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### Attorney General's Opinion.

The saw mill men of Grant parish having refused to pay the license levied by the last legislature, on the ground of its unconstitutionality, Sheriff Swafford addressed a letter to Attorney Gen. Cunningham relative to the matter, whose answer we give below.

The understanding, we believe, with the mill men, is that they will be governed by the Attorney General's opinion, which is as follows:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
New Orleans, La.,  
April 11, 1899.

**M. E. Swafford, Esq., Tax Collector, Colfax, La.,**  
Dear Sir—Your favor of March 31st found me sick in bed, I am just now trying to resume work.

In reply I have to say that, in my opinion, a saw-mill is not a manufactory, and the owners of a saw-mill are not engaged in manufactures, within the meaning of Article 229 of the Constitution; that, therefore, they are not exempt from the payment of licenses, and Section 11 of Act 171 of 1898, p. 408, is not unconstitutional, in so far as it imposes a license upon saw-mills. Yours truly,

**M. J. CUNNINGHAM,**  
Att'y General.

### Wants to See Something Done.

Colfax, La., April 14, 1899.

**Editor Colfax Chronicle:**  
The Wind Companies, Unlimited, (Town Talk included) have about had their inning on gas, wind, jaw and cheek, and it is pretty sure a steamboat line and railroad line directly interested are paying for all this gush. We will have no road unless we get the Edenborne. Let these people at Montgomery and Colfax get together and confer specially with the Red River Valley Road projectors. It is time to act. CINNAMON.

The speck of war in Samoa, and the continued brushes with the Insurgents in the Philippine Islands, still furnish big headlines for the city dailies. It is evident, however, that hostilities are drawing to a close in both quarters, in spite of all sensational reports to the contrary.

### Sheriff Swafford's Settlements.

Sheriff M. E. Swafford carries the banner for the closest collection of taxes ever made in Grant parish, and, for that matter, in any parish in the State, we believe.

He has collected more than 100 per cent of the rolls filed with the Auditor. For the State he was charged up with \$8,076 63, on which he has collected \$8,162 58, and for the parish he was charged up with \$13,491 05, on which he has collected \$13,604 73.

The overplus of collections is made up from additions to the omitted tax list. This remarkable result was attained with only four forced collections. At the tax sale last Saturday all delinquents were found to have settled up except four parties, which is the smallest tax sale ever made in Grant parish.

Below we give his sworn statement for settlement with the State and parish for taxes of 1898, viz:

**M. E. Swafford, Tax Collector, debtor to W. W. Heard, Auditor, taxes 1898:**

Amount of Rolls of 1898..... \$8,076 63  
Additions since filed..... 78 58  
Com. on \$147 54, errors, etc..... 7 37  
Total..... \$8,162 58

**CREDITS.**  
Amt paid October settlement..... \$194 11  
Amt paid January settlement..... 4235 93  
Amt paid March settlement..... 2898 60  
Amt of errors, insolvencies, etc..... 147 54  
Amt of my com. 5 per cent..... 407 76  
Check on Bank of B. E..... 193 61  
Total..... \$8162 58

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct statement of all State taxes collected by me for the year 1898.

**M. E. SWAFFORD,**  
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector for Grant parish, Louisiana.

**M. E. Swafford, Tax Collector, debtor to the Parish of Grant, 1898:**

Amount of Rolls of 1898..... \$13,461 05  
Additions since filed..... 130 58  
Com. on \$254 49, errors, etc..... 12 42  
Total..... \$13,604 73

**CREDITS.**  
September settlement ph tax..... 166 35  
October settlement..... 323 67  
November settlement..... 576 90  
December settlement..... 6,463 38  
January settlement..... 3,706 35  
February settlement..... 637 50  
March settlement..... 487 16  
Errors, insolvencies, etc..... 245 90  
Com. on rolls & addition to roll 679 60  
Amount to balance..... 317 90  
Total..... \$13 604 73

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct statement of all the parish taxes collected by me for the year 1898.

**M. E. SWAFFORD,**  
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector for Grant parish, Louisiana.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this April 11, 1899.

**W. L. SHACKELFORD,**  
Clerk Dist. Court.

### President McKinley on April 11th

issued his official proclamation giving notice that the war between Spain and the United States is over. The formal exchange of the treaties ratified by the respective governments took place at the White House, and the proclamation was immediately issued.

The parish of Tangipahoa has been having war over the attempt of some of the saw mills to employ negro labor over white. The Gills and the Bammers, who led the fight, in which several have been killed, have surrendered and been admitted to bail, but it is feared that the patched up peace will not last long.

### Judge Hunter Under Orders.

Judge Edwin G. Hunter, of the Tenth District Court has been ordered to preside over the Twelfth District Court. This order was issued by Chief Justice Nicholls, of the Supreme Court of this State. It is the first order of its kind issued by the Supreme Court under the provision of the new constitution, enacted by the constitutional convention. This new law gives the Supreme Court the power to appoint the judges of one district court to preside over the court of another district judge when the judge of the district in which the court is located is ill.—Daily Item.

The law for the collection of the poll tax continues to be unsatisfactory in its results. Sheriff Swafford reports polls collected and accounted for in Grant parish, as follows:

Polls collected..... 1255  
Removed, over age, dead, etc..... 129  
Total..... 1384

The clerk of the court has also collected 250 or 300 polls, making, say, 1664 polls accounted for out of about 2300 listed. For the other six hundred or more the schools will realize nothing at all. We doubt if any more satisfactory result will ever be obtained unless the poll tax receipt as a prerequisite to voting is adopted.

### TO RAISE CHICKENS.

When you ask for Dr. M. A. Simmons liver medicine, see that you get it and not some worthless imitation.

### Ex-President Cleveland Will Engage in the Business for Pleasure, Not for Money.

Former President Grover Cleveland is going into the chicken-raising business, says the New York correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. He says he is going to raise chickens for pleasure, not for money.

It appears from his letter accompanying an order to an incubator factory in Quincy, Ill., that Mr. Cleveland has always been a lover of chickens, dressed and "on the hoof." It has often occurred to him that there must be a reason why one male chicken should have whiskers on his legs like a brewery truck horse, while another was forced to amble about on under-pinnings bereft of covering against the icy incursions of the wind. He has been a student of the hen, and, in his humble way, he has, it is said, watched her patient efforts to lay eggs in locations out of the ken of man or clairvoyant with much interest.

The Quincy wooden hen manufacturer is outdoing himself on the former president's incubator. Figures concerning its breeding capacity and initial velocity in the transformation of eggs are rigorously withheld, but it will be an incubator to boast of. The order directs that the inciner of embryonic chicken life be sent to Princeton, N. J., unless otherwise ordered.

### TO HAVE MORE SPACE.

Request of Ambassador Porter for Digger Room at Paris Exposition Has Been Granted Cordially.

Delaunay Belleville, director general of the exhibition of 1900 at Paris, has notified Col. Chaille Long, secretary of the United States commission, that the additional space for exhibits asked by America has been granted. Ambassador Porter recently applied for a larger amount of room, and the request has been cordially granted. The United States has now nearly as much space as England. The director general has allotted space for two complete American railway trains to be run from the exhibition grounds to the park of Vincennes.

### Vitality of Chinese.

An American physician in China writes that he has been specially impressed by the vitality of the natives. Of 100 cases treated in a dispensary, some of them very serious, not one proved fatal.

### Cigarettes and Smokers' Patches.

Cigarette smoking is said by doctors to be specially productive of those white spots on the tongue and the insides of the cheeks, which are known as "smokers' patches."

### PROGRESS IN CHINA.

#### Railroad Situation in Celestial Kingdom Rapidly Improving.

Splendid Outlook for the Increase of Our Pacific Coast Trade—Seifish Policy of Russia and Germany May Hurt Us.

The New York Tribune publishes the following from the correspondent at Peking, China: The railroad situation in China is rapidly improving. Conservatism has apparently been at least thrown overboard and the government is dealing out contracts and concessions with almost a reckless hand. The only completed line in the empire is that from Peking to Shanghai-Kuan, via Tien Tsin, a distance of about 250 miles, but the road from Peking to Hankow, known as the Lu-Han railway, because it connects with the Peking-Tien Tsin line at Lu-Kow bridge, is being pushed forward as rapidly as the rails can be furnished by the Han-Yang iron works at Hankow.

The private lines so far authorized are the Han-Kuang line, from Hankow to Canton, a valuable concession, which has been granted to the American Washburn-Carey syndicate, of New York. Then there is a concession granted to Dr. Yung Wing, to procure foreign capital and build a trunk line from Tien Tsin to Shanghai. This line will ultimately be the best business venture in China. The latest road authorized is that granted to the Russo-Chinese bank. This road runs from Tai-Yuan-Fu, the capital of the rich province of Shansi, to Chang-Ting-Fu, on the Lu-Han line, thus connecting with the trunk line south.

But of far more importance than the mere granting of railroad concessions, as showing the spirit of progress awakened, is the recent industrial concession to the Anglo-Italian syndicate, represented at Peking by Chevalier Luzzatti. This, the first industrial concession to be sealed in the tsung-li-yamen with the great seal of the foreign office, grants to the Anglo-Italian syndicate exclusive rights to the immense coal and iron beds that exist in southern and central Shansi, with the right to build railways and cut canals to navigable rivers. A year ago a famous Russian traveler published his observations on this particular field, which he characterized as being the richest in iron and coal of all spots in the world. The article was published in the Kobe Chronicle of January 8, 1898.

The Pacific coast will in a few years, if properly encouraged, be the market for a vast trade with China, and with a hold upon the eastern world, such as Manila would give America with England, would command the commercial control of Chinese ports.

If Russia and Germany are allowed to pursue the exclusive and selfish policy of personal aggrandizement, as so far set forth in their occupation of Port Arthur and Kiao-Chou, with control of large portions of Chinese territory, to the exclusion of other nations, American commerce must suffer.

### WEDS A CONVICT.

Ex-Banker Charles W. Spalding Married to His Former Stenographer, Miss Louise Ervin.

Miss Louise Ervin, who figured in events which involved the financial downfall and imprisonment of Charles W. Spalding, who was president of the Globe savings bank, at Chicago, was married to Spalding the other day by a justice of the peace in a lawyer's office in the Unity building. Spalding, who was brought here from Joliet prison recently to testify in pending bank cases, spent the morning in court and left about noon with his guard and jailer Whitman. Miss Ervin's parents also witnessed the ceremony.

Since Spalding has been at the jail again he has had the use of a desk in the "cage," and Miss Ervin has been helping him with his correspondence, which has been large. While Spalding was at the jail before being sent to Joliet she kept in the background, though she was evidently the source of many attentions and delicacies which he received.

Miss Ervin was a stenographer for Spalding ten years ago. He sent her away for further education, and soon after she returned she left the bank, but lived in a residence which Spalding gave her; held property which he transferred to her, and had a safety deposit box to which she went when she needed funds and which was replenished continually. It is supposed that troubles which resulted in the first Mrs. Spalding's successful application for divorce originated in such proceedings.

The young woman has remained loyal to Spalding in his troubles, and turned over property in the hope of keeping him out of prison. When this proved of no avail, she tried, but in vain, to get the property back.

In acknowledging his marriage to Miss Ervin, Spalding said only: "I trust I will be treated fairly, as I think I have acted honorably."

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