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The Legislature in Session.

The Louisiana Legislature met last Monday, and the Solons have about settled down to their 60-day job. Gov. Sanders sent in a message that was comprehensive and of considerable length, dealing with a large number of important subjects, all treated in a direct businesslike way. Representative Payne, of Grant, gave notice on Wednesday that he would introduce a bill authorizing an election to determine whether or not the parish seat of Grant shall be removed from Colfax to Dry Prong.

It Was a Glorious Victory.

The advocates of good roads feel greatly rejoiced over the result of the election last Tuesday, as they are assured that with our \$100,000 parish fund at least 150 miles of good roads will be built in Grant parish within the next three or four years. We have an honorable and progressive police jury, and there is no question of doubt as to their expending every dollar of the money to the very best advantage of the people. The outlook is most encouraging. Gov. Sanders is urging that the State shall devote one-fourth of a one mill special tax for good roads, and that in all parishes where the people help themselves by raising a road fund the State shall give the same amount of money to that parish. This will in all probability give us the sum of \$200,000, with which fully 300 miles of good roads can be built.

Police Jury Promulgates Returns.

The police jury of Grant parish met on Friday, May 13th, and tabulated the returns and proclaimed the result of the election held on May 10, and levied a 5-mill tax for five years on all the taxable property of the parish, for constructing and maintaining a system of good roads in Grant parish.

The members present were, J. W. Duncan, president, ward 1; John Clinton, ward 2; C. G. Jones, ward 3; M. H. Nugent, ward 4; J. A. Bradford, ward 5, and G. C. Purvis, of ward 7. Absent—F. P. Bullitt, of ward 6.

The police jury also transacted some other matters of routine business, which will appear in the regular proceedings, which we will publish next week.

Why Write Under a Fictitious Name?

The fictitious names signed to the newspaper articles opposed to the good roads tax in Grant parish were quite appropriate as a rule. Such names as "Moss Back," "Hobo," "Rusty Cuff," "Hay Seed," "Frog Eater," are lacking in dignity, to say the least, and are suggestive of antiquated and illiberal ideas, and the parties using them to conceal their identity do not seem to have had the courage of their convictions sufficiently to sign their true names to their articles. There are only two reasons why men write under assumed names, one because they are modest, and the other is because they fear or doubt their names being of sufficient weight to add any force to their articles. The independent man does not object to his identity being known, and preferably courts publicity for his ideas. However, the tax has fortunately carried, and all moss backs and obstructionists will please go way back and sit down, and prepare to watch the building and progress of good roads.

A terrific earthquake occurred in Costa Rica on May 5th, the shocks extending over two or three days, in two or three cities and towns. The loss of more than a thousand lives is reported, fully three thousand persons injured, and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed. Several thousand are homeless owing to the destruction of houses. A large amount of money has been raised in the United States for relief of the sufferers.

Mr. H. L. Graham came up from Alexandria last Tuesday to cast his vote for good roads.

Gov. Sanders Outlines His Plan for Building Good Roads.

A special from Baton Rouge, May 10th, says: At a meeting to-night in the House of Representatives held in the interest of good roads, Governor Sanders announced his plan for prosecuting the road-building work in this State. He advocates an amendment to the State Constitution providing for a quarter of a mill tax on all taxable property of the State, the revenue derived to be used exclusively for road-building purposes. He urged further that the Legislature authorize the sale of the penal farms in Iberville and Iberia parishes, and use the revenue on the roads.

He declared that the people of Louisiana want the roads and that they know there is no way to get them except by taxation. In regard to the plan to amend the constitution so that a quarter-of-a-mill tax can be levied for the special purpose, the governor said he had taken the matter up with financiers, commercial organization men and politicians at New Orleans and that all he had seen indorsed his plan. In this regard he pointed out that New Orleans pays about half the taxes of the State of Louisiana, hence the city would pay half of the proposed tax. He laid stress on this proposition for the reason that New Orleans would not see much, if any, road building in the parish of Orleans, but that its profit would accrue from the general up-building of the State.

After the tax has been levied, the Legislature, the Governor said, will have to pass wise and beneficial road laws. His plan is to create a State road-building fund and distribute it to the parishes on the half and half basis. If, for instance, four continuous parishes should decide to build roads connecting their parish seats, the proposed road would cost \$50,000, the parishes, through their police juries, would raise \$25,000 and the State would contribute \$25,000.

By following this plan the Governor believes that between \$500,000 and \$600,000 would be spent in Louisiana yearly on roads, and that within the next five or six years the parish seats of the State would be linked by a system of roads second to none in the United States.

"You can do it, gentlemen of the Legislature," said the Governor, "and you ought to do it. Cast aside all doubt, all differences of opinion and join together in this common cause."

The Governor was equally emphatic in urging the tax for the World's Panama Exposition at New Orleans. He pointed out that a man who is assessed at \$400 would pay 15 cents a year. If the exposition is held at New Orleans, then 75 per cent of the population of Louisiana can afford to attend the fair. If it is held at San Francisco or Washington then none except the rich may go.

Mr. J. D. Johns, magistrate of the fourth ward, had business in Colfax on Thursday, and he brought along a couple of bales of cotton to try our market. He raised the cotton two years ago, in 1908, and says he has been saving it up in the hope of getting 15 cents for it. The weight of the two bales was 990 pounds, and J. W. Duncan Co. paid 13 1/2 cents per pound for it, the two bales netting Mr. Johns \$133.65.

The dry weather has lasted so long that the grass is beginning to turn brown, as if parched by the August sun. This is the first time we ever saw the Bermuda grass in the river bottom in this condition in the month of May. The grass, however, will come out all right after a few showers of rain, but great damage has been done to the field crops and gardens.

The 100-acre rice farm of Mr. J. H. McNeely was flooded last week, and quite a number of persons went out to look at his fine pump that throws a solid stream as big as a barrel. The water was turned off after flooding the rice a couple of days, and the field will be flooded again in a few days.

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At the late Land Congress held in Alexandria, Mr. J. H. McNeely was appointed as one of the vice presidents, one vice president being appointed for each parish in the State. The Land Congress is organized for the benefit of the whole State, and it is calculated to be of general benefit to the country. All of the parishes are to be urged to appropriate \$100 or \$200 to help along the work of the congress.

The convention of State bankers which met in Alexandria on Thursday and Friday of this week was a swell affair. The representatives of fully two hundred banks were on hand. Cashier Earl Roberts, of the Bank of Colfax, and President R. M. Dunn, of the Montgomery bank, as well as representatives of the Pollock and Verda banks, attended the convention.

It was a pretty close vote as to numbers, but the property vote was big and booming. There is no doubt as to the property owners wanting good roads, and when once we get them built, even those who voted against the tax will be glad they got beat in the election.

The "Old Deestrick Skule" will be given in the court house Friday night, May 20th, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society. The society has engaged Miss Battaile, of Nashville, who makes a profession of training amateurs for this play, and is to have direction of it.

The kiln drying of alfalfa hay is asserted to be a successful venture. Some one should give the matter a practical test, to see if it can be dried in sufficient quantity and rapidly enough to cure the hay in rainy weather, and thus prevent loss of the crop for lack of sunshine.

There is an aesthetic side to the good roads movement that is of no little importance. What is drearier, what more depressing than to drive along a country road deep with mud and furrowed by ruts, the water standing in pools in the road and where ditches ought to be.

King Edward VII died on the night of Friday, May 6th, a little before midnight, and his son, George V, was proclaimed King of England the next day. King Edward was 69 years of age, and his son is 45 years old.

Those who fought the good roads proposition used a lot of silly rot in their campaign, but every honest man among them will very likely live long enough to be ashamed to have been gullied into acting so foolishly.

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Lieut. Governor—PAUL M. LAMBREMONT.....
Secy. of State—JNO. T. MICHEL.....of St. James
Auditor—PAUL CAPDEVILLE.....of Orleans
Atty. General—WALTER GUION.....of Orleans
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Supt. Schools—THOS. H. HARRIS.....of East Baton Rouge

District Officials.
Senator—R. W. OGLESBY.....Winnfield
Judge—W. F. BLACKMAN.....Alexandria
District Attorney—J. B. HUNTER.....Alexandria

Parish Officials.
Representative—C. W. PAYNE.....Montgomery
Sheriff—A. B. PERKINS.....Colfax
Clerk of Court—JAS. J. O'QUINN.....Colfax
Assessor—E. S. MURRELL.....Colfax
Coroner—E. B. GRAY, M. D.....Colfax
Parish Treasurer—W. M. LACROIX.....Colfax
Surveyor—W. F. DUFFY.....Montgomery
School Treasurer—J. N. WARNER.....Pollock

J. N. WARNER, School Superintendent and Secretary of School Board, Pollock.
J. B. ROBERTS, Clerk Police Jury, Colfax.

Ward Officials.
WARD ONE.
Police Juror—J. W. DUNCAN, Pres.....Colfax
Member School Board—J. H. McNEELY.....Colfax
Magistrate—J. Q. LONG.....Colfax
Constable—J. V. CARNAHAN.....Colfax

WARD TWO.
Police Juror—JOHN CLINTON.....Pollock
Member School Board—A. W. STEWART.....Pollock
Magistrate—C. U. ROBINSON.....Pollock
H. C. TULLOS.....Ada

WARD THREE.
Police Juror—C. G. JONES.....Black Creek
Member School Board—W. N. CREED.....Dry Prong
Magistrate—RAY WATSON.....Dry Prong
Constable—J. W. ORR.....Dry Prong

WARD FOUR.
Police Juror—M. H. NUGENT.....Iatt
Member School Board—M. C. NUGENT.....Iatt
Magistrate—J. D. JOHNS.....Iatt

WARD FIVE.
Police Juror—J. A. BRADFORD, Jr.....Georgetown
Member School Board—T. M. BRADFORD.....Georgetown
Magistrate—J. W. SKETCH.....Georgetown
Constable—G. L. BARRETT.....Georgetown

WARD SIX.
Police Juror—F. P. BULLITT.....Aloha
Member School Board—R. J. CHELETTE, Aloha
Magistrate—JNO. R. GRAY.....Givens
Constable—H. M. DENTON.....Givens

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Magistrate—J. G. O'NEAL.....Montgomery
U. E. DEWITT.....Verda
Constable—I. C. DYSON.....Montgomery

Court Meets
First Mondays in February, April, June, October and December.

Police Jury Meets
First Mondays in January, April, July and October.

School Board Meets
First Saturdays in January, April, July and October.

Official Town Directory

Colfax Town Council.
Mayor—C. N. CARNAHAN.
Aldermen—J. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer; W. J. ROBERTS, F. B. COLE, G. H. McKNIGHT, J. W. O'QUINN.
Marshal—W. D. IRWIN.
Council meets the first Tuesday night in every month.

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J. W. DUNCAN, President.
J. Q. LONG, Secretary.

LODGES
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Colfax Lodge No. 259 F. & A. M. meets every 2d and 4th Saturday night in each month.
J. W. DUNCAN, W. M.
J. L. MORANTINI, Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
Colfax Knights of Pythias No. 171 meets 1st and 3d Thursday night in every month.
W. A. BROWNLEE, C. C.
L. B. GAY, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.
Colfax Lodge No. 4019 Knights of Honor meets the first Wednesday night in every month.
C. D. LACROIX, Dictator.
J. Q. LONG, Reporter.

W. O. W.
Colfax Valley Camp No. 144 W. O. W. meets the second Tuesday night in every month.
J. Q. LONG, C. C.
A. M. GOODWYN, Clerk.

EASTERN STAR.
Olive Chapter No. 59 Order of the Eastern Star meets every 2d and 4th Thursday nights.
Mrs. ELLA CAMERON, W. M.
Mrs. ETHEL McMURRY, Sec'y.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.
Alpha Grove No. 122, Woodmen Circle, meets the first Monday night in every month.
Mrs. LORA BLACKWOOD, Guardian.
Mrs. EMMA CLARK, Clerk.

CHURCHES
CATHOLIC CHURCH.
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JOHN BLAIN, Pastor.
J. S. SULLINAN, S. S. Supt.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
Services every 1st and 3d Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.
BRUCE BENTON, Pastor.
J. W. O'QUINN, S. S. Supt.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Services every 2d and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
H. W. LEDBETTER, Pastor.
H. G. GOODWYN, S. S. Supt.

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