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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

EDWARD NICHOLLS PUGH

hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of associate justice of the supreme court of Louisiana, from the fourth supreme court district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held for the nomination of a candidate for that office in August or September next.

To the Voters of Ascension Parish:

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the state, from the fourth supreme court district, of which the parish of Ascension forms a part, at the Democratic primary election to be held for the nomination of a candidate for that office, in the latter part of August or the early part of September next.

I can only say that, if nominated and elected to that office, I will endeavor to discharge the responsible duties of it to the best of my ability.

WALTER GUION.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

JUDGE PAUL LECHE

of Ascension hereby announces his candidacy for judge of the Court of Appeals, Second District of the First Circuit, and solicits the kind support of the Democratic voters of said district in the Democratic primary election to be held the latter part of August or the beginning of September next.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

R. J. CHAUVIN

hereby announces his candidacy for the office of judge of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court, comprising the parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James, and solicits the support of the Democratic voters of the district in the Democratic primary election.

CHARLES T. WORTHAM.

To the Democrats of Ascension, Assumption and St. James:

At the personal solicitation of numerous friends, and to gratify what I hope will be deemed a pardonable ambition, I announce myself a candidate for judge of this judicial district to succeed Hon. Paul Leche. My candidacy is subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I realize the responsibility of this important position, and if you honor me with election, I will endeavor to discharge, diligently, faithfully and conscientiously, all the duties of the office.

CHAS. T. WORTHAM.
Napoleonville, La., Mar. 20, 1912.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

PHILIP H. GILBERT

hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of district attorney of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District, comprising the parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James, and solicits the support of the Democratic voters of the district in the Democratic primary election.

The lopping off of useless levee board attorneys has begun at Gov. Hall's behest. Let the good work go on.

A visitor with an inquiring turn of mind who has seen some of Louisiana's overflowed railroad lines wishes to know what is the difference between railways and waterways in this state?

"In a Democratic primary, confined to white men, we must deal fairly and honestly with each other," said Speaker-elect Thomas of the Louisiana house of representatives. This would seem to imply that in other elections, where white Democrats are not the only participants, we are under no obligation to be honest or fair. Is that what you mean, Mr. Speaker?

Victor Loisel, the stalwart St. James Republican leader who has efficiently filled the position of United States marshal for the eastern district of Louisiana for the past eight years, was reappointed by President Taft a few days ago. Marshal Loisel's record, both as an officer and a citizen, is above reproach, and his continuance in authority is creditable to all concerned.

After an exciting debate on the measure to allow American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade free passage through the Panama Canal, the national house of representatives on May 23 reaffirmed its approval of the proposition by a vote of 147 to 126. Congressman Broussard of Louisiana took a prominent part in the discussion and made one of the most effective speeches in support of the victorious affirmative.

Representative Raoul Sere of the twelfth ward of New Orleans proposes to offer a constitutional amendment abolishing six of the seven state assessors in that city and requiring the work to be done by one officer, as it can and ought to be done. This is real reform with a capital R, and there should be enough real reformers in the general assembly to give the measure the requisite two-thirds vote to send it to the people.

LOUISIANA'S DELEGATION TO BALTIMORE.

There is some difference of opinion among Democratic leaders and newspapers in this state as to whether the Louisiana delegates to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore should be committed to the support of any particular aspirant for the presidency, or left uninstructed and foot-loose, to assume such position and support such candidate as may seem to their judgment, formed on the ground and at the time of taking action, best calculated to protect the interests and promote the welfare of their state.

The preponderance of sentiment appears to be in favor of an uninstructed delegation, and to our mind this is the proper solution of the controversy. There will evidently be an attempt on the part of Speaker Clark's friends to secure instructions to the delegates in his favor, and a like attempt in behalf of Governor Wilson, while it is even possible that some Underwood demonstration may be made by a few of the members of the Democratic state convention from the extreme northern parishes, but the manifest wisdom of leaving the Louisiana representatives free to exercise their discretion and to use their influence towards obtaining due consideration of Louisiana's claims to consideration in the framing of the platform and directing the policy of the party, is likely to be recognized by a majority of the convention and to guide their action accordingly.

The state convention is to meet Baton Rouge on Tuesday next, the 4th instant, and an unusual degree of interest will attend its proceedings. According to common report the six delegates at-large to be sent to Baltimore are Governor Luther E. Hall, ex-Governor Newton C. Blanchard, Mayor Martin Behrman, National Committeeman Robert Ewing, Congressman Arsene P. Pujo and Commissioner of Public Buildings Alex. Pujol, with ex-Gov. Blanchard as chairman of the delegation. What's the use or sense of hampering men like these with instructions? They will be far more competent to decide at Baltimore what is best to be done than the state convention at Baton Rouge will be to tell them.

CLARK FOR FREE SUGAR.

The esteemed New Orleans Item is enthusiastic in the contention that Louisiana Democats should send a Clark delegation to the Baltimore convention because of the speaker's friendliness for this state's material interests. Just after the passage of the Underwood free sugar bill by the lower branch of congress this same Speaker Clark took the floor and indignantly denied a statement that he was opposed to the measure, averring his unqualified approval of the proposition to place sugar on the free list and declaring that he had voted in its favor. If this be a sample of his friendship for Louisiana's interests, our people may well pray to be saved from such a friend.

Negro Insurrection in Cuba.

An uprising of negroes in two of the eastern provinces of Cuba has occurred, and although some of the press reports from the island represent the revolt as of a formidable and alarming character, more conservative advices minimize the gravity of the demonstration and assert the ability of the Gomez government to restore order. President Taft has ordered United States war vessels to assemble within easy reach of the Cuban coast, prepared to lend any assistance that may become necessary for the protection of the lives or property of American residents. The revolt of the Cuban negroes is attributed to opposition to a new law forbidding the organization of any political party on racial lines.

Rioting occurred in the streets of Budapest May 23 and 24 during a strike of 50,000 factory employees. The strikers demolished show-windows, overturned street cars and attacked men at work. Troops were called out to assist the police in suppressing the riot and volleys were exchanged which wounded many persons. The disturbance was quelled and the strike called off, both sides making concessions.

The Lake Charles American-Press says:

"Hon. Bill Roy, now at Baton Rouge on legislation bent, declares that deer are so numerous and so daring in St. Bernard that they rove up and down the streets of Arabi and bite the passers-by. What Mr. Roy wants for the people of St. Bernard is the right of self defense."

Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the Baptist minister who confessed to poisoning his betrayed sweetheart, Avis Linnell, that he might be free to marry a wealthier girl, was electrocuted in the state prison at Boston, Mass., a few minutes after midnight on the 20th of May. He met death calmly, expressing contrition for his sins and faith in the Savior.

Floyd Allen, one of the outlaws who assassinated the court officers at Hillsville, Va., has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. He collapsed when the jury's verdict was announced.

FAIR ELECTION LAWS NEEDED.

The supreme court of Louisiana has reversed the decision of Judge Baker of the criminal district court of New Orleans by which Edward Breffeihl was convicted of misdemeanor in having sought and obtained assistance to mark his ballot in the Democratic primary of Jan. 22. Inasmuch as he had registered under the educational qualification, it was contended by the prosecution that he was debarred from accepting aid in the preparation of his ballot, and Judge Baker upheld the contention. The supreme court, with Justice Provosty as its organ, takes the view that there are conflicting provisions in the law applicable to such matters, and that under one of them any voter who claims assistance on the ground that he is not acquainted with the opposing candidates is entitled to receive it. The court suggests that the general assembly should clarify the statute by amendment, and there will be general concurrence in this suggestion among citizens who favor unambiguous laws and honest elections.

There are several other provisions of the primary and general election laws equally in need of clarification, emasculation, transmutation or transmogrification, and it is to be hoped the reform general assembly of 1912 will apply itself to the task with a sincere purpose to give the state a decent, liberal, up-to-date election law to replace the present complicated and partisan system, which was devised more with a view of crushing out opposition to the dominant party than to facilitate a fair expression of popular sentiment through the ballot box.

Talented Donaldsonville Girl Wins Honors in New York.

The New York Evening Sun is conducting a series of contests for amateur poets, essayists and artists, prizes being awarded weekly for the best and second-best poems, essays and drawings submitted in the respective competitions. In the week ending April 27 the first prize of $10 for the best poem on the subject, "To a Butterfly on Broadway," was awarded to Mrs. Stanley C. Arthur, formerly of New York city, but now residing at Northport, Long Island, and the first prize for the best essay on "The Boredom of Being Rich" was won by Miss Ruth Saxton, of New York city.

Mrs. Arthur was before her marriage Miss Ella Bentley, of this town, and is widely known throughout Louisiana as a writer of exceptional talent, both in prose and poetry. Many of her beautiful compositions have been published in this paper and in the New Orleans Times-Democrat, and it is not surprising to her many admirers that her contribution to the Sun's prize contest, among thousands of poems submitted, was deemed sufficiently meritorious to entitle it to the first prize. Concerning the award, the editor of the Sun's amateur page says:

"The general average has been good. In giving out the subject for the poem, "To a Butterfly on Broadway," the editor had in mind the bright-winged insect, having one day watched its flight up Broadway and out into Madison Square. Those who have sent in poems have interpreted the subject in two ways, one the insect and one the human butterfly. To the one who interpreted the idea as the editor intended is awarded the first prize, not for that reason, but because of the quality of the poem."

The prize production is presented herewith:

"To a Butterfly on Broadway."

Golden winged, golden belted,
Fresh, perhaps, from dewy lanes,
Where the winter snows have melted
Into fragrant summer rains,
Where you fluttered willy-nilly
Through the sunlight of the day
With the pale throat of a lily
For your only Great White Way—

Butterfly, what brings you hither
From your world of growing things?
Did a rose you worshipped wither,
So you sped on amber wings
To this jungle Man has builded—
Builded with his brawn and brain,
Where the flowers, false and gilded,
Flourish in a golden rain—

Little creature made for sunlight,
All of yellow star-beams wrought,
Deftly shaped and fashioned one night
From a restless fairy's thought—
Why are you among the masses
Drifting down this busy street,
Bringing thoughts of meadow grasses
Where the clover riots sweet?

Who can tell? Perchance the Power
That directs the earth and sun
Sent you like a winged flower
In this throng to challenge ONE—
One who, fallen and despairing,
Buoyed by hopes you waken, may
Garner courage, henceforth faring
Bravely on the Great Right Way!

Lafourche Board Drops Middleton.

President V. Maurin, of the Lafourche Basin Levee Board, acting on the suggestion of Governor Hall in his circular letter addressed to the heads of the various levee boards of the state, has instructed Secretary Wm. J. McCune to write to the attorney of that board, Fred. A. Middleton, advising him that his services will be no longer required after May 31.

Mr. Maurin received the governor's letter Tuesday and immediately acted in accordance with the wishes of the state's executive.

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Flood Relief Headquarters Established Here.

Capt. James A. Logan, of the United States army, who is in charge of the government flood relief work from Vicksburg to the Gulf, and who for some weeks past has had his office in Baton Rouge, has transferred his headquarters to this city, having opened an office in the Maurin building at the corner of Mississippi and Lessard streets. Capt. Logan's chief clerk, George F. Unmacht, arrived here Thursday morning to take charge of the office, and Corporal Thomas M. Boston of Co. K, 23rd United States Infantry, has also been detailed for service here.

Capt. F. H. Lomax, who was in charge of the government relief station at this point for several days, has been transferred and left last week for his new post. He is succeeded by Lieut. A. R. Edwards, who arrived here Tuesday. Lieut. Edwards is a West Point graduate, and when on regular duty is stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis. He is a son of Admiral John Edwards of the United States navy.

Capt. Logan came down from Baton Rouge on the first train over the T. and P. Railroad Thursday morning and was joined at this place by Lieut. Edwards, the two officers proceeding to Vacherie, in St. James parish, where they made a careful investigation of the situation in the interior country. They returned to Donaldsonville Thursday night.

It is proposed to use this city merely as a base of supplies, and no crevasse refugees will be assembled here. The United States officers operating in the Des Allemandes section, where the greatest damage will be inflicted by the flood, recommend that refugees from that locality be transported to New Orleans, and that victims in the neighborhood of Gibson and other points be conveyed to Morgan City.

There is practically no danger of loss of life in any of the sections threatened by the crevasse waters, and the first aim of the government officials will be to remove from the flooded country all cattle that it may be possible to load on to boats.

The situation is improving everywhere except in the section affected by the Hymelia crevasse, according to reports received by Capt. Logan, and it is thought that conditions there will show a betterment shortly. The government is gradually restricting the area and scope of its relief work, and is making preparations to withdraw from field altogether at an early date.

Trip Through Flooded Country.

Messrs. Charles Oschwald, George Landry, B. J. Vega, C. M. Odell, Robert Dill and L. J. Echeverria yesterday made a trip through the flooded country in the interior of Assumption parish, on the west bank of Bayou Lafourche. The party left here at 4 o'clock a. m. and drove to a point in the rear of Klotzville, where they embarked in Paul Montecino's gasoline launch, in which they proceeded to Pierre Port Bay. They found the entire country submerged to a depth of several feet, with the water still rising slowly. Very few of the people residing in the Pierre Port neighborhood have moved away, and most of the residents are still occupying their homes, in which floors have been constructed above the reach of the water. Practically all the cattle have been moved out of the inundated region, but in various localities a number of cows were seen on rafts, these animals being milked daily by their respective owners. The party were entertained at dinner by the pastor of the Catholic church at Pierre Port Bay, and returned to Donaldsonville last night at about 8:30 o'clock.

A Heroic Rescue.

Whitney Rodriguez, the 18-year-old son of Adam Rodriguez, of Port Barrow, was rescued from death by drowning Wednesday through the heroism of Achille Loumiet, a young man about the same age. The Rodriguez youth was in swimming in the river near the coal tipple of the West Kentucky Coal Company, a short distance above this city, and was suddenly attacked by cramps. He cried out for assistance, but before anyone could reach him he had gone under twice, and was disappearing for the third time when young Loumiet, who was standing near-by, jumped into the water and caught him. After bringing the exhausted swimmer to the surface, the rescuer was assisted in getting the lad to shore by Percy Casso. Although barely escaping a watery grave, Rodriguez soon recovered from the effects of his dousing and is none the worse for the near-fatal experience.

A Substantial Improvement.

An eight-foot cement sidewalk was laid this week in front of the properties on the east side of Railroad avenue owned by Messrs. James Von Lotten August Braud and Paul Wutke, and occupied in the order named by The Chief, Drs. A. W. Martin and Amedee Mary, and Mr. Wutke. It is proposed to continue the pavement in front of the Elks' building site and the property of J. P. Kriegger, giving a continuous cement sidewalk from the corner of Iberville street to the corner of Mississippi street, and from thense to the corner of Lessard street.

This is a most substantial and noteworthy improvement, and one that will considerably improve the appearance and value of the various properties in the neighborhood. Other progressive property owners should follow the splendid example set by Messrs. Von Lotten, Braud and Wutke.

Houston, Texas, had a fire in the heart of its business district on the 19th of May that destroyed property worth a million dollars. The insurance aggregated about $400,000.

Democratic Delegates Appointed.

At a meeting of the Democratic parish executive committee held last Saturday at the courthouse in this city, the following delegates were appointed to represent Ascension parish at the Democratic state convention to be held in Baton Rouge June 4: George B. Reuss, C. C. Weber, L. A. Landry, Jr., J. G. Nargassans, Edward N. Pugh, Henry C. Braud, Walter Lemann, Dr. D. C. Brumfield, R. J. Chauvin, Dr. E. K. Sims, W. B. Stuart, James S. Barman, Victor Maurin, Charles Oschwald, E. D. Dixon, Charles Maurin, Edward C. Hanson, A. A. Kling, A. S. St. Amant, Lucien Gautreau, S. A. Marchand, C. Z. Blouin, S. W. Settoon, A. M. Marchand, C. D. Gondran, Edward Smith, Robert E. Dill, L. A. Ambeau, B. J. Vega and Achille Picard.

A resolution was adopted instructing the delegation to vote as a unit on all matters coming before the convention, in such manner as a majority of the delegates present may determine. The delegates were given no other instructions.

Henry C. Braud, of Burnside, introduced a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Robert Ewing, of New Orleans, for member of the Democratic national committee from this state. The resolution was seconded by C. C. Weber, of this city, who took occasion to refer in complimentary terms to Mr. Ewing's notable services in the cause of good government in Louisiana, and to strongly endorse his candidacy for the position of national committeeman. Mr. Weber moved the unanimous adoption of the resolution, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, Hon. Robert Ewing has on several occasions manifested his loyalty to the Democratic party by much labor and exertion, succeeding in raising a fund of twenty-five thousand dollars for the cause of Democracy in the national campaign of 1908; and,

"Whereas, he has, in the last state campaign leading to the primary of January, 1912, by strong editorials in his New Orleans Daily States and Shreveport Times, opposed the continuation of ring government in the state of Louisiana, and while not directly espousing the candidacy of Luther E. Hall for governor of the state, his exposure of the land transactions of one of the candidates for governor was unquestionably of great aid and assistance in the cause of Good Government; and,

"Whereas, immediately after the primary of January, 1912, there being no nomination in the first primary, he declared and offered his support and that of his newspapers to Hon. Luther E. Hall; and,

"Whereas, Hon. Robert Ewing has been a member of the national committee for the last four years and has always acted for the best interest of the state of Louisiana, and has served his people faithfully; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Democratic Parish Executive Committee of the parish of Ascension, in session this day, do hereby endorse his candidacy for the position of national committeeman on the national Democratic committee, and that the delegates elected by this committee this day be instructed to cast the vote of this parish for the Hon. Robert Ewing at the state convention in Baton Rouge June 4, 1912."

Weather and Crop Notes.

From the standpoint of its effect on the growing crops, the weather of the past week may be classed as entirely favorable, there having been an abundance of sunshine throughout the period, with just enough rain mixed in to do the most good. The precipitations, although local in character, seem to have visited nearly every section, and while there was not any immediate need of rain and the crops had not begun to suffer for want of moisture, still the downpours were welcome and will have a beneficial effect. Under the influence of the benign atmospheric conditions now prevailing, cane, corn and cotton are growing at a most gratifying rate, and lesser crops are likewise developing rapidly and promise good returns.

In some sections of the parish—notably at Donaldsonville and in the immediate vicinity—a very heavy rain fell Wednesday morning, the precipitation totalling 4.25 inches in the short space of about one hour and thirty minutes. A brilliant electrical display and high north wind accompanied the downpour, the disturbance being much in the nature of a tropical hurricane. No damage was done and not even the roads were harmed, the rain coming down so heavily as to pack the earth and cause an improvement in the highways, rather than affecting them to a contrary extent.

Syphons Again in Operation.

Two of the syphons across the dam at the head of Bayou Lafourche, which were closed down recently owing to the stage of water in the bayou being so high, were placed in operation Monday morning. The damming of the Cancienne Canal in Assumption parish, leading from Lake Verret to Bayou Lafourche, has had the effect of shutting off a considerable volume of water from the latter stream, and as an influx of fresh water was deemed necessary to keep the bayou in a sanitary condition, it was decided to again make use of the syphons at Donaldsonville for this purpose. Major F. M. Kerr, chief engineer of the State Board of Engineers, was here last Saturday and made an inspection of the dam and the bayou, and it was his opinion that the syphoning of water from the river should be resumed. Capt. V. Maurin, president of the Lafourche Basin Levee Board, issued the necessary orders and they were carried out Monday morning.

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PARTITION SALE.

State of Louisiana—Parish of Ascension—Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court.

Sam. Provenzano
Vs. No. 2001
Agnes Dorsey et als.

BY VIRTUE OF and in obedience to an order of sale, to effect a partition, issued by the above named court in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have taken into my possession and will sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, in accordance with law, at the principal front door of the courthouse of the parish of Ascension, in the town of Donaldsonville, on

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1912,

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

A certain lot of ground situated in the parish of Ascension, about three (3) miles below the town of Donaldsonville on the right descending bank of Bayou Lafourche, being bounded in front by Bayou Lafourche, in the rear by the Souvenir plantation, on the right by the property formerly of Mrs. John Medine, now of L. Provenzano, and on the left by the property of Luke Provenzano, and about one-quarter of an acre front, with all the depth thereto appertaining; together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and thereunto belonging.

Terms and conditions—Cash in United States currency.

E. C. HANSON,
Sheriff, Parish of Ascension.
Donaldsonville, La., June 1, 1912.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the District Court of the United States—For the Eastern District of Louisiana—Baton Rouge Division.

Petition for Discharge.

In the Matter of Frank J. Eikel, Bankrupt—No. 237 in Bankruptcy.

Order of Notice Thereon.

Eastern District of Louisiana, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

On this 28th day of May, A. D., 1912, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1912, before the said court, at Baton Rouge, La., in said district, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Donaldsonville Chief, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Rufus E. Foster, judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Baton Rouge, La., in said district, on the 28th day of May, A. D. 1912.

R. J. HUMMEL,
Deputy Clerk.

A true copy.
FRANK H. MORTIMER,
By R. J. Hummel, Clerk.
Deputy Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF PILOCE JURY.

Parish of Ascension.

REGULAR MEETING.

Donaldsonville, La., May 8, 1912.

The police jury of the parish of Ascension met this day in regular session, at the courthouse, and was called to order at 12 o'clock m. Present: Geo. B. Reuss, president, first ward; K. A. Aucoin, second ward; Henry L. Weil, fourth ward; L. W. Armitage, fifth ward; J. C. Klos, sixth ward; Oreal Gonzales, seventh ward. Absent—Adolphe Netter, third ward; H. A. Webb, eighth ward.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting were read, approved and signed.

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The following ordinance was read:

AN ORDINANCE.

An ordinance organizing and creating a drainage district composed of lands situated in the fifth, sixth and seventh wards of the parish of Ascension, state of Louisiana, to be known as the Bayou Conway Drainage District of the parish of Ascension; constituting said board of commissioners of said drainage district a body corporate with all the powers of a corporation, and carrying into effect the provisions of Act No. 317, of the general assembly of the year 1910, and the provisions of Article No. 281 of the constitution of the state of Louisiana of 1898.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, La., That whereas in the opinion of this body it is necessary and will be of immense benefit and conducive to the interest and welfare of the property owners of the fifth, sixth and seventh wards of the parish of Ascension, La., that a drainage district be organized and created, comprising lands situated in the fifth, sixth and seventh wards of the parish of Ascension, for the purpose of more readily draining said lands in said portions of said parish.

It is, therefore, ordained by said police jury that by virtue of and pursuant to the power vested in this body by Act No. 317 of the general assembly of the year 1910, all that part of the fifth, sixth and seventh wards of the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, embraced within the boundaries following, to-wit, shall constitute and form and be embraced in the limits of a drainage district to be known and styled: "Bayou Conway Drainage District of the Parish of Ascension".

Beginning at the upper line of Ashland plantation on the Mississippi river; then running along said river down to the upper line of Riverton plantation; then along the said upper line of said Riverton plantation to the back canal of said plantation near the forty arpent corner; then following the back canal and levee of the Riverton and Donaldson plantations to the lower line of Donaldson plantation; then along said lower line of said Donaldson plantation to its intersection with the eighty arpent line; then along the eighty arpent line to its intersection with section line between sections 38 and 41, in township 10, s r 3 east; then following said section line to the common corner of sections 36, 41, 37 and 42; then continue one-half mile in same direction; then north one-half mile; then east one-half mile to the east boundary line of township 10, s r 3 east; then north along township line two miles; then west one-half mile; then north one-half mile; then west one-half mile to common corner secs. 16, 17, 23 and 24; then north one-half mile; then west one-half mile; then north one-half mile; then west two miles; then north one-half mile; then west two and one-half miles, to the western boundary line of township 10, s r 3 east; then south one and one-half miles; then west along the north boundary line of section eighty to the rear line of Ashland plantation; then following the west boundary line of section eighty about three-eighths of a mile; then in a southwesterly direction across the Ashland field to the first headlight from the river; then northwesterly along said headland to the upper line of Ashland plantation; then southwesterly along said upper line to the point of beginning on Mississippi river.

(It is understood that when the district shall have been organized the work of dredging shall begin and be carried on from both ends of Bayou Conway simultaneously, or at some point at the upper end of the district that will include one or both of the canals known as Point and Wyatt or Company Canals).

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That there shall be five commissioners for said district, who, or whose wives, shall be a land owner in said district to the assessed value of five hundred dollars, whether he be a resident or a non-resident of the district, provided he be a citizen of the state. Three of said commissioners to be appointed by this body, two for a term of two years and one for a term of four years, and all selections by this police jury thereafter shall be for a period of four years; the remaining two commissioners shall be appointed by the governor of the state of Louisiana for a period of four years. The appointment of said commissioners shall be made upon the recommendation of not less than twenty-five property owners of said district, and the petition of recommendation shall state the amount of property owned by each of the petitioners and the same shall be attested by the parish assessor.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That said board of commissioners of said drainage district is hereby constituted a body corporate or body politic with all the powers of a corporation; it shall have the power and right to incur debts and contract obligations, and issue negotiable bonds therefor; to sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, and to do and perform all and all acts in its corporate name necessary and proper for the carrying out of the objects and purposes of this ordinance. The domicile of the drainage district is hereby fixed at Darrow, in the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, at which domicile it shall be sued and the service of citation shall be made on the president, either in person or at some person in charge of the office.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That the said commissioners, after having been duly appointed and qualified, shall convene at its domicile at Darrow, in the parish of Ascension, Louisiana, within fifteen days after the appointment of said commissioners, and shall proceed to organize by electing officers as follows: They shall elect from their number a president and a vice president. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over the meetings of the board and to perform such other duties as are usually required of presidents of corporate bodies. It shall be the duty of the vice president to act in the absence or in the presence of the president in case of absence or disability. They shall elect a secretary-treasurer and fix his salary. He shall perform all the duties required of him by the board of commissioners and furnish bond in a sum fixed by the board, and whose salary shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars per month. Said drainage commissioners shall select one of the solvent chartered banks of the state where all moneys shall be deposited, which bank shall pay interest at not less than three per cent per annum on all deposits of said drainage district.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the said board of drainage commissioners herein created shall have the power and it shall be their duty to open all drains which they may deem necessary in said district, and to perform all work connected therewith which they may deem necessary to make the openings of said natural drains effective. They shall also have the power to make contracts for the purpose and to approve and accept the same from the parties with whom the contracts are made, and shall have the further power of cutting and opening new drains and canals wherever and whenever deemed necessary. They shall have the further power to secure rights of way necessary for the cutting of canals or other works for the drainage of their district, and to do this shall have the power to bring expropriation suits and expropriate lands that may be necessary for the purpose of securing rights of way.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That the said board of drainage commissioners herein created may meet as often as they may deem necessary, provided that at least two meetings shall be held each year. All expenses of the administration of the said board, salaries of officers, etc., shall be paid out of the funds in the hands of the treasurer belonging to said drainage district, provided that the commissioners themselves shall not be allowed any compensation for their services as members of said drainage board, but may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in performing duties devolved upon them by virtue of their employment.

Section 7. Be it further ordained, etc., That all elections held and all taxes levied, all debts incurred and all bonds issued, shall be levied, held, contracted and issued in accordance with Article 281 of the constitution of the state of Louisiana, and the acts of the general assembly of Louisiana carrying into effect said article of the constitution.

Section 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That whenever any vacancy on said board of commissioners of said drainage district herein created, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, of the members of said board shall occur, the same shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made and for the unexpired term.

Section 9. Be it further ordained, etc., That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its promulgation.

On motion of Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Weil, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Reuss, Coleman, Weil, Armitage, Klos, Gonzales—7. Nays—none. Absent—Netter, Webb.

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The jury adjourned. C. C. WEBER, Clerk.