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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1894.

DEATH OF MR. H. McCULLOUGH.

Mr. Hamilton McCullough, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of this parish died at his residence near Waterproof last Thursday, Sep. 27.

Mr. McCullough had lived in the parish since his boyhood and having past the scriptural limit of three score years and ten was one of the few remaining links which bound the present generation to the early settlers of this parish.

He was widely known and esteemed and will be sadly missed in the community where he spent his long life and where every household called him friend.

We regret that we have not the material for a more extended sketch of this kind and amiable gentleman, good neighbor and friend and worthy citizen.

NO CHANCE FOR HILL.

There are a great many Democratic newspapers in the East who are predicting that if Senator Hill carries New York next November, he will become the leader of the national Democratic party, and nothing will prevent his nomination for the Presidency. These papers are mistaken. There are two things that will prevent the nomination of the New York Senator. One is the unpopularity and distrust he won, because of his course in the Senate during the fight over the tariff bill. The other is the settled determination of the Democratic party to nominate a Western man, and to make the West the battlefield in the next presidential campaign. The Democrats of the country have long desired to shake off the political domination of the State of New York, and the fact that Cleveland would have been elected in 1892 without the electoral vote of New York, put the party in shape to do it.

The National Democratic Congressional committee is fighting now on this line and are directing the campaign as to hold what the Democrats have gained in the States of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Senator Hill may carry New York, and it is quite probable he will do so by a large majority, but his victory in his own State will not win him the presidential nomination. He cannot expect and he will not get the votes of the Southern and Western delegates in the national Democratic convention, for the reason that while his ability and great leadership in the politics of New York is freely acknowledged, he is not regarded as a safe man or one in whose hands the destiny of the Democratic party should be entrusted.

If Senator Hill again becomes a presidential candidate he will be doomed to a disappointment as great as that which he suffered in 1892, when his ambition was humbled in the Chicago convention. It is impossible for him to enjoy the confidence of the Democracy of the country after the desperate efforts he made in the Senate to defeat any tariff legislation, on the rather slim ground of his opposition to the income tax, because the people are convinced that other motives actuated him.—States.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Tensas.

St. Joseph, La., Oct. 1, 1894.

Be it known that on this 1st day of October A. D., 1894, it being the first Monday in said month, and the day for the regular meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Tensas, the said Honorable Body met at the Court House in St. Joseph.

There were present—Hon. John Murdoch, President, Messrs. Eli Tullis, Henry S. Nichols, A. J. Gibson, Jr., J. B. O'Kelley and D. Mair, members.

Absent—H. C. Miller.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee composed of Messrs. H. S. Nichols, Eli Tullis and Hugh Tullis appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Parish Treasurer reported that they had examined and found same correct and recommended that the cancelled scrip presented by said Treasurer, as vouchers, be destroyed. On motion said report was adopted and said committee directed to destroy said scrip.

The following report was received To the Hon. President and members of Police Jury of Tensas parish, Louisiana.

Your commissioners appointed to lay out a public road from main ridge on plantation of J. W. Bailey and S. C. Young through said plantation to Tensas river beg leave to report as follows: That after having been duly sworn to lay out said road to the greatest interest of the public and the least injury to private property and to perform the duties imposed upon them justly and impartially and to the best of their ability they proceeded to examine said road and recommend that it be established to run as follows:

That said road begin on said ridge at a point opposite the house of Emanuel Washington, on La Trouve plantation, thence proceed in a Northwesterly direction to a point opposite the dwelling house on the Oakley plantation of J. W. Bailey, thence turning to the left and following the present road, known as the Johnson road, to the bank of Tensas river, this road being the same as was laid out by W. R. Baker and designated as "A-C" on his map and report which is annexed to this report and made a part thereof. As this road for its entire length passes over ground that is not capable of cultivation on account of the deep and broad sloughs, we estimate the damages as nominal and therefore assess one dollar.

D. D. MILLER, C. A. GOODEICH, S. W. MARTIN, MORRIS GOLDENBERG, A. E. NEWTON, R. D. SHELLEY, CHAS. WISE, Committee.

On motion said report was received and adopted, and it was further

Resolved, That said road as above laid out, together with the road along the bank of Tensas river, running from the point where the above described road reaches said river to Tensas Chapel be and the same is hereby declared a public road and the following hands shall work same, viz: hands of Bailey and Young, R. J. Eltringham, ball of Alex Eltringham, Oakley and Johnson.

A petition from the citizens of the 6th and 7th wards being received representing that they need an outlet, in the form of a road, to the Mississippi river and praying for the building of a ramp over the public levee on Road District No. 32.

On motion of Mr. Nicholls—Resolved: That a committee of three be appointed by the President of this board to investigate and report at next meeting the nearest and most practicable route from the intersection of the Texas road with the public levee to lower Waterproof landing, the distance from said point of intersection to said landing by going down the present public road behind the levee and

thence across said levee to said landing and the distance from said point of intersection out to chute and thence down bank of said chute to said landing.

Messrs. H. C. Miller, A. J. Gibson and G. C. Goldman were appointed on said committee.

On motion of Mr. Tullis the close season for quail or partridges was fixed to begin April 1st and end November 1st, annually.

Eli Tullis was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for this parish.

On motion of Mr. Nicholls the Sheriff was directed to notify the parties erecting gates across the public road in Districts 22 and 23 to remove same.

On motion—Resolved, That in order to carry out the provisions of Act No. 29 of 1894, all convicts in this parish coming within the provisions of said act shall be let or hired to a contractor for the term of two years beginning on Dec. 3d, 1894.

The contract for hiring said convicts shall be let to the highest bidder within the rate of wages fixed in Sec. 8 of said Act. The letting of said convicts shall be advertised in the Tensas Gazette for more than thirty days before the day on which said contract shall be let, to wit: Dec. 3d, 1894, and sealed proposals shall be invited in said advertisement for the contract for hiring said convicts. The Police Jury shall at its meeting on Dec. 3d, 1894, open said sealed proposals and award said contract, provided that they shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

On motion the following ordinance was adopted:

Be it ordained by the Police Jury, Parish of Tensas—

SEC. I. That for the purpose of more readily draining the lands therein the following described plantations be and the same are hereby created a drainage district to be known as the Lake Bruen Drainage District, to wit: Yeivers, ton, Sunnydale, Bellevue, Eastland, that part of Lakewood owned by A. J. Beaumont, Chetwynde, Botany Bay, Pleasant View, Waveland, Woodstock, Hollywood and Karitas.

SEC. II. Be it further ordained, That W. M. Davidson, A. J. Beaumont and Eli Tullis are hereby appointed Commissioners for said District.

SEC. III. Be it further ordained that an election be held at Restor's store, on Monday, November 5th, 1894, to take the sense of the voters entitled to vote in said Drainage District as to the levying of a tax of 15 mills on the dollar on all the immovable property in said district for the year 1894 for the purpose of raising funds to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

That C. W. Price, J. J. Restor and A. C. Watson, Jr. are hereby appointed Commissioners to conduct said election and certify the result to the Police Jury.

The following bills were allowed:

- Dr. Robt. Percy, services at inquest S. Johnson.....\$ 10 00
J. G. Harris, Repairing St. Peter bridge..... 5 00
C. C. Knowles, burial pauper, Mary Nelson..... 6 00
W.M. Seaman, 18 rank 1894 B. F. Bonney, assessr 1894 610 12
and freight..... 5 90
Dr. J. E. Slicer, view body, Henry Obatman..... 5 00
Dr. J. E. Sheer, Inquest and burial Israel Hill..... 19 00
Wm. Moore, mdse. lumber and nails..... 7 51
N. B. Hunter, lumber, nails and cash for bridges.... 35 60
W. C. Young, Sheriff, serv. subs. in Madison parish 10 00
W. C. Young, Sheriff, paid A. Wilson burying I. Hill 1 00
W. C. Young, telegrams criminal cases..... 2 70
W. C. Young, Sheriff, arrest and mileage State vs. Bridewell,..... 11 00
W. C. Young, Sheriff, arrest and mileage State vs. M. Sims..... 45 00
W. C. Young, Sheriff, pass. age 6 papers..... 9 00
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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

An election will be held at Restor's Store on Monday, December 5th, 1894,

to take the sense of the voters entitled to vote within the Lake Bruen Drainage District as to the levying of a tax of 15 mills on the dollar for the year 1894, on all the immovable property in said district for the purposes of said district.

The polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p. m., and all persons who own and are assessed for immovable property in said district are entitled to vote.

JOHN MURDOCH, President Police Jury. oct5 1nov5

PROPOSALS FOR HIRING CONVICTS.

Acting under the authority of Act No. 29, of 1894, of the General Assembly, the Police Jury of Tensas parish will receive until 12 m o'clock on

Monday, December 3d, 1894.

sealed proposals for the hire of all convicts from said parish coming within the provisions of said act, the term of the contract for such hire to be two years beginning on said 3d December, 1894.

On said day bids will be opened in public session of the Board and the contract awarded to the highest bidder.

Under said act convicts are divided into two classes. First class, males over eighteen and under fifty five years of age; second class, all other convicts, and the wages of convicts of the first class are fixed at between five and fifteen dollars per month and of convicts of the second class at between two and ten dollars per month. Bidders should indicate in their proposals the amount bid for the respective classes of convicts.

The contracts awarded by the Police Jury shall be subject to such rules and regulations for the working, guarding and safe-keeping clothing, housing and sustenance of convicts and for their discipline when idle or refractory, as the said Police Jury may from time to time adopt.

All proposals should be directed to the Clerk of the Police Jury at St. Joseph, La., and endorsed "Proposal for hire of convicts"

The Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board. JOHN MURDOCH, President. Hugh Tullis, Clerk.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT POLL TAXPAYERS.

The Attorney General of the State expresses the opinion "That under the provision of Sec. 5 of Act 128 of 1890, the Tax Collector has the right to seize the interest in or right of any crop growing or gathered, or whosever hands found, which farm laborers may have made under labor contracts, in which they agree to make a crop for a share thereof in lieu of wages."

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