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Next Wednesday will be St. Valentine's day.

It's the unexpected that happens very often. Keep close watch upon the levees until the river is well within its banks.

If the river is not going to be as high as was feared, so much the better; but let not our fancied security cause a relaxation of vigilance until all chance for a break in the levees has passed.

Rev. Joseph K. Yazbek, a Syrian missionary priest of Boston, arrived in Donaldsonville Thursday and is the guest of Rev. J. M. T. Massardier at the Catholic presbytary. Rev. Yazbek celebrated mass yesterday morning, and tomorrow at 9 a. m. will conduct services in the Syro-Chaldic language, afterwards delivering a sermon in Arabic. Rev. Yazbek will leave Monday to continue his missionary tour through Louisiana and Texas.

The grand jury of East Baton Rouge parish, after being in session two days and a half, submitted a report of its findings to District Judge H. E. Brunot at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Included in the true bills returned was one against Congressman-elect George K. Favrot, charging him with the murder of Dr. R. H. Aldrich, of Baton Rouge. It is reported that nine of the grand jurors voted to indict Mr. Favrot, while three argued against returning a true bill.

Rev. J. M. T. Massardier and Edwin Schaff, leading members of Ascension Council No. 1087, Knights of Columbus, went to Cottonport last Sunday to participate in the ceremonies incidental to the organization of a council of the or derat that place. The solemn high mass which preceded the initiation of candidates was celebrated by Bishop Van de Ven, of Natchitoches, assisted by Father Massardier. Among the visiting knights in attendance were delegations from the Shreveport, Opelousas, Alexandria and New Orleans councils.

The tenth birthday anniversary of Miss Fanny Gonzales, one of the charming young daughters of Joseph Gonzales, was delightfully celebrated Wednesday evening with an enjoyable party at the home of Mrs. Joseph St. Amant at Gonzales. A large number of young people were present and the time was pleasantly spent in playing games and listening to recitations and instrumental and vocal selections rendered by Misses Earline Marchand, Josephine Gonzales and others. Refreshments were served in abundance and all present had a charming time.

The Knights of Momus depicted the "Quest of the Fountain of Youth" in a beautiful pageant on the streets of New Orleans Thursday night, followed by a series of beautiful tableaux and a grand masquerade ball at the French opera house. The Krewe of Proteus will conduct similar entertainments Monday night, while Rex and the Mystic Krewe of Comus will hold forth in like style on Tuesday forenoon and Tuesday night. The city is rapidly filling up with visitors, and many thousands more will be added to the carnival throngs tomorrow and Monday.

Special Rates for Mardi Gras.

The Mississippi Valley Railroad announces a rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip to New Orleans from any point along its line in Louisiana or Mississippi. Tickets may be obtained at any time prior to the arrival of morning trains next Tuesday, the 12th inst., and are good for return until Feb. 16, with privilege of extension to March 2.

For the accommodation of persons who may desire to leave New Orleans after the final parade Tuesday night, a special train will be started out of that city at 10 o'clock, running through to Baton Rouge and making all regular stops.

Cecil McCrory, a well-known and popular young east Ascensionite whose marriage to Miss Estelle Bullion, of Hope Villa, was chronicled in a recent issue of the Chief, has accepted a position as professor of military science and commandant of cadets at the Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute, Lafayette, succeeding Prof. Wade O. Martin, who resigned to take charge of plantation interests in the parish of St. Martin. As previously noted, Mr. McCrory is a graduate of the Louisiana State University and served as instructor of mathematics and assistant commandant of cadets at that institution for a period of several years, hence he is exceptionally well qualified to perform the duties of his new position and should experience no difficulty in "making good." Mr. and Mrs. McCrory will occupy quarters on the institute campus.

E. D. Leche, formerly a successful sugar planter of lower Iberville, has leased the New St. Charles Mansion, at 826 St. Charles street, New Orleans, and will personally conduct the place in the future as a "first-class family hotel on the European plan." This hostelry is admirably located, being within easy walking distance of Canal street and convenient to the churches and theaters, and is equipped with elevator service, hot and cold baths, and, in fact, everything that will add to the comfort of its patrons. Altogether, it is an ideal stopping place, especially for ladies and children, as Mr. Leche's family will assist him in the management and their presence will do much towards making the feminine guests feel perfectly at home. Mr. Leche has secured the services of Bertrand P. Braud, a son of Felix Braud, of Donaldsonville, as clerk, and The Chief feels assured that travelers will receive naught but the best of treatment while stopping at the Mansion.

The Governor's Aid Invoked.

Among the declarations of the constitution of Louisiana relative to the duties of the governor of the state is this:

"He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

Among the laws enacted by the general assembly of Louisiana are acts No. 27 of 1898, No. 9 of 1900, No. 84 of 1902 and No. 42 of 1906, authorizing, empowering and directing the Atchafalaya basin and Lafourche basin levee boards to issue notes, expropriate lands and take all other steps necessary to raise funds for constructing a temporary dam at the head of Bayou Lafourche, and subsequently to replace that dam with locks; and an act of the congress of the United States also grants permission for the obstruction of this navigable stream with a dam, provided that the levee boards to whom the permission is given shall within a specified time replace the obstruction with a lock. The work cannot possibly be completed within this time, hence congress is about to grant an extension of the limit to the end of the year 1910, without in any manner releasing the levee boards from the obligation imposed upon and voluntarily accepted and assumed by them to remove the dam and construct a lock to take its place so that the navigable character of Bayou Lafourche as an affluent of the Mississippi river would be restored.

A public meeting of representative citizens of Assumption and Ascension parishes was held at Napoleonville last Saturday, and reference to the report of the proceedings published elsewhere in today's Chief will show that resolutions were adopted reciting the status of the matter under discussion and memorializing the governor of the state to call upon the levee boards to comply with the letter and intent of the law, to the end that the rights and interests of the people may be protected and subserved. A strong committee was appointed to present the resolutions to Gov. Blanchard, and confidence is felt that his ready cooperation will be secured in bringing the levee boards to a proper appreciation of the official responsiblity that rests upon them to provide ways and means for the construction of the Lafourche lock without necessary delay.

It will not suffice that these boards should rest content with offering to contribute a half million dollars towards the cost on condition that the federal government will assume the execution of the work. The acceptance of this proposition would, of course, be satisfactory to the people—in fact, they would much prefer to see such an arrangement effected—but it may be that the sanction of congress cannot be obtained, in which event the plan will fall to the ground.

What the people demand and what the laws require is that the Atchafalaya and Lafourche levee boards shall make all necessary provision for the construction of the lock and see that the work is done.

To do less than this will be to disobey the laws.

It is demanded of the governor by the constitution that "He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

If the members of the Atchafalaya and Lafourche levee boards fail to execute the laws enacted for their express guidance and direction—and we hope they will not so fail—then it will devolve upon the governor to exercise his official authority and prerogatives in such manner as to cure the recalcitrancy and insure the enforcement of the laws—and it is to be hoped that he will promptly do so.

Passing of the Ascension Club.

The expectation that the Ascension Club would go out of existence, at least on its present basis, and make way for the formation of a similar organization on somewhat different lines, is about to be realized. In fact, the last meeting of the club has been held; the liquidation of its affairs is pending, and steps have already been taken to organize its successor.

The details of the transformation were arranged at a special meeting of the club held on Friday of last week, the 1st instant, when Christian Kline, one of the oldest members and owner of the property occupied by the organization, was chosen as trustee, with authority to dispose of the club's effects to the new association, and Adolphe Netter, Dr. T. H. Hanson and D. D. Dalferes were named as a committee to accomplish the transfer to Mr. Kline.

This arrangement was approved and ratified at the regular monthly session of the Ascension Club which took place on Wednesday. Dr. W. M. McGalliard, vice president, presided in the absence of Hon. Henry McCall, president, who was prevented from attending because of the death and funeral of his intimate friend, Judge Charles Parlange, of New Orleans. Among the other members at the meeting were R. McCall, E. N. Pugh, C. Kline, Dr. Jno. D. Hanson, Adolphe Netter, J. W. Tucker, D. D. Dalferes, Secretary L. E. Bentley and Acting Secretary and Treasurer G. D. Bentley.

After feeling and appropriate remarks had been made by Messrs. McCall and Bentley concerning the great loss the community and the club had sustained in the passing away of the three estimable brothers, Carroll, Ernest H. and Walter I. Barton, a committee of three, composed of Messrs. Pugh, Kline and R. McCall, was appointed to prepare a tribute to the memory of the deceased, which is to be spread on the minutes, published in the newspapers and transmitted to the respective families.

A motion was then adopted to donate to the Donaldsonville High School all the club's old magazines, illustrated papers and other literature; then, after full discussion of the matter in all its bearings, it was resolved to ratify the action taken at the special session relative to the liquidation and dissolution of the Ascension Club. Mr. Kline was invited to make his time-honored motion—the one to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. McCall, and Dr. McGalliard thereupon declared the club adjourned without day.

It is not our present purpose to attempt a review of the career of the Ascension Club, nor that of its honored predecessor, the Ascension Branch of the Sugar Planters' Association of Louisiana—which was so closely interwoven with the history of this parish for many eventful years—but at some more propitious time we may assume the task. Suffice it to say that the record of the two organizations covers a continuous period from 1884 to 1907; that it bears the names of nearly all the most prominent citizens of this immediate section—the leaders of its public opinion, the promoters of its enterprises and welfare; and that the dissolution was not prompted by any financial complication or other disturbing cause of any sort, but solely because the changed conditions of its membership seemed to indicate that better success and greater popularity would be assured an organization formed and conducted on a different basis. There were but three planters remaining on the roster of what had primarily been a planters' club more than anything else, and only five of the charter members of the original club were "in at the death," namely, Henry McCall, Richard McCall, Jas. P. Kock, E. N. Pugh and Dr. Jno. D. Hanson.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Ascension Club an informal meeting was held by a number of the signers of the list for the formation of the new club, and temporary organization was effected by the choice of Dr. Jno. D. Hanson as chairman and B. J. Vega as secretary. The chairman appointed Walter Lemann, D. D. Dalferes and Dr. E. K. Sims a committee to take charge of and solicit additions to the membership list and prepare a form of constitution and by-laws for submission to a general meeting of the signers to be held at the Ascension Club rooms on Sunday, February 17, at 11 o'clock a. m., when it is proposed to start the new organization upon its career.

"Le roi est mort! Vive le roi!"

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Weather and Crop Notes.

The following paragraphs are quoted from this week's Ascension letter to the Louisiana Planter:

"A little taste of wintry weather has been given us this week, the mercury having descended to the freezing line—32 degrees—Tuesday night, and to a point nearly if not quite as low Wednesday night. Frost was seen not far from the river, and it is probable that thin ice formed in localities still further away, but none was visible at Donaldsonville or other points adjacent to the big Mississippi, so far as known. No ill effect upon the sprouted sugar cane is apparent or apprehended, and each passing day increases the confident hope that the remainder of the winter will elapse without the occurrence of a cold spell sufficiently severe to materially check the fine start the cane crop has made under the invigorating influence of mild temperatures and favorable soil conditions.

"An enthusiastic observer of existing indications was heard to declare his belief that planters will be able to lay by their cane in the early part of May, and the conviction is growing stronger on every hand that 1907 is going to prove a record sugar year.

"A well-known Rapides parish planter to whom the fear was expressed that a freeze might yet take place that would retard the growth of the sprouting cane and spoil the present promising prospect, declared that he could see no reason to fear the effects of an ordinary freeze. He cited the experience of 1900, when cane had attained growth equal to that of the present crop and was cut down to the ground by a severe freeze on the 1st of March, but came up again with thicker and better stands and gave Louisiana planters one of the best crops they have ever made. Of course, it would be nice not to have such a freeze this season, but the experience of seven years ago should serve to prevent us from regarding such a visitation as a disaster."

Death of Capt. Charles W. Dodd.

Captain Charles W. Dodd, one of the best known river pilots in this section of the country and a leading citizen of the sixth municipal district of New Orleans, died at his home in that city at 8:50 o'clock Tuesday morning after a long and painful illness, aged 56 years. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, interment being made in Lafayette Cemetery No. 1 after services at St. John's Episcopal Church, Rev. A. W. Skardon officiating. Capt. Dodd was born in New Orleans Dec. 25, 1850, and entered upon his chosen career shortly after the civil war, starting out as a pilot on steamboats plying Bayou Lafourche. He was clerk of the steamer Kate Kinney, on the Missouri river, for one season; captain of the Mattie M., operating in the Mississippi and tributary streams, for a season, and at various times served as pilot on the Sunbeam, Isabel, Assumption, Laura Lee, John Howard, Whisper, Chicakasaw and other boats engaged in the upper coast trade. His last employment was in the capacity of receiving clerk for the steamer Gem, and it was while filling this position that he sustained the paralytic stroke which finally resulted in his death. Capt. Dodd was well and favorably known throughout this section of the state, and his untimely demise will be deeply regretted by an exceptionally wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

Ninety-fifth Grand Communication Held at New Orleans with a Record Attendance of Delegates—Much Business Transacted.

The ninety-fifth grand communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana Masons was held in New Orleans this week and the attendance was larger than that of any previous session, there being present approximately 600 delegates who represented 150 lodges from all parts of the jurisdiction. R. Henderson and Lazard Meyer represented Ascension Lodge No. 251, of Donaldsonville, and A. H. Landry acted in a like capacity for Milford Lodge No. 117, of Hope Villa, while Dr. John S. Thibaut, also of Donaldsonville, was present in his capacity of district deputy grand master.

Grand Master L. C. Allen, of Shreveport, presided, and interesting sessions were held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the total volume of business transacted being very large. The grand master read his annual report on Monday and among the more important statements and recommendations contained in the document were: the forwarding of $5000 to the Grand Lodge of California for the relief of the San Francisco earthquake sufferers; to provide liberally for the needs of the Louisiana Relief Lodge; the granting of dispensations for new lodges at Slidell, Trout, Summerfield, Rayne, Tioga, Vivian and Pelican, and the proper observance of Sunday. The grand master also called attention to other matters of great interest to the craft and to the inadequacy of the Temple to the present needs of the grand lodge, stating in this respect that while the building was in good order and bringing a revenue of $10,000 a year, there was no question but that the attendance at the annual communications was entirely too great for the present grand lodge room, and that an offer of $170,000 from a New Orleans club for the purchase of the property would be considered later.

This matter came up Tuesday and after much discussion the motion to sell was tabled, most of the members taking the view that the price offered was altogether too low. It was decided instead to use the funds accruing from the temple building rentals in purchasing a site for a new Masonic Temple to be erected at some future time, and to set aside $30,000 for the enlargement and renovation of the present structure, which will include an entire repainting, retiling of the floors, recarpeting, refurnishing and the installation of a steam heating apparatus.

The election of officers took place Wednesday and resulted as follows: L. E. Thomas, Shreveport, grand master; Fred. Marsh, Franklin, grand senior warden; W. B. Null, Ruston, grand junior warden; James Caldwell, Robeline, grand lecturer; Richard Lambert, New Orleans, grand secretary; A. G. Ricks, New Orleans, grand treasurer. Upon being installed the newly-elected grand master announced the following appointments: Dr. A. Leigh, Lecompte, grand senior deacon; C. Girard, Lafayette, grand junior deacon; John Puleston, Amite City, grand marshal; W. M. Wallace, Winnfield, grand sword-bearer; R. H. Polack, New Orleans, grand pursuivant; J. W. Armstrong, Welsh, T. H. Roberts, Downesville, C. F. Ratcliff, Zachary, and Charles E. Cormier, New Orleans, grand stewards; Joseph Cathart, New Orleans, organist; John A. Davilla, New Orleans, grand tyler; W. M. Baker, Arcadia, grand lecturer. The appointment of deputy grand masters for the several districts in the state will be made in a few days and it is very probable that Dr. John S. Thibaut will be reappointed, as he is a hard worker and is extremely popular with the lodges in his jurisdiction, and if they have any choice in the premises the doctor's continuation in office is assured.

Meetings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons and the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar were held during the week and at the election of officers of the first-named body Dr. John S. Thibaut was complimented by being advanced to the post of grand master of the first vale.

Among the pleasant features of the session and one greatly enjoyed by the delegates was an eloquent oration upon Masonic subjects by Hon. Chas. F. Buck.

Preparing for Emergencies.

The board of commissioners of the Lafourche basin levee district held their regular monthly meeting at New Orleans last Tuesday afternoon, with President V. Maurin in the chair and a full attendance of members, as follows: J. S. Brady, D. J. Foret, Camille Templet, Louis Hymel, Alfred Songy, T. J. Sellers, R. Perez and George Lorio. Each of the commissioners reported verbally on the condition of the levees in his district and stated that the situation presented no cause for alarm, but it was the consensus of opinion that steps should be taken at once to meet any emergency that may arise. With this end in view, the president was authorized to charter a steamboat and barge, load them with lumber, sacks and other materials used in levee building, and station them at Donaldsonville, ready to proceed on a moment's notice to any point along the line which may develop weakness. As a further precaution it was decided to place carloads of lumber and sacks at various stations on the Texas and Pacific Railway between Donaldsonville and Waggaman. The levees in the district under the jurisdiction of the Lafourche board are all in excellent condition and can easily withstand a much greater volume of water than is now in sight, but it was deemed best to take these precautionary measures in order to provide against any possible mishap.

The River Situation.

No apprehension of dangerously high water is being occasioned at this place as a result of the flood now coming down the Mississippi river, and notwithstanding the fact that a new record has been established at Memphis, it is not likely that Donaldsonville's maximum of 32.75 feet above extreme low water, registered in 1897, will be approximated within two feet by the present freshet. The gage reading at 7 o'clock this morning was 29.1 feet, showing a rise of 1.6 feet within the past seven days, and Observer W. D. Park expresses the opinion that the further rise will be only about one and a half or two feet. The levees on both sides of the river are in fine condition, and the three levee boards having jurisdiction in this parish—the Atchafalaya, Lafourche and Pontchartrain—are all on the alert to detect and avert danger wherever it may threaten.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana—Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

New Orleans Real Estate Mortgage and Securities Co. versus William R. Taylor } No. 81,286

BY VIRTUE of and in obedience to an order of seizure and sale to me directed by the above named court, in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and taken into my possession, and will sell at public auction, according to law, to the last and highest bidder, at the principal front door of the courthouse of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

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at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to wit:

Two plantations situated in the state of Louisiana on the left descending side of the Mississippi river, commonly known as the Southwood plantation and the Riverside plantation, the former as now conveyed, situate, lying and being in the parishes of Iberville and Ascension, and the other as Riverside plantation, adjacent to and immediately below the former, situated in the parish of Ascension, each of which plantations is more particularly described as follows:

The Southwood plantation, consisting of the following tracts of land, forming a solid tract containing 2984 66-100 acres.

(1) A certain tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Iberville, bounded on the lower side by the line separating the said parish from the parish of Ascension, having a front on said river of three and one-half arpents by a depth of eighty arpents, containing two hundred and eighty superficial arpents, equal to two hundred and thirty-eight acres, more or less, the first forty arpents in depth of said tract, being the lower part of sec. 74, township 9, south range 1, east, and section 39, tp 9, s r 2 e, or the claim of Louis Parent, and the second forty arpents in depth being the lower part of section 52, tp 9, s r 2 e, or the back pre-emption of Jules Druillhet, certificate No. 437 of date January 11th, 1836.

(2) Another tract of land situated on the left bank of the Mississippi river, adjoining immediately below the above described tract and bounded above by said tract and by the line separating the parishes of Iberville and Ascension, having a front on the Mississippi river of eleven and a half arpents by a depth of eighty arpents with side lines opening between two and three degrees and extending back to the Madam Judice tract composed of section 75, tp 9, s r 1 e, containing forty-four and 89-100 acres; section 40, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing 302 and 46-100 acres, and section 55, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing 424 and 8-100 acres, the whole containing 831 and 43-100 acres, more or less, and known as the Maria Taylor tract, confirmed to her by private act of congress of March 3, 1853, as per patent of the United States of 22nd of December, 1873.

(3) Another tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Ascension, having a front of about twenty-seven toises, more or less, on said river, with a depth of forty arpents, bounded above by the preceding tract, and designated as section 41, in tp 9, s r 2 e, containing twenty-five and 84-100 acres, more or less, acquired from the United States by location of school warrant of certificate No. 268, and patent of the state of Louisiana No. 7955.

(4) Another tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left bank of the Mississippi river, having a front on said river of nine arpents and 27 toises, more or less, by a depth of forty arpents, bounded above by the land lastly described, designated as consisting of sec. 4, tp 19, s r 2 e, containing 9 and 4-100 acres, and sec. 42, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing three hundred acres, and both together containing three hundred and nine and 4-100 acres, being the claim of Thomas and David Urquhart, certificate 348, as per patent of the United States of date 27, August, 1880.

(5) Another tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left bank of the Mississippi river, bounded above by the tract lastly described, having two arpents and ten toises, more or less, front on said stream, extending in depth forty arpents, designated as sec. 5, tp 10, s r 2 e, containing five and 79-100 acres, and sec. 43, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing 72 and 19-100 acres, both containing together seventy-seven and 98-100 acres, acquired from the United States by location of school warrant or certificate No. 268, as per patent of the state of Louisiana, No. 7955, and dated

(6) Another tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left side of the Mississippi river, beginning forty arpents from said river and extending in depth about forty arpents to the Madam Judice tract adjacent to and in the rear of the tracts fourthly and fifthly described, designated as lot 2, of section 19, containing seventy and 29-100 acres, and lot 3 of section 19, containing two hundred and twenty-three and 37-100 acres, both together containing two hundred and ninety-three and 66-100 acres, more or less, as per patent of the United States, No. 170, issued 25th of September, 1844, to John B. Kling, and Parent, on their joint pre-emption certificate No. 170, of May 5th, 1831.

(7) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left bank of the Mississippi river, having a front on said river of three arpents, more or less, extending in depth forty arpents, with side lines opening about 8 degrees, designated as sec. 6, tp 10, s r 2 e, containing thirteen and 10-100 acres, and sec. 44, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and ninety-two and 72-100 acres, both together containing two hundred and five and 82-100 acres, and being the claim of Jacques Hebert, certificate 133, as per patent of the United States issued on the 2nd day of May, 1881, bounded above by the land fifthly described, said tract being the lower part on the Mississippi river of the Southwood plantation, as conveyed to A. L. Ellis, by John Crossley & Sons, on the 24th of April, 1888, and the land secondly above described being the upper limit of the Mississippi river of said plantation as so sold and conveyed.

(8) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the east side of the Mississippi river, being forty arpents from said river and extending in depth about twenty-four arpents adjacent to and immediately in the rear of the tract lastly described, bounded above by a portion of the land sixthly above described containing two hundred and 76-100 acres, and designated as sec. 32, tp 9, s r 2 e, or the back pre-emption of Donat Hebert, certificate No. 436, as per patent of the United States No. 430 issued to Donat Hebert on the 20th August, 1881.

(9) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the left side of the Mississippi river, beginning about sixty-four arpents from said river, and adjacent to and in the rear of the tract lastly described, and extending in depth about seventeen arpents to the Madam Judice tract, designated as lot 1 of sec. 19, tp 9, s r 2 e, and containing one hundred and twenty-two and 85-100 acres, as per patent of the United States No. 422, issued on the 30th June, 1880, to Valery Dupuy and Mary H. Hebet, and which tract of land is bounded above by part of the land sixthly described.

(10) A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension on the east side of the Mississippi river, and about eighty arpents from said river, known as the Madam Judice tract, being sec. 20 in tp 9, s r 2 e, containing six hundred and seventy-nine and 48-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, issued on the 4th day of June, 1880, to Madam Judice, which tract of land is bounded below by part of the Etienne Como tract or section 29, and in front in part, by the tracts secondly and sixthly and ninthly described. The whole of the foregoing tracts secondly, thirdly, fourthly, fifthly, sixthly, seventhly, eighthly, ninthly, and tenthly described containing two thousand, seven hundred and forty-six and 86-100 acres, more or less, constituting the Southwood plantation, as acquired aforesaid by L. A. Ellis to which was afterwards added the tract firstly described, known as the Island of Porche tract, increasing the quantity of land in said Southwood plantation as now sold and conveyed to two thousand and nine hundred and eighty-four 86-100 acres, more or less.

The Riverside or Mound plantation, consisting of the following tracts of land all in the parish of Ascension and in townships 9 and 10 south, range 2 east, namely:

(1) A certain tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi river having four arpents in front of said river, more or less, by a depth of forty arpents, being the upper part of Firmin Dupuy claim, bounded on the upper side by the first forty arpents in depth of the Southwood plantation as heretofore described and conveyed, designated as section 7, township 10, south range 2 east, containing twenty and 92-100 acres, and section 45, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and seventeen acres, and both containing one hundred and thirty-seven and 92-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, issued 14th day of May, 1878, to Firmin Dupuy.

(2) A certain tract of land situated on the left bank of the Mississippi river, in the parish of Ascension, having five arpents, more or less, front on said river, by a depth of forty arpents, being the lower part of the Firmin Dupuy claim, bounded above by the tracts immediately preceding and below by the Waterloo plantation of Louis Geismar, designated as section 8, in tp 10, s r 2 e, containing thirty-three and 2-100 acres, and section 46, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and sixty-six and 73-100 acres, and both containing one hundred and ninety-nine and 75-100 acres, as per patent of the United States issued on the 14th day of May, 1876, to Firmin Dupuy, the said two immediately preceding tracts of land having together nine arpents front on the Mississippi river, constituting the portion of the Riverside plantation fronting on said river.

(3) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river, beginning forty arpents from said river adjacent to and in the rear of the upper part of the tract firstly described and extending in depth forty arpents, more or less, back to the Madam Judice tract, bounded on the upper side by the tracts eighthly and ninthly described as parts of the Southwood plantation heretofore conveyed, and being the west or upper part of section 31, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing forty-eight and 87-100 acres as per patent of the United States dated the 10th of February, 1881, and issued to Joseph Hebert in virtue of his back pre-emption certificate No. 432.

(4) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning forty arpents from said river and extending in depth forty arpents, more or less, back to the Madam Judice tract, bounded above by the lands lastly described and below in part by section 51, being the lower or eastern part of section 31, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty-four and 59-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 10th of February, 1881, issued to John Kling in virtue of his back pre-emption certificate No. 433.

(5) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning about forty arpents from said river, adjacent to and in the rear of the tract secondly above described, extending in depth about six arpents to section 51 and the Etienne Como tract, or section 29, described as lot 1 of section 61, bounded above by the lands lastly described and containing twenty-six and 34-100 acres, more or less, as per patent of the United States dated 14th day of August, 1893, issued to John Minor in virtue of his back pre-emption certificate No. 436.

(6) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, beginning about forty-six arpents from said river, extending back about one hundred arpents, of an irregular shape and consisting of the residue of the Etienne Como tract after taking off from the eastern end of said tract one hundred and forty-seven acres, more or less, as conveyed to William J. Minor by two acts of exchange, one passed on the 5th of December, 1840, by Schubal Tillotson, and the other on the 9th of June, 1849, by Schubal and Romanta Tillotson, both of record in the parish of Ascension, leaving the amount of five hundred and thirty-five acres, more or less, now conveyed as the residue of said Como tract, the whole tract being section 29, in tp 9, s r 2 e, containing six hundred and eighty-one and 55-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 14th of May, 1878, issued to Etienne Como. The southern portion of this tract is bounded on the south by the Waterloo plantation and on the east by a portion of said Waterloo plantation, being the one hundred and forty-seven acres, more or less, cut off, as aforesaid from the Como place, under act of exchange between S. Tillotson and William J. Minor, as aforesaid, and now forming a part of said Waterloo place.

(7) A certain tract of land situated on the east side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension about one hundred and thirty arpents from said river, separate from the rest of the Riverside plantation and being described as the southeast one-fourth of section 9, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing one hundred and sixty-one and 90-100 acres acquired from the United States under certificate No. 349, dated December 1st, 1835, as per patent of the United States, dated June 12th, 1885, issued to Marguerite Paran, and Trisimond Decoteau, and being the same property acquired by S. Tillotson at sheriff's sale of the property of Charles Bishop on May 23rd, 1842.

(8) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about ninety arpents from said river, bounded on the west by the northern end of the Etienne Como tract, and being the west half of lot 1, or the northeast quarter of section 21, tp 9, s r 2 e, supposed to contain seventy-five and 60-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated June 12th, 1885, to John Sides, for the whole of said lot 1, or being the fractional northeast quarter of said section 21, containing one hundred and forty-five and 60-100 acres, the tract now conveyed being the west half of said lot 1.

(9) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about seventy-five arpents from the Mississippi river on both sides of New river, bounded on the west by the northern part of the Etienne Como tract and on the north by the lands lastly described, and being lot 2 of section 21, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing ninety-six and 40-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated the 8th of November, 1838, issued to Romanta Tillotson.

(10) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension at the distance of about eighty arpents from said river on both sides of New river, and bounded on the west by the lands lastly described, being lot 3 or the east half of the southeast quarter, section 21, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty acres, as per patent of the United States, dated November 8th, 1838, issued to Simon Peter Eliser.

(11) A certain tract of land situated on the left side of the Mississippi river in the parish of Ascension, about eighty-five arpents from said river on both sides of New river, bounded on the the west by the lands lastly described and being the west half of the southwest quarter of section 23, tp 9, s r 2 e, containing eighty and 32-100 acres, as per patent of the United States, dated 8th November, 1838, and issued to Hiram Bard.

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