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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF

Having been urged and solicited by a number of friends to become a candidate for the office of sheriff, I hereby announce my candidacy for said office, subject to Democratic primaries.

JOHN C. KLOS.

EDWARD C. HANSON

is hereby announced as a candidate for sheriff of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR CORONER

DR. PAUL T. THIBODAUX

is hereby announced as a candidate for coroner of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

DR. L. E. DUFFEL

is hereby announced as a candidate for coroner of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR ASSESSOR

A. A. KLING

is hereby announced as a candidate for assessor of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

LOUIS A. LANDRY, JR.,

is hereby announced as a candidate for re-election to the office of assessor of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

JAMES E. AYRAUD

is hereby announced as a candidate for assessor of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

The more the merrier.

An army recruiting office has been opened in the upper story of the Welcome Saloon building in Railroad avenue.

Dr. J. A. Tucker, of Baton Rouge, passed through Donaldsonville this afternoon en route to New Hope, where he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker until tomorrow evening.

State Treasurer James M. Smith visited Donaldsonville Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy for state auditor, and received a cordial greeting from his numerous friends and supporters in this community.

Rev. E. P. Craddock and family have removed from the Dalferes cottage in Lessard street and are now occupying their pretty new home in the rear of the Methodist church, at the corner of Railroad avenue and Opelousas street.

The excursion train leaving New Roads at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 31, will pass Donaldsonville at 5:40 p. m. Returning, the train will leave New Orleans at 5 o'clock p. m. Monday, Sept. 2. Everybody's going.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Dalferes and family have moved from their residence in Iberville street and are now comfortably domiciled in the pretty cottage in Lessard street owned by J. A. Dalferes, and recently vacated by Rev. E. P. Craddock and family.

Some time last night burglars broke into the residence of D. D. Dalferes, in Lessard street, and stole a pair of trousers, in the pockets of which were ten dollars. The theft was not discovered until this morning and no clue to the identity of the nocturnal prowlers has yet been ascertained.

Among the Donaldsonvillians who went to New Orleans yesterday and left that city this morning for Chicago, via the Illinois Central's annual excursion, were D. Ohlmeyer, Miss Lucille Ohlmeyer, Master Ernest Ohlmeyer, Whitney Comstock, Clem Mollere and Vic Ganel. The Chief wishes them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

In its proper place in today's Chief will be found the formal announcement of Parish Treasurer A. A. Kling's candidacy for the office of assessor of the parish of Ascension, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Owing to lack of space we are compelled to defer comment on Mr. Kling's announcement until our next issue.

C. Kline, John P. Forcha and Paul Wilheit returned this morning from Thibodaux, where they went yesterday to attend the opening session of the second annual convention of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association, now in progress at that place. Delegations from several of the local fire companies will leave for Thibodaux tomorrow to participate in the grand parade and celebration which will bring the convention to a close.

The children and grandchildren of E. D. Melancon gave him a pleasant surprise on Friday evening of last week, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Melancon's birthday. Among those who assisted in making the evening one long to be remembered were Miss Tillie Groebbel of New Orleans, Sidney LeBlanc, Janvier Hebert, Mr. and Mrs. Aramis Melancon and family, Misses Hattie, Anna and Lillian Melancon, and August Barthelmy.

A grand fair and fete champetre will be given at French Settlement on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, for the benefit of the Catholic church at that place. Skating, dancing and a minstrel performance by local amateurs will comprise the amusement features of the entertainment, while the wants of the inner man will be catered to with gumbo, jembalaya, ice cream, fruit and numerous other delicacies. A good time is promised all who attend.

A huge flag pole, from which weather signals will be displayed in the future, was erected in the neutral ground in front of the municipal powerhouse on Thursday last, a large force of men being required to place the base of the big staff in the deep hole dug for it. The tall white pole, with its ornamented gold top shimmering in the sunlight, now stands ready for our local weather-maker, W. D. Park, to run up the various hued bits of bunting which will give us warning of fair weather or otherwise. Mr. Park will be assisted in displaying the signals by E. A. Thibodeaux, superintendent of the power plant.

The Democratic Campaign.

The Democratic campaign is in pretty full swing in this state, and according to their own accounts all the competing candidates are getting the best of the contest and are sure to win. Two of the most interesting events connected with the gubernatorial race have transpired within the past fortnight, one being the long-deferred announcement of Congressman R. F. Broussard of the third district that he would actively support Hon. Theo. S. Wilkinson for governor, and the other the holding of a very large Wilkinson meeting at Franklin, St. Mary parish, the home town of Lieut. Gov. J. Y. Sanders, where nearly every man, woman and child was popularly supposed to be "a Sanders man." Predictions are freely made that the attitude of the Iberia congressman will turn the tide of battle against Mr. Sanders in his own section, but of course the Sanders forces pooh-pooh the idea and claim that, while Mr. Broussard can doubtless influence the third district for himself, he hasn't a hold upon it that will enable him to deliver its vote nolens volens to another man. The joint debates that have taken place between Messrs. Wilkinson and Sanders have not been productive of entirely satisfactory results to either faction, and there is considerable sentiment against having any more of these discussions. The tendency to descend to personalities and to expose unclean party linen too conspicuously to the public gaze are urged in objection to the continuance of this form of campaigning, and when meetings are held in connection with such entertainments as church fairs at which intoxicating liquors are sold, trouble is likely to be caused by over-zealous partisans who patronize the bottle or the keg too freely and insist on whooping for their candidate even while the other one has the floor and is trying to be heard.

Gen. Jastremski has been on the sick list for several weeks, but is by no means out of the running. On the contrary, he renews the declaration of his intention to stand by his colors until the votes are counted, and to begin an active canvass of the state about the 1st of September.

The candidates for the minor offices are industriously pushing their respective claims, but comparatively little interest has as yet been developed by any of the contests except that for governor.

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C. D. Gondran Appointed to Succeed R. N. Sims.

Gov. Blanchard has filled the vacancy in the board of control of the state penitentiary caused by the resignation of Hon. R. N. Sims, who retired to assume the management of Hon. Theodore S. Wilkinson's campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. The governor's choice has fallen upon another citizen of Ascension, Col. C. Désiré Gondran of Belle Helene, whose fitness for the place will be recognized and attested by all who know him.

Col. Gondran is not only a practical sugar planter, but a capable financier and successful business man as well, possessing in an eminent degree the experience and qualifications essential to the most efficient performance of the duties of the position to which he has been appointed. The property under the supervision of the board of control comprises several sugar plantations, and in the management of these the new appointee will doubtless prove an invaluable addition to the board's membership. His demonstrated skill in the handling of labor and the direction of several industrial and commercial enterprises add to his admirable equipment for creditable service in his new sphere of public duty.

For several years past Col. Gondran has been a member of the school board of this parish, and has taken commendable interest in the work of public education, as indeed in all other matters appertaining to the advancement and well-being of the people of Ascension and Louisiana. His title of colonel comes from the rank he has held as a member of the governor's staff, a place for which military training at college and active service in the Louisiana National Guard rendered him particularly well qualified.

Col. Gondran is a gentleman whose genial disposition, courteous demeanor and fair treatment of all with whom he has dealings have made him a host of friends; and these will heartily join The Chief in congratulating him upon the recognition of his merits as a citizen and qualifications as a man of affairs implied by his nomination to the important office from which another prominent Ascensionite recently retired.

Summer Diarrhœa in Children.

During the hot weather of the summer months the first unnatural looseness of a child's bowels should have immediate attention, so as to check the disease before it becomes serious. All that is necessary is a few doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil to cleanse the system. Rev. M. O. Stockland, pastor of the first M. E. Church, Little Falls, Minn., writes: "We have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for several years and find it a very valuable remedy, especially for summer disorders in children." Sold by all druggists.

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The whirligig of time in its endless and uninterrupted revolutions has brought The Chief to the annually recurring period in its existence which marks the anniversary of the paper's establishment in 1871 and adds another year to its youthful age. Last week's issue completed volume thirty-six, and today's bears the initial number of the thirty-seventh volume.

Following its invariable custom, The Chief takes advantage of this auspicious occasion to thank its friends and patrons for past support and to solicit the continuance of their favor henceforth. To those whose names have not heretofore figured in the list of our customers, we suggest a trial of the paper's merits as an advertising medium, a purveyor of local and general information, a promoter and advocate of all enterprises calculated to enhance the common weal and more particularly to serve the best interests of the people of the town of Donaldsonville and parish of Ascension. With each passing year The Chief grows prouder of its title, "A Wide-Awake Home Newspaper," and will spare no pains to vindicate its claim to the designation in the future as it has endeavored to do in the past.

With a heart as young, a purpose as pure and an ambition as lofty as it possessed at the inception of its career thirty-six years ago; with the best of good feeling for all and malice towards none, The Chief starts cheerfully out on its thirty-seventh journey around the sun with the rest of the earth.

LAFOURCHE LOCKS.

Joint Meeting of Levee Boards Authorizes Sale of Thirty-Four Notes, Aggregating $680,000—Governor Unable to be Present.

Pursuant to a call issued by Gov. N. C. Blanchard, a joint meeting of the Atchafalaya and Lafourche basin levee boards was held in the local courthouse at noon Thursday for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the construction of locks to replace the present dam at the head of Bayou Lafourche. Hon. V. M. Lefebvre, of West Baton Rouge, president of the Atchafalaya levee board, presided over the assemblage, and the following membegs of the two boards were in attendance:

Atchafalaya board—Thos. Beary, Honoré Dugas, J. A. Provost and James Cotten.

Lafourche board—V. Maurin, president; J. S. Brady, Camille Templet, Louis Hymel, Alfred Songy, T. J. Sellers, R. Perez and George Lorio.

The absentees were A. H. Gay and Thos. G. Erwin of the Atchafalaya board, and D. J. Foret of the Lafourche board.

There were also present Major F. M. Kerr and Col. Arsene Perrilliatt, of the state board of engineers, and a number of prominent citizens of several of the parishes interested in the construction of the locks, including a big delegation from St. Martin and Iberia parishes.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Mr. Lefebvre explained that Gov. Blanchard had fully intended to be present, but that he was taken ill while on his way to Donaldsonville and was compelled to abandon the trip. Gov. Blanchard's private secretary, T. O. Harris, stated that the governor had stopped off at Belle Helene Thursday morning to take breakfast with Col. C. D. Gondran and family, and that while seated at the table he was seized with a sudden attack of illness and had been forced to go to bed. Mr. Harris added that the governor was not feeling well when he started from Baton Rouge, but that he was extremely anxious to be present at the meeting of the levee boards and had determined not to be kept away if it were possible for him to attend.

The report of the executive committee, covering the meeting of that committee in New Orleans on May 21 for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of the locks, (none being submitted), was read and adopted.

At this point Mr. Perez suggested that as the meeting had been called by Gov. Blanchard, and that as the latter had unfortunately been prevented from attending, it might be best to defer action in the matter under consideration until some future date. Mr. Lefebvre and others, after a general discussion of the suggestion, thought that the meeting should proceed, and that the boards might at least transact other business than that relating to the lock proposition.

Mr. Maurin stated that F. A. Middleton, attorney for the Lafourche board, had written Attorney General Guion requesting an opinion on the subject of the negotiation of the notes to be issued by the levee boards in payment for the locks, and suggested that Mr. Middleton read his letter to Mr. Guion and the latter's reply.

The correspondence was as follows:

New Orleans, La., July 9, 1907.

Honorable Walter Guion, Attorney General, New Orleans, La.:

Dear Sir—Upon request I have given to the commissioners of the Lafourche basin levee district the following opinion:

I am of the opinion that the board cannot accept for its notes, issued under the authority of Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of the acts of 1900, less than the face value of the said notes.

Sec. 2 provides "that to meet said expenses said boards are authorized to issue separately their notes, with such maturities and bearing such interests as may best suit for the advantageous disposing of same; but that one of said notes of each board shall be payable each year, and none of them shall run longer than twenty years, or be for less than twenty thousand dollars, or bear more than five per cent per annum interest."

The construction of this paragraph shows an intent on the part of the legislature to regulate the expenditure of money by the boards for the purpose of building locks, and to prevent the contraction of a debt which would dissipate the general revenues intended for levee purposes. Therefore a limit was placed upon the amount of interest which should be paid for money borrowed under this act. The borrowing of money upon a note issued by authority of Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of 1900, at a rate of 5 per cent interest upon the face of the note, and a further allowance of, say, 2 per cent brokerage, would be tantamount to paying 7 per cent for the use of the money, and would in my opinion be a violation of this act. The sale of a note for less than its face value would reduce itself to the same proposition—paying more interest for the use of the money than is allowed by this act.

I have been requested to forward this opinion to you and ask that you render an opinion for the guidance of the board of commissioners of the Lafourche levee district upon the subject matter referred to in the opinion I have just quoted. The board is awaiting your opinion before acting in this matter and therefore will greatly appreciate an early reply.

Yours very truly,
F. A. MIDDLETON,
Attorney for Lafourche Levee Board.

New Orleans, La., July 20, 1907.

Mr. F. A. Middleton, Attorney for Lafourche Levee Board, City:

Dear Sir—I have your letter of the 9th., which reached me at a time when I was very busy with pressing official work and since which time I have not been able, until now, to reply. You inform me that you have given to the commissioners of the Lafourche basin levee district an opinion advising them "that the board cannot accept for its notes, issued under the authority of Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of the acts of 1900, less than the face value of the said notes," and that you had been requested to inform me of the opinion which you had given and to ask that I "render an opinion for the guidance of the board of commissioners of the Lafourche basin levee district upon the subject matter referred to."

I assure you that I regret being called upon for an opinion in this matter, since you are the legal adviser of the Lafourche basin levee board, and especially because of the fact that my opinion does not coincide with the one given by you to the board of commissioners of that district.

Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of 1900 would seem to indicate that the general assembly of this state contemplated the necessity of the issuance of notes by the two levee districts charged with the duty of building locks at the head of Bayou Lafourche, and of the further necessity of disposing of these notes as advantageously as possible.

That section does provide that in order to dispose of them advantageously, in order to obtain ready funds with which to do the work provided by said act to be done, the notes so issued should bear interest not in excess of five per cent per annum, as would "best suit for the advantageous disposing of same," but it nowhere declares that the notes may not be disposed of for less than their face value.

On the contrary, it is my opinion that the board of commissioners of the Lafourche basin levee district may receive for the notes so issued by them less than the amount for which the same may be executed, if it be necessary to dispose of them in order to realize sufficient cost with which to prosecute the work of constructing locks as directed by Act No. 9 of 1900.

That act does not prohibit the payment of more than five per cent for money with which to build the locks but, on the contrary, seems to authorize the giving of a higher rate of interest, but with the proviso that the notes themselves which may be issued shall not bear more than five per cent. This is directly in line with the spirit and letter of Act No. 13 of 1892 creating the Lafourche basin levee district, Section 12 of which authorizes the issuance of bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent, and which under Section 13 thereof may be discounted by the board of commissioners of that district at a rate of discount not to exceed ten per cent.

To my mind, while the language of Section 2 of Act No. 9 of 1900 clearly prohibits the notes issued thereunder from bearing more than five per cent interest, it does not prohibit their being discounted. On the contrary, it indicates to my mind, by providing for the interest which they may bear—not to exceed, however, a rate of five per cent—that the legislature intended to authorize the discounting of these notes, since it distinctly provides for their bearing such a rate of interest "as may best suit for the advantageous disposing of same."

Believing that I have answered fully the question which you have submitted to me, I beg to remain.

Yours very truly,
WALTER GUION,
Attorney General.

Mr. Maurin then offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Hon. Walter Guion, attorney general of the state of Louisiana, rendered an opinion that the Atchafalaya and Lafourche basin levee boards may sell the notes issued under the authority of Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of the acts of 1900 at a discount; and

Whereas, it has been demonstrated that it is necessary to pay for the construction of the locks of Bayou Lafourche upon a cash basis; therefore be it

Resolved, That the presidents of the Atchafalaya and Lafourche levee boards be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for thirty days, in such newspapers as they see fit, for sale to the highest bidder all the following promissory notes issued under authority of Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of 1900, to-wit: Seventeen notes of the full value of $20,000 each of the Lafourche basin levee district, with the following maturities: 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927, each bearing on its face five per cent interest from date of issuance until paid; the bidder to take all of said notes, and all bids to be subject to rejection by said board. Seventeen notes of the full value of $20,000 each of the Atchafalaya levee board, with the following maturities: 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927, each bearing on its face five per cent interest from date of issuance until paid; the bidder to take all of said notes, and all bids to be subject to rejection by said board. All notes to be issued on the date that the successful bid is accepted by the board.

On motion of Mr. Maurin, seconded by Mr. Perez, the resolution was adopted, first by the two boards individually and then by the joint organization. A tie resulted in the Atchafalaya board, Messrs. Provost and Cotton voting against the adoption of the resolution, while Messrs. Beary and Dugas voted in the affirmative. President Lefebvre cast the deciding vote in favor of the adoption of the resolution. In the Lafourche board only one member, Mr. Hymel, contested the passage of the resolution.

During the discussion preceding the vote, Hon. John Marks, attorney for the Atchafalaya board, made the statement that he differs with the attorney general concerning the negotiation of the levee boards' notes, and that the interpretation placed upon Sec. 2 of Act No. 9 of 1900 by Mr. Guion is certain to be declared erroneous.

Resolutions of condolence to Gov. Blanchard, upon the death of his wife, were offered by Mr. Provost and unanimously adopted, after which the meeting adjourned.

A session of the Atchafalaya board was held at the St. Martin House Thursday forenoon to afford a hearing to a large delegation of prominent citizens of St. Martin and Iberia parishes, whose object in appearing before the board was to urge that some protection from overflow be afforded the people of those two parishes and the parish of St. Mary. It seems that a levee is now in course of construction on the east bank of the Atchafalaya river in these parishes, whereas there is no levee of any kind on the opposite bank, hence in periods of high water a considerable amount of land is subject to inundation. The board discussed the question with the delegation and agreed to make an inspection of the premises within the near future, with a view of taking whatever action the circumstances may require.

The personnel of the delegation was as follows: J. A. Provost, Frank Guilbeau, J. J. Boudin, Maurice Patin, George Domengeau, Joseph Pellerin, A. E. Broussard, Wm. Begnaud, Dr. DeLoreal, J. J. Martin, L. P. Guedry, Scott Kelso, George Knight, Luke Bounin, Charles Savoie, W. O. Martin and F. M. Welch, the latter being the immigration agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Feast of the Assumption.

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was appropriately observed at the local Catholic church on Thursday, low and high masses being celebrated with unusual impressiveness at 7 and 9 o'clock a. m., respectively. Both services were attended by large congregations, and many devout worshippers partook of the holy sacrement at the earlier mass. The feast of the Assumption commemorates the passing from earth of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, and is one of the most beautiful and important in the Catholic calendar.

Dutchtown Notes.

Revs. H. P. Comish and N. Black have been carrying on a very successful meeting for the past week at Broussard Grove church. There were eleven accessions to the church.

Robert Harris, of Denham Springs, was a visitor here for several days last week.

Leon Picard visited New Orleans Monday for the purpose of transacting business.

A storm swept through Dutchtown last Sunday night, but fortunately no serious damage was done.

A very interesting meeting of the Married Woman's Whist Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. G. A. Gondran, with Mrs. E. J. McCall as hostess. The prize, a pair of exquisite silk hose, was captured by Miss Adele Blum. Refreshing beverages were served after the games. Those who enjoyed the pleasures the afternoon afforded were: Mesdames F. B. Lemann, E. K. Sims, T. H. Hanson, H. C. Whiteman, G. D. Bentley, G. A. Gondran and E. J. McCall, and Misses Ella Bentley, Bessie Lowden and Adele Blum.

The patrons of the Galbasse public school at Duplessis held a meeting during the week to consider plans for the erection of a new school building. After a general discussion of the matter they raised $400 among themselves for this purpose, and are confident that the school board and police jury of the parish will co-operate with them in making the project a reality.

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Proceedings of the Police Jury, Parish of Ascension.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Donaldsonville, La., Aug. 14, 1907.

The police jury of Ascension parish met this day in special session, at the courthouse, and was called to order at 12 o'clock m. Present—George B. Reuss, president, first ward; George Bergeron, second ward; Sidonius Goette, third ward; Albert Esneault, fourth ward; L. W. Armitage, fifth ward; J. C. Klos, sixth ward; M. G. Savario, seventh ward; J. T. King, eighth ward. Absent—none.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting was read and approved.

A communication from Capt. H. C. Whiteman, requesting that his ferry lease notes be returned to him for cancellation, as the indebtedness of others has supervened therefor and instead thereof, was read and referred to the joint ferry committee of the police jury and town council, with authority to act.

The following petition was read and received:

Gonzales, La., July 22, 1907.

To the Third District Road Board and the Police Jury of the Parish of Ascension:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the seventh ward of the parish of Ascension, do hereby petition your honorable bodies to make and pass public said roads, to-wit:

From bridge across New River in front of Picard & Geismar's store to Simon Lanoux along north side of bayou bank; thence from bayou bank north between Simon Lanoux and Jos. Lanoux as far as lands of Marcelin Braud; thence west as far as land of Louis LeBlanc; thence north as far as land of Lawrence Duplessis, and thence west as far as Bayou Goodine.

A road beginning at lands of Alces Braud, running south to New River between lands of E. D. Smith and Jos. Blouin as far as Bayou Goodine; thence along north and east side of said bayou to New River along lands of Edmond Blouin and C. D. Blouin. Road 30 feet.

Picard & Geismar, Ltd., by H. M. Picard,	E. D. Smith,
Joseph Lanoux,	C. D. Blouin,
Mrs. Jos. Braud,	Simon Lanoux,
Chas. B. Blouin,	L. A. Babin,
Joseph Blouin,	Alexander Braud,
Telesphore Mire,	Alces Braud,
Louis LeBlanc,	Felicien Mire,
Mrs. Alfred Duplecy,	Lawrence Duplecy,
Elie Lanoux,	A. P. Lanoux,
Renest Marchand,	T. Marchand,
Marcelen Braud,	Edmon Blouin,
	John Mire,
	Nestor Braud.

Gonzales, La., July 25, 1907.

The above petition was approved by Third District Road Board in regular session this day.

M. G. SAVARIO, Pres.;
P. P. PAINTER,
G. A. HENDERSON, Sec.

On motion of Mr. Kling, seconded by Mr. Savario, the petition was granted, with the proviso that the roads be constructed without cost to the parish.

A bill of $234.28 from the municipal power plant of Donaldsonville, for the installation of the electric light fixtures in the new Donaldsonville high school building, was read and referred to the finance committee.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Esneault, seconded by Mr. Klos, and adopted on call of the roll by yeas 8, nays 0:

Section I. Be it ordained by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, That for the year 1907 there is hereby levied a tax amounting in the aggregate to eight mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property, movable and immovable, within the parish of Ascension, except such as is expressly exempted from taxation by the constitution of the state, as per tax assessor's rolls for 1907, deposited in the recorder's office in and for the parish of Ascension.

Section II. Be it further ordained, etc., That the following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of the money in the parish treasury derived from the annual tax provided by the first section of this ordinance, for the following purposes for the year 1907, as per estimate exhibiting the various items of expenditures of the parish, which was duly published in the Donaldsonville Chief, official journal of the parish, fully thirty days prior to this meeting, and which is hereby approved, ratified and adopted, viz:

Assessors	$ 1250 00
Clerk of court	300 00
Clerk of police jury and parish treasurer	900 00
District attorney	750 00
Coroner and jail physician	600 00
Sheriff's fees and maintenance of prisoners	2700 00
Tax collector	2200 00
Justices of the peace	700 00
Constables	800 00
Police jurors	250 00
Grand jurors	400 00
Petit jurors	750 00
Coroner's jurors	125 00
Witnesses	275 00
Transportation	300 00
Contingent	2000 00
Janitor	300 00
Parish printer	300 00
Public roads, first district	1500 00
Public roads, second district	500 00
Public roads, third district	1300 00
Public roads, fourth district	1100 00
Board of health	700 00
Paupers	500 00
Schools	10,000 00
Normal School student	150 00
University cadet	250 00
Fire department	300 00
Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital	150 00
Elections	750 00
Gonzales High school	1500 00
Brusly Sacremento school	600 00
Court stenographer	300 00
High school building, Donaldsonville	5000 00
Total	$ 39,500 00

Mr. Armitage offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and adopted on call of the roll by yeas 8, nays 0:

Be it resolved, That the ordinance of the police jury fixing the polling places in this parish be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Be it ordained that the following polling places be and are hereby established, as follows:

First ward—Precinct one, at Sylvere Landry's cooper-shop; precinct two, at A. C. Dugas' warehouse.

Second ward—Precinct one, at Diez' warehouse.

Third ward—Precinct one, at courthouse; precinct two, at Mrs. Babin's vacant house.

Fourth ward—Precinct one, at L. A. Landry's warehouse.

Fifth ward—Precinct one, at Houmas store; precinct two, at Hart & Armitage's old store.

Sixth ward—Precinct one, at Gondran's warehouse; precinct two, at Geismar's warehouse.

Seventh ward—Precinct one, at Gonzales' warehouse; precinct two, at Sidney Berteau's warehouse.

Eighth ward—Precinct one, at Osterberger's blacksmith shop; precinct two, at Ruby Dixon's warehouse.

The jury adjourned.

A true copy: A. A. KLING, Clerk.

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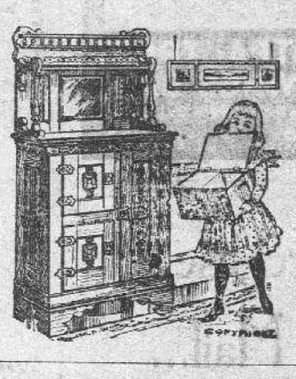

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