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(Extracts from Police Jury Proceedings of Friday, October 18th, 1895.)

Ordering a Special Election whereat shall be submitted to the property tax payers of the Parish of Calcasieu, entitled to vote under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the question of levying a special tax in aid of the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf Railway Company, at the rate of 25 cents per mill on the dollar, per annum for a period of ten years, subject to the conditions set forth in the petition of more than one-third of the property tax payers of said Parish, who are entitled to demand and made part hereof, and the full compliance therewith by said Company, providing the mode of holding said election, making returns, etc., etc.

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The Police Jury of the Parish of Calcasieu, in legal session convened, that a special election be held throughout the Parish of Calcasieu, on Monday, the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1895, at which shall be submitted to the property tax payers of said Parish, the question of levying a special tax in aid of the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf Railway Company, at the rate of 25 cents per mill on the dollar, per annum for a period of ten years, subject to the conditions set forth in the petition of more than one-third of the property tax payers of said Parish, who are entitled to demand and made part hereof, and the full compliance therewith by said Company, providing the mode of holding said election, making returns, etc., etc.

This Agreement and Contract, made and entered into this day between a committee of the Lake Charles Board of Trade, as ratified by the Citizens' Mass Meeting, held at the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, represented by F. S. Hammond, General Manager, and the Parish of Calcasieu, in order to embody in formal shape a proposition to be submitted by the Police Jury of Calcasieu Parish to the property tax payers of said Parish, whereby the said Parish, including all incorporated towns therein, in consideration of the fact that said Railroad, is to levy a special tax in aid of said Railroad Company, they have bound and obligated themselves, subject to final legal ratification by the Police Jury and tax payers of the Parish of Calcasieu, as follows:

The Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, in consideration of the aid to be extended to the Parish of Calcasieu by the levy of a special tax and payment of the same to said Company as hereinafter specified, and in consideration of the fact that said Railroad, is to levy a special tax in aid of said Railroad Company, they have bound and obligated themselves, subject to final legal ratification by the Police Jury and tax payers of the Parish of Calcasieu, as follows:

The Parish of Calcasieu, in consideration of the aid to be extended to the Parish of Calcasieu by the levy of a special tax and payment of the same to said Company as hereinafter specified, and in consideration of the fact that said Railroad, is to levy a special tax in aid of said Railroad Company, they have bound and obligated themselves, subject to final legal ratification by the Police Jury and tax payers of the Parish of Calcasieu, as follows:

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This Year's Assessment.

The returns are now in from every parish in the State and the aggregate shows a decrease of nearly a million and a half dollars from the previous year.

No one supposes there has been any decrease in the total value of the taxable property of the State. On the contrary, there has been a large increase; not so great as in former years it is true, but still there has been a gain. The increase from immigration alone has amounted to many millions and the natural increase despite a not very prosperous year has been considerable.

The apparent loss is due entirely to a disregard of the laws governing assessment and taxation, and the desire of every man, as far as possible, to avoid taxation. In many parishes in the State, notably the sugar district, instances can be found where property is assessed at from one-tenth to one-fifth of its real value, and the average assessment does not exceed over one-fourth. One other fact is worthy of note, and that is the wealthiest citizens and those best able to bear the burden are the ones that escape, while the poor man with his humble cottage who depends upon his day's labor for support of himself and family is assessed in a three fold greater proportion.

If it is any consolation it may be stated that there has been a falling off in every state in the South, but in Louisiana the least of any.

We are in receipt of a letter from Dan Talmage's Sons, of New York, in regard to the outlook for rice. They say: "Up to date things have been disappointing. For a short time there was an improvement in demand and an advance in prices but this has been lost and prices have gone back to the figures paid at the beginning of the season. We look, or at least, we hope for better conditions after the elections." As a matter of fact a large portion of this year's crop grades low; in fact there is every grade from that which will scarcely pay for milling to the very best. The true value of rough rice can never be ascertained until it has been milled and every buyer, be he miller or speculator, realizes this fact and knowing that the result is sometimes disappointing, perhaps in one out of every five or ten lots, scales down the price each time to meet this possible contingency. For this reason rough rice does not command its true value and it will pay the farmer nine times out of ten to have his rice milled for toll and dispose of the cleaned product. Our advice to farmers is to have your rice milled every time and dispose of the finished product. The Talmages' of New York are not buyers but mill only for toll and they possess the advantage of having a better market, New York being the best distributing point in the country. On the other hand rough rice shipped to New York has to bear freight on sixty or more pounds of official per bush, which is as valuable here as in New York city. In any event it will pay you to have your rice milled for your own account.

A large number of people from the North annually seek the South at this season of the year in order to avoid the rigor of the northern winter, and also to become acquainted with the country, its people, its advantages and disadvantages. To those who come with well filled pocket books and whose only object is a pleasure excursion there will be nothing of disappointment. The hunter and the fisherman will here find the best sport to be found any place on the continent, and the picturesque scenery is unsurpassed. There are others who come for the purpose of bettering their condition in life; those who have encountered failure and disappointment. To this class we would say, the same conditions exist here as elsewhere; the same scarcity of money and in some cases even higher prices for the necessities of life. On the other hand in the mild climate and consequently less demand for fall and winter clothing. The soil is also productive and the mild climate renders it possible to work at all seasons of the year. The man who comes empty handed is in of course at a disadvantage, but one with even a few hundred dollars in ready cash can gain a competency in a few years, provided he is of temperate, industrious and frugal habits. When the K. O. R. & G. road is completed and we have cheaper transportation to the north the advantages of this country will be more than doubled.

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