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## Official Proceedings of the Police Jury of Grant Parish.

Colfax, La., July 14, 1915.  
The police jury met pursuant to adjournment. All the members were present.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The hour of noon having arrived the police jury proceeded to count the ballots and canvass the returns of the election held on the 12th day of July, 1915.

The proposition to levy a five mills tax on all the property in wards 3, 4 and 6, for five years beginning with the year 1915 and ending with the year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public roads in said wards, was defeated at the election mentioned.

The following process verbal of the election in Road District Number One was then read, considered and signed:

Be it known and remembered, That on this the 14th day of July, 1915, at 12 o'clock, noon, in accordance with an ordinance of the police jury of Grant parish enacted on the 7th day of June, 1915, notice of which was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the police jury of the parish of Grant, being a quorum thereof, met in public session at the court house in said parish, and according to law opened all the ballot boxes used in, and which were received from the commissioners of the election held on the 12th day of July, 1915, in accordance with the said ordinance, and there proceeded to count the ballots, both in number and amount, for and against, to determine the

PROPOSITION to incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor of the said Grant parish Road District Number One in the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00), for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads, together with bridges and other necessary equipments within the limits of the said road district, title to which shall vest in the public, the said bonds to run for a period of five years, and to bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum payable semi-annually.

The result of the said count was 59 ballots and one hundred and fifty-one thousand seven hundred and seven dollars (\$151,707.00) in favor of the proposition, and 13 ballots and thirteen thousand four hundred and eleven dollars (\$13,411.00) against the said proposition; and the majority, both in number and amount, cast by the property taxpayers of the said road district number one, of said parish and State, being in favor thereof. And at the same time and place we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by the duplicate tally sheets and duplicate compiled statements, the correctness of the same being sworn to by the commissioners, according to law, and finding also that said returns indicated a majority, both in number and amount of property, in favor of said proposition.

Therefore we declare that the result of the said election is in favor of the proposition to incur debt and issue bonds of Grant parish road district number one to the amount of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) to run for five years, bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads, together with bridges and other equipment necessary within the limits of said road district, title to which shall vest in the public.

And in accordance with law, a promulgation of the aforesaid result was prepared and the secretary of the police jury was ordered to have a copy of the same signed by the president and published in one issue of the official journal.

And likewise we did order that one copy of this process verbal be sent to the Secretary of State to be recorded in the archives of the State of Louisiana, that one copy be sent to the Recorder of Mortgages to be recorded in the mortgage records of the parish of Grant, and that one copy be kept in the records of the police jury.

This done and signed in the presence of H. G. Goodwyn and C. D. LaCroix, competent witnesses and electors, on this the 14th day of July, 1915, at the court house in the parish of Grant, by the undersigned members of the police jury of the said parish of Grant, present and participating in the canvass of the said election.

R. W. RICHARDSON,  
O. C. WATSON,  
O. L. NUGENT,  
W. R. BUFFINGTON,  
N. G. MORGAN,  
R. M. DUNN,  
W. M. LACROIX.

Witnesses:  
H. G. GOODWYN,  
C. D. LACROIX.

On motion the following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE OF PROMULGATION.  
Whereas, on the 12th day of July, 1915, an election was held in Ward Number 2 of Grant parish, Louisiana, to determine the proposition to levy a five mills tax on all the property in said Ward Number 2 for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1915 and ending with the year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public roads in said Ward Number 2, and

Whereas, said election was held and the returns thereof were canvassed by this police jury according to law and to notice given on the 7th day of June, 1915, and the result of said election was declared to be that the majority in number and amount of the taxpayers of the said Ward Number 2 voted in favor of said proposition; now, therefore,

Be it ordained by the police jury of Grant parish, Louisiana, in lawful session convened, that the proposition to levy a five mills tax on all the property in said Ward Number 2, of said parish, and State, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1915 and ending with the year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public

majority, in number and amount of the taxpayers of said Road District Number One voted in favor of said proposition; now, therefore

Be it ordained by the police jury of Grant parish in lawful session convened that the proposition to incur debt and issue bonds of Grant parish Road District Number 1 to the amount of thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollars to run for five years, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads together with bridges and other necessary equipment within the limits of said road district, title to which shall vest in the public, CARRIED.

And said bond issue as proposed is authorized and required by law to be proceeded with and finally extinguished by an annual levy assessment and collection of taxes on all the property in said Road District Number 1 of the parish of Grant, State of Louisiana. Be it further ordained that the result of said election shall be promulgated by the president and secretary of the police jury by publication in one issue of the official journal of a copy of this resolution of promulgation, signed by the said president and secretary.

The following process verbal of the election in ward number 2 was then read, considered and signed:

Be it known and remembered, That on this the 14th day of July, 1915, at 12 o'clock, noon, in accordance with an ordinance of the police jury of Grant parish enacted on the 7th day of June, 1915, notice of which was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the police jury of the parish of Grant, being a quorum thereof, met in public session at the court house in the said parish, and according to law opened all the ballot boxes used in and which were received from the commissioners of the election held on the 12th day of July, 1915, in accordance with the said ordinance, and there proceeded to count the ballots both in number and amount, for and against, to determine the

PROPOSITION to levy a five mills tax on all the taxable property in said Ward Number Two, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1915 and ending with the year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public roads in said Ward Number Two.

The result of the said count was 89 ballots and forty-six thousand and nine hundred and ninety one dollars (\$46,991) in favor of the proposition, and 48 ballots and twenty-three thousand three hundred fifty-three dollars (\$23,353.00) against the proposition; and the majority, both in number and amount, cast by the property taxpayers of said ward number two of said parish and State, being in favor thereof.

And at the same time and place we did examine and canvass the returns, as evidenced by the duplicate tally sheets and duplicate compiled statements, the correctness of the same being sworn to by the commissioners, according to law, and finding also that said returns indicated a majority both in number and amount of property in favor of said proposition.

Therefore we declare that the result of the said election is in favor of the proposition to levy a five mill tax on all the property in ward number two of Grant parish Louisiana, for a period of five years beginning with the 1915 and ending with year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public roads in said ward number two. And in accordance with law a promulgation of the aforesaid result was prepared and the secretary of the police jury was ordered to have a copy of same, signed by the president, published in one issue of the official journal.

And likewise we did order that one copy of this process verbal be sent to the Secretary of State to be recorded in the archives of the State of Louisiana, that one copy be sent to the Recorder of Mortgages to be recorded in the mortgage records and that one copy be kept in the records of the police jury.

This done and signed in the presence of H. G. Goodwyn and C. D. LaCroix, competent witnesses and electors at the court house in the parish of Grant, present and participating in the canvass of the said election.

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Whereas, said election was held and the returns thereof were canvassed by this police jury according to law and to notice given on the 7th day of June, 1915, and the result of said election was declared to be that the majority in number and amount of the taxpayers of the said Ward Number 2 voted in favor of said proposition; now, therefore,

Be it ordained by the police jury of Grant parish, Louisiana, in lawful session convened, that the proposition to levy a five mills tax on all the property in said Ward Number 2, of said parish, and State, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1915 and ending with the year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public

## Tabulation of Votes and Values Cast at Election held July 12, 1915

On the Propositions to Incur Debt and Issue Bonds or Vote 5 Mills Tax for 5 Years to Build and Maintain Roads.

	Votes For	Votes Against	Amount For	Amount Against
<b>WARD ONE—</b>				
Colfax.....	47	11	\$116,677	\$9,821
Fairmount.....	12	2	35,030	3,590
<b>WARD TWO—</b>				
Bagdad.....	5	11	5,418	10,123
Bruce.....	35	11	10,818	4,966
Simms.....	1	16	70	4,635
Pollock.....	48	10	30,685	3,624
<b>WARD THREE—</b>				
Creed.....	11	18	3,702	5,826
Antonia.....	5	11	2,066	5,814
Dry Prong.....	12	11	4,353	4,412
<b>WARD FOUR—</b>				
Bucklew.....	19	10	5,980	4,104
Lincecum.....	4	12	1,842	4,416
<b>WARD FIVE—</b>				
Rochelle.....	63	0	19,774	0
Selma.....	29	30	9,071	10,638
<b>WARD SIX—</b>				
Summerfield.....	4	18	3,380	9,968
<b>WARD SEVEN—</b>				
Montgomery.....	37	12	33,725	4,586
Verda.....	25	30	8,213	13,611

In wards 1 and 5 the proposition was carried to incur debt and issue bonds to build and maintain roads.

Wards 2 and 7 voted 5 mills tax for 5 years for roads.

In wards 3, 4 and 6 the tax was defeated.

roads in said Ward Number 2, CARRIED, and said tax as proposed is authorized and required by law to be levied and collected on all the property of said Ward Number 2, Grant parish, Louisiana.

Be it further ordained that the result of said election shall be promulgated by the president and secretary of the police jury, by publication in one issue of the official journal, the notice of promulgation to be signed by the president and secretary.

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## Labor Conditions at Pollock Intolerable.

The Iron Mountain Lumber Co., of this place, owned and operated by J. F. Ball Bros. Lumber Co., Ltd., J. F. Ball president and general manager, has been continuously running for the last six or seven months, and has not had one regular pay day.

Some few of the employees, between long intervals of time, have been able to get a part of balances due them. Others who have quit the employ of the company have been paid. But the great majority of day laborers have been paid no money at all, and forced to accept coupons against their credits that are good for merchandise only at the commissary store of the said lumber company. They have been compelled, when necessary to obtain some cash, to discount their honest labor, paid in coupons, 25 per cent, the prevailing discount, to outside parties, who then trade coupons back for merchandise at the company's store.

This condition has prevailed notwithstanding the wages of all the employees have been cut from 15 per cent to 25 per cent. This policy of the lumber company has made it necessary for the doctors, drug stores, restaurants and meat markets to accept coupons from the laborers for services rendered and goods sold to them, and whenever the company wills, usually about once a month, coupons are bought back by the company at from 12 1/2 per cent to 15 per cent discount on the dollar for cash. This system not only works a great hardship and loss to the poor individual laborer, but also robs the doctors, druggists, markets, and others who sell for coupons, all the clear profit; and more, that they derive from services rendered and goods and supplies sold.

Please note, 15 per cent per month is 180 per cent per year—an outrageous and extortionate profit exacted by the lumber company. The results of this system, close akin to peonage, is obvious. The day laborer, who is already poor, and with nothing laid up for the protection of his usually large family except a small insurance policy on his life has in many instances been forced to let his insurance lapse for nonpayment of dues. Others who have continued their insurance have been at the sacrifice, as explained above, of a large discount on their labor.

The honest doctor and druggist, friends to all suffering humanity, and all others who have rendered service and sell to the laborers have been and are being dispossessed of their just rights and profits due them.

The lumber company, on the other hand, has first made a large profit by reducing its price paid for labor, and second, by turning the amount due employees for labor back through their store at large profits on goods sold, and discounts on their own coupons redeemed for cash as explained.

Some one will say, why has this condition been let exist so long without an outcry of protest from the laborers and citizens? I will answer the question: The saw mill laborers here and citizens of this place are law abiding, long suffering, and patient, and have waited all of this time for the company to voluntarily make right its wrong system of doing business, and treatment of its employees, but there seems to be no indication in sight that the company ever intends doing so. Then, what remedy can be applied that will change this condition, and meet out justice to all? I will show you. Mind you, the laws of our State for the protection of the rights of labor have been and are being willfully and persistently disregarded. Back to the remedy: Let me quote you the law from Act 25 of the General Assembly of Louisiana of the regular session of 1914.

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That every corporation, company, association, partnership, or individual person engaged in manufacturing of any kind in this State, employing as many as ten (10) or more employees, and every public service corporation doing business in this State, shall be required to make full payment to employees for services performed as often as once every two weeks, or twice during each calendar month, which pay days shall be two weeks apart as near as practicable, and such pay days or settlements shall include all amounts due for labor or services performed up to not more than seven days previous to the time of payment."

"Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That any corporation, or member of the board of directors of a corporation, foreman, manager, overseer, or paymaster of any company, corporation, association or partnership or other person having employees under his control, who violates the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than two hundred and fifty dollars, and may be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than sixty days, or both at the discretion of the court, for each offence, and each day's violation."

"Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws in conflict herewith, be, and the same are hereby repealed."

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## Promulgation of Election.

Whereas on the 12th day of July, 1915, an election was held in road district number one of Grant parish, La., to determine the

Proposition to incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor of the said Grant parish road district number 1 in the sum of thirteen thousand (\$13,000.00) dollars, for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads, together with bridges and other necessary equipment within the limits of said road district, title to which shall vest in the public, the said bonds to run for a period of five years, and to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

And whereas said election was held and returns thereof were canvassed by this police jury according to law and the notice given on the 7th day of June, 1915, and the result of said election was declared to be that the majority in number and amount of the taxpayers of the said road district number one voted in favor of said proposition, now therefore

Be it ordained by the police jury of Grant parish, La., in lawful session convened, That the proposition to incur debt and issue bonds of Grant parish road district number one, to the amount of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00), to run for five years, and bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads, together with bridges and other necessary equipments, within the limits of said road district number one, title to which shall vest in the public.

CARRIED, and said bond issue as proposed is authorized and required by law to be proceeded with and finally extinguished by an annual levy, assessment and collection of taxes on all the property in said road district number one of the parish of Grant, State of Louisiana.

This July 14, 1915.  
R. W. RICHARDSON,  
President of the Police Jury of Grant Parish, La.  
R. S. CAMERON,  
Secretary.

## Promulgation of Election.

Whereas on the 12th day of July, 1915, and election was held in Ward No. Two (2) of Grant parish, Louisiana, to determine the

Proposition to levy a five mills tax on all the property in said Ward Number 2, of said parish of Grant, for a period of five years, beginning with year 1915 and ending with year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public roads in said Ward Number 2.

And whereas said election was held and the returns thereof were canvassed by this police jury according to law and the notice given on the 7th day of June, 1915, and the result of said election was declared to be that the majority in number and amount of the tax payers of the said Ward Number 2 voted in favor of said proposition, now therefore

Be it ordained by the police jury of Grant parish, Louisiana, in lawful session convened, That the proposition to levy a five mills tax on all the property in said ward number 2, Grant parish, La., for a period of 5 years, beginning with the year 1915 and ending with the year 1919, for the purpose of building and maintaining the public roads in said ward number 2.

CARRIED, and said tax as proposed is authorized and required by law to be levied, assessed and collected on all the property of said Ward Number 2, Grant parish, Louisiana.  
This July 14, 1915.  
R. W. RICHARDSON,  
R. S. CAMERON,  
President,  
Secretary.

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## AN ORDINANCE

To set aside one mill per annum of the general parochial tax levy for the years 1915, 1916 and 1917, levied and to be levied by the police jury of the parish of Grant, Louisiana, for said years, for the construction, maintaining and repairing of the public roads and bridges of the parish during said years, and to appropriate out of said one mill so set aside for said years whatever part thereof is necessary for the payment of the principal and interest of certain certificates of indebtedness given to the White Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, by order of this body to pay the remainder of the purchase price of a certain good roads truck purchased by this body of said company.

Be it ordained by the police jury of the parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in special session convened:

Section 1. Whereas by Article 292 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana, adopted in the year 1913, the police juries of the several parishes of the State of Louisiana are authorized and empowered to set aside at least one mill of the taxes per annum levied by them in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of the parishes, and whereas it is necessary and advisable, and the public service and interests require the construction of additional public roads in the parish of Grant, and the maintenance and repair of the public roads already constructed in the parish, and whereas in the opinion of this body the public interests and the public service will be subserved and facilitated, and such construction, maintenance and repair hastened and rendered more certain by the purchase of a good roads truck for use in such work, and whereas this body has made such purchase of the White Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, paying a part in cash, and agreeing to pay the remainder of the price on credit as follows: Eight hundred dollars on February 1st, 1916, two thousand dollars on July 1st, 1916, and seventeen hundred dollars on February 1st, 1917, with five per centum interest per annum on such deferred payments until paid; and whereas this body has this day authorized and by this ordinance authorizes the president of this body, R. W. Richardson, to sign, and whereas he has so signed certificates of indebtedness of this body, dated Colfax, La., June 7, 1915, payable to the order of the White Company aforesaid for said deferred or credit payments to be made for the amounts, with interest and maturities, as above stated; now, therefore,

Section 2. Be it further ordained, That one mill of the general parochial tax levied and to be levied by the police jury of the parish of Grant, Louisiana, for the years 1915, 1916 and 1917 be and the same is hereby set aside to raise a fund for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of the parish of Grant for said years, and so much of said fund as may be necessary thereof be and the same is hereby set aside for the payment of the principal and interest of the certificates of indebtedness owing to the White Company aforesaid, to-wit: Eight hundred dollars due February 1st, 1916, two thousand dollars due July 1st, 1916, and seventeen hundred dollars due February 1st, 1917, together with five per centum per annum interest on each of said certificates from date thereof until paid.

Be it further ordained, That said certificates of indebtedness shall be in the following form, numbered 1, 2, 3, in order of their maturities for the amounts above stated, to-wit:

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS.  
Colfax, Grant Parish, La., }  
June 7, 1915.

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, the police jury of Grant, State of Louisiana, will pay to the White Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, or its order, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, with five per cent per annum interest from date hereof until paid, for value received, being a part of the credit portion of the price of a certain Good Roads Truck bought of said company by said police jury, the vendor's lien being retained. This certificate is given by and under the authority of an ordinance of the police jury of said parish, dated June 7, 1915, and is secured by the tax levy in the said ordinance set forth, which funds are appropriated to pay this certificate.

POLICE JURY OF GRANT PR., La.  
Per \_\_\_\_\_ President.  
Certificates in which form the president of this body is hereby authorized to sign and deliver to said company.  
Adopted June 7, 1915.

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