

Demand of Administration.

Succession of T. F. Caillouet—17th Judicial District Court, Lafayette Parish, La.—No. 2133.

Whereas, Annette Burguières, Widow T. F. Caillouet, of Lafayette parish, has filed in this court an application praying to be appointed administratrix of the above succession. Therefore public notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause, if any they have, in writing, within ten days from the first publication hereof, why the application prayed for should not be granted.

E. G. VOORHIES, Clerk of Court.
June 11, 1898.

Taken Up.

One sorrel horse, with white forehead, and lower part of hind leg white. Owner can have same by proving property and paying costs.
JAMES ANDRUS, Lafayette, La., May 20, 1898.

To Whom It May Concern.

The Supreme Court having recently passed favorably upon the constitutionality of the law governing the practice of medicine, surgery and midwifery in this State, I hereby give warning that any person violating said law, will be prosecuted without further notice.

J. D. TRAHAN, M. D., Member of State Board of Medical Examiners.

Constable's Sale.

By virtue of the authority in me vested by the parish stock law, I, the undersigned constable of the sixth ward, have taken into my possession and will sell to the last and highest bidder, for cash in Carcero, between legal sale hours, on

Saturday, June 25, 1898, the following described property:
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S. J. BREAUX, Constable Sixth Ward.
June 18, 1898.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Times Democrat: There is an earnest demand on the Legislature to place primaries under the control and guardianship of the law, to protect them against every form of fraud, and to make them as formal and as sacred as the final elections. It is claimed that one, two or three persons can control a mass convention, or even a delegate convention, and that a ring or combination can do it if a few individuals cannot. The people are not consulted; but when the ticket has to be voted for or else the vote of the individual lost, he surrenders his own choice and votes for the nominee of the supposed party authority. The charge is freely made that the few individuals who do control conventions are animated by selfish purposes, and have in view their own personal advancement and aggrandizement. This is asserted to be the conviction of the masses, and is the reason why so little interest is taken in elections as a rule. It is proposed to extend the primary election to the nomination of all officers who have to be elected by the popular vote. The ablest leaders of the press say that this can be done and ought to be done in Louisiana. It is asserted that the Democratic party should adopt this policy and let it mark the beginning of a new era in the politics of the State. It is believed that the Democratic party can greatly strengthen itself in the confidence and good will of the people by providing for the making of all nominations by white primaries.

Daily States: Referring to a saying of Chauncey M. Depew—one of the keenest of political observers—that the most extravagant and reckless jingoes of this country are in the pulpit, the Philadelphia Record says that on a recent Sunday in New York these beaters of the pulpit drum ecclesiastic had a genuine celebration of the policy of imperialism. One of them, the Rev. Justin D. Fallon, is reported to have announced that "he had stayed with God all day Sunday" and had His personal assurance that the war, if made one of conquest of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, would be the doom of the Romish Church. Another worthy denounced the opposition to Hawaiian annexation as treasonable and as inspired only by the Sugar Trust. And other pulpit beaters of tom-toms and acrobatic flingers of ecclesiastical flip-flaps brayed forth similar utterances. "And yet," says the Record, "by popular courtesy these people are called 'reverend.'"

Daily States: It is estimated that the pension payments for the current fiscal year, ending on the last day of the present month, will amount to \$149,334,000, but a much larger sum will be paid out next year, as the estimates of the War and Navy Departments are already beginning to loom up. The pensions are going to increase instead of being reduced in number as a result of the present war. It is impossible, as the great Napoleon once remarked as he glanced over a battlefield strewn with dead men, to make an omelet without breaking some eggs, and certain it is that the armies of this country will not be able to take possession of Cuba and Porto Rico without suffering a loss of thousands of men killed and wounded and before the end of the next fiscal year applications for pensions will keep the officials of the department at Washington very busy.

New Iberia Enterprise: Complaints have long been made that the great corporations, such as railroads, express, sleeping car, telephone and telegraph companies in Louisiana escape paying their just share of taxation. To remedy this in part, Mr. M. H. Carver of the committee on taxation, secured the insertion into the new Constitution of a clause under which the Legislature is empowered to tax such corporations under what is known as the unit rule. Under this method, the legality of which is now firmly established by repeated decisions of

the U. S. Supreme Court, each State values the entire property, both tangible and intangible, of every such corporation whose lines lie partly within the boundaries of that State, and then assess the corporation at an amount in the same proportion to the total value, that the mileage of the line in its boundaries bears to the total mileage of the company's lines. In this manner the franchises of the corporation can be taxed. These franchises are so valuable, that New Jersey is said to raise all of her revenue for State government purposes by a tax on corporations, leaving her lands, improvements and personally subject only to taxes for country and municipal purposes. Many other states are now imposing this tax. One of the latest is Missouri which in this way has recently made the discovery that her railroads instead of being assessed at \$74,453,630 as they had been heretofore, should be valued at \$221,719,496. From these figures it is easy to perceive how greatly this would lessen the taxes on other property if adopted in Louisiana. Indeed there are few measures now pending in the Legislature of such vital importance to the tax-payers of the State, and Mr. Carver deserves the highest commendation for the gallant fight he is making against these tax-dodging corporations. And if this bill should be defeated, we trust that it may become an issue in the next campaign.

Gueydan News. After many years Louisiana has come into line with a Railroad Commission, as have already most of the other States of the Union. While Louisiana needs development as only railroads can bring, yet these railroads must be under careful legal management or their natural aggressiveness will tempt them to override the rights of the people and the ordinary processes of the law have been found too difficult and too slow for the proper safeguarding of these rights. To maintain these rights the Interstate Railroad Commission was established ten or twelve years ago, and since that date most of the States have followed with State Railroad Commissions for the control of the railways within State limits. Under our new State Constitution a railway commission of three persons is to be elected next November to represent the three several districts into which the State is divided. Without having considered the limits carefully we believe that the first district coincides in limits with the combined first and second congressional districts; the second district with the third and sixth congressional districts, and the third district with the fourth and fifth Congressional districts, and the commission will be elected at the same time as the congressmen.

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