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DEMOCRATIC TEST.

Adopted by the State Democratic Committee for 1898 Primaries.

Resolved, by the state Democratic executive committee, that the following test be and is hereby subscribed as a prerequisite for the qualification of all persons who may participate and vote in the democratic primaries to be held during the year 1898 in Texas:

Are you a democrat and will you vote for the democratic nominees at the ensuing election?

Did you vote for the opposition to either the national democratic tickets nominated at Chicago or the state democratic ticket nominated at Fort Worth at the general election in November, 1896? An affirmative answer to the first question and a negative answer to the second question shall be necessary to qualify the proposed voter in the ensuing democratic primaries.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The committee convened promptly at 11 o'clock. Every member of the committee save Hons. J. H. Brooks and James B. Wells, of Brownsville, answered his name on the roll call. Chairman Blake announced that a quorum was present and that a consideration of the purpose for which the meeting was called would be in order. He briefly outlined the object of the call and then asked that certain money be kept going and the good of the party observed.

BLAKE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Be it resolved by the State democratic executive committee of Texas;

1. That the chairman of the State democratic executive committee is hereby instructed to call a State democratic convention to be held in the city of Galveston on Tuesday, the 2d day of August, 1898, for the purpose of nominating candidates for state officers.

2. That the basis of representation in said state convention shall be one vote for each 300 or fraction over 150 votes cast for Gov. Chas. A. Culberson at the state election in 1893, provided that each county shall be entitled to at least one vote.

3. That in view of the fact that an admission of an unlimited number of delegates to the convention hall often make the convention an unwieldy body and interferes with an orderly and fair and prompt dispatch of business, and it is a positive hinderance to deliberative work in a convention, therefore the state chairman is directed to have the hall so arranged that delegates' seats shall be provided for only the actual number of votes to which each county is entitled and that only such number shall be admitted to the space provided for delegates.

4. Each county is hereby requested not to elect more than one delegate and one alternate for each vote it may be entitled on the basis herein fixed.

5. Believing that primary elections are the best and most satisfactory method for obtaining the choice of the people for candidates and delegates and that uniformity in holding primaries is essential in securing the fairest expression, we therefore request the democratic executive committee in the several countries to adopt this method for determining the choice of their counties for United

States senator, state, dist. and Co. officers and delegates to the county convention, provided, that the matter of adopting primary elections of primary conventions is left to the various county democratic committees, as thorough organization by this method may be impracticable. We request a compliance with the resolution wherever it is possible to do so.

6. We hereby designate Saturday, July 9, as the date for holding primary conventions throughout the state and insist that each county shall adopt said date.

7. All primary elections shall be held in strict conformity with the state election laws as far as practicable and the democratic precinct chairman is hereby constituted presiding officer for voting box.

8. All primary elections or conventions shall be held under the direction of the democratic executive committee of each county except as herein otherwise provided.

9. The committee of the several counties are requested to have this pledge printed upon the ballots to be used in said primary elections.

In addition to the foregoing resolutions, I trust and desire that the committee shall go to the country with an unqualified indorsement of those great questions of National policy for which the party declared in National convention in 1896 and that matchless champion of those cherished principles, William J. Bryan, specially emphasizing, first, our opposition to the financial policy of the republican party and our loyalty to the cause of silver, and then the action

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Ten Millions Fighting Men. Independence of Cuba. Surprise of the Spaniards.

From our regular correspondent.

Washington, D. C., March 11, 1898.—This has been a history making week in Washington, and its effects will be visible in years to come, in the increased difference with which the U. S. is likely to be treated by all foreign nations. It has been proclaimed to all the world that Congress to a man is behind the President, and that the people—a people able to place ten millions of fighting men in the field upon short notice—to a man are behind both President and Congress. It has been a week to arouse one's latent patriotism to the highest pitch, and to make one feel that after all the world contains no prouder title than that of American citizen. From the moment it was announced that the President had refused the request of Spain to recall Consul General Lee, partisan politics

disappeared like dew in the sunshine—there were no democrats, republicans or populists, only Americans—and Congress and the administration have acted as one man. The \$50,000,000 which was appropriated by the unanimous vote of both branches of Congress, to be used at the discretion of the president—an action without precedent in the history of Congress—will be made \$500,000,000, if it is needed to maintain National honor. With plenty of money at its disposal, the administration is making preparations for war in every direction, although its members are still expressing the hope that war will be avoided. It is all right to hope there will be no war, but it is doubtful if there is a single responsible official of the government who does not believe that war with Spain is bound to come. There is now only one way that war could be avoided, and those who know the situation in which the present Spanish Ministry is, regard that as an impossibility. The only way to make sure of peace would be for Spain to at once grant the independence of Cuba, and to meet whatever demands this government may make as a result of the report of the Maine Court of Inquiry, and there is little likelihood that the present Spanish Ministry, or any other, will do either, unless compelled by force of arms. Although the newspaper dis-

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COTULLA, TEXAS.

Location, Inhabitants, Business Firms, Health, and Climate.

Cotulla, the county site of La Salle county, is situated one mile from the Nueces river, on the Laredo branch of the International & Great Northern railroad. It is 87 miles from San Antonio the metropolis of the Southwest and 67 miles from Laredo the international gateway between the United States and Mexico.

It has 1200 inhabitants, mostly white. We have quite a number of Mexicans and a few Negroes but they are quiet and peaceable, and most of them are good citizens. Our people are wide-awake and progressive. Our public schools are in a flourishing condition and our churches are well attended.

We have 5 general stores; 1 drug store; 2 saloons; 1 lumber yard; 1 hardware; 5 blacksmith shops; 2 confectionery stores; 2 shoe shops; 2 hotels; 2 boarding houses; 2 restaurants; 2 barber shops; 2 news papers; 1 livery stable; 1 feed yard; 1 irrigating plant; 5 churches; 2 schools; 2 meat markets; 3 bakeries; and a full complement of professional men and county officers.

Situated among the foot hill of the Nueces and rolling prairies, we have the healthiest town in

Southwest Texas. The atmosphere is dry and salubrious and is one of the finest places on earth for persons suffering with throat or lung trouble.

We have the finest climate on earth. In winter the thermometer rarely goes below 40 degrees. It seldom frosts and only snows about once or twice in 15 years. In summer it usually ranges from 68 to 80 degrees in the shade and we have almost constantly a refreshing breeze from the Southwest.

Take it altogether we have the best town, country and climate of any place in these United States, to day. If you are sick, rich or poor, discouraged or forlorn come to South-west Texas and be happy.

We give our readers a short sketch this time, but hope, in the near future to give them a complete write-up of our town and county.

WASHINGTON LETTER CONTINUED.

out of the supply of surplus cash that Uncle Sam had on hand. What will add to the surprise of the Spaniards is the knowledge that Uncle Sam can, if necessary, plank down another fifty million of dollars without an issue of bonds, while Spain has failed to negotiate a loan upon any terms, although it has been upon its knees to every banker in Europe who commands money enough to handle a loan. Many shrewd men believe that the appropriation of this money, under the circumstances, will do more to convince the the Spanish people of the inability of their government to cope with the United States than anything that could possibly have been done.

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CHURCHES.

Baptist Church.—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services—2nd Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church.—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services—3rd and 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. E. Wildenthal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. J. McMurray, Pastor.—Services—On Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. E. Wildenthal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

Woodmen of World.—La Salle Lodge, No. 125. Meet 1st and 3rd Friday in each month, in the hall over Keok Bros. Dr. J. W. Williams, C. C. G. Philippe, Clerk.

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