

PERSONAL NOTICE.

Immediate and careful attention given legal or notarial business.

W. S. FRAZEE Attorney at Law and Notary Public. Shidell, La. Opposite Post Office.

WANTED—Contractors with several teams to haul down-timber, or will rent teams. Address Politevent & Favre Lumber Company, Logging Department, Florenville, La.

FOR SERVICE—Registered steamboat Kentucky Jack, Fairbanks W. No. 5034. Terms: \$5.00 down and \$5.00 when coal comes. M. Brunet, at Planche & Perbos' saloon, Covington, La. au10-4ms

FOR RENT—Two of the best located offices in the town of Covington. Well lighted, well ventilated. Covington Bank & Trust Company. Feb20-4t

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. Apply at 803 21st Avenue, corner of Jefferson. 112

BARGAINS IN EGGS—For hatching in S. C. Rhodeland Reds and Banded Plymouth Rocks, 50 cents for 15. L. O. Alexius, Covington, La. ap8-1

SEED POTATOES.

Porto Rican Yams, per bushel 60c. Triumph, per bushel, 60c. Peanuts, per bushel, 60c.

G. C. ALEXIUS, P. O. Box 331, Covington, La. mr4-3m

FOR SALE—Extra good family horse. L. E. Bethea, Mandeville, Louisiana. ml8-4t

TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE.

Stone variety, 10 cents a dozen, 3 dozen for 25 cents, 60 cents a hundred. Mrs. J. A. Wadsworth, Covington, La. m25-4t

FOR SALE—Small black pony, saddle and bridle. Will sell at reasonable price for childrens use. E. G. Davis. ap8-4t

Singer sewing machines, cash or easy payments. Postal will bring me to your residence. H. L. Woods, Agent, Covington, La. ap8-4t

FOR SALE—Tomato, cabbage, pepper and egg plants. C. A. Thebaut, Roseland, La. at-1t

TOWN COUNCIL

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Submitting to the property tax payers of the town of Covington, parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, entitled to vote under the laws and constitution of the State of Louisiana, the question of incurring the debt by the said town of Covington and the issuance of bonds therefor in the sum of Sixty (\$60,000) Dollars for the purpose of constructing a system of waterworks in the said town of Covington. The title to such waterworks system to vest in said town of Covington, fixing the date and maturity of said bonds and each of them; and fixing where they shall be payable; fixing the rate of interest said bonds shall bear and providing when and where said in-

terest shall be payable; fixing a polling place for said election and the hours when the polls shall be opened and closed, and naming three commissioners and one clerk of election; and fixing the date and place when the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall meet to canvass the returning of the indebtedness and the terms of said election and promulgate the result thereof; authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in the event the property taxpayers approve the issuance of the bonds as herein proposed, to sign and execute said bonds and the same to sell at not less than par according to law; providing that this ordinance when adopted by the property taxpayers of the town of Covington, and after the bonds herein authorized to be issued shall have been issued and sold that this ordinance shall become and remain irrevocable so long as any of the said bonds or the interest thereon shall remain unpaid; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing when this ordinance shall go into effect, all in accordance with the provisions of Article 231 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana.

Whereas, it is believed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington, Louisiana, necessary and for the best interest of said town and the inhabitants thereof that a waterworks system should be constructed within the corporate limits of the town; and,

Whereas, the ordinary revenues of the town are insufficient to construct said waterworks system, and in order to undertake such work it is necessary to raise funds in the manner provided by law; and,

Whereas, under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana the governing authority of the town of Covington, is permitted to issue bonds when authorized by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers of the town of Covington, qualified to vote under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana at an election held for that purpose; and,

Whereas, under the authority of the favorable vote of such taxpayers at such election the governing authority of the said town of Covington may annually levy and collect special taxes in excess of other taxes a tax sufficient to pay the installments of interest and principal of said bonds falling due each year a present time equals the amount of Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand and Two Hundred and Sixty-Four (\$715,263.00) Dollars; and,

Whereas, it has been and is now hereby determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington, La., to submit to the property taxpayers qualified as electors under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the following proposition: Shall a debt be incurred by the

town of Covington, in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and negotiable bonds be issued in said amount, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum payable semi-annually, the principal of said bonds becoming payable within 37 years of their date, and issued in such denominations, payable at such time, and in such installments with such other details relating thereto as shall be determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and authorized by the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana. The funds realized from the incurring of said debt and the sale of said bonds to be used for the purpose of constructing a waterworks system in said town, the title to which shall vest in said town of Covington; and,

Whereas, in the event said indebtedness designated in the foregoing proposition shall be authorized by the taxpayers to be incurred and bonds shall be issued therefor, the total amount of the indebtedness of said town (including said bonds) shall be within the constitutional limit of ten per centum on the assessed valuation of the property of said town, and the special tax to be annually levied to pay the installments of interest and principal of said bonds as they respectively fall due with all other special taxes levied and to be levied for other lawful purposes will be within the limit prescribed by the constitution, of ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property within such town prescribed by the constitution;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Covington, in regular session convened:

Section 1. That the town of Covington incur a debt of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to be used for the exclusive purpose of constructing, erecting and equipping a waterworks system in the town of Covington, Louisiana, for supplying the inhabitants of said town of Covington, Louisiana, with water, the title to such system shall be vested in the said town of Covington:

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 2. That as representing said indebtedness said town of Covington do issue 120 negotiable bonds numbered 1 to 120, both numbers inclusive, bearing date of July 17, 1916, with five per cent per annum interest from date, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of July and the 15th day of January, each year in the specific amounts and maturities, as follows:

10 bonds of \$500 each, one of said bonds maturing July 15th of each year from 1917 to 1926, both inclusive.

10 bonds of \$500 each, two of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1927 to 1931, both inclusive.

15 bonds of \$500 each, three of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1932 to 1936, both inclusive.

20 bonds of \$500 each, four of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1937 to 1941, both inclusive.

35 bonds of \$500 each, five of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1942 to 1948, both inclusive.

30 bonds of \$500 each, six of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1949 to 1953, both inclusive.

That to said bonds shall be at-

tached the proper coupons representing interest on said bonds at the rate of five per cent per annum, from the 15th day of July, 1916, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of July and the 15th day of January of each year.

And that the Secretary of this council be and he is hereby instructed to have prepared for use at said special election, all necessary ballots, ballot boxes, tally sheets, lists of voters and compiled statements of voters in number and amount.

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 3. That in order to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof as provided in Section Two hereof, a special tax shall be levied on all taxable property in the town of Covington sufficient to produce the following sums each year, to-wit:

- 1916 the sum of \$3500.00.
1917 the sum of \$3475.00.
1918 the sum of \$3450.00.
1919 the sum of \$3425.00.
1920 the sum of \$3400.00.
1921 the sum of \$3375.00.
1922 the sum of \$3350.00.
1923 the sum of \$3325.00.
1924 the sum of \$3300.00.
1925 the sum of \$3275.00.
1926 the sum of \$3250.00.
1927 the sum of \$3225.00.
1928 the sum of \$3200.00.
1929 the sum of \$3175.00.
1930 the sum of \$3150.00.
1931 the sum of \$3125.00.
1932 the sum of \$3100.00.
1933 the sum of \$3075.00.
1934 the sum of \$3050.00.
1935 the sum of \$3025.00.
1936 the sum of \$3000.00.
1937 the sum of \$2975.00.
1938 the sum of \$2950.00.
1939 the sum of \$2925.00.
1940 the sum of \$2900.00.
1941 the sum of \$2875.00.
1942 the sum of \$2850.00.
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1944 the sum of \$2800.00.
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1946 the sum of \$2750.00.
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1949 the sum of \$2675.00.
1950 the sum of \$2650.00.
1951 the sum of \$2625.00.
1952 the sum of \$2600.00.

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 4. That the question of incurring said indebtedness and issuing of said bonds for the purpose above mentioned shall be submitted to the property taxpayers who are qualified electors for such purpose by special election which is hereby ordered to be called in said town on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1916, in accordance with the election laws of the State of Louisiana, and especially in accordance with Act No. 256 of 1910, for the purpose of voting on said question, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to proclaim the same as aforesaid; and that the ballots to be used at said election shall be in the following form:

TOWN OF COVINGTON, LA., Special Election, May 16th, 1916.

For the issuance of Bonds. Proposition to incur debt and issue bonds for the Town of Covington, Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to the amount of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars, to run for a period of thirty seven years from the 15th day of July, 1916, to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum

It is our earnest desire to establish relations of mutual usefulness with more of the people of this community. The needs of each patron are given the most careful consideration and his requirements are met in a spirit of fairness to all interests concerned. Operating along safe, conservative business lines, safeguarding the interests of our depositors, WE RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNT. ST. TAMMANY BANK & TRUST CO. Branch at MANDEVILLE, LA. COVINGTON, LOUISIANA

from the 15th day of July, 1916, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of July and the 15th day of January of each year, and issued in such denominations, payable at such time and in such installments, with such other details relating thereto as shall be determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and authorized by law for the purpose of erecting, constructing and equipping a system of waterworks for supplying the inhabitants of the Town of Covington with water, the title to such waterworks system shall vest in the Town of Covington, Louisiana.

Signature of Voter.

Notice to Voters—To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X) mark in the square after the word "Yes." To vote against it, place a similar mark after the word "No."

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 5. That the said election shall be conducted under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana in so far as the same are applicable to special elections, and particularly under the provisions of Act No. 256 of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, and acts amendatory thereto, at the following polling place: Courthouse, Covington, Louisiana.

The Commissioners of such election are designated as follows: C. L. Smith, F. J. Martindale and Ben Fontan; and Robt. L. Aubert is hereby designated as Clerk.

The polls shall be opened at seven (7) o'clock a. m. and closed at five (5) o'clock p. m.

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 6. The said Commissioners and Clerk shall receive the ballots of all duly qualified property taxpayers entitled to vote at the said election and shall deposit them as received in the ballot boxes to be provided for that purpose, and at the close of said election, shall count and canvass the votes cast for and against the said proposition on duplicate tally sheets to be provided for said purpose, and shall deliver

one of the same together with the ballots and the ballot boxes to the Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be by him held and submitted to the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 19th day of May, 1916, at which time the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall assemble at the regular meeting place of the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen to canvass the returns and make promulgation of the results of said election as required by law.

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 7. That in the event said election results in favor of incurring the said debt of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars and issuing said negotiable bonds as representing the same, the Mayor of said town and Clerk of this Board shall cause to be issued the said Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars in bonds as aforesaid, representing said indebtedness of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars, maturing as hereinabove stated, with interest coupons attached thereto representing interest to become due thereon, and to be in such form and tenor as may be approved by said Mayor and Clerk, but not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance and said bonds with interest coupons attached when issued shall be sold by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for not less than par and the proceeds of said sale shall be deposited in the treasury of said town to be used exclusively for constructing and equipping a waterworks system and shall not be used for any other purpose, the title to which waterworks system shall vest in and remain at all times the property of the town of Covington. The said bonds and the interest coupons attached thereto shall be payable as they mature at any bank or trust company in New York, N. Y., or New Orleans or Covington, La., in the United States, at the option of the purchaser thereof upon notice to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington thirty days before maturity of any bond or interest coupon. In default of such notice the said bonds and coupons shall be payable at the office of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington.

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 8. That in the event the said election results in favor of incurring said debt and issuing said

bonds as hereinabove set forth, the town of Covington shall be and remain irrevocably obligated to the purchaser or purchasers of said bonds for the payment of said indebtedness with the interest thereon, and this ordinance authorizing the issuance of said bonds and the levying of the tax with which to pay the principal and interest thereof shall be and remain irrevocable, so long as any of said bonds and interest coupons shall remain outstanding and unpaid and the passage of this ordinance shall constitute and be a contract between the holder or holders of said bonds and the town of Covington and shall be and remain inviolate and no law or ordinance shall ever be passed relieving the governing authority of said town from the obligation of annually levying such special tax as hereinabove provided and paying same on the interest and principal of said bonds.

Be it further ordained, etc.,

Section 9. That all laws or ordinances contrary to or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect when approved by a majority of the qualified property tax paying electors of the said town of Covington, and due promulgation is made thereof as required by law.

Read and considered by sections and adopted as a whole at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by a recorded vote and may vote on the 4th day of April, A. D. 1916.

Approved in open session this 4th day of April, A. D. 1916.

PAUL J. LACROIX, Mayor Town of Covington, La.

Attest: L. A. PERREAND, Clerk Town of Covington, La.

It was moved by A. R. Smith, seconded by J. E. Nilson, that the mayor appoint a committee to select three citizens to serve as a committee to revise the assessment roll of the town of Covington. Said committee to report their selection at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 1916. The mayor appointed A. R. Smith, M. P. Planche and J. E. Nilson.

There being no further business the council adjourned.

PAUL J. LACROIX, Mayor.

L. A. PERREAND, Secretary.

SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT THE WELL THAT WAS LOST AT SULPHUR SPRINGS.

I beg to say that I feel convinced that a pool of oil is underlying this territory. I have visited the well several times and have seen the crude petroleum coming forth, despite the fact that the 4-inch pipe was twisted off seven hundred feet from the surface. Even at present there is oil seepage around the pipe and gas in abundance, which burns when a lighted match is applied. E. V. RICHARD, Cashier St. Tammany Banking Co. and Savings Bank of Covington, La.

This is to certify that I, as president of the St. Tammany Oil & Gas Drilling Company, took the oil and sand which we obtained from the well drilled on Sulphur Springs tract at about 1,020 feet and strained it through hot water twice and after so washing it through hot water I could press it in my hand and the oil would squeeze out between my fingers. The oil and sand strata was thirty feet thick. B. B. WARREN.

I assisted in drilling the Sulphur Springs Well. We reached rock 1680 feet. The cap rock was from 7 to 9 feet thick. We then passed through a strata of oil sand 15 to 20 feet thick. I strained the oil sand through several washings of hot water and I could then squeeze the oil out of the sand between my fingers. Instead of setting pipe and cementing, we drilled 90 feet deeper through gumbo and finally striking water sand. We then placed strainer without setting pipe or cementing and bailed. We then had an explosion of gas, water and oil, and the oil ran down the waste way a quarter of a mile to the river. W. H. WORLEY.

I visited the well at Sulphur Springs several times while it was being drilled and saw the oil flowing on the ditches and smelling the gas on several occasions. The driller wanted to put in a screen at this time and the Company would not let him, but told him to use the balance of the pipe had. Dr. Williams and myself bought an interest in the well after it was ruined, thinking we could save it by digging a 6-foot square hole around the casing, but it caved in as fast as we dug. I am positive of good results if a new well is put down by the proper authorities and managed properly, and I recommend my friends that according to my judgment and knowing what I do about it that it is a good investment under the above conditions. WARREN THOMAS, Parish Assessor.

Mr. Sannot and others had me to examine the well that was lost at Sulphur Springs, with the view of saving the well. I stated to them that the well could not be saved, and that I was not in a position to drill another well. The oil at that time was flowing out on the ground. I have had it in my mind all the time to drill wells at Covington, as an individual enterprise, but I have not been in a financial position to incur the expense. If I had had, or could have controlled the money, I would have drilled wells at Covington long before Company. I was connected with the Meridian Oil & Gas Company.

It was through my efforts and by my advice that the well is now being drilled, and I have very great confidence in bringing in a good oil well in a very short time. I have been drilling oil wells for twenty-five years. W. L. HENNING, Drilling the Well at Sulphur Springs.

The Meridian Oil and Gas Company Wants the Co-operation of People of St. Tammany Parish

And in order to induce them to become identified with and interested in its development operations, it offers to sell them 1000 shares of its non-assessable capital stock of the par value of \$1.00 per share.

THE Meridian Oil and Gas Company is a Mississippi corporation, with an authorized capital stock of \$20,000. It has not issued and will not issue any watered or promotion stock, and all shareholders are interested on the same footing. No officer of the company receives any salary except the secretary and treasurer, who devotes the whole of his time to the business of the company. All money received from the sale of stock is devoted exclusively to drilling operations. The value of shares in the corporation depends in a large measure on the amount of the capital stock --- the larger the number of shares issued the smaller the profits to the shareholders, and the smaller the number of shares issued, the greater the profits. When the Meridian Oil and Gas Company brings in the well it is drilling at Sulphur Springs, which will be in a very short time, not more than \$10,000 of the capital stock will be absorbed. All machinery, pipe or casing and material necessary to complete the well is on the ground. An oil expert investigating for the Meridian Oil and Gas Company has discovered oil in artesian wells 20 miles apart in St. Tammany Parish, and there is reason to believe that the greatest oil field in Louisiana will in a very short time be developed by the Meridian Oil and Gas Company. The company has carefully selected and leased about 8000 acres of land in St. Tammany Parish, and now has as good a drilling crew as ever conducted drilling operations drilling a well at Sulphur Springs. Applications for stock will be filed in the order made until the 1000 shares are sold. Applications may be made to W. H. Martin, secretary and treasurer, Wehrl Building, Covington, La.