BENTON, LOUISIANA,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896

Town Council Proceedings.

BENTON, LA., DEC. 9, 1896. Town Council met this day in reg-ular session. Present: W. B. Simpnon, Mayor; Dr. Braxton Wise, J. H. Belcher, J. P. Creswell and W. M. Abney, Councilmen. W. M. Abney
was called to act as Secretary.
A petition of the property holders

was presented, petitioning that the Council order an election for a new Charter. The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to examine said petition.

Upon careful examination, the Council found said petition signed by a majority of the property owners within the corporate limits of the town, as follows, namely:

To the Hon. Mayor and Council of the Town of Benton, Bossier parish, La .: The petition of the undersigned citizens and property owners of the town of Benton, constituting a majority of the same, with respect represent that they desire a New Charter for the government of said town instead of the one now in exis tence, and herewith present the same, which has been approved by a mass meeting of said citizens.

They respectfully petition your Honorable body to submit said Charter to the duly qualified electors of said town, for adoption or rejection, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 135, of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, of year 1896. A. R. Thompson, Joannes Smith,

J. H. Cabeen, R. B. Hill, R. D. Webb, A. J. Murff, T. M. Vaughan, Jas. R. Crowder, W. A. Thompson, C. O. Gayle, J. A. Vaughan, W. D. Brady, E. E. Crowder, Wm. Smith, T. W. Woodroff, Ed. Logan, R. C. Stinson, F. L. Oreswell, A. P. Butler, L. G. Smith, M. L. Bishop, J. W. Savage, J. M. Pratt, J. T. Hagen, B. F. Fort, C. A. Dutherage, J. M. Doak, W. H. Ford, Joe Benjamin, J. A. Larkin, J. A. Cole, R. E. Lee, J. M. Belcher, J. M. Montgomery, C. E. Byrd, O. R. Denton, W. H. Scanland, C. H. Irion, W. P. Oneal, W. T. Taylor, W. B. Simpson, H. N. Sibley, J. M. Shaver, P. O. Hooker, L. R. Stinson, B. F. Oneal, J. C. Rogers, J. D. Robertson, W. A. Hamby, H. Neeson, G. Bruce Terry, C. Smitlarose, E. J. Hall, W. M. Abney, C. H. Hanks, Frank Smith, S. M. Thomas, Sue T. Abney, B. A. Kelley, Braxton Wise, J. P. Creswell, Anthony Burton, Henry Wiggins, R. L. Cook, Joe Page, John H. Jones, B. Billingsley.

Thereupon, the Mayor was ordered to issue his proclamation for an election to be held on January 19th, 1897, as follows:

An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the duly Qualified Electors the question of the Adop-

Electors the question of the Adoption or Rejection of a New Town Charter, and Providing for Election of Officers Thereunder.

Whereas, a petition signed by a majority of the property owners residing within the corporate limits of the town of Benton has been presented to this Council praying that the question of the adoption or rejection of the New Charter attached to said petition, be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the town of Benton, under the provisions of Act

No. 135, of the General Assembly of the State, of the same of the same and shall be on the third Tuesday in November, shall be on the third Tuesday in November, shall be on the third Tuesday in November, after.

SEC. 5. The Mayor and Councilmen of said Corporation, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall take and subscribe charge of their duties, shall take and subscri No. 135, of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896, Therefore,

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the town of Benton, That an election be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1897, at which the question of the adoption or rejection of the New Charter presented by petitioners shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the town of

SEC. 2. Said election shall be held under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, and the provisions of Act No. 135, General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, of year 1896, and all duly qualified electors of said town of Benton shall be entitled to vore at said election. All electors in favor of the adoption of said New Charter shall have printed on their ballots, "For adoption of the New Charter," and all opposed to same shall have printed on their ballots, "Against adoption of the New Charter."

SEC. 3. That on same day and at same time, there shall be held an election for one Mayor and five Councilmen, provided for in said New Charter; and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of the adoption of said New Charter, then the person receiving a plurality of the votes cast for Mayor, and those receiving a plurality of votes cast for Councilmen, shall be and compose the Mayor and Town Council for the town of Benton for the ensuing term,

as provided in said New Charter. SEC. 4. Due notice and proclama tion of this election shall be given and made by the Mayor of this Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, of said Act No. 135, of the General Assembly of 1896.

SEC. 5. The following are named as commissioners to hold said election, who shall have all powers accorded by State laws, and will make

Proclamation.

In obedience to an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Benton, adopted on the 3th day of November, 1896, based on a petition signed by a majority of the property owners residing within the corporate limits of said town, and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2, Act No. 135, General Assembly of State of Louisiana, of 1896, I hereby give notice and proclamation that an election will be held at the usual voting place, in the said Town of Benton, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1897, for the adoption or rejection of the proposed NEW CHARTER for said Town, hereto annexed and made a part of this notice, and, also, at the same time and place, tor One Mayor and Five Councilmen for said Town, provided for in said New Charter.

Said election will be held under the general election law of the State, and the provisions of Act No. 135, General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly qualified voters under the laws of the State residing within the corporate limits of said Town for the last six months next preceeding the day herein fixed for said election, shall be entitled to vote. The polls shall be open at 6 o'clock a m., and close at 6 o'clock p. m., on said day of election.

The following named persons are hereby appointed Commissioners and the Clerk to hold said election, who will make due returns, according to law, viz: J. M. Beleher, Joe Benjamin, Ed. Logan, commissioners, and M. L. Bishop, Clerk.

Given under my hand, officially, this December 9th, 1896.

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W. B. SIMPSON, Mayor.

CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BENTON.

The inhabitants of the Town of Benton, in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, are hereby created and made a body corporate and politic in law, with perpetual succession, to have and to be known by the name and style of the "Town of Benton," and by that name they and their successors shall be capable of suing and being sued in all Courts of competent jurisdiction, shall or may have an official seal, and may alter same at pleasure, shall have the right of acquiring, receiving, holding, farming, leasing or conveying property, whether real or personal, within and without the limits of the Town, for the use and benefit of said Corporation, and shall have the power to raise money by taxation on the property situated in the limits of said Corporation, and by Licenses on trades, professions and corporations pursued and carried on within said limits, said money so raised to be applied to the use, benefit and good government of said Town or corporation of the "Town of Benton," and to provide for and maintain a competent police force for the same; and, generally, shall have and possess all inherent rights and powers pertaining and belonging to municipal corporations not in violation of, or inconsistent have and possess all inherent rights and pow-ers pertaining and belonging to municipal cor-porations not in violation of, or inconsistent with, the Constitution and laws of Louisiana. Section 2. The limits and boundaries of said Corporation, or Town of Benton, shall be and are hereby fixed and established as follows, to wit: All that territory lying and embraced within the east half of section thirty (30) and the west half of section twenty-nine (29), in township twenty (20) North, of range thirteen (13) West, Northwestern Land District of Louisiana.

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Scotton 3. The officers of said Corporation shall consist of a Mayor and five Councilmen, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of said Town, and shall hold their offices for a period of two years, and one Scottary, who shall be ex-officio Assessor, one Treasurer, one Marshal, who shall be ex-officio Collector, and such Police officers, not to exceed two in number, unless in cases of emergency, as the Mayor and Council shall deem necessary, said officers, namely: Secretary, Treasurer and Marshal, shall be elected bi-annually by the Council, and any one of theu may be removed for sufficient cause by a majority of the Council.

SECTION 4. The first election for Mayor and Councilmen shall be held on the same day that this Charter is submitted for adoption, or rejection, and to be conducted by the same commissioners appointed for holding the Charter election; and in case the Charter is adopted, the Mayor and Councilmen elected shall hold office until the next regular election, which shall be on the third Tuesday in November, 1898, and bi-annually, (on the same day) thereafter.

SEC. 5. The Mayor and Councilmen of said

or cause to be enforced all laws, regulations and ordinances legally passed by the Council. He shall hold the right to vote on questions and matters before the Council only when there is a tie vote in that body. He shall sign officially all laws and ordinances passed by the Council, and the same shall be attested by the Secretary. In the absence of the Mayor, temporarily, the oldest member of the Council shall preside and perform the duties of Mayor; and in case of his death or resignation, or his refusal to act, the Board of Councilmen, by a majority vote of a quorum present, shall choose majority vote of a quorum present, shall choose a a Mayor, who shall continue in office until, at the next election for officers of said Town, his successor shall have been elected and inducted into office.

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SEC. 7. The Mayor shall have full and exclusive power to try and determine all violations and offenses against the laws, rules, ordinances and by-laws of said Corporation, and, on conviction of any person or persons, shall have power to impose and inflict punishments as hereinafter provided. He shall have power, and it is hereby made his duty, to quell and suppress all riots, routs, unlawful assemblies, affrays and tumults, or cause the same to be done through the proper police officers, and shall have power to cause to be arrested and brought before him for trial, all offenders against the laws, ordinances and by-laws of said Corporation. All persons accused and brought to trial in pursuance of the provisions of this act of incorporation, or by virtue of any law, regulation or ordinance of this Corporation shall be entitled to compulsory process, allowed by State laws, to compel the attendance of witnesses in their defense. The Corporation shall also have power to compel the attendance of witnesses in their defense. The Corporation shall also have power to compel the attendance of witnesses in their defense. The Corporation shall also have power to compel the attendance of witnesses against all defendants; and, in either case, the Mayor shall issue and enforce the necessary process.

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SEC. 8. Whenever any person shall be tried and committed for any offense against the laws, rules, by-laws, ordinances or regulations of said corporation, the Mayor shall sentence said person to pay a fine not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars and costs of trial, and in default of payment of said fine and costs, the person so convicted shall be imprisoned in the jail of the Parish of Bossier, or in the jail of said Corporation, for a period not to exceed one hundred days, or be compelled to work out said fine on the streets or public works of said Town, at the rate of one dollar per day.

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SEC 9. The Mayor shall cause the laws, by-laws and ordinances of said corporation to be published in some newspaper in said Town, if there be one, or shall promulgate the same by posting written copies thereon on the door of the Hall in which the Council holds its meetings, as the Council may elect. He shall receive such salary as the Council may fix, not to exceed fifty dollars per year.

SEC 10. The Councilmen of this Corporation, as a Board, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, shall hold a regular meeting at least once every month on a day to be fixed by them. Their sessions shall be public, and their proceedings recorded; and they shall possess the

due returns, as provided by said Act No. 135: J. M. Belcher, Joe Benjamin, Ed. Logan, and M. L. Bishop clerk.

W. B. SIMPSON, Mayor.

W. M. ABNEY, Secretary.

Proclamation.

In obedience to an Ordinance of the Town of Benton, adopted on the 9th day of November, 1896, based on a petition signed by a majority of the property owners residing within the corporate limits of said town, and in pursuance of the provisions of State of Louisiana, of 1896, I bereby give notice and proclamation that an election will be held at the usual voting place, in the said Town of Benton, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January 1897, for the adoption or rejection of the proposed NEW CHARTER for said Town, and in pursuance of the provisions of State of Louisiana, of 1896, I bereby give notice and proclamation that an election will be held at the usual voting place, in the said Town of Benton, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January 1897, for the adoption or rejection of the proposed NEW CHARTER for said Town, and in pursuance of the provisions of Act No. 135, General Assembly of the proposed NEW CHARTER for said Town, by the said election will be held under the general election law of the State, and the provisions of Act No. 135, General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9th, 1896. Only duly duly qualified voters under the laws of the State of Lou

of labor be for a longer period than one hundred days.

SEC 11. The Council shall, at its regular meeting in the month of January of each year levy such municipal tax and prescribe such License tax as it may deem necessary and proper for that particular year. The Licenses so levied shall be and exigible at once, and the Taxes shall become due and exigible on the first day of March of each year; all Licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of each year. Half Licenses shall be issued after the first day of July. The rate of taxation shall not exceed ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of property, nor shall the License tax exceed that levied by the Parish of Bossier.

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SEC 12. All taxes, License and dues levied by the Town Council on the property of any person or corporation are hereby declared to be a lien and privilege upon said property, to date from the day the same are exigible, any sale thereof or incumbrance to the contrary notwithstanding, and said lien and privilege shall exist in favor of said Town of Benton for shall exist in favor of said town of penton ac-the respective amounts of taxes assessed until the same shall be paid, and the same shall be paid by preference to all mortgages and incum-brances other than taxes due the State and Parish. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause the Collector to make out a list of the cause the Collector to make out a list of the delinquent tax payers, which shall merely give the names of the tax payers and the amounts due by each respectively, not sooner than the first day of April of each year, which list, after being signed by the Collector, shall be registered in the mortgage records of the Parish of Bossier to preserve the lieu and priviling of the the mortgage records of the Parish of ier to preserve the lien and privilige of the

Town.
SEC. 13. The Collector shall have the same

Bossier to preserve the lieu and privilige of the Town.

SEC. 13. The Collector shall have the same power and means to enforce the payment of taxes and Licenses as are given by State laws to State and Parish Laws and Licenses.

SEC. 14. The members of the Council shall receive for their services a compensation to be paid by the Council, not to exceed one dollar for each meeting they attend: provided, that no member shall receive pay for more than fifteen meetings in any one year.

SEC. 15. The Council shall prescribe the duties and powers of the Secretary, Assessor, Collector, Treasurer, Marshal and Police officers; fix and approve the bonds of the Collector and Treasurer; fix the compensation to be paid them; direct the manner of filling vacancies in said offices; shall provide adequate penalties for the non-payment of Licenses and taxes; and make all laws necessary to sustain the Corporate government of the Town of Benton, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this act of incorporation.

SEC. 16. All right, title and interest of the Town of Benton to all lauds, streets, alleys, drains, buildings and other property of whatever description and wheresover situated, with all goods, chattels, moneys, effects, debts, dues, demands, bonds, obligations, judgments, lieus, actions and rights of action, books, accounts and vouchers are, and the same are hereby vested in the Town of Benton, as in corporated in this act, and all valid indebtedness or liabilities of the Town of Benton, as in corporated in this act, and all valid indebtedness or liabilities of the Town of Benton shall be assumed and paid by the Town as constited and incorporated in this act, and all valid indebtedness or liabilities of the Town of Benton, as at present constituted, shall cease and terminate, and be vested in the Town of Benton, as at present constituted, shall cease and terminate, and be vested in the Town of Benton, as at present countinen of the Town of Benton, as at present countinen, as created by this act, it shall be the

Councilmen, as created by this act, all books, papers, records, documents, moneys, obligations, and every description of property whatsoever belonging to the Town of Benton, as constituted previous to the adoption of this Charter.

SEC. 13. The Mayor, Councilman and all other officers provided for in this Charter shall be qualified electors of the State, and shall reside within the limits of the Corporation.

Homestead Entry No. 5181

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., 2
December 8, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on January 22, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5181—Henry Dorson Bounds—for the southwest quarter of northwest quarter, north half of southwest quarter and southwest quarter of section 30, township 22 North, range 11 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said hand, viz. G. E. Rodgers, W. O. Demoss, W. E. Pickett and L. A. Bounds, of Rocky Mount, La. EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.

December 17, 1896.

Homestead Entry No. 5262

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., 2
December 8, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of hes intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on January 22, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5262—Alice Hicks, widow of Elbert Hicks, deceased—for the south half of southwest quarter of section 2, township 17 North, range 12 West Louisiana Meridian.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Andrew McDade, W. E. McDade, Dunk Walton and Harry Wright, of Haughton, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
December 17, 1896. jan 21

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Election Proclamation.

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Said election will be held under the general election lawe of the State, and the Commissioners herein appointed to hold said election will make due returns, according to law, to the President of the Police Jury, at Benton, La, on the 12th day of January, 1897.

At said election, those desiring to vote for License in said Ward shall have written, or printed, on the ballot cast by them the words "For the Sale of Liquors." and those against License shall have written or printed, on the ballots, the words "Against the Sale of Liquors."

The following named persons are hereby ap-

ballots, the words "Againes bulliquors."
The following named persons are hereby appointed Commissioners and the Clerk to hold said election, viz : J. G. Ogden, W. M. Rushing and J. M. Belcher, Commissioners, and C. O. Gayle, Clerk, with full powers, under the general election law of the State.

Given under my hand, officially, this, the 23d day of November, 1896.

E. S. DORTCH,

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Venire for January Term, 1897.

State of Louisiana, Be it remember-Parish of Bossier. ed that on this, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1896. we, the Jury Commissioners, whose names appear hereto, met at the Clerk's Office, in the town of Benton, La., and proceeded to draw from the "general Venire Box," previously prepared by us, in the presence of two lawful and competent witnesses, the following fifty (50) names of persons, qualified by law, to serve as Grand and Petit Jurors for the first week of January Term, 1897, of the Second Judicial District of Louisiana, to be holden and begun in and for Bossier Parish, La., on the fourth (4th) Monday, the 25th day of January, 1897; all which is done in pursuance and in accordance with Act 99, of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 9, 1896:

No. Wi 265 L W Boynton 27 H L Love 28 W J Dawson 29 Earl Doles 30 S S Graham 31 W R Bungark 32 J F Morgan 33 H M Matlock 34 L M Oglee 35 R A Holmes 36 J F Jones 37 W A McDade 38 J M Barnett 39 L A Burks 40 F B Lattier 41 W J Fullilove Ward No. No
1 C O Gayle
2 G R Manuel
3 D R Lusk
4 J W Coile
5 E O Brock
6 W B Hickman
7 R M Miller
8 J E Cason
9 J I Poole
10 A J De mosa 9 J L Poole
10 A J Demoss
11 G B Coker
12 J M Shaver
13 J M Stacey
14 J F Adair
15 N W Sentell
16 S F Bangardner
17 R S Spruell F B Lattier W J Fullilove 11 W J Fullilove 4 42 J B Lynn 4 43 J D McKellar 6 44 J E Caldwell 2 45 E D Holmes 3 46 H W Lott 4 47 J M McGill 2 48 R E McDade 2 49 T D Meyers 2 50 J B Morris

We, also, at the same time, place and manner drew the following thirty (30) names of persons, qualified under the law, to serve as Petit Jurors for 2nd week of the January, 1897, Term of said Court, said 2nd week com-mencing the 1st Monday, the 1st day of February, A. D., 1897, to-wit:

Ward. No. 1 T B Bixler 2 J L Jones 3 S C Campbell 4 A J Harris

Done and signed officially, this the 25th day of November, 1896. Attest: L. T. SANDERS, G. D. ALEXANDR. | H. P. MOORE,

J. A. BUMGARDNER. J. E. ADGER. W. G. WADLEY, Jury Commissioners Bossier Parish.

and ex-officio Jury Commissioner. Homestead Entry No. 4034.

B. A. KELLY, Clerk

Lud Office at Natchitoches, La., November 6, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his inten-N named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La. on December 18, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4034—Refus Washington—for the southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 2, township 20 North, range 11 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Baker and Walker Johnson, of Pleasanton, La. and John Lewis and Joe Phillips, of Bellevae, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.

November 12, 1896.

Homestead Entry No. 5048. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on January 15, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5048—Joseph Rivers—for the southeast

No. 5048—Joseph Rivers—for the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 13, township 21 North, range 12 West, and west half northwest quarter of section 18, and southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 7, township 21 North, range 11 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: George Washington, Jake McGlossan, John Boler and Primns Green, of Rocky Mount. La.

Rocky Mount, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.

November 26, 1896. jan 14 Homestead Entry No. 4257.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., November 18, 1896.

November 18, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his clalm, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on January 2, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4257—John Roberson—for the north half southwest quarter southeast quarter of southwest quarter of southwest quarter of south-east quarter of south-east quarter of section 17, township 23 North, range 12 West.

east quarter of section 17, township 23 North, range 12 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: R. H. Davis, Blake Low, Joe Means, Reuben Means, Roberts P. O., La. EDWD PHILLIPS, Register.

November 26, 1896.

Partition Sale.

F. D. Troupe, et als.) No 3771. In District vs.

Court, Bossier parish,
Walter Troupe, et als.) La.

By virtue of an order and commission for sale, issued in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, authorizing and requiring me to sell for purpose of partition between plantiffs and defendants, the hereinatter described property owned in indivision by them, I will, on Wednesday, December 30, 1896, at the Court House, in the town of Benton, La, within the legal hours prescribed by law, proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, the following described land, to-wit:

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The west half of southeast quarter of section fifteen (15) township eighteen (18) North of range eleven (11) West, containing 80 acres, more or less, situated in Bossier parish, La.

Terms of Sale—One-third cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years with 8 per cent interest from day of sale, with special mortgage and vendor's lein retained to secure balance of purchase price. Act of sale to be passed before Notary Public, at expense of purchasers.

A. R. THOMPSON, Sheriff and ex-officio Auctionee Benton, La., Nov. 26, 1895.

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