

SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS.

It is admitted that there has been no systematic effort made to bring the merits of our rich soil, genial climate, and other material advantages before the world of home-seekers. Except in the instance of the Southern Pacific railroad and the Watkins syndicate, no effective efforts have been put forth, and these companies have been instrumental in bringing in a large immigration, but these efforts have been confined to Calcasieu parish. That parish is to-day settled by a thrifty and intelligent set of people, just that kind that make the prosperity of a country. From being way down in the scale that parish is to-day well up, and all because her people have spent the time and means necessary to correctly inform the world, just the sort of country they have got.

We do not believe the statement that the lands of Lafayette are by far more fertile and better adapted to the growth of a larger variety of plants, can be successfully controverted, yet for every immigrant that stops in our parish, Calcasieu receives fully 500, and the reason lies in the fact that they know absolutely nothing of our lands.

No one can with justice feel jealous of Calcasieu; she deserves every immigrant that steps within her borders, because she has gone after them, and she should reap the benefit of her labors.

In penning this article we simply wish to show that the prosperity of the parish depends entirely on the efforts of her people, and that the mention of Calcasieu is for the purpose of showing that her growth and prosperity came, not by any element of chance, but solely by intelligent effort on the part of her people, and teaches a lesson well worth emulation.

THE ASSESSMENT QUESTION.

To equalize assessments so that every object upon which it is placed will bear equal and exact proportions of justice, without detriment to any, has been a vexed question and a source of annoyance to the assessors who mean to do their duty strictly according to law.

But it seems the law is of such a nature that in spite of the best intentions some injustice creeps in, but to what extent in the aggregate it is hard to say. It has been demonstrated by some newspapers in the State that while the small land-owner pays taxes on a full valuation of his property, the large and rich land owner generally escapes with a moderate assessment.

Some time since The Gazette read a statement wherein it was alleged that the assessment placed on a large estate was \$10 an acre, and on the residence, costing \$5000, at only \$1000; while on the other hand, a small farmer owning 50 acres was assessed at \$10 an acre and on his shanty costing \$300, the amount was fixed at \$250, a proportion out of all reason.

There may be many such instances throughout the State for aught we know. It is in just such cases where the wrong creeps in, and it is to correct this evil that the press of the State are agitating a discussion having in view the creation of a law that will make assessments uniform upon the value of property.

It is not too much to hope that the legislative commission recently appointed to suggest needed amendments in the organic law of the State will find it within the scope of their duties to pay some attention to this important question.

A system that will permit a reasonable assessment on the real value of property would, no doubt, prove an efficacious remedy to the present defective manner of reaching a true and correct assessment on actual values.

Our Royville correspondent says that he intends to go right on agitating the question of placing his town in the telephone circuit. That's right, keep on pegging away. But The Gazette would suggest to the people of Royville that they get together and open up communication with Mr. Hogsett, in New Iberia, and we have no doubt he will heed their appeal. Get together.

THE CONVENTION

HELD FOR THE DISCUSSION OF ROAD AND IMMIGRATION MATTERS.

Proves a Success, and a Permanent Organization Follows.

In response to the call issued by the Business Men's Association of Lafayette, to the Police Juries of the parishes of Southwest Louisiana, delegates from Acadia, Calcasieu, Iberia, St. Martin and Lafayette, met at the residence in this town, last Wednesday, to discuss matters relating to Roads and Immigration, and perfected a temporary organization by calling Julian Mouton to the chair, and selecting C. D. Caffery as secretary.

The roll of delegates was then called, and showed the following representatives present: Acadia—F. S. Lowrey, S. Scott, J. G. Medlenka, and B. K. January. Calcasieu—E. M. Bowers and L. O. Hills. Iberia—J. L. Mattingly, Capt. C. T. Cade, and J. M. Woychick. St. Martin—C. Delhomme, Dr. F. R. Martin and A. V. Fleming.

Lafayette—W. B. Torian, C. C. Brown, J. E. Mouton, A. Landry, C. N. Satterfield, Wm. Campbell and D. C. Caffery.

The election of permanent officers being in order, on motion made and carried Chas. Delhomme was elected president, and C. D. Caffery, secretary. C. D. Caffery was selected permanent secretary.

The president then called on the members to open up the discussion, and to express their views on the subject of road and immigration, for which purpose he understood they had met.

Julian Mouton, J. G. Medlenka, W. B. Torian, C. Delhomme and J. E. Mattingly spoke on the road question, and some interesting matter regarding same was brought out, and wise suggestions advanced.

Upon motion of C. O. Mouton, it was decided that the delegates present organize a permanent association to be known as the Southwest Road and Immigration Association. This motion being adopted, the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions suitable to the organization of said association: W. B. Torian, C. C. Brown, J. E. Mouton, I. N. Satterfield, C. D. Caffery, C. O. Mouton.

It was further suggested that the committee make the following report which was adopted: Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention:

We your committee appointed on resolutions, would respectfully recommend— 1. That you effect a permanent organization to be known as the Southwest Louisiana Road and Immigration Association. Said association to be composed of three members from each parish.

2. That the object of said association is declared to be to promote the adoption of the best measures and methods towards maintaining a good and thorough public road system throughout Southwest Louisiana, and to induce desirable immigration.

3. That this convention do now proceed to select the members of said association to be known as the Southwest Louisiana Road and Immigration Association, and that the committee of the State, requesting the appointment of a like representation in said permanent organization.

We further suggest the ultimate extension of this association so as to invite and secure the co-operation of all parishes of the State. 4. That the chair appoint a committee of three from the delegates present to call upon the State Commission on Constitutional Amendments and on the General Assembly of the State to urge the changing and remodeling our laws on the subject of roads.

5. That we would suggest the creation of State and local road boards with the right of local direct taxation. 6. That our representatives and senators in the General Assembly are specially requested to take into consideration the questions touching our road laws.

7. That we further recommend that the association specially requests the governor of the State to call at an early date a State Road Convention.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. TORIAN, C. T. CADE, C. O. MOUTON, J. L. MATTINGLY, DR. F. R. MARTIN, J. G. MEDLENKA, P. S. LOVELL.

The following committee was appointed to call upon the State Commission, who are empowered to suggest changes in the organic law and the General Assembly of the State to urge the changing or remodeling of the laws relating to public roads: C. O. Mouton, C. T. Cade and J. G. Medlenka. E. M. Powers, W. B. Torian and Dr. F. R. Martin were appointed a committee to correspond with the Police Juries of the parishes unrepresented and urge that representatives be appointed to attend the next meeting.

Monthly School Reports.

The Gazette would have been pleased to publish the report of every school in the parish. Those below indicate steady progress, and we have no doubt that every school in the parish would show as fair a percentage:

To the Lafayette Gazette: Herein enclosed find a monthly report of the Mouton Switch Third Ward School for the month ending June 16th. Average daily attendance, boys 11 13115, girls 10 10115.

Total 22 815 Number of boys enrolled in school 17 Number of girls enrolled in school 14

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To the Lafayette Gazette: Herein enclosed find a monthly report of the Pilet School 7th ward, Lafayette parish. Number of pupils enrolled during the month ending June 16th, 1893: Boys 31, Girls 26, Total 57.

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in the boughs above, like so many shafts of silver, adding beauty to the scene and the running higher and thither of gayly attired children, their shouts and laughter, ringing through the woods left a memory that will not soon be lost.

At one o'clock covers were spread along the green sward, and children and guests were invited to partake of a meal made up of the outpouring of over seventy baskets. Imagine the assortment.

Everything was choice and dainty and although there were many healthy appetites to appease, all were provided for.

After the feast those with musical inclinations were entertained by a duet charmingly rendered by Misses Emma and Lula Jones. Miss Birdie Palmer also sang a beautiful solo.

The event, of the day, the one that so fully spoke of the efficient and painstaking training of Mrs. Glenn, and Prof. Heichelheim, were the recitations of several little boys.

The applause accorded Master Dalton Courtney's recitations of the "Burial of Sir John Moore," was well deserved, Master Dalton is a very bright lad, and a good representative of the Carencro school.

The recitation of Masters Henry and Valsin Guidroz, were well rendered. The recitation concluded with a song entitled, "The Animals," was given perfectly by Master Luke Crouchet, Carmelis Sonnier, Louis Maynon and Leonce Prejan.

Hon. H. E. Toll, parish superintendent of public schools, was present and much pleased, and expressed his satisfaction at the wonderful progress of the pupils.

At half past five, the merry picnic party started for home all feeling that they had spent a most happy and enjoyable day. D. ***

We hope our citizens will continue and agitate and urge the Railroad question, and not let that matter drop, when we have it nearly in our grasp. We want that branch road from Cade and we must get it.

Farmers! have you any idea of the value your lands would be worth? Do you not yet realize that it pays no one to raise cotton? Are not all sugar sections, on the road to prosperity? And with your rich and fertile lands, you would in the course of a few years be independent, and not depend on that "credit system," which is a ruin and drain to you and families.

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THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT It might appear monotonous to The Gazette, and its many readers, as weekly we have something to say about a telephone line. But, the fact is, that we need one, and unless we get it, will make it a point to worry you still more.

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT Come One, Come All. On Tuesday June 27th and attend the Lawn party in front of the M. E. Church South given by the Ladies and for the benefit of the Church.

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT We heard an old farmer remark the other day that he did not like these continuous rains, as it is sometimes a forerunner of the dreaded caterpillar. This one of the times we hope the sign will fail.

Found Estray. A brown beef, about six years old, has been in my pasture for three years. Braided P. A. Owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay costs, and take him away. ALEX. DUMON. Lafayette, La., June 14, 1893.

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