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High Court Holds Boxes Must Be Opened

SUPREME COURT RECALLS RULE NISI; NOVEMBER, 12 ELECTION TO BE PROBES.

New Orleans, La., March 29.—With Justice Provosty as the organ, the Supreme Court handed down a decision Monday ordering the opening of the ballot boxes used in the city election in November, 1912, to determine whether there were any frauds in the return of the vote on presidential electors. The case was the State on the relation of Lawrence Cassidy, clerk of court, against J. G. Baker, judge, asking writ of certiorari and prohibition.

The boxes will be opened in the Criminal District Court in the presence of the attorney general and District Attorney Lutzburg and of Judges Baker and Christie. The decision was rendered by a vote of 3 to 2, the chief justice and Justices Provosty and Laird favoring the opening of the boxes and Justices Monroe and Sommerville believing the law required the destruction of the ballots after six months. The long delay in the decision was due to the illness of Justice Provosty.

Immediately after the election of 1912, Mortimer N. Wisdom, president of the board of supervisors, called the attention of Governor Hall and the district attorney to apparent frauds in the vote on the constitutional amendments.

District Attorney Adams took up the case with the grand jury. That body opened practically all the boxes, and the result was the indictment of 160 odd election officials, Democrats and Republicans, for false counting, and some of the cases they were punishable.

Before any of the cases could be put to trial, Capt. A. D. Henriques, of counsel for the indicted commissioners, raised the point that since false counting of constitutional amendments was not specifically denounced by the indictments were null. Judge Baker and Judge Christie held the contrary and their decision was affirmed by the Supreme Court.

Under the law ballot boxes are kept six months after an election, when their contents are required to be destroyed. This six months had already expired when the Supreme Court decision became final. On the day the ballots were to be burned Governor Hall asked District Attorney Lutzburg and Judge Baker to delay their destruction until it could be determined whether there were also frauds in the vote for electors. Governor invoked.

Later the governor had the attorney general and the district attorney ask Judge Baker to order the opening of the boxes under an act of a century ago to determine if any frauds had been committed.

H. P. Dart appeared for the clerk of court. R. H. Marr was selected as a friend of the court. The grand jury was the only proper authority to make the probe.

The Supreme Court reversed Judge Baker. Thereupon the clerk of court opposed the opening of the boxes on the ground that the law requiring him to destroy the ballots after six months was mandatory. Judge Baker held against the contention and the clerk appealed. Monday's decision of the Supreme Court was on this appeal.

Reasons Given by Justice Provosty.

In concluding his reasons for judgment, after citing a large number of cases which he said were parallel, Justice Provosty finished up the twenty-page decision in the following language:

"The reasons might be multiplied; but elaboration of the point at hand is unnecessary. The very purpose of requiring the ballot boxes and their contents to be kept six months held in Gonsoulin vs. Decuir, 12 La. 611—that they may serve as evidence, in that case it was held that under judicial supervision, they may be opened and examined as well before as after suit instituted. The exhibition against allowing any person whatsoever to examine them does not apply to the state acting through her law officers and judicial tribunals in the detection and punishment of crime. The state is not any person whatsoever when exercising her sovereign right or protecting and conserving the safety and good order of society. For this statute to apply to the state in such a case it would have been necessary to apply the rule of construction that it should have named the state expressly. General words do not suffice.

"Relator argues that the said Act 152 of 1898, which is the general election law, embodies the Australian ballot system, which has for its fundamental idea the preservation of the secrecy of the ballot; and that the said section 23 is both a carrying out of that idea; and that, therefore, it would be a violation not only of its letter but of its spirit of policy which dictated it, to permit these ballot boxes to be opened and their contents examined.

Why Decision Was So Long Held Up.

"The answer to that argument is obvious. The secrecy of the ballot is desired simply as a means toward the purity of the election. To violate that secrecy, therefore, for the purpose of punishing those who may have committed a fraud in the election, is not to go counter to that policy but strictly in line with it. The secrecy is designed as a preventative measure; the retributive punishment is a repressive measure—both to the same end. This policy of secrecy does not stand in the way of the ballots being used as evidence in a contested election case before the expiration of the six months; why should it stand in the way of their being used as evidence in a criminal case after the expiration of the six months. The reason why the law requires them to be destroyed after six months is that they are then no longer needed as evidence; that reason falls entirely where they are needed as evidence in a criminal prosecution for a fraud committed in the election.

"It may be well to mention that the delay in the decision of this case was caused mainly by the long illness of the writer of this opinion, whose return to the bench had to be waited for as there was an equal division among the remaining four justices, the rule nisi is called at the cost of the relator."

Chief Justice Joseph A. Breaux, who retired from the Supreme Court bench on Monday, concurred in the decree. Associate Justices Monroe and Sommerville dissented, and will file reasons in writing later.

COUNTRY'S SECOND PORT.

New Orleans Gains, While Galveston Loses This Year.

New Orleans is not only holding her own as the second port in the United States, but has gained another lap on her nearest competitor, according to figures compiled by the Association of Commerce. The total of her exports and imports for January and February, amounted to \$52,885,584, the figures for these two months last year being \$48,787,804. This was an increase of \$4,097,780 for the two months.

Galveston's exports and imports for January and February totalled \$49,479,582, the figures for these two months last year being \$50,925,635. At this rate of increase New Orleans will easily maintain her position as second port for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914.

For the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1913, the total of imports and exports amounted to \$261,476,635, of which the imports amounted to \$82,095,066 and exports to \$178,072,569. Galveston's total for the same period was \$280,965,415.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

For the Town of Abita Springs, La., on April 21, 1914.

At a meeting of the council March 3, 1914, an election was ordered to elect a Mayor, five Aldermen and a Marshal for the term of two years. Commissioners, Dominick Daze, J. L. Reed and Frank Martin, Sr.; Clerk, A. O. Pons.

Miss Beulah Champagne vs. Andrew LaJaunie.

Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, St. Tammany Parish, La.

This case having been regularly fixed for trial was taken up and tried, and the Court, after hearing the pleadings and the evidence and the law and the evidence being in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant, it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that there be judgment in favor of Miss Beulah Champagne and against the defendant, Andrew LaJaunie, her husband, decreeing a dissolution of the community acquets and gains heretofore existing between them, and a separation of property between the plaintiff and the said defendant.

Judgment read, rendered and signed in open court, this 11th day of March, 1914.

JOSEPH B. LANCASTER, District Judge.

St. Tammany Banking Company and Savings Bank versus Babington & Company. No. 2147.

Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, St. Tammany Parish, La.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale from the honorable the aforesaid court and to me directed, bearing date February 20, 1914, I will proceed to sell at public auction at the front door of the courthouse in the town of Covington, La., between legal sale hours, to the highest bidder, on

Saturday, April 25, 1914,

the following described property, to-wit:

1. A certain lot of ground together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, designated as lot No. 15 in square No. 20 in the town of Covington, this parish and State, in the division of St. John, said lot has a frontage of 60 feet on New Hampshire street, by a depth of 120 feet between parallel lines.

2. A certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of New Covington, parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, and more fully described as lot No. 3 in square No. 2402, said lot has a front of 60 feet on 24th Avenue by a depth of 140 feet, between parallel lines.

Terms—Cash, with benefit of appraisement.

T. E. BREWSTER, Sheriff.

NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

Bids will be opened by the police jury of St. Tammany parish, La., at its next regular meeting, April 20, 1914, for the construction of a bridge to be built near Lacombe, La. Bridge to be built according to the following specifications:

Bridge to be built in two sections, main section to be 75 feet long, the other section to be 50 feet; both to be 14 feet in the clear. Center span of main section to be 30 feet.

18 piling, 12 inches at butt, 25 feet long.

7 caps, 10x12 inches 16 feet; 7 stringers 4x12 inches 30 feet.

All the above to be creosoted, balance of material as follows: To be not less than 90 per cent heart and of pitch pine.

Post and mud sills 10x10. Decking 3x6 inches 16 feet. Banister posts 4x6. Braces 3x4. Railing 2x6.

One hub guard 1x6, and one 1x12. Truss beams 6x8, with two truss rods on each side of 1 1/4 inch iron, with washers.

Banister posts to be 8 feet apart and braced.

All caps to be planed down with iron pins not less than 3-4x24. Bridge to be 2 feet higher than bank.

HERMAN SCHULTZ, President.

E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary.

NOTICE.

U. S. Land Office, Baton Rouge, La., March 30, 1914.

Proof under Act 6-5-12.

Notice is hereby given that ISABELLE DUCRE, of Pearl River, La., who, on Feb. 27, 1911, made Homestead Entry, No. 03340, for northeast quarter of northwest quarter, section 24, township 8 south, range 15 west, St. Helena Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Court, at Covington, Louisiana, on the 4th day of May, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses Cas Laurant, of Bonfouca, La.; Wesley L. Miller, of Abita, La.; E. P. Chatters, of Bonfouca, La.; and Joe Smith of Amos, La.

JOHN F. NUTTALL, Register.

NOTICE.

The dates of the next examination for teachers' certificates will be changed from April 6, 7, 8 (white), and April 9, 10, 11 (negro), to April 20, 21, 22 (white), and April 23, 24, 25 (negro), the week following the meeting of the Louisiana State Public School Teachers' Association.

ELMER E. LYON.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the town council of Mandeville, La., for license to operate a restaurant and cafe on Jefferson street, between Lafitte and Girod streets, for whites, during the year 1914.

mch14-3t JAMES BAND.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR FISCAL AGENCY OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Notice is hereby given to the respective banking houses of this parish that bids for the fiscal agency of the school board will be received and awarded at the regular meeting of the Board, on Saturday, April 4, 1914, at 10 a. m., in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 205 of 1912.

N. H. FITZSIMONS, President School Board.



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Teachers' Examination.

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The questions of the examination in Theory and Art of Teaching will not be based upon any particular text-book on that subject, but will be general and comprehensive in character.

ELMER E. LYON, Superintendent.

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