoth, and Thomas Richardson.

On motion of Dr. S. J. Smart, J. F. Hicks was added to the District Delegation.

On motion of Dr. E. E. Smart, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the LA. DEMOCRAT for publication and that said paper be requested to publish the same.

On motion the meeting adjourned, sine die. P. KOONCE, Chairman. THOS. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

With the retirement of Bristow from the Cabinet hope begins to dawn in the breasts of the whiskey convicts and their backers. Petitions are being circulated praying for the pardon of Avery and other prominent operators in the "crooked" now in durance vile. It is asserted that the President would like to pardon these knaves and that his advisers have as much as they can do to prevail upon him to defer their pardon until after the Presidential election. Bristow was treated very shabbily by Grant and his toadies when he resigned from the Cabinet. None of the customary civilities were extended to him, and he left Washington quite in disgrace with the ring. Cameron, Robeson and Chandler could not conceal their satisfaction at being rid of him. He is the first Cabinet officer who has retired for some time without a certificate of good character from Grant.

TWITCHELL, the infamous carpet-bagger, and whose infamy has been proved and patented by the report of a recent Congressional Committee, has started out as we predicted as a side show on his own hook. He made his first appearance, spreading his tent, at Indianapolis, the home of old bloody garment, Morton, and thus expects to fire the Northern heart. Let the report of the Committee be published in every Democratic Journal North, East and West, and that will offset all his big posters and small dodgers.

LEOPOLD GERN'S Fancy and Family Grocery Store, under the Town Hall, is one of the progressive, cheap and accommodating institutions of our Town, and is more and more looked upon in that light by all those who can appreciate good and luxurious living.

RAH for Wheez e'n hayler!

The sober, second thought of an injured, crushed and overtaken people is always right and well taken. Therefore they will reject the inoffensive Hayes, and take the active, aggressive reformer Tilden.

On our outside will be found in full and complete the Platform of the National Democratic Party, recently adopted and promulgated at St. Louis.

The official proceedings of the Democratic meeting in Vernon Parish will be found in today's Democrat.

Democratic-Conservative Mass Meeting.

ALEXANDRIA, }
July 8, 1876.

At a Mass Meeting held this day for the purpose of ratifying the nominations of the National candidates at the St. Louis Convention, the meeting was called to order by John A. Williams, Chairman of the Parish Executive Committee.

On motion James C. Wise was called to the chair. L. V. Marye and J. C. French were appointed Secretaries.

It was moved and adopted that the President appoint three Vice-Presidents. The following gentlemen were appointed:

Fred. Seip,
G. W. Laney,
W. L. Sanford.

Moved that Judge T. C. Manning be requested to address the meeting. Carried.

The President then appointed J. W. Prescott and John A. Williams to wait upon Judge T. C. Manning and request him to address the meeting.

The Hon. T. C. Manning then made an able and eloquent address, giving an account of the proceedings at the National Democratic Convention.

Moved that the Chair appoint a Committee, composed of five, to draft resolutions. The President appointed the following Committee on resolutions:

Robert P. Hunter,
T. C. Manning,
J. G. White,
M. Ryan,
Robt. L. Luckett.

The Committee then retired to draft resolutions. During their absence the meeting was addressed by W. F. Blackman, Lewis Texada, M. Ryan and J. G. White.

The Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic-Conservative Party of Rapides Parish in Mass Meeting assembled—
1. That we heartily endorse the nominations of Samuel J. Tilden and Thomas A. Hendricks for President and Vice-President, and we recognize in their selection and probable election, a pledge of return to an honest and economical administration of National affairs, and we pledge to our united, earnest and enthusiastic support.

2. That we endorse the St. Louis Platform of principles, and find it entirely worthy of our support and expressive of our views as to the policy of the National Democratic Party.

3. That we view the Radical nominations of S. B. Packard for Governor, and C. C. Antoine for Lieutenant-Governor as expressive of the intention of the Republican party of Louisiana to pursue the same fraudulent and oppressive policy that has heretofore characterized its course.

4. We pledge ourselves to an impartial, unprejudiced and conservative administration of the Parochial and State affairs; a prompt execution of the criminal laws; a reduction of taxation to the legitimate expenses of government; an equitable division of the school fund, and a fostering care of the interest of public education generally, and to the equal protection of both white and black in their rights of property, the enjoyment of peace and the pursuit of happiness.

5. To secure these results we cordially invite all persons irrespective of past party affiliations, to assist us in electing men to office pledged to the support of these principles, and we confidently indulge the hope that our colored fellow citizens will refuse longer to ally themselves with the party managers, whose only aim is personal gain, and with a party, whose only hope of success, through fraud and corruption, and their opportunity of falsifying the returns of the election.

6. That we invite the Democratic and Conservative parties of the Parishes of Vernon and Grant, to send delegates to meet our delegates in a District Convention to nominate a District Judge, District Attorney, and State Senator at Alexandria on Saturday, the 2d day of September next.

7. That the Parish Convention to nominate candidates for parochial officers, meet at Alexandria in the Town Hall, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, the 2d day of September next.

8. That the Ward meetings to elect delegates to the Parish Convention in accordance with directions from the Executive Committee to be hereafter issued, be held in the various Wards on Saturday, the 26th day of August next.

9. We point with pride and satisfaction to the conduct in office of our officers who were elected in 1874, and to the peace and quiet which has prevailed in this Parish for the last two years, and we appeal to the many colored voters who joined us then, to say whether or not we have kept the pledges made to them in giving protection to all classes and executing

the law faithfully and impartially.

Moved that the resolutions be adopted, which motion was unanimously carried.

Moved that the Chair appoint sixteen delegates to attend the Baton Rouge Convention.

T. C. Manning,
Lewis Texada,
James Jeffries,
Michael Ryan,
Jas. G. White,
W. F. Blackman,
K. M. Clark,
J. Rosenthal,
J. W. Prescott,
R. P. Hunter,
J. L. Connelia,
Dr. W. Hobby,
J. R. Thornton,
J. R. Andrews,
Dr. W. Hardy,
Dr. J. A. Cruikshank.

Moved that the chairman be added to the list of delegates.

Carried unanimously.

Moved to reconsider the 8th resolution, which motion was laid on the table.

Moved that the chair appoint a Parish Executive Committee composed of five members. The following Parish Executive Committee was then appointed:

J. A. Williams,
Julius Levin,
E. R. Blossat,
J. L. Walker,
James Moore.

Moved that the chair be added to the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Moved that the Mass Meeting assembled, give three cheers for TILDEN & HENDRICKS, which was responded to with three roaring cheers.

Moved to adjourn.

JAMES C. WISE,
President.
L. V. MARYE, }
J. C. FRENCH, } Secretaries.

—The "noble Indian" is on the war-path, and the Telegraph gives us enough to show that a most terrible Indian battle has been fought, and that on the 28th of June, three hundred and fifty men were massacred; not one of the command was left alive. General Custer, the "brave of the brave" in the Army, has fallen, and he fell with his face to the foe. Elsewhere we give all particulars received up to the time we go to press. The responsibility of this awful calamity and death to our brave soldiers, must fall on the terrible force on the miserably conducted administration of Grant, and cause a horror of indignation against the party in power. Over half of our army is now stationed as a so-called police force in the Southern States, fully fifteen hundred of that number in Louisiana, two Companies in hailing distance of our office; and yet little Phil. Sheridan, at this late hour, says he sent Custer all the men at his disposal. This is mere mockery, and is the real cause of the butchery of our soldiers, and must in November crush the Radical party to atoms.

—The direction and management of the Mass Meeting on Saturday did not turn off everybody well pleased, as is generally the case in such meetings of the people, enlisted in one and the same cause. The Meeting was surely composed of the intelligence and worth of the Parish, and surely among such a number, men should have been selected for each position, without doubling it on many favored ones, and thus let honor rest easy. But these hasty errors must be pardoned, as we join hands and hearts, in the further battle for our cause and the tenets it inculcates in us. These things must be cherished for the future, when the people should move to the front and not stand back on *etiquette*, and let the eager aspirants do all the skirmishing.

—The election of Hayes means a continuation of Grantism in all its worst and most odious forms, features and acts of oppression towards the South, and specially the continued reign of the rings and corrupt personal cliques, which have depressed the credit and honor of the country for the past eight years. The defeat of Hayes and the consequent election of Tilden means reform, the enforcement of the laws by the supremacy of the civil over the military power and United States Marshals, and a renewed era of peace, contentment and prosperity to the whole country. That is the difference and it is a marked one.

—A. J. ALEXANDER's annual sale of thoroughbred yearlings, the produce of the Woodburn Stud, came off on the 28th of June. There were sold twenty-five colts and sixty fillies, the first averaging \$932.40 and the latter \$490.57; the total sum received being \$40,420.00. The highest price bid for a colt was \$4,000, and the highest price fillly \$2,600.

—GRANT forced Bristow out of the Cabinet because he thinks it is necessary to organize a new whiskey-ring to carry on the campaign.

—It is not known that George Washington, a President known to fame, had any more children than Governor Tilden.

THE INDIAN WAR.

RENO'S MAGNIFICENT FIGHT—WATER OR DEATH—THE RESCUE.

BISMARCK, July 7.—Custer left Rosebud on the 23d of June with 12 companies of the 7th Cavalry. On the 24th a fresh trail was reported. On the morning of the 25th, an Indian village, three miles long, and a half a mile wide, was reported fifteen miles off. Gen. Custer pushed for it. They made seventy-eight miles in twenty-four hours preceding the battle. When near the village the Indians appeared to be moving in hot haste, as if retreating. Reno with seven companies, was ordered to attack the right, and Gen. Custer, with five companies, vigorously attacked the left of the camp.

Reno felt them with three companies, and was immediately surrounded, and after an hour's fighting, losing Lieuts. Hodgson and McIntosh and twelve men, and several Indian scouts killed and many wounded, cut his way out and gained a bluff 300 feet high, where he entrenched, and where he was soon joined by Col. Benton with four companies.

Here the Indians made repeated assaults, but were repulsed with great slaughter. The Indians finally gained higher ground than Reno, and with longer range guns than the cavalry had, kept up a galling fire till night. The Indians renewed the attack at daylight. Up to that time Reno had lost forty old killed.

Before reaching the bluff many hand to hand conflicts occurred, the Indians outnumbering the troops ten to one. The men were without water thirty six hours, when they determined to reach water at all hazards. Col. Benton made a sally and routed the main body guarding the approach to water. The water was gained, with one killed and seven wounded; the fighting then ceased for the night, during which Reno prepared to resist further attacks. They had now been forty-eight hours fighting, with no word from Custer. There was twenty-four hours more of suspense, and the fighting ended, when the Indians abandoned their village in great haste. Gen. Berry, with Gibbon, commanding his own infantry, had arrived, and as the commanders met the men wept on each others' necks.

Inquiries were then made for Custer, but none could tell where he was. Soon an officer came rushing into camp and related that he had found Custer dead and stripped naked, but not mutilated, and near him his two brothers, Col. Tom and Boston Custer, his brother-in-law, Col. Calhoun, and his nephew, Col. Yates, Col. Keogh, Capt. Smith, Lieut. Crittenden, Lieut. Sturgis, Col. Cooke, Lieut. Porter, Lieut. Harrington, Dr. Lord, Mack Kellogg, the Bismarck Tribune correspondent, and one hundred and ninety men and scouts. Custer went into battle with companies C, L, I, F and E of the 7th Cavalry, and the staff and non-commissioned staff of his regiment, and a number of scouts; only one Crow scout remains to tell the tale—all are dead.

Gen. Custer was surrounded on every side by the Indians, and the horses fell as they fought on the skirmish line or in the line of battle. Gen. Custer was among the last who fell, but when his cheering voice was no longer heard the Indians made easy work of the remainder.

The bodies of all the newspaper correspondents, were stripped, and most of them horribly mutilated. Gen. Custer was shot through the body and through the head. The troops cared for the wounded, buried the dead, and returned to their base for supplies and instructions from the General of the Army.

Col. Smith arrived at Bismarck last night with 35 of the wounded. The Indians lost heavily in the battle. The Crow scout survived by hiding in a ravine. He believes the Indians lost more than the whites. The village numbered 1800 lodges, and it is thought there were 4000 warriors.

Gen. Custer was directed by Gen. Terry to find and feel of the Indians but not to fight unless Terry arrived with infantry and with Gibbon's column. Gen. Gibbon's cavalry followed the Indians for about ten miles, and ascertained that they had moved to the south and west by several trails. A good deal of property had been thrown away by them to lighten their march, and was found scattered for many miles over the prairie. Many of their dead were also discovered, secreted in ravines a long distance from the battle-field. Among them were Arapahoes and Cheyennes as well as Sioux.

—Thus far we have a fine batch of decent and well informed announced candidates, who are working like beavers with the sovereigns and out doing Chesterfield in the polite art, and also several dark ones who are running around loose, like Japhet in search of his parent, and "nailing their banners" to every passing breeze. The Convention of the Parish we hope will be composed of good, sound, horse sense men, who at a glance can make the proper selections for us, and retire to the ranks the sprained and fondered tackies.

—We place the names of our new Parish Executive Committee at our masthead, and vouch for them that they will soon cut out vigorous and effective work for our campaign, know and feel that we have no sunshine job ahead, but are not to be frightened at any obstacle. They are for Reform, and their guide is forward, to the breach!

—SENATOR Morrill, of Maine, has at last concluded to assume the duties of Secretary of the Treasury. Will he be a Blaine or a Bristow reformer?