



NOW IS THE TIME.

Next year we are to have a national election, which will exert a wonderful influence for good or evil upon the people of this country.

Our friends whose contributions will appear here and there will find a place in this paper and if they would forward \$1.00 to this office without delay.

The trail of the serpent of plutocracy may be plainly seen in the South Carolina constitutional convention. That body has not only copied in substance Mississippi's educational qualifications for suffrage and provided the frame work for a chapter of infamous election laws but it has also substituted a \$500 property qualification for manhood.

There was no \$300 limit to enlistment in the Revolutionary war; nor in the Mexican war; nor in the Civil war.

Had there been, Sergeant Jasper's would not have been an immortal name—nor would Hamilton's, Wayne's, Henry's, Knox's, Stark's or Morgan's.

With a \$300 limit Stonewall Jackson would have remained a cranky professor, Grant a disconsolate captain, Sheridan a brilliant possibility, and Forrest an illiterate poker-player.

In the blind hatred of the negro, why should Southern Statesmen forge the chains for their own kith and kin?

It is all wrong, and it can no more stand than any other house built on sand.

The \$300 limit would have disfranchised Wesley, Whitfield, Calvin, Knox, Huss, Zuinglius, Wickliffe, Luther, and Judson.

These grand men were proud to be poor. Under Ben Tillman's law it is doubtful if a majority of Christ's Apostles could have voted.

With deep sorrow we record the death of Col. J. T. Connell of Mayhew, Miss., which event occurred at Atlanta, Ga., a few days since. Col. Connell was chairman of our State Alliance executive committee, and a member of the People's party State committee.

Owing to absence from home during the most of the time when the new jail scheme was being agitated, this writer did not learn that the job was on foot until it had been consummated, but we have no hesitancy in saying that there was no necessity for any such expenditure of the people's money and that the price paid (\$5,523) is excessive and extravagant.

The mugwump papers boast that Mc-Lauren's vote is four times ours. As we had to run against the whole family—KING IN ALL—even this result is not discouraging. It only proves, that if we had a fair show against any of them, we could have beaten him two to one.

Dr. T. M. Chapman, twenty years ago an Okolona boy is now in the city representing the Renortine Medical Co. His remedy is said to be a valuable one, and we hope for the auld langsyne that Tom will succeed with it.

Lauderdale county with a vote less than 500 elects one Senator and three members of the legislature; Webster with 1800 votes can't elect but one member to the lower house. This is mugwump justice.

THE CHICKASAW ELECTION STEAL.

The mugwump press is making so much ado over the announcement that the so-called Democracy has carried Chickasaw, that inquiries come to this office from every quarter asking for particulars. Not having the time to answer each individual, we have concluded to print the proceedings of the contest now instituted, step by step, and at its conclusion will embody the whole in a pamphlet for distribution.

On Friday the 15th of November, pursuant to previous arrangement, representatives of the committee appointed to secure evidence and subscriptions in this county, assembled at the court house in this city to talk over the situation and report progress.

The committee to secure the evidence of the illegal and fraudulent method practiced by the Democracy in the last election made a most satisfactory report, showing the gross frauds at the several boxes mentioned, and producing documents and other testimony sufficient to carry the case to the court, and it was unanimously resolved that a contest should be instituted for all the county offices, and that criminal prosecution should be commenced against every person guilty of fraud in the election.

Letters from Gen. J. R. Chalmers and J. D. Fontaine, Esq., were read with the movement of the people in this county, and agreeing to represent our cause in the courts in conjunction with our local attorneys, upon the most reasonable terms, were read to the audience and were received with much applause.

Chairman Couch made a pointed and impressive speech on the situation, during which he produced a list of twenty-four of his neighbors who had been fraudulently erased from the poll books and by this dispiriting trick disfranchised, concluding with the statement that he had a certain amount of money in his possession subscribed to aid the contest, and more would be forthcoming, on condition there should be no compromise with election thieves, but the fight was to be to a finish.

On motion it was resolved by a unanimous vote, every person present rising to his feet, that no proposition of compromise would or should be entertained.

On motion the presidents and secretaries of all the People's party clubs of this county were requested to call a meeting of their respective clubs on

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD, 1895.

For the purpose of reorganization and raising additional funds for the prosecution of the perpetrators of the wholesale fraud upon the ballot, and it was agreed that all these persons of both sexes above the age of sixteen in sympathy with this movement should be enrolled in the clubs.

A vote of thanks was extended to kind friends in Lee and Clay counties, who had generously contributed to our prosecution fund.

On motion Capt. Burkitt was requested to proceed to Memphis, Tenn., and present to Gen. Chalmers the evidence in the contest case, and if he deemed it sufficient to have him draw the necessary legal papers to commence the contest at once—expenses to be paid out of the prosecution fund.

On motion the meeting adjourned to convene at Houston on Thursday Nov. 21st, 1895.

W. R. WOFFORD, Sec'y. W. D. COUCH, Chair'n.

The following is a copy of the petition that was drawn by Gen. Chalmers, and will be filed at Houston to-morrow. Contests will be made for all the county offices, and as the testimony will be the same in all, the form of petition in each will be identical, save in names of parties and the office contested:

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JUDICIAL DISTRICT, CHICKASAW COUNTY. Contestant, vs. Contestee. The petition of...

would respectfully show that he desires to contest the election of... returned as elected to the office of... of Chickasaw county, at the election held on the 6th day of November, 1895, and the grounds of his contest are as follows:

1st. That divers persons who had not paid their taxes, or had not resided in the State, or election precinct, as required by law, and were not therefore qualified electors, were illegally retained on the registration roll and poll books by the Election Commissioners, and were unlawfully permitted to vote for contestee by the Election Managers as follows:

- At Egypt... at Atlanta
At Buena Vista... at Sparta
At McCordy... at Houston
At Neal's... at New Hope
At North Okolona... at South Okolona
At Houka... at Pleasant Grove
At Beeson...

Making an aggregate of 101 illegal votes received for contestee.

2nd. That the Commissioners of Election illegally erased from the poll books as delinquent taxpayers, and for other causes, the names of divers qualified electors who had paid all their taxes, who were qualified voters and who were present with their tax receipts and other competent evidence to prove the same, and who would have voted for contestant but were illegally rejected by the managers of the election as follows:

- At Egypt... At Atlanta
At Buena Vista... At Sparta
At McCordy... At Houston
At Neal's... At New Hope
At North Okolona... At South Okolona
At Houka... At Pleasant Grove
At Beeson...

3rd. Contestant expects to prove that after the commissioners of election had met on the 1st Monday of October 1895, as required by law, and revised the poll books of the several districts and erased therefrom such names as they saw fit, as before stated, they or some other person or persons, who obtained possession of the poll books, with or without the consent of the commissioner who had charge of them, illegally, fraudulently and

The machine crowd don't look happy.

We know we don't feel as mean as the election thieves look.

Boys, no compromise, no surrender, stand by your principles, and all will yet be well.

And the election is not over by a large majority in this county.

Even in Mississippi, we Pops have pulled more votes than ever before. Close up the ranks boys.

If the dirty crowd who robbed the people of their rights in this county had any conscience they would hide themselves from the sight of honest men.

It was the duty of the Marion election commission to return the poll books to the circuit clerk's office but they have not done it.

Clerk Baskin excuses his apparent want of interest in the poll books now upon the ground that the election is over. He'll find out his mistake in a few days.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal of Monday contains an extra sheet of delinquent tax sales. Here's evidence of "Democratic prosperity."

At Cleveland Ohio on Sunday an electric motor crossing the bridge over the river fell through an open draw 100 feet. About 20 persons were killed.

The Meridian ash and bind factory, a compass and 5000 bales of cotton were destroyed by fire on last Saturday night. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

We wanted to have the McCordy, Buena Vista and Pleasant Grove poll books photographed and then lithographed, so that future generations might see the most perfect specimens of mugwump election rascality emanating from this age.

If Col. C. B. Mitchell really made the statement personal to this writer attributed to him by the Commercial-Appeal reporter, he has slandered us and besmeared his own conscience. We hope he will be able to truthfully disclaim the statement he is quoted as uttering.

E. T. Winston and Hugh B Fontaine have purchased the Pentecost Banner and will continue its publication as a true-blue Populist journal. Success to the oldest People's party paper in the state.

The "melik" will have a big blow out at the inaugural of Gov. McLauren. The prime object is to secure a big appropriation out of the State Treasury that they may go on dress parade next summer. As there will be scarcely any body else in the Legislature, this simon-pure-all-wool-and-yard-wide Dem ocrats, they will doubtless get what they want.

Tom Watson commenting on J. Pierpont Morgan's connection with the Episcopal church concludes as follows:

"All the rich rascals who have revolutionized our government and turned it into a soul-less plutocracy are high up in the councils of the church.

"And that is one reason why there are so many preachers who are such miserable cowards that they do not dare to preach the doctrines of Jesus Christ.

The Picyune Bureau correspondent estimates that the total vote of the State in the last election will not exceed 68,000, and says the registered vote was about 125,000. Half the adult males in the state then are not registered and little more than half that amount to exercise the privilege of voting.

Of the 68,000 votes cast we will see that 50,000 were Democratic and 15,000 Populist. This is the highest vote ever polled for the Populist ticket in the state and shows our fields are growing in numbers—now without the overwhelming power of the machine.

THEY WANT TO KNOW.

Editor Messenger:

Our membership is curious to know what merchants in Okolona signed the petition to the board of election commissioners to give the Populists a message of their own choosing on each box in this county. Also the grand jurymen who returned the bill against J. M. Griffin. Please publish.

ROCK CREEK ALLIANCE.

In compliance with the above request we print below the grand jurymen as follows:

- J. M. Sevens, Joseph B. Cleary,
J. H. Miller, David M. Carter,
J. H. Hester, Oscar D. Brown,
E. S. Elliott, Jr., M. Macklin,
J. M. Davis, S. S. Hancock,
T. B. Smith, J. Y. Harper,
S. J. Conklin, A. H. Kilham,
Mar. Duke, Julius K. Rife,
A. S. Hester, P. H. Adams,
Wm. Jolly.

The following is a list of the business men and clerks who signed the petition above mentioned. The clerks are marked with a \*

- Chas. Cleary, Sr., E. P. & J. C. Whitehead,
W. T. Adair, Wm. Crighan,
J. L. Jones, A. Crighton,
J. M. Bealy, M. Dryfoos,
D. McCarty, T. L. Best,
T. H. Murphy, K. J. Knell,
D. H. Shell, J. M. Davis,
Ward Dawson, R. E. Buchanan,
G. W. Harrell, J. D. Cleary,
R. W. Chandler, A. J. Chandler,
V. Turner, A. & J. Greener,
Smith (basket store), J. S. Rabel,
E. S. Elliott, Jr., L. Rommbaum,
Sol Schwab, H. Dahmer,
J. F. Hodges, Thos. Lyles,
M. Macklinburger, M. R. Huntington,
G. W. Cole, Davy Seedar,
W. J. Jazzer.

Mr. Baskin don't know where the books are. Who does?

The Yazoo Herald says: "Even Bro. Burkitt couldn't carry his own county of Chickasaw." We heard somewhere that the editor of the Herald failed more signally to carry his own county of Yazoo last summer.

The Democratic press asserts that Dr. Prewitt of Choctaw and "Scott" Halthorn of Marion are the only Populists elected to the Legislature. Then they must have counted out George Cain and Dr. Flowers of Franklin as they did Gore of Webster and Besty and Sanderson in this county.

Democratic State management is soon to be illustrated by the issuance of \$1,000,000 in bonds to build a new State House. This economic measure is to be supplemented by a reduction in the public school distribution, if the advice of the Progressive Democratic press is accepted by our solons.

An esteemed friend at Bright, DeSoto county writes us: "Enclosed find five dollars. Extend the Messenger to me one year and the balance use in prosecuting the election thieves."

Thanks, dear friend, your instructions shall be strictly obeyed, and we trust your worthy example will be imitated many, many times by just such honest, courageous men as yourself, all over the country.

The election being over, the raid on the treasury has been renewed. Last week \$3,000,000 in gold was withdrawn by the Jerusalem of Wall street and exported to Yurup Congress will meet on the first Monday in next month and the financial drama will begin in earnest. The banks demand that the \$346,000,000 of greenbacks be withdrawn that \$500,000,000 gold bonds be issued and that they be allowed a monopoly of the currency issue. If the bankers are willing and the political stink-fingers in every nook and corner of the land will shout their approval. But the tax-payers, who are the producers and wage workers will catch hell.

The price of cotton has declined to 7-1-2 cents and the prospect is, now that the elections are over, that it may go still lower. Combination of capital and gambling on "chance" is what is doing the work.

Hon. John R. Lynch will be in Okolona on the 22nd inst., and will deliver an address to the people and the white people are respectfully invited to turn out and hear him.