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Will There be Two Tickets?

The following editorial from the Franklin Vindicator-News, which is considered the personal organ of Senator Caffery, would plainly indicate that the Jacksonians are to enter the State campaign as a distinct and independent party:

"We are unalterably opposed to any affiliation with the Regular Democratic organization; we intend to make an independent fight outside of the party; we are not in the fight to preserve the Democratic Party now; we are after restoring the political rights of the white people of this State without the consideration of party. If the Jacksonian Committee gets a white Democratic primary with all concession, the Vindicator-News will part company with the Jacks and stick to its original fight; we want a clean cut independent ticket for which every white man of this State can vote, be he Democrat, Republican or Populist; we are all white men and it is left to the white men to redeem this State from ring rule and political corruption. This is a white man's government and not a government of the Democratic Party. The Vindicator-News is Democratic to the core; it believes that the principles of Democracy are just and eternal; but when it comes to the question of who shall vote and who shall not, the only politics we have is white supremacy in its broadest and most comprehensive meaning; white supremacy for the purpose of seeing that every qualified white voter in Louisiana can have the right to vote according to his idea of right and wrong and not by the assistance of a political machine. If a majority of the white people of this State are Republicans and want a Republican administration, we believe in giving that class a fair, square deal. An honestly elected Republican is infinitely better than a machine made Democrat.

"Let us establish a correct system of election and registration laws before we harp about 'the party.'"

"Let us destroy the Democratic machine before we seek to defend the party. When this is accomplished, there will be no stronger Democratic organ in Louisiana than the Vindicator-News. With equal rights and fair play in elections, both general and primary, in this State. The V-N. will cast its fortunes with the Democratic Party, but until proper safeguards are thrown around primary elections, and the laws are simplified and made intelligible to every honest white man, we propose to fight outside the Party. To go into a Democratic primary at this time will be like a cook going into the trap to catch the trap. We will have none of it.

We think it very questionable whether the visiting statesmen who have been stumping the city of New Orleans in the interest of the regular ticket had any business there. It is a municipal campaign and the people of that city should be left to work out their own salvation. While fully appreciating their talent we don't imagine Bob Snyder, Sam McLawson, Tom Kernan and the several other illustrious gentlemen, can throw a very powerful searchlight into the political gloom whereby the voter can see more clearly under which boss he should enlist. True, the Jacksonians conspire to overthrow the administration. But if they triumph in the city election, despite the heavy fire of all these great guns, how much keener will be their joy, and with what crushing sorrow will defeat come to the mighty fallen.

We hereby return thanks to Hon. Jos. G. Medlenka for a copy of his book entitled "a compendium of useful Legal information taken from the Laws of Louisiana." It is a fine piece of work and should be in every house. It is ten times worth the price of 50c, which is asked for the same. Address the author at Crowley.

Let the Good Work Proceed.

With almost periodic regularity the Times-Democrat gives to the public a blood curdling account of murder and assassination occurring in Tangipahoa parish and follows it up with one or more vigorous editorials calling for the enforcement of law in that parish. If any one has yet been brought to justice as a result of these well meant efforts it has escaped our memory. The fact of the business is Tangipahoa has a jof lot of as tough citizens as ever went unbug and in due course of the somewhat slow and tedious process of evolution they are "shuffling off this mortal coil" as Shakespere bath it, and from live bad men are being transformed into good dead men (and possibly—if we can pierce the veil of eternity with the eye of speculation, we may there behold them all radiant in the train of Lucifer.)

In all due respect to the good people of Tangipahoa, for we sincerely believe there are numbers of people there who in the point of intelligence, morality, love of law and order, are the equals of the citizens of any other part of the State, we hold that the Times-Democrat is wasting its energies in a hopeless crusade against an evil that is self limited and will cure itself. Instead of making frantic appeals to the officers of the law to arrest and imprison these midnight prowlers and assassins, our city contemporary should offer a gold medal to the gentleman holding the highest record and thus encourage as much as possible the extermination of these gentry who believe in settling their little differences by sneaking into a clump of bushes by the roadside and filling the other fellow full of buckshot as he passes along. When they have been sufficiently thinned out by the above mentioned process, the good lawabiding citizens might take a day off, and coralling what was left hang them. We feel that the remedy we have indicated will not meet the sanction of our confere, but have the pleasing certainty of its popular endorsement when we get the news of the next assassination in bloody Tangipahoa.

Just now the Jacks and the Regulars are indulging a great deal of mud slinging in the municipal campaign in New Orleans. They have even lugged in old cockeyed Ben Butler as an issue. Old Ben is dead and his soul in all probability will turn up in hell, but he had more sense in a minute than these job lot chin musicians would possess if they lived till the crack of doom. Yea, more that, Butler kept the streets of the city clean and stamped out the yellow fever while he was in charge. The Flower administration has been nursing Yellow Jack for the past three years, and squealing about the quarantine. Butler had an undue fondness for spoons, but when it comes to hygiene and handling yellow fever, the gentleman now in charge of the city can't touch him.

Col. Geo. S. Dodds, a carpet bager from the State of Mississippi is one of the Jacksonian orators doing duty on the hustings in New Orleans. The other night he uttered the monstrous lie that "Gov. Foster had appointed 70 of the 85 members of the State Central Committee." No one objects to legitimate criticism, but when it is considered that the members of the Democratic State Central Committee are chosen by the delegates elected by the people to the State nominating convention, and are not appointed at all, it will be seen that Dodds is a very common place liar and yields to the impulse on the slimest provocation.

New Orleans is now in the midst of an exciting municipal contest. It is the regular Democracy vs. the Jacksonians, and the State campaign stands prominent in the background. Election comes off Tuesday, November 6th.

Two battles have occurred in South Africa between the Boers and British and the former were defeated each time with heavy loss.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, 17th Judicial District Court—No. 397—Parish of Vermilion. Succession of Clairville Landry. Application of Arsenue Leblanc to be appointed administrator of said succession.

Notice is hereby given to parties interested, or having any opposition to make to the application of said applicant, to file the same in the office of the clerk of the district court within ten days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal of court this 25th day of October, 1899. ALCIDE LEBLANC, Clerk of Court.

School Board Proceedings.

ABBEVILLE, LA., Oct. 7, 1899. The Board of School Directors in and for the parish of Vermilion met this day in regular session. The members present were Messrs. O. Bourque, Geo. Hayes, P. Dupre Leblanc, Dupre Meyers and Anselme Theall. Members absent—D. H. Hunt and Felix Broussard. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the Finance Committee were read, adopted and ordered published as follows:

Finance Committee Reports. ABBEVILLE, LA., Sept. 12, 1899. Report of Finance Committee on standing of Sheriff on rolls of 1898. Amt col budget June, July & int \$ 39 75 Amt poll roll 1898, July and Sept 30 00 Amt bal roll 1898. 13 00 Amt com diff cash book Dec 49 97

Credited by following receipts. Aug 7—by 37.77 com 1.95 total 39.75 Sept 22—by 59.85 com 3.14 total 62.99 " " poll 28.50 com 1.50 total 30.00 137 74 Bal. to his credit. 02

J. R. KITCHELL, W. P. MILLER. ABBEVILLE, LA., Sept. 22, 1899. Report of Finance Committee on standing of sheriff fines to date. 504 91 Amt net bal roll F O 28-99

Credited by the following receipts By Receipts of par treas 7-1-99 100.89 Amt per set time in jail is em 220.82 321 12 To amt bal due on fines this date 183 79

Your committee would respectfully report that the sheriff claims cred for fine imposed on Nicholas Broussard for \$100, selling liquor without license, which your committee refused to allow and the amt of bal due shown in this report is net so com to taken out, same having been deducted by us. Respectfully.

J. R. KITCHELL, W. P. MILLER. 9-23-99—Your committee have to report that the sheriff is entitled to the following receipt of par treas of this date, which includes the fine of Nicholas Broussard. 183 79

Bal on fines to date. 000 00 J. R. KITCHELL, W. P. MILLER. ABBEVILLE, LA., Sept 23, 1899. Report of Finance Committee on standing of sheriff on rolls of 1898.

Amt roll 1898 and poll. 10,657 27 Amt int on Feb col. 27 03 Amt int on March col. 12 75 Amt int on April col. 15 37 Amt int on May col. 9 12 Amt int on June and July col. 8 25 10,724 89

Credits Receipts of par treas to date 9470 03 Uncollectable. 870 00 Double and erroneous asmt 19 00 Sold to State. 38 00-10,397 03

Amt bal due rolls of '98 E & O E \$277 86 W. P. MILLER. Poll collected in June and July 1899 on Roll of 1898.

June 5—Olivier Nunez. 1 00 Cleodmire Dellaboussaye. 1 00 Edward Bontie. 1 00 David Dominique. 1 00 Robert Vice. 1 00 Pierre Broussard. 1 00 J O Labit. 1 00 Serville Labit. 1 00 Clay Labit. 1 00 Arthur Pratt. 1 00 Louis Montgomery. 1 00 Michel Benoit. 1 00 Moise Herpin. 1 00

June 12—B. H. Lyons. 1 00 June 25—Ben Leblanc. 1 00 July 8—Gus Herbert. 1 00 Antoine Gary. 1 00 W B Stansbury. 1 00 Sept 5—A Broussard. 1 00 James Foster. 1 00 F Buchanan. 1 00 Severne Mallet. 1 00 S Trahan. 1 00 Adam Mallet. 1 00 Cleobule Souinat. 1 00 F W Primeaux. 1 00 John Pierre. 1 00

Sept 15—G Thibodeaux. 1 00 J M Montaux. 1 00 J B Mallet. 1 00 Checked from Sheriff's receipt stubs and not found on his cash book.

J. R. KITCHELL, W. P. MILLER. The report of the committee on assignment of schools for the session of 1898-1900 was read and adopted.

On motion of Geo. Hayes duly seconded the President O. Bourque was authorized to bring suit to enforce collection against all parties who owe and are indebted to the School Board of this parish for rents of school lands, provided said indebtedness be due.

On motion of Geo. Hayes duly seconded the trustees of the Perry school were permitted to rent out the school building at Perry, and to employ the rents therefrom in defraying the expenses of leasing any other more suitable building for the accommodation of the school at that place; provided it be done without costs to this Board.

On motion of Geo. Hayes duly seconded a school was ordered opened in the Fifth ward on land of Dolze Trahan on the public road about three miles north of Cossinade; provided the patrons of that school comply with existing regulations of this board in such cases.

On motion of P. Dupre Leblanc Martin Bagley and Edwin Lee were appointed trustees of the Ramsey school. On motion of Geo. Hayes duly seconded Wm Graham, Gustave Leblanc and Leonce Perret were appointed trustees of the Gustave Leblanc school.

On motion of Geo. Hayes duly seconded the president and secretary of this Board were authorized to sell the school property in said town of Abbeville, provided it be to the advantage of said Board to sell the same. On motion of Geo. Hayes duly seconded the president was authorized to buy sufficient crayon for the schools of this parish. The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Jno Nugier, mdse for Perry school from Oct 18, 1898 to Jan. 9, 1899, \$1 05. R. J. Ewing, Abbeville Hardware & Imp. Co. Ltd assgs, for digging well and furnishing materials Ramsey school \$12 70. Abbeville Hardware Co Ltd mdse from July 28th to Oct. 5, 1898, \$15 50. J. W. Shanks 4 days Ex com \$12 00. J H Raffle repz cistern Moss school \$2 75. J R Kitchell 13 days com work \$32 00. Eubertie Richard digging well etc. \$4 25. W P Miller 8 days com work \$24 00. Geo Hayes 2 days attending school board meetings including this meeting and one day com work \$7 00. A J Golden 4 days com work \$12 00. The bills of E. H. Mills Drug Co. and of the Crystal Ice & Bottling Co. were referred to the finance committee for examination. There being no further business the meeting adjourned sine die. O. BOURQUE, President. J. R. KITCHELL, Secretary.

Probate Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court—No. 393.

Successions of Anastasie Lemaire and Oleus Lemaire.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale granted by the Hon. 17th Judicial District Court aforesaid, in the matters of the above entitled and numbered succession, and a commission to me issued thereunder, there will be offered for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of the deceased, all the property belonging to said succession, or so much thereof as will be necessary, for cash on the day of sale, to pay debts thereof, on

Wednesday, November 29, 1899, between the hours prescribed by law, the following described property to wit: A certain tract of land situated in the parish of Vermilion, being the south half of the southeast quarter, of section (23) twenty-three, in township twelve, south of range two east, containing Eighty 48-100 acres.

One dwelling house, one kitchen, one small corn crib, two plows, one scraper, 25 panels fencing 4 pieux, 16 panels 3 pieux and one lath, 41 panels 3 pieux and one wire, 106 plank 6 inch wide by 16 feet long, two cows and calves, one bay horse, three hogs, one stove, two branding irons, one shot gun, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

JEAN EMILE BOUILLEON, ADELAIDE LEMAIRE, Co-Administrators. Abbeville, La., October 28, 1899.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Louisiana—Parish of Lafayette—1st Justice's Court—No. 59.

Leon Plonsky vs. Luc Breaux.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me issued in the matters of the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last highest bidder at the principal front door of the courthouse in this parish on

Saturday, November 18, 1899, between the hours prescribed by law, the following described property, seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

One certain tract of land lying and being situated in Vermilion parish on the west side of Vermilion River, being bounded on the north by Marquart and Dunlap, south by Alcee Benoit, east by Paul Broussard, said tract containing 30 acres of land.

Said property having been offered for sale for cash, and not having brought the required two-thirds of the appraisal, said property is re-advertised to be sold on 12 months credit; purchasers to furnish their notes with two solvent sureties in solido, bearing 8 per cent per annum interest from the day of sale until paid, and a sufficient amount to be paid cash to cover all costs.

Sheriff's Office, Abbeville, La., Oct. 28, 1899. J. O. HERBERT, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court—No. 1259.

Laura Bodin et als vs. J. A. Gibson.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by the Hon. 17th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of Vermilion, in the matters of the above entitled and numbered suit, fully authorizing me to seize and sell, I will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the principal front door of the courthouse in this parish, on

Saturday, December 2, 1899, between the hours prescribed by law, the following described property seized to satisfy said writ, to wit:

One certain tract of land lying and being situated in the parish of Vermilion, containing one hundred and twenty four arpents, more or less, measuring four arpents front, more or less, by thirty-one arpents deep, more or less, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon situated and appertaining thereto being the Schexnaider tract in the Marin Mouton grant, and bounded north by Chas. Baudoin tract hereinafter described, east by Cleophas Vincent, south by Primeaux tract, west by Amilda Gibson, wife of Zack Griffin, being the same property acquired by said J. A. Gibson from John Lemaire and Joseph Lemaire by act of sale executed before Leo Perrot, notary public.

An undivided one-eighth interest in and to that certain tract of land lying and being situated in said parish being the Chas Baudoin tract in the Marin Mouton grant measuring four arpents front by forty arpents deep, being bounded north by Mrs. Beloni Baudoin, south by the tract described above under item thereof, west by public road and east by

Terme—Cash. Abbeville, La., October 21, 1899. J. O. HERBERT, Sheriff.

Notice.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 21, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Dist. Court of Vermilion parish, at Abbeville, La., on November 6, 1899 viz: H. E. No 15784.

LAWRENCE BROUSSARD, for the lot 1, Sec. 9, lots 1 and 2, Sec. 10, lots 1 and 2, Sec. 3, lot 1, Sec. 2, Township 16 S., R. 1 E., La. meridian. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Auldin Vincent, Edmond Vaughn, Jacob Vaughn, Livodais Vincent, all of Vermilion parish, Louisiana. WALTER L. COHEN, Register. September 30, 1899.

Public Sale.

State of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court—No. 390.

Succession. Elodie Abshire.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale granted by the Hon. 17th Judicial District Court aforesaid, in the matters of the succession entitled, and numbered as above and of a commission issued to me thereunder, there will be offered for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the late residence of the deceased in this parish, all the property movable and immovable of the community heretofore existing between said Elodie Abshire, deceased, and Daphnis Labris surviving spouse, for the purpose of paying debts of said deceased and said community, on

Wednesday, November 8, 1899, between the legal hours prescribed by law, the following described property belonging to said succession, to wit:

One certain tract of land situated in the parish of Vermilion, containing 40 acres, more or less; designated as the southwest quarter of northeast quarter of section eighteen, township eleven, south of range two east.

400 lbs. of wire fencing and oak posts, 1900 lbs. on lands belonging to separate estate of the deceased, one potato house, one unfinished buggy house, 110 panels fencing 3 planks and one wire with posts, 48 panels plank fencing, 2 old horses, one pair creole mules, one white face horse, one mare, one filly, two year old, one American mare and colt, one cow and calf, one two year old heifer, one big hog, 4 hogs, one buggy, one wagon, 5 plows, 1 double plow, 2 small harrows, 1 large harrow, one blacksmith shop, 1 lot blacksmith's tools, 1 lot carpenter's tools, 1 stove with cooking utensils, 1 sewing machine, one gun and many other articles too numerous to mention, on the following terms and conditions, to wit:

All adjudications of ten dollars or less, to be for cash, all adjudications in excess of ten dollars to be paid one-half cash on the day of sale, the other half to be on a credit of one year, purchasers to furnish their notes for the credit portion of such price, payable one year from date to the order of the administrators bearing eight per cent per annum interest from date, with the usual stipulations for 10 per cent attorney's fees thereon in case of suit or the notes are put in the hands of an attorney for collection after maturity; purchasers of movable property on credit to furnish two good and solvent securities on their said notes to the satisfaction of the administrators, and vendor's lien and privilege and a special mortgage to be retained on all lands sold to secure the payment of the credit portion of the price thereof, and which thereafter are not to be sold alienated, hypothecated or in any manner encumbered to the prejudice of the aforesaid rights.

ELEZIA LABRI, FELIX MEAUX, Co-Administrators. Abbeville, October 7, 1899.

Partition Sale.

STATE OF Louisiana—17th Judicial District Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 1274.

James E. White et als vs. L. R. Lyons et als.

By virtue of a decree of sale to effect a partition, granted by the Hon. Judge of the 17th Judicial District Court aforesaid in the matter of the above entitled and numbered cause, and a commission to me issued thereunder, there will be offered for sale at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of courthouse in the town of Abbeville, La., on

Thursday, November 23, 1899, between the hours prescribed by law, the following described property, to wit:

One certain tract of land situated in said parish on the west side of Vermilion Bayou, containing seventy (70) superficial acres, swamp and prairie land and on which is an orange grove, it being particularly described and designated as lot No. 2 of Edwards' survey as per plat annexed to act No. 3937 of conveyances of said parish and forming part of irregular section No. 44, (formerly section 18) of T. 11, S. of R. 2 W. On the following terms and conditions, to wit:

One-third of the purchase price to be paid cash on the day of sale, and the remainder to be paid in equal annual instalments in one and two years from the day of sale, creditors to furnish their notes for the credit portion payable one in one year and the other in two years from the day of sale, conditioned to bear eight per cent per annum interest from maturity, and ten per cent additional as attorney's fees in case of suit or in the event that they be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection after maturity; said notes to be made payable to the order of the purchasers and to be endorsed by them in blank, and to secure the same a vendor's lien and privilege and a special mortgage is to be retained on the land sold which is to be adjudicated subject to the pact de non alienando.

Sheriff's office, Abbeville, La., Oct. 21, 1899. J. O. HERBERT, Sheriff.

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