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Two New Industries To Locate In Bogalusa Soon

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COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$200,000 BOND ISSUED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Suggest That A Lower Light Rate Be Given And The Advantages Of Municipal Ownership Are Many-- They Report In Full

On Monday afternoon, the Citizens Committee made a report to the Commission Council regarding municipal ownership, the purchasing of schools and other improvements. The committee recommends a bond issue of \$200,000 and their report in full is as follows:

Bogalusa, La., December 27th, 1915. To the Hon. Mayor and Commissioners, City of Bogalusa, La. Gentlemen:-

We have been called upon to put before you the question of the probable purchase, by the City of Bogalusa from the Great Southern Company, of its Water and Sewerage Systems.

We wish to lay before you our version of the matter, just as things appear to us, not in any way trying to influence any of you, either one way or the other, but to let you know what we know and let you decide for yourselves, or for the people of Bogalusa we might say, as to whether this purchase would be the right thing. We have weighed the subject very carefully, the good it might do, on the one hand, for convenience, protection, sanitation etc., and on the other hand, the cost of these systems to the City of Bogalusa, and how it is to be paid etc.

Upon investigation and testing the sentiment of the people, we find that there are three conflicting opinions in connection with this subject:-

FIRST:- To purchase the Water and Sewerage Systems at any price, their argument being as follows,

That it is certainly not very pleasant for one to be sitting on his front porch at night and have the wagon that takes up this sewerage go by, carrying with it the most terrible odors one can imagine, and again they bring up the point that in many parts of town, the method of disposing of the sewerage is not even as good as that by wagons, as it left right on the premises, which is very disagreeable and most unsanitary. These same people have expressed themselves as being in favor of making this town the cleanest and healthiest in the United States, and they realize that in order to accomplish this, it is necessary that the City own the water and sewerage systems, and give this service to every part of town, thereby getting rid of the uncleanness.

These same people look at this

proposition from a financial point of view, and figure that if we have a big corporation paying approximately 75 per cent of our taxes, a very small margin of taxes is left for them to pay. They also realize that their insurance rates would be much cheaper as the city would be raised from the Fourth Class to the Second Class, this alone meaning many thousands of dollars saved to the community.

SECOND:- We find that the majority of the people in this class agree to a certain extent with the above, but are not willing to vote for a bond issue, unless it is the plan of the Administration to have enough money to extend the systems to all parts of the city, giving the citizens in the thinly settled sections the same conveniences enjoyed by those in the thickly settled sections and not making approximately 75 per cent of the people pay for the conveniences enjoyed by the other 25 per cent.

THIRD:- We find that these people will not consider the proposition under any circumstances and are without any arguments.

It has been very gratifying to us to hear these people, in all three classes, express their willingness to have a bond issue and vote for it, for better schools, but it is necessary for us to consider the bond issue, not only for the schools, but for the other utilities as well. The Administration argue, and rightly, that the three go hand in hand, and one without the others would be of little benefit to the community. They also claim that it is a hard matter for a municipality to dispose of a second issue of bonds, as it is in the case of an individual giving a second mortgage on his property, the holder of the first mortgage always having preference over the second, and on this subject we are in accord with them.

After consulting a great many people among whom are very prominent citizens of this city, as well as financiers, we submit the following suggestion as to the amount and distribution of the proposed bond issue:-

For school purposes.	\$80,000
For City Jail, which is very badly needed.	5,000
For fire protection, including apparatus and building.	24,000
For Purchase of Water and Sewerage Systems.	91,000
TOTAL BOND ISSUE	\$200,000

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LOOK FORWARD TO 1916 WITH GREAT HOPES--MAYOR SULLIVAN

TO THE CITIZENS OF BOGALUSA:

I take this opportunity of wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and also to express my very great appreciation for your assistance during the past year in keeping the city clean and helping preserve good order. Bogalusa has the reputation of being the cleanest city for its size in the State. We all ought to be very proud of it.

We are all looking forward to the year with a great deal of hope, believing that we are going to have some new industries in the town which will add very much to its population and prosperity.

I am very happy to be the Mayor of the City because of the universal feeling of all the citizens that we boost Bogalusa at all times and in all places.

W. H. SULLIVAN,
Mayor City of Bogalusa.

GREAT SOUTHERN TO BUILD PLANT WHICH WILL BE LOCATED ON COLUMBIA STREET NEXT YEAR

That Bogalusa is designed to become one of the leading manufacturing cities of the state and that not much time will be lost in making further headway is demonstrated by the announcement that the Great Southern Lumber Company will, during the coming year, erect a plant to utilize part of the waste from the mill. Details are lacking as to the kind of a plant that will be erected, due to the fact that the directors are undecided as to which of the plants they will erect first. However, it is certain that one plant will be built this year and the location of the first plant has already been decided upon. The new enterprise will be located on Columbia street, just opposite the Bogalusa Laundry. Most likely it will be a paper mill, which will make a product similar to that known as Beaver Board. Recently a carload of pulp was shipped from Bogalusa to a Canadian mill where a test was made which is reported to have been satisfactory. It is also known that the Great Southern Lumber Co., have expended several thousands of dollars to get reports on how to utilize

the enormous waste at the Worlds Greatest Mill and the reports show that far more is wasted than saved.

"The owners of the Great Southern Lumber Co. are now operating the mill and they are planning on how to save the waste. We have planned to build a plant during the coming year, but to give the exact kind and number it will employ, I am not prepared to state at present," said General Manager W. H. Sullivan.

State Officials Here

Members of the staff of the State Board of Health arrived in Bogalusa Christmas day in a special car where they look after interests connected with the State Board of Health.

To Make New Year Welcome

The New Year will be ushered into Bogalusa with the usual celebration. Many watch parties and dances are planned and Miss 1916 will be made welcome by all residents of the Magic City.

MAKE WEEK OF JANUARY 3 PAY-UP WEEK IN BOGALUSA

Everybody get in line for Pay-Up Week. The neglect to pay a bill, in nine cases out of ten--yes, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred--is due to carelessness. Very few men mean to be dishonest.

The country has had its Clean-Up weeks. It has had its Paint-Up weeks. It has had its Go to Church Sundays. Now there has been instituted a Pay-Up Week slogan. The idea seems to have hit a popular chord. Do your part in helping along the good work. Communities which have taken up this slogan and carried it out to a finish have marveled at the results. It has brought unusual prosperity in its immediate wake.

What has been accomplished in other communities can be accomplished here. Everybody pull for Pay-Up Week. Look your neighbor in the eye. Get the dollars in circulation. Pay up every penny you owe. You'll find that is anything if owed to you it will be forthcoming. Paying up, paradoxical as it may appear to some, will be a cheerful process. Your conscience will be clearer. Your slate will be clean.

There is nothing like setting a good example. When you pay your debts others will pay theirs. Prompt payments stimulate business.

Be a business stimulator. Do your part to make Pay-Up Week a success. Pay up your debts. Others will pay theirs. A long pull and a hard pull for Pay-Up Week.

COL. PLEASANT WILL SPEAK HERE ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 10

Insisted That Meeting Be Called Off Tuesday Night So That Citizens Would Not Expose Themselves-- Many Made Friends

Rather than have the people of Bogalusa expose themselves to an attack of the lagrippe or pneumonia and considering their health for more important than his own success Col. Ruff G. Pleasant prevailed upon his managers to call off the big meeting which was to have been held at the Y M C A on Tuesday evening, assuring them that he would return to Bogalusa on Monday evening January 10th. However 40 or more people braved the storm despite the fact that the meeting was called off to meet Mr. Pleasant and assure him of success.

The two days whirlwind trip of Col. Pleasant through Washington Parish was a decided success despite the weather. At every place he visited unusual crowds for political meetings were on hand and it is stated that the two days spent in this Parish equalled any reception any candidate has ever received. The first meeting was held at Rio where it is estimated that 60 or more voters heard Col. Pleasant and at the other nine towns he was greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences.

The meeting at Franklinton on Monday night is reported to have been extraordinary large, the court room being taxed to its capacity. During his trip of the Parish Mr. Pleasant explained to the satisfaction of all his stand on the liquor issue and stated he had been misquoted when papers stated that he would veto a prohibition bill.

Mr. Pleasants made many votes and enthusiastic workers by his visit in Washington Parish as a result of his tour.

To Ex-Gov. J. Y. Sanders is due great credit for the crowds and the success of the meetings.

NEGRO KILLS ONE, WOUNDS ANOTHER, THEN FIRES HOME

Ellis Plowman, a negro who was paroled from the State Penitentiary, killed John Nelson, colored, shot Jas. Brooks, also colored, then locked his dog up in his home and set fire to the building on Christmas Eve in Poplar quarters of this city. No cause has been given for his act except that he was supposed to be under the influence of liquors.

He succeeded in eluding the officers for a day but Sunday Sheriff Simmons located the negro about 8 miles north of Franklinton and when Mr. Simmons attempted to

arrest the negro he opened fire on the sheriff. Latter in the day the negro was again located and captured by a posse headed by Sheriff Simmons. Plowman is being held at Franklinton and has made no statements as why he done the shooting. He will come up for trial at the next term of court.

Business Almost Double

That conditions are rapidly improving and that the people of Bogalusa find splendid values each week at the Public Market is shown by the fact that the sales on market days have increased from \$160 per day to over \$300. If you have not been attending the public market, make it a point to do so each week. The sale will be held Friday this week on account of New Years Day, but Saturday is the regular market day.

Refunds Money

The Commission Council in a special session Monday afternoon refunded the management of the Magic City Theater \$50 license money, this amount being paid when "Henpecked Henry" appeared a few days ago. It was decided that the license was covered by the license already paid by Mrs. Blanchard.

Work Progressing Nicely

Work on the three new bungalows in North Bogalusa are progressing nicely and all will be completed by latter part of next month. Sec'y Dobbs reports that many more homes are being planned and that he expects 1916 to be the greatest year in the history of the Bogalusa Building & Loan Association.

Dorsey Child Injured

Ryder, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Dorsey of Richardsontown, sustained a broken ankle on Christmas day, when a motor cycle fell upon him. He is resting well, but it will be several days before he will be able to leave his room.

Pay Taxes Today

If you have not paid your school tax you had better do so today or tomorrow, because after that date they will become delinquent.

BOGALUSA ALMOST CERTAIN TO GET BIG VENEER PLANT--DECISION COMES EARLY NEXT WEEK

Bogalusa is practically assured another industry in the near future, when a veneer plant will be located here by S. T. Alcus and Co., of New Orleans. Mr. Alcus and a party of friends visited Bogalusa Tuesday, and despite the fact that there was a heavy downpour of rain every minute they were in the city they were favorably impressed as the Magic City being the logical place for their plant and they will return

next week when they will make a definite announcement. Mr. Alcus and party were shown over the city by Mayor Sullivan, D. T. Cushing and M. L. Weuscher.

It is stated that the Alcus Co., have already purchased their machinery and that when they make their decision next week that work will begin on the erection of the plant without any delay.

PAPER MILL WILL POSTIVELY OPEN DURING MONTH OF JANUARY SAYS GEN. SUPT. C. R. WOOD

"I do not care to set the exact date the paper mill will start but you may state that some time during the month of January that the mill will begin operation" said Major C. R. Wood, Gen. Supt., of the Louisiana Fibre Board Co., to the Enterprise yesterday. "Most of the improvements have been completed and little remains to be done but we want to have everything in perfect condition before we announce the exact date so that no one will be disappointed" he added.

When the million dollar plant does start it is certain to be a busy scene for there is a big demand for their product and the output for the first thirty day has already been sold. The plant will give employment to at least 200 men, 50 of whom will be skilled labor.

The improvements which are nearing completion were started several months ago and the cost is estimated to have been many thousand dollars