

Proposed Lines of Good Roads.

The lines of proposed good roads outlined by the Grant parish police jury, as published in their proceedings, are as follows:

- Colfax to Pollock.
- Colfax to Rochelle, via Fairfield.
- Fairfield to Montgomery, around head of Intt lake, to Verda, Kadesh or Camp ground.
- Montgomery down railroad to opposite Boyce.
- Fairmont to Claiborne road.
- Pollock to Rapides parish line.
- Pollock to Georgetown.
- Pollock to Fishville and Thompson's Ferry.
- Verda and Fairfield road from Buck Lasyone's to Colfax.
- Aloha up railroad to Verda.
- Fairfield to Dry Prong.
- Dry Prong to Lincecum on Fish creek road.

The entire mileage of the system of good roads proposed is between 185 and 190 miles. A study of the parish map shows that this system will give connection between every community in the parish. It is admirable in its scope, and covers the parish about as well as can be outlined. The prospect is that our parish good roads fund will be sufficient to build two-thirds of the system proposed, and if this is supplemented by State funds, as we have every reason to expect, the entire system ought to be completed in the next two or three years.

A Bombshell in the Candidates' Camp.

Attorney General Guion gives it as his opinion that Legislators who took part in the making of laws to raise official salaries, can in no instance be elected to any office the salary of which they were instrumental in raising, nor can they be elected to any office which they helped to create. This view of the case is held by many eminent lawyers to be strictly in accordance with the law. This feature of the case is a regular bombshell in the camp of a score of Legislators, who are reputed to be candidates for some of the offices in which they boosted the salaries to a higher notch.

That Judicial Salary Grab.

In relation to the late action of the Legislature, in raising the salary of the district judges from \$3000 to \$4000 a year, the La. Democrat says:

If they now find the salary insufficient, which they evidently didn't do when they sought election, all they have to do is to tender their resignations, when as good, if not better material, will "step into their shoes," glad of the opportunity to make three thousand dollars a year, which some of them couldn't do practicing their profession.

The Legislature Adjourns.

The Legislature, which adjourned Thursday evening of last week, passed 217 laws, (the same as the Legislature of two years ago), and elected Gov. Sanders to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Samuel Douglas McEvry, deceased. Of the laws passed, 14 are in the shape of proposed amendments to the constitution. We shall take occasion to comment on the various amendments proposed between now and the time they are to be voted on next fall.

The L. R. & N. Encourages Diversification.

The special attention of our readers is called to an article on the first page of the Chronicle this week, relative to the great dairying interests of the country. As will be seen from the article, the L. R. & N. Co. is making special efforts to induce people along its line to go into this industry. The proposition is worth the attention of every farmer.

In these days of refrigerating plants and cold storage, it seems to us that Alexandria, Shreveport, Monroe, and other towns of their class, are somewhat behind the times when it comes to creameries, pork-packing and kindred industries. Somebody with money and a little get-up-and-get ought to make a pile in this business.

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One Man Should Not Control a Jury.

In a late trial by jury in Chicago, one man, Charles Spare, held out for acquittal 115 hours (4 1/2 days) against the balance of the jury, who were for the conviction of Lee O'Neil Brown, for bribery. The case resulted in a mistrial, and has caused wide-spread criticism of our present jury system.

There is no good reason why one man should be allowed to control a body of 12 men in the rendering of a verdict. The contention is made in some quarters that two-thirds of a jury should be sufficient to render a verdict. This may be a little too free to the State in its prosecutions, but there is no doubt that the jury law could be changed with beneficial results. It certainly would serve all the ends of justice if a mistrial were only allowed where as many as three of the jurors hold out for acquittal. The jury should be allowed to return a verdict where ten or eleven of the jurors agree to a finding.

If ten or eleven men on a jury of twelve agree upon a verdict it should stand, and the opposition of one or two men should not be allowed to thwart the administration of justice, as is now frequently the case. The failure of agreement on the part of one or two of the jurors might be taken into consideration by the judge in the imposition of sentence, but it should not nullify any verdict. The severity of the sentence might be mitigated say one-fourth where one man is for acquittal, or the punishment might be reduced one-half where two men contend for acquittal of the accused.

This question of failure in the administration of justice because of the crankiness or corruption of a single individual on a jury is constantly recurring, and some effective means to prevent it should be adopted if the laws of the land are to be enforced.

Death of J. N. DeLoach.

J. N. DeLoach died on the night of Tuesday, July 5th, at his home in Winnfield, La., after an illness lasting about ten months. Mr. DeLoach was 39 years old, and leaves a wife and six children. At the time of his death, he was secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Union of Louisiana, which position he has held for the past two years. He was also editor of the Farmers' Union Banner, published at Winnfield for the same length of time up to last summer when the paper went out of existence.

Mr. DeLoach, together with President Harbert of the State Farmers' Union, was one of the guests of B. F. Yoakum's good roads party, who made an inspection tour of the good roads in the north and northeast last August. Mr. DeLoach has done much toward advancing the cause of the farmers of the State, and his loss to them is heavy, indeed.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the city cemetery, services being conducted first by Dr. J. R. Edwards of the Baptist church, and then by the Masons, of which order the deceased was a member.

Sheriff Perkins' Final Settlement With the State Auditor.

Sheriff Perkins made his final settlement on July 1st with the State Auditor for taxes of 1909, and by his report it will be seen that the rolls were collected to within \$161.12, or about 77-100 of 1 per cent, of the total as made by the assessor. The report as furnished us by Sheriff Perkins is as follows:

DEBITS.	
Rolls of 1909 as filed by assessor.....	\$20,396.70
Additions by tax collector.....	31.40
Total rolls.....	20,428.10
CREDITS.	
September settlement.....	46.00
October settlement.....	528.09
November settlement.....	1,129.97
December settlement.....	11,220.27
January settlement.....	6,023.97
February settlement.....	765.73
March settlement.....	267.99
April settlement.....	225.10
May settlement.....	5.18
June settlement.....	23.28
Total collections.....	20,235.58
Errors, etc.....	122.23
D'ble assessments.....	62.27
Adjudicated to State.....	8.02—
Total credits.....	20,428.10

Tumminello Bros. have made arrangements to supply Colfax with fresh bread every day.

Big Blow-Out at the Gas Well.

There was considerable scurrying among the stockholders and others interested in the Colfax Gas Well Co. last Monday, when it became noised around that they had developed a big blow-out of gas at their well, being bored in the eastern limits of the town. An investigation proved that the report was correct.

At a depth of 1450 feet they have encountered a flow of gas of about 150 pounds pressure. The flow was so strong that it forced back the steam pressure of 120 pounds that was forcing the water to the drill point. The steam was turned on until the gauge ran up to 160 pounds before the pressure of the gas was overcome. The drillers projected with the gas for an hour or two for edification of curious onlookers, but after a consultation with Mr. Oscar Shanks, who is boring the well, it was decided to ease off the gas and bore on down deeper.

The stockholders are in great glee over their gas find, and they jocularly assert that Mr. Shanks has been instructed to bore down deeper and see where that gas comes from. They are very serious in the belief that they can find oil at the bottom of their well. At any rate, they believe it so strongly that they propose to blow a substantial amount of cash into that hole until they find out something about it.

Work on Hardwood Mill Progressing.

Construction work on the plant of the Colfax Hardwood Lumber Company is now under full headway. As announced in the Chronicle of last week, Messrs. A. Sherrill and H. V. Sherrill, of Paducah, Kentucky, are here, and under their direction things are beginning to hum in the way of building operations. These gentlemen are brothers and are stockholders in the company, the first being manager and the second assistant, and one or both of them expect to be here all the time. Their mill man is Joseph Crane, while Mr. E. L. Morgan is to have charge of the stove plant.

A switch just north of the Big Pine plant has been run from the railroad into the grounds of the Colfax Hardwood Lumber Co., on which were shunted five flat cars and one box car, loaded with mill machinery, etc. The unloading of these cars was finished last Saturday evening, and a couple of temporary shacks, one for office and one for blacksmith work, were also being completed last Saturday.

W. C. Briant, construction foreman, arrived the first of this week with a force of ten men, and we understand that he is to have everything ready to commence operations in about sixty days. Other persons employed about the mill are J. W. O'Quinn, the well known machinist, and carpenter Pat Clark and a number of colored laborers.

The stove plant and factory for dry barrels, under the management of Mr. E. L. Morgan, will be separate from the hardwood mill, and will be located north of the mill a distance of 200 or 300 feet.

A big lot of fine peaches have been coming into Colfax for the past ten days, and the market has been kept pretty well supplied. The first peaches to arrive brought \$1.50 per bushel, and this price prevailed up to this week, until three or four loads arrived in one day when the price gradually dropped to as low as 75c per bushel. Among those bringing in peaches were Messrs. Fred Huthnance, of Marco, J. R. DeMoss, J. M. Bullock, John McCurley, and others, of Verda, Wm. D. Flanagan, of Ada, and C. E. Railey, of Stewart's Camp.

Capt. C. H. Teal this week received a threshing machine, which will be used to thresh oats. The thresher is to be operated by an 8-horse power gasoline engine, and will be used in connection with a reaper and binder, which arrived several weeks ago. In addition to the threshing of oats, we understand Capt. Teal will plant a field of wheat next fall, and will also use his thresher and reaper and binder in an experiment with the growing and harvesting of wheat.

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Official Proceedings of the Democratic Executive Committee, Seventh Congressional District.

Alexandria, La., July 5, 1910.

The Democratic Executive Committee of the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana met this day pursuant to the call of the chairman, the following being present in person or by proxy:

At large: E. B. Dubuison, proxy to B. T. Lewis.

Acadia parish: E. O. Bruner, proxy to B. T. Lewis.

Avozelles parish: G. H. Couvillion, absent; L. J. Coco, absent.

Cameron parish: James A. Wakefield, proxy to B. T. Lewis; C. F. Henry, proxy to B. T. Lewis.

Calcasieu parish: C. C. Gauthier, proxy to B. T. Lewis; J. L. Garuthers, absent.

Grant parish: C. H. Teal, present; C. W. Payne, proxy to C. H. Teal.

Rapides parish: John C. Blackman, present; D. T. Stafford, proxy to John C. Blackman.

St. Landry parish: L. J. Dossman, proxy to B. T. Lewis.

Vernon parish: W. H. Smart, absent.

On motion duly seconded, Mr. C. H. Teal was unanimously elected as chairman, and Mr. C. C. Gauthier being absent, Mr. B. T. Lewis was elected secretary pro tem.

On motion of John C. Blackman, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a White Democratic Primary Election be held throughout the Seventh Congressional District of the State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 6th day of September, A. D. 1910, between legal hours, for the purpose of nominating the candidate of the Democratic party for Representative in the Sixty-second Congress of the United States for said district, at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 1910; said primary to be held under the provisions, rules and regulations of Act No. 49 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, for the year 1906, as amended, known as the Primary Election Law.

Be it further resolved, That all candidates for Congress shall file their notification of candidacy with the Secretary of the State, in the form required by sections 11 and 12 of Act 49 of 1906, on or before the 26th day of July, 1910.

Be it further resolved, That at the same time and place there shall be elected from each parish of the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana, two (2) duly qualified electors therein, who shall constitute the Congressional Democratic Executive Committee for the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana, for a term of two years. That the candidates for membership on the said Congressional Committee from the respective parishes of the district shall, within twenty (20) days from the issuance of this call, file with the Secretary of State their written notification of intention to become a candidate for such office at said primary. The members of the newly elected Congressional Committee shall meet at the court house in the city of Alexandria, Louisiana, on the first Monday of October, 1910, at 12 o'clock noon, to organize.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of this committee be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to call the attention of the chairman of the respective Parish Democratic committees, of the registrars of voters, and of the sheriffs of each of the respective parishes composing the Seventh Congressional District of Louisiana, to their duties under the provisions of sections 21 and 22 of said Act No. 49 of 1906, as amended.

Be it further resolved, That this committee hereby assesses against each candidate for Congress the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars, to be deposited with the secretary of this committee to defray the actual expenses of calling and holding the said primary election, not otherwise provided by law; any surplus remaining to be returned pro rata to the respective candidates.

Be it further resolved, That when this committee adjourns it shall reconvene on Monday, September 12, 1910, at 12 o'clock noon at the Majestic Hotel, in the city of Lake Charles, La., for the purpose of announcing the result and promulgating the returns of said primary.

Be it further resolved, That the secretary be and is hereby authorized and required to furnish the official journals of each parish in the Congressional District with a copy of this call and the foregoing resolutions for publication as required by law and he is further authorized to the cost thereof out of the funds assessed against the candidate.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

CHAS. H. TEAL, Chairman.
B. T. LEWIS, Secty. Pro Tem.

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