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[Extracts from Police Jury Proceedings of Friday, October 18th, 1895.]

AN ORDINANCE

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 3¾ mills 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 the Parish of Calcasieu, hereto annexed and made part hereof, and the full compliance therewith by said Company, providing the mode of holding said election, making returns, etc., etc.

SECTION 1. Be it Ordained by 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 2d day of December, A. D., 1895, at which shall be submitted to the property tax payers of said Parish, who are entitled to vote under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the question of levying a special tax annually of 3 and ½ mills on the dollar of valuation, of all taxable property in the Parish of Calcasieu, including all incorporated towns therein, for a period of ten years, in aid of the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana; said tax to be levied according to law, provided however and under the express condition, that said company, its successors or assigns, shall accept and faithfully comply with all the obligations and undertakings imposed on it, by the following agreement, which is a part of the petition presented to this jury, by property tax payers, viz:

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, and the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, represented by F. S. Hammond, General Manager; WITNESSETH:

That 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 construction of said Railroad, is to levy a special tax in aid of said Railway 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 it by the Parish of Calcasieu by the levy of a special tax and payment of the same to said Company as hereinafter specified, contracts to build, equip and operate its main line of Railroad from the city of Lake Charles in the Parish of Calcasieu, to the north boundary of the State of Louisiana in Caddo parish, there to connect with the Texarkana & Fort Smith Railroad, thence by the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad to Kansas City, Missouri; the construction of said Railroad to be begun between Shreveport and Lake Charles within ninety days after the official promulgation of the result of the election, in the event the same has been favorable to the levy of the tax, and to complete its said line and have same in operation by or before December 31st, 1898.

Said Railway Company agrees to construct and maintain within the corporate limits of the city of Lake Charles, its repair shops, round house and other usual appurtenances of a railroad;

To construct, also within said corporate limits, a freight depot of brick or stone, and also a passenger depot of similar material, unless converging roads in the city of Lake Charles unite in building a Union Depot; Lake Charles to be the end of the devision until the said road is constructed and operated beyond to a port on the Gulf of Mexico.

The Parish of Calcasieu, in consideration of the construction and operation of the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Co., as above provided, contracts and agrees to levy, collect and pay over to said Railway Company, its successors or assigns, a special tax of three and one-half (3½) mills on the dollar annually for a period of ten years from January 1st, 1897, upon all of the taxable property in Calcasieu Parish, including all incorporated towns therein; the said tax to be collected and paid over to said Railway Company, its successors or assigns, from year to year as collected, provided that no portion of the tax so voted shall be collectable until the completion and operation of said Railroad as herein agreed and provided.

Also to use its best efforts to procure the right-of-way over and across such streets within the corporate limits of the city of Lake Charles as will enable said Railway to reach with its tracks, its terminals and depots.

Thus done and signed by J. W. Bryan, Chairman of the Citizens' Ratification Mass Meeting held September 17th, 1895, and by F. S. Hammond, General Manager, for the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, at Lake Charles, La., this September 18th, 1895.

(Signed) J. W. BRYAN, Chairman.
(Signed) F. S. HAMMOND, Gen'l Mgr.
Attest:
(Signed) A. M. MAYO,
Sec. Mass Meeting and Sec. Board of Trade.

To the Honorable Police Jury, of Calcasieu Parish, State of Louisiana:

We, the undersigned, constituting more than one-third of the property tax payers of the Parish of Calcasieu, as appearing upon the assessment roll of said Parish, in view of the great benefits to be derived by our citizens from the construction and operation of the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company through our parish, respectfully petition you to levy a special tax of three and one-half (3½) mills on the dollar per annum, upon all of the taxable property of Calcasieu Parish, for a period of ten years from January 1st, 1897, in aid of said Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company, its successors or assigns.

The said tax to become due and collectable only from and after the completion and operation of the said Railway from the city of Lake Charles, via Shreveport to the north boundary of the State of Louisiana, and thence by through connecting lines to Kansas City, Missouri, in accordance with the proposition and agreement hereto annexed as a part of this petition.

We further petition you to order a special election according to law for the above purpose, and by proper ordinance to submit same to the property tax payers of this parish; the ballots to be used at said election to be in the following form:

"For special tax of three and one-half (3½) mills in aid of Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company."

"Against special tax of three and one-half (3½) mills in aid of Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Railway Company."

Respectfully,

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An Amendment.

As we anticipated, the Republicans and negroes in this State are resolved to make a big fight against the suffrage amendment, and any ballot box law that is calculated to eliminate the ignorant and vicious paupers from our elections. Judge Taylor Beattie and Gen. W. J. Behan, two of the chief white leaders of the Republican party, have issued an edict condemning the amendment and calling upon the Republicans to vote against it. Thus we find that all the hue and cry of the Republicans, white and black, for free and fair and honest elections, for the purity of the ballot box, etc., has been the veriest bosh, and that all they meant was that everything with two legs, outside of the penitentiary, be he the most brutal and ignorant negro or white vagabond or freshly imported pauper or escaped convict from Europe, shall be permitted to exercise the franchise in Louisiana and influence our elections. And there is another element hostile to the amendment, and that is the ward heelers and strikers, whose bread and butter is in politics and who, so soon as the franchise is expurgated and corruption banished from our elections, will be left without a vocation. Indeed, look where we may, it will be found that opposition to the suffrage amendment and ballot reform is inspired by sinister motives and emanates from the very elements it is desired to eliminate from the control of our elections.

Indeed, the very strongest arguments in favor of the two measures is the hostilitiy of the Republicans, negroes and ringsters to them. They are both Democratic measures. The amendment was formulated by a committee of Democrats and submitted to the people by a Democratic Legislature. It is in every sense a Democratic measure, and every Democrat should stand by it. As for the ballot reform, that is a movement that eminated from Democrats of the most pronounced stripe, and the object of the two measures is that, each supplementing the other, will give us honest elections, if the people are in the least fit for self-government, means able and efficient representatives in both houses of the Legislature, a clean and incorruptable municipal government and honest and efficient administration of the criminal laws.

Under the amendment and a sound ballot law no man worthy to vote, fit to exercise the right of a free man and to walk among men, will be deprived of any privilege. A man can never grow too old to master enough learning to meet the educational qualification required; and any such man, if he does not take to "book larnin," can in a few years accumulate the amount of property required. There are plenty of men of course who will never learn to read, and who are too shiftless to save up a few hundred dollars; and we shall be frank enough to say unequivocally that it is the declared and specific purpose of the amendment and a ballot reform law to eliminate this class of ignoramuses and shiftless human beings from the polls. They may be men whom fortune has dealt hardly with; but if they have not pride enough of character, if they do not sufficiently value the right of the franchise to secure the little education or the little property that will entitle them to exersise that inestimable privilege and to feel that in their brogans there stands a free American citizen with the right and the duty to take a part in the affairs of his country has no use for him or for his kind; and none such should be allowed to vote; to enter an election precinct and offset perhaps the best, and wisest, and most patriotic man in the community.

The country wants these laws because the country wants to be governed by intelligent white men without the necessity of misscounting ballots and without bulldozing. And far more than the country the city needs these laws and needs them in their strongest shape; for, before we can secure an honest and faithful administration of municipal affairs, we must get rid of the votes and the power of the hoodlums, the heelers, ignorant negroes and whites, the ballot box stuffers and the fresh importations of ignorant criminals from Europe.

A few days since a vessel landed in this port with four hundred Italian immigrants on board; it is safe to say that not one of these can read or write or speak the English language, or understands the first principles of our governmental system; indeed we doubt if many of them could tell us who is the President of the United States. And yet it is safe to say that every male among that four hundred from eighteen years of age up will vote in our next elections. This is but a single case; and if it were but a single case the matter would not be so bad. The injection of even four hundred ignorant foreign voters into our elections would not be sufficient to debase or to measurably influence our elections. But there are dozens of such cases every year; and if that class of people do not always come in ship loads they come by tramping or on steamboats or railways, and thus thousands of them take part, under our present laws, in our elections, and they are in number sufficient to constitute a tremendous force for evil in our politics.

Thus reviewing the whole question, it is impossible for us to understand how any class of our good people in the country or in the city can antagonize these measures. The Republicans and the negroes and perhaps the ignorant Populists may very violently oppose them, because all their hopes of domination, of power and spoil, are in the numerical strength of the ignorant, debased and criminal classes in our elections.—*New Orleans Daily States.*