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THE APPROACH OF DECISION DAY.

It remains for the people of Louisiana to determine at the polls some ten days hence, whether or not there shall be a great international exposition held in the City of New Orleans in 1915. If the people of the State refuse to back up New Orleans in her efforts to qualify for Congressional recognition as the Exposition City there will be an end of the matter and the greatest opportunity that has ever come our way will us by.

It cannot be impressed too strongly upon the public mind that the voters have it in their power to give New Orleans a winning chance in the fight before Congress, or to settle the matter finally and definitely favor of San Francisco. Congress will not award the Exposition to New Orleans unless the people show at the polls that they want it. New Orleans will vote overwhelmingly for the tax, but an adverse majority in the country parishes, even though that majority should be overcome by the city vote, will, by indicating dissentions on the subject among our own people, invite Congress to decide unfavorably to the Southern metropolis. A small vote in the country even though it should be favorable, would be dangerous: for Congress is not likely to force a great Exposition upon a people who are unwilling or indifferent.

The South and middle West are waiting to see what the people of Louisiana propose to do in this matter. Sentiment throughout these States is practically unanimous in our favor, and to whom the suggestion that there is opposition anywhere in Louisiana and to the insignificant tax proposed is inconceivable.

All through the Mississippi Valley and across to the Atlantic the people want the Exposition to be held in New Orleans because, they say, it will benefit their respective sections. That it will turn the eyes of the world to the great valley of the Mississippi and stimulate every interest, there can be no sort of doubt. That it will do more for Louisiana than for any other State is equally undeniable.

As has been pointed out, the tax is so insignificent that it is impossible for it to furnish an honest basis for opposition to amendments number One and Two on the official ballot. When a dozen eggs will pay the tax on a thousand dollar assessment it is puerile to speak of it as a burden even to the poorest farmer.

In the preparation of this Exposition, nations, states, corporations and individuals outside of Louisiana will put in five dollars for every one we spend on it, and the attractions presented will bring many millions of people to Louisiana who otherwise would never come to the State. These have to be sheltered and fed, and the farmer is the man who produces the material with which to feed them.

Decision day is near at hand, and it is imperative to emphasize the fact that a vote against the two opposition amendments is tantamount to a vote in favor of locating the exposition at San Francisco.

District Court, with the Grand Jury empanelled for this term, convened in St. Joseph on Monday. The list of members composing the Grand Jury and the report of that body are published elsewhere. The Judge's charge to the Grand Jury was indeed most forcible and dwelt principally on concealed weapons, concubinage, violation of the game laws and a few other matters of public nuisance. The first two subjects were handled by the Court without gloves, and the Jury was specially charged to return indictments where evidence justified. On the whole the charge of the Court was able, clear and forcible and made deep impression on not only the Jury but the entire Court.

Mr. Howard Clark, Jr., returned this morning from South Louisiana where he went for the negro James Grant, wanted here on charge of shooting with intent to commit murder, having shot one Mose Harper, Jr., some time back. After the shooting Grant escaped arrest by leaving the parish, but got into trouble again and was sent up from Morehouse parish for burglary and got four years in the pen. Mr. Clark located him in Capt. Hood's camp, opposite Angola. He stands good chance of getting additional time.

Proceedings of Fifth Louisiana Levee Board.

DELTA, LA., Oct. 12, 1910.

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session at Delta, La., this day.

There were present:

C. A. Voelker, E. J. Hamley, East Carroll parish.

W. H. Ward, J. T. McClellan, president, Madison parish.

G. C. Goldman, B. F. Young, Tensas parish.

J. H. Lambdin, Concordia parish.

Absent: B. B. Parham, Concordia parish.

N. H. Lewis, secretary, Madison parish.

A quorum being present, the board proceeded to business as follows:

The reports of the President and Secretary were received, read and ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner G. C. Goldman the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Walter H. Hoffman, assistant engineer, appeared before the board and discussed levee conditions in the district.

Proces verbal of letting by board at New Orleans, La., on September 15th, 1910, of Windemere, Claremont and Cocodrie levee was read and ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner Ward the board adjourned to next regular meeting.

J. T. McCLELLAN, Prest.
N. H. Lewis, Sec'y

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Delta, La., Oct. 12, 1910.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners Fifth Louisiana Levee District.

Gentlemen—There has been nothing but hot weather and dead fish in the pits to interfere with levee construction since the last meeting of the board, but these have been somewhat against the progress of the work; however, all new levees except Ingefild have been completed; all work now being done is enlargement.

CAVING BANKS.

The caving of banks continues at Atherton, Mascot, Milliken's Bend, Duckport, Reid, Biggs, Hard Times, Kempe, Sycamore, Kinmore and Fairview; in fact, there is continuous caving in all the bends; it is probable that some temporary work will have to be done at Atherton, Sycamore, Kinmore and Fairview.

Temporary loops become necessary from several causes: First, to await developments to see that work will be required after a caving bend shapes itself; second, because there is not time to build a permanent line before the old levee caves in, and, third, on account of lack of funds.

MAINTENANCE, COST AND REPAIR.

The levees have been cleared of weeds, bushes and logs, and other debris which prevent the growth of bermuda grass (the great protector of levees against rain and wavewash.

Crops are being gathered and so soon as they are harvested hogs will be running at large, depredating on the levee and doing considerable injury by rooting. I urge all planters for the protection of their own fields and the levee that they ring all hogs on their property.

I take this early opportunity, so no one will plead lack of notice and time, to call attention to all rice planters bringing water over the levee for irrigation, that laws governing the use of syphons (over the levee) will be strictly enforced. Blue prints with specifications will be furnished on application to this office.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.

There is a growing interest by the Mississippi River Commission in revetment work and I feel sure that if sufficient appropriations are made that all the caving bends will be revetted and the levee line made permanent. In doing this it will probably divert a greater amount from actual levee construction, which will require local levee interests to build, maintain and repair the levees. I sincerely hope that the general government will eventually take charge of all river improvement work, butt he time is not yet, and there must first be a greater sentiment created throughout the whole country for general river and harbor improvement.

The greatest force in creating this sentiment is the national rivers and harbors congress, which has a membership in every city, county and state in the Union. Hon. Jos. E. Ransdell, congressman from the Fifth congressional district of Louisiana, is president of this organization, and one of the most potent factors in the interest of river and harbor improvement, by actively and ably championing the cause of rivers and harbors in every part of the United States until he has become known everywhere as one of the great leaders in this movement.

The state of Louisiana is as much interested in river and harbor improvement as any state in the Union, and I urge this and every levee board in the state and every citizen to lend active influence towards forwarding the work of the national rivers and harbors congress, and creating a sentiment which will be felt in the national halls of congress and even in the White House.

The police juries, in some instances, are particeps criminis in deprenating on the levee, by riding and driving, because of its failure to build good roads. The sentiment of the people in the Fifth Louisiana Levee District is for levee protection and they always stand ready to assist the levee authorities; the police juries should recognize that it is not an indication of a good board to spend no money, but what does constitute one is economical spending of taxes collected for improvents beneficial to all the public. Good roads are the most generally useful, the best advertisement and the greatest promotion to religious language that can be given to the people for their money; be economical, but build roads should be the sentiment of all the police juries, and by so doing the levee district, and by so doing the levee district, through its levee board would be assisted in the maintenance and care of the levees.

For financial condition of the board I refer to the report of the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. McCLELLAN,
President Board Commissioners, Fifth Louisiana Levee District.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Osborne of the Tensas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Blanche, Monday.

Miss Lila Hunter of Waterproof spent last Sunday morning in St. Joseph as the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Clarke and Miss Lanius.

Mrs. J. G. Rucker of Bombay spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. Lanius, who returned with her to Bombay on a short visit.

The many friends in St. Joseph of Miss Hallie McAllister of Waterproof will be greatly pleased to learn of her improvement and practical recovery from recent severe illness.

Mr. Collins McKenzie, of New York City, is visiting his cousin, Mrs. M. L. Davidson, in Waterproof, and spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davidson, in St. Joseph.

Mr. Henry C. Skinner is soon to join the benedicts. Henry has been living at Eudora, Arkansas, for several years, but seems to have had a good deal of business at Lake Village too, where his intended resides. Henry is to be married on the 25th inst. and will spend his honey moon in St. Joseph. The Gazette extends congratulations in advance.

NOTICE.

I AM APPLYING FOR A PARDON.
JOHN RICHARDSON.
Oct. 20, 1910.

Trespass Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that "TENSAS BLUFFS" is posted against hunting. By permission.
LAKE ST. JOSEPH HUNTING CLUB.

Trespass Notice!

NO HUNTING ALLOWED ON SCHOOL Section.
BEN Y. NEWELL.
Newellton, La., Oct. 10, 1910.

Trespass Notice.

NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING on "ST. JOHN" Plantation. All violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
G. L. SANDERS.