

# DECLARES PARKER SHOULD BE NAMED TO GOVERNORSHIP

## Jeanerette Coast Herald Is Sponsor for Independent Democratic Move.

The Coast Herald of Jeanerette, Iberia parish, one of the remaining staunch Democratic newspapers of the Third district, Saturday declared for John M. Parker in an editorial denouncing the New Orleans regular organization. The editorial, received by telegraph from Jeanerette, was given out Saturday night by Parker headquarters:

"The Herald will not support the nominees of a crooked election. The New Orleans returns in the primary election bear prima facie evidence of wholesale frauds and the Coast Herald refuses to be bound by the results of a crooked election.

"The city ring has done its work too strong and imposes too much on the credulity of the people to ask them to believe that in a city of over 400,000 souls, Mr. Barret with the influence at work for him polled only 3700 votes. The city ring although it had widened its organization so that it was allied with most every courthouse in the state, was in doubt of the country vote and it is evident that they counted the city majority for its candidate strong enough to cover any contingency.

"The Democracy of Louisiana needs to purge itself of the contamination of the unspeakable city ring. Its slimy tentacles have reached so far that the octopus cannot be strangled within the organization and it behooves those Democrats who believe in honest elections and the principle of the highest citizenship controlling the destinies of the state to repudiate the organization at all costs and all hazards.

"When men of the character, ability and attainments of Thomas C. Barret, Clarence Pierson, John Overton, Porteous Burke and Austin Fontenot have to go to the ward bosses of the city of New Orleans with hat in hand and ask for their sanction before they can present their claims to the people for office with a hope of success the body politic is sick enough to demand a drastic remedy.

"The Herald holds few ideas in common with Mr. John M. Parker but we believe the welfare of the state will be better served to have Mr. Parker elected governor of Louisiana on an honest ballot than Colonel Pleasant elevated to the position by corrupt practices of ring politicians. In taking this stand we do not abate one jot or tittle of our Democracy. We believe that the principles of Democracy are essential to a republican form of government. We believe that the Democratic party is the only medium through which the people of this republic can protect themselves from the aggression and oppressions of the trust and organized speculative wealth. It is the party of the great middle class, the bulwark of liberty in every free country, of the farmer, the professional and the business man.

"They are the men who bear the burden of taxation and shoulder the guns when the country needs soldiers. But when the organization falls into the hands of corrupt politicians we believe it is the duty of the rank and file to rescue the party from their machinations and restore it to its proper functions. Such a case confronts us in Louisiana today. How many have the courage to defy the party lash which is now wielded by ruthless and unworthy hands?"

## MR. CLAIBORNE'S POSITION.

### Tells His Friends They Will Hear from Him at the Proper Time.

"I ask that my friends refrain from commenting on my attitude. They will hear from me at the proper time. I have nothing further to say."

This from Ferd C. Claiborne Saturday night, after he had been the center of a political whirlpool for three days, left his position unchanged. Wednesday night Mr. Claiborne gave out the following:

"I am still expecting to receive the nomination. But whether I receive the nomination or not, I propose to and will tell the people of the state of Louisiana what I saw on election day in the city of New Orleans. I decided not to cast my vote in the Democratic primary. My reasons I will give to the people at the proper time."

On the heels of the statement a number of influential friends of Mr. Claiborne came to the city, and he has since been closeted in numerous conferences. It was generally known in political circles that every ounce of available pressure was being exerted to keep him from saying or doing that which the statement plainly intimates—"telling things" which might hurt the "ring" ticket. From all reports, however, Mr. Claiborne has withstood the pressure, and at the proper time will speak his mind freely.

Mr. Claiborne's friends in New Orleans are outspoken in their assertions that he did not get a square deal. They point to the fact that in those wards where factional fights insured a careful count and a square deal at the polls, his vote was astounding. He lost the Ninth ward by only a few votes. He received a big vote in the Thirteenth, and carried the Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth wards.

## Hart Ticket Wins in St. John.

Edgard, La., Jan. 29.—St. John parish committee met here at noon today and promulgated the returns of the Democratic primary. Sheriff Paul Bethelot, chairman of the committee, who was defeated for sheriff by W. J. Hart, was not present. Eight of the fifteen committee members answered the roll. The returns showed W. J. Hart, 589; Paul Bethelot, 468, for sheriff. The entire Hart ticket was elected. Alex Thibodeaux defeated A. J. Lacaze for representative, the vote being 577 to 450.

## Movement of Politicians.

Governor Hall remained over Saturday night in the city. The governor has been engaged here several days on matters of state business. Paul A. Sompayrac, secretary to the governor, also is at the St. Charles.

Speaker L. B. Thomas, who came from Shreveport with Colonel Pleasant Thursday, remained over Saturday. Sheriff J. W. Payne, of Natchitoches, was a visitor at Pleasant headquarters. John Marshall, campaign manager for Colonel Pleasant, went to Baton Rouge Saturday to file the expense account of his candidate. Senator Fernand Mouton nominee for lieutenant governor, on the face of unofficial returns, was in the city Saturday. He came from Baton Rouge, where he spent Friday watching the tabulation of the returns. James J. Bailey, nominee for secretary of state, was in Baton Rouge watching the canvass of returns.