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ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE preventing the roaming at large of live stock within the limits of 5th ward of Vermilion Parish.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Vermilion parish in regular session convened, That all owners of live stock, such as horses, cattle, sheep, mules, goats, Hogs, or any other live stock are hereby forbidden to allow them to roam at large within the limits of that (5th) fifth ward of Vermilion parish La.; And at that the owners of aforesaid stock found roaming at large shall be responsible for all damages done by the said stock, (or animals) to crops or fields of other persons, and it shall be lawful for the owners of any crops or fields damaged by said animals to pen them, and take proper care of them and shall immediately advertise said animals in at least three places in the neighborhood for ten days describing such animals and advertising them for sale to the highest bidder, by said taker up or some person he may select, on a day, hour and at a place specified in said notice, for the payment of all the damages done by said animals and the expense of keeping same, which damages shall be assessed by two disinterested parties, one to be chosen by the taker up of the animals, and the other by the owner if he can be found and if not found, or refusing them, by the taker up said animals may be sold to the highest bidder after ten days notice as aforesaid, and the damages and expense to be paid out of the proceeds of sale and the surplus, if any be paid into the parish treasury; Provided that the owners of said animals may at any time before said sale, or paying the assessed damages, and expense take said animals, otherwise they shall be sold as above provided by such taker up or such person as he may select. This ordinance to take effect after due publication.

Adopted Dec. 12, 1904.
E. M. STEBBINS, President.
J. N. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent the killing of, or otherwise destroying the alligators within the limits of Vermilion parish.

Be it ordained by the police jury of Vermilion parish in regular meeting convened, That it shall be unlawful for any person to kill, or otherwise destroy the alligators or to have in possession hides thereof, within the limits of Vermilion parish, for a period of five years from the publication of this ordinance; and that to better enforce the observance of this ordinance it is further ordained that a fine of \$25.00 be imposed for each and every violation thereof, and upon the failure of party paying fine, then they shall be condemned to work on public roads of this parish for a period of thirty days; said fines to be imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction.

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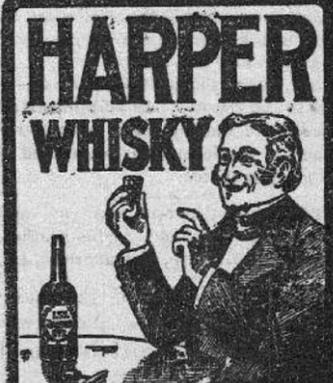
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WATERWORKS ELECTION

The Vote Will Be Polled on March 28

On another page will be found the ordinance adopted by the council at its last meeting, ordering a special election to be held in Abbeville on March 28 to vote on the proposition to issue bonds to build and maintain an electric light and waterworks plant.

The council has gone over the ground to be covered by this bond issue very carefully and conscientiously; and the proposition they have evolved is of utmost concern to every resident of the city, whether a tax-payer or not. The question is whether we are going to continue as we are, without adequate fire protection or the convenience of a waterworks system, or whether the property holders are unwilling to contribute the small mite required to furnish these necessary improvements. We do not believe the tax payers are so blind as to attempt to defeat the measure.

It requires money to make a city and that money must come from the city itself, yet in every case, the city returns to its people all the money invested in its improvement with interest. It is a plain matter of business to provide these things, else they would not be taken up by our neighbors to such an extent. Whenever a city possesses a waterworks system, that system has been paid for with the people's money, yet who regrets the expenditure? It is necessary to the growth of any town.

The time is now when Abbeville requires an efficient water supply. The delay of a few months may mean the loss of thousands of dollars. We want to urge upon every property owner the importance of going to the polls on election day and voting for this measure, in the meantime using your best influence with your friends to induce them to do likewise. If any opposition develops, it will be well organized, therefore begin now to avert such a thing. Each one of you is directly interested. Work for waterworks.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Interesting Description of Counting the Electoral Vois

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9—The official count of the electoral vote for president can occur but once in four years and it is always an interesting spectacle, sufficient in Washington to overcrowd the galleries and this time, as usual, thousands were turned away, unable to get within hearing.

The ceremony occurs in the hall of the House of Representatives, it having a greater seating capacity than the Senate Chamber. With impressive ceremony the electoral vote was counted and the election of Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Warren Fairbanks was announced, after tellers on the part of both branches of the National Legislature had formally found correct the returns of the electors in the several states. Of course, everybody has known the result since November, but Roosevelt and Fairbanks were not actually elected until yesterday.

The notable assemblage in the gallery included Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the president's family; Mrs. Fairbanks, members of the diplomatic corps, and the wives and families of senators and representatives, with as many more fortunate persons as were able to gain admittance. Senator Fairbanks was not present.

There was perfect silence when Senator Frye, presiding in the house, took from a polished hardwood case, which an attendant unlocked, a document bearing red and gold seals. He passed a paper cutter through the wrapper and handed it to a clerk, who in turn passed it to Senator Burrows, one of the tellers. Senator Burrows announced that he held in his hand what appeared to be a legal and duly authenticated record of the state of Alabama cast for Alton B. Parker, of New York, and Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, for president and vice-president of the United States. Democratic applause followed this announcement. At this moment Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, rose and said that in view of the fact that there would be no contest, he believed it would be proper to dispense with the reading of each return of the electors and that the simple statement of the vote would be ample, which was agreed to. The second state whose vote was announced was Arkansas, and again democratic applause was heard after the formal announcement that Parker and Davis were the choice of the electors from Arkansas.

Then came the vote of California and it was handed to Senator Bailey, of Texas, who was the chosen teller on the democratic side. When the vote was declared for Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Warren Fairbanks, there was applause on the republican side. Again when Maryland was reached, republican applause again broke out, for of the eight electoral votes of Maryland, one, that of

Mr. Charles Bonapart, was given for the republican candidates. The declaration of the vote of Missouri for Roosevelt and Fairbanks created a storm of applause from the republican side and all eyes were fixed upon Senator Cockrell, whose seat in the senate will probably be filled by another man as a result of the landslide of that hitherto staunch democratic state to the republicans. The applause lasted for more than a minute and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., in the gallery, was one of the most strenuous in his approval.

The declaration of thirty-nine votes from New York for the Republican candidates was another occasion for jubilation, and for some time the reading of the results from the Eastern states, Pennsylvania, and the states of the Middle West made republican applause somewhat monotonous and fatiguing, but finally it came Senator Bailey's time to read a certificate of election. Senator Frye handed him the report from the electors of that state of which it is said that General Sheridan said if he owned it and hell, he would live in hell and rent the state out. Applause from both sides of the chamber greeted the Texas senator when he impressively declared that the electoral vote of the state of Texas had been cast for Alton B. Parker and Henry G. Davis. The announcement of the electoral votes of all the states required nearly an hour.

Wyoming, the last in the alphabetical list, was finally read and President pro tem Frye counted the tally sheet and announced at the conclusion that the record showed that the whole number of electoral votes cast was 476; that of these, 239 were a majority; that Theodore Roosevelt had received 336 votes for president; Charles Warren Fairbanks, 333 votes for vice-president; Alton B. Parker, 140 votes for president and Henry G. Davis, 140 votes for vice-president, and he then made the simple announcement that this record should be deemed a sufficient declaration of the election of Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Warren Fairbanks, and that it should be made a portion of the journal of both Houses.

Federal Judge Swayne, of Florida, has made formal response in the Senate, through his counsel, to the articles of impeachment made by the House of Representatives, and admits every fact charged but denies having violated the law. As nearly as we can recall, the judicial gentleman is charged with almost every crime on the calendar in some form or other, and if he committed all of them without violating the law he ought to be hanged before he has a chance to give the snap away. Such a genius at evading the law is a menace to the public safety and should not be allowed at large—Baton Rouge State.

The question of a new state house for Louisiana is being agitated. This will likely bring about another of Newt's million-dollar bond schemes. He is determined to round out his career brilliantly.