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Model Roads In Louisiana

The representative of the Iowa Farmer, published at Des Moines Iowa, who accompanied the party of agricultural editors who recently toured Louisiana, was very much impressed with the good roads work being done in this State, and advises his Iowa readers that it would be profitable for the people of the Middle West to study the conditions of Louisiana.

He refers particularly to the work being done in Caddo Parish under the supervision of Engineer J. T. Bullin, and prints a statement from Mr. Bullin which he says is "so full of practical road sense as to be applicable to conditions in Iowa."

The Iowa Farmer says: "The people of the Middle West who are wrestling with the problem of permanent highways will find it profitable to study conditions in Louisiana. It would hardly seem possible to get ideas from that alleged decrepit old State in the Sunny South that would pass current in the hustling sections of the great corn belt in the Middle West, but such is the case because Louisiana is forging to the front as one of the most enthusiastic permanent road builders to be found in the United States. It has not voted as a State the large sums that New York has available, neither has it had the grafters and thieves to contend with as has that State, but a law prevails down in that country that permits parishes—counties we call them here—to vote bonds for permanent road building, and a number of parishes have taken advantage of the provisions of the law and have issued bonds that permanent highways may be constructed.

"While touring that State recently we were amazed at the vast amount of work being done in road building. We were whirled away in automobiles over miles of the finest kind of gravel roads in the vicinity of Donaldsonville, in Assumption Parish. Other parishes in that section are developing a splendid system of highways. At New Iberia a stretch of highway made of asphalt has been serving as an object lesson for the past two years. At Crowley, Jennings and at Lake Charles a vigorous sentiment prevails for permanent highways and Calcasieu Parish of which Lake Charles is the capital has voted bonds to the amount of \$900,000 which the city has added \$200,000, making over one million dollars to be expended in permanent road building. A brick pavement 9 feet wide and 125 miles in extent is being constructed with a strip of gravel four feet wide on each side. This paving costs about \$10,000 a mile complete, including grading and bridging. Within a few months this parish will have 125 miles of permanent highway and already other roads are being projected.

"In Caddo Parish, of which Shreveport is the capital, a five mill tax for five years has been voted and the permanent highway is being paid for as the work progresses. T. J. Bullin, an engineer having the sanction of the United States government, has the matter in charge and he is better able to tell of the work than are we, so to submit herewith a statement of Mr. Bullin which will be found so full of practical road sense as to be applicable to conditions here in Iowa.—Shreveport Times.

Keep her rolling, boys; keep her rolling.

Demonstration Farms

The growing of live stock for market by forage feeding is the disinfected feature of the demonstration on the farm of Mr. Joseph Kinkaid at Warsaw, Mo., inaugurated by the Missouri Pacific Railway. The railway company already has demonstration farms in operation at various points along its lines, but this is the first venture of the company into the field of animal husbandry. On September 1st 100 head of hogs, 200 sheep, 50 breeding ewes and 150 Idaho lambs will be brought on the farm. The soil is now planted to a variety of forage crops, sown in succession, consisting of cow peas planted separately, oats, soy beans, rape and rye pasture. The crops are in first-class condition at the present time. The animals themselves will do the harvesting, thus doing away almost entirely with the item of expense for labor in that respect. As the experiment is for the purpose of showing that this kind of animal husbandry, which has been successfully introduced by Prof. H. Doane, head of the Farm Management of Missouri Agricultural College, on many farms throughout the State, returns the maximum of profit in addition to building up the soil, close check will be kept on every item of expense and on the gain made by the animals on the different forage foods.

The agricultural department of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain is one of the hobbies of President B. F. Bush and much interest in the experimental farm work being done has been manifested by the farmers along the company's lines. Just recently a large land company near Sheridan Lake, Colo., desiring that incoming settlers should have the benefit of scientific farming methods, set aside a 320 acre farm to be used under the direction of the Missouri Pacific road as a demonstration farm. Within the next year it is proposed to make this model farm for that section of the country.

Police Jury Proceedings

ORDINANCE No.

An ordinance authorizing the holding of an election in Ward 5 of the Parish of Caldwell, for the purpose of voting a special tax for school purposes.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Caldwell, in regular session convened, that a special election be held, and is hereby ordered in Ward 5 of the Parish of Caldwell, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 18, 1914, for the purpose of taking the sense of the legally qualified voters in the above numbered Ward upon the question of levying a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the year 1914, to be devoted exclusively to school purposes in the said Ward.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that the said election be held at the regular polling places in the said ward, or where the last General Election was held.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that the vote at said election shall be taken by printed ballot, and shall contain the words "For the special five (5) mills school tax" and the words "Against the special five (5) mills school tax."

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained that the election of officers of the Parish of Caldwell are hereby instructed to issue their proclamation of election, and to appoint the commissioners to serve at said election, as required by Law—said Commissioners to serve without compensation.

Sec. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., that this ordinance take effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted this July 6, 1914.
H. H. ROGILLO, Pres.
R. R. REDDITT, Clerk.

THE JOKE THAT NEARLY FAILED

Representative McClanahan's Reply to Recent Editorial Appearing in The Lake Charles American Press

Riverton, La., August 4, '14
Editor Caldwell Watchman.
Columbia, La.

My dear Editor:—

Through your courtesy I have been permitted to read an editorial in the American-Press (a little paper published in the city of Lake Charles) which reads as follows:

"Humorists in the legislature had a lesson they will not soon forget this week when what was intended as a joke by several of the members came to the attention of the ever-voluble McClanahan of Caldwell, who apparently is always looking for an opportunity to play to the grandstand. The tone of the dispatches from Baton Rouge was so guarded and mysterious that it has taken newspaper readers some time to analyze the joke and see if it was a joke. What really happened was this:

"Two of the representatives went to Rev. F. R. Lattier, a Baptist minister who represents Natchitoches parish, and offered him \$250 dollars for his vote on a bridge proposition. Lattier accepted and was given a check. Later the humorists took the check under pretext of getting it cashed, put a lot of blank paper in an envelope to represent money and told Lattier on no account to open it till he got home.

"Thus far the joke was an entire success. The representatives say that they were joking. Lattier says he knew they were joking and everybody laughed at the right place. Then McClanahan heard of it. McClanahan secured a certain amount of notoriety at the beginning of the session by introducing a bill to move the state capital to Alexandria and has since been pining for more. He refused to see a joke in it. McClanahan howled for an investigation and would not be satisfied with a fake investigation."

Now, Mr. Editor, the American-Press is not familiar with this case or it has knowingly and wantonly discolored the facts, and I am not sufficiently interested in the matter at present to correct, or enlighten, the esteemed American-Press with all the details of the affair, however I still contend that the accused is guilty, and that I have sufficient proof to substantiate the charge.

I stood on the floor of the House of Representatives in the presence of the Rev. Lattier and made the open charge against him and he did not have the

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior—U. S. Land Office at Baton Rouge La., July 13, 1914

Notice is hereby given that Rush Tarver, of Rosefield, La., who, on August 31, 1911, made Homestead Entry No. 04300, for S 1-2 of the N W 1-4 and S W 1-4 of the N E 1-4, Sec. 25, T 11 N, R 3 east, Louisiana Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Clerk of Court, at Columbia, La., on the 25th day of August 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Andrew Cruse, Esborne Cruse, Duncan Grant and Levy Cruse all of Davis, La.

JOHN F. NUTTALL, Register.

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courage to raise his voice in his own defense, but remained seated with his head bowed down in shame and humiliation.

I have the utmost confidence and respect in ministers of the gospel who practice what they preach, and am always as courteous to them as I could possibly be to a Virgin Mary—but I have less respect for a minister of the gospel, who will side step from the path of right for the sake of graft, than I have for the lowest criminal in the land.

Again, Mr. Editor, the esteemed American-Press did not give its real reason for its slimy attack upon me. That reason is still harbored within the secret resources of its own conscience and can never afford to give it to the public.

The trouble with the esteemed American-Press is this: I was not in accord with its political thought, and refused to obey the mandates of its political Gods.

I represented the people of my Parish to the best of my ability and understanding and I cared not whether it pleased the American-Press or any other sheet of its calibre.

For the benefit and information of the above named paper, I will say that I know not whether I will ever represent my Parish in the State Legislature again, but if I do I shall always be expressing my honest sentiments and exposing any dishonorable acts of any member of that body while in the performance of their official duties, without calling upon the American-Press for any advice in the matter.

I yield my honest convictions to no man, or set of men, and will not permit my vote to be controlled in the State Legislature except by the sovereign people of my Parish.

Had I supported some of those bills creating new political jobs, and some of those raising the salary of some of the present office-holders, and more especially, had I supported that infamous tax commission bill which was intended to increase the taxes of the farmers of this State millions of dollars, I doubt very seriously that I would have ever been criticised by the esteemed American-Press.

I write this in my defense against what I consider an unwarranted attack by the esteemed American-Press.

Yours truly,
J. E. McClanahan.

Constable Sale

State of Louisiana—Fourth Justice Court—Parish of Caldwell

Miss Anita Baker vs A. M. Grayson. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued by R. R. Redditt, Justice of the Peace of the Fourth Ward of the Parish of Caldwell, in favor of Miss Anita Baker and against A. M. Grayson and to me directed, I will at 2 P. M., on the 8th day of August, 1914, in front of the store of J. J. Stallings in the town of Grayson, Louisiana, in Ward Four of the said Parish, offer for sale at Public Auction the following described property:

1 newspaper printing press complete, 1 job press, 1 lot of type and type stand, 1 type fitting table, 3,000 envelopes, 7 packages note heads, 4 boxes visiting cards and 1 lot cuts and ads.

Seized as the property of A. M. Grayson under said Writ of Fieri Facias.

C. R. FERRAND, Constable.

Dated this 20th day of July, A. D. 1914.

5 or 6 doses 666 will break any case of Fever or Chills. Price, 25 cents.
Subscribe for The Watchman only \$1.00 a year.

The War On Worms

National and State authorities, recognizing the disastrous effects of the army worm invasion, are joining with the people in combating the pest. The United States Department of Agriculture, in a special bulletin, advises farmers to protect their fields by plowing furrows around them before the worm makes its appearance. If this precaution, be taken in time crops can be saved, but it will be too late if the farmer waits until the arrival of the invaders. The army worm is a rapid destructionist, going over many acres in a day, and to save crops it is essential to be prepared in advance. A furrow around the fields, turned outward, acts as a fortification into which the invaders fall. Before they can cross the obstruction gasoline should be poured into the furrow, insuring the destruction of the "army."

Then He Kicked Himself

A woman with fifteen bundles boarded a street car the other afternoon when I was on my way to my suburban residence. She was a pretty woman, and I felt sorry for her. She was returning from a shopping tour. Being a man with a kind heart I helped her on the car and piled her bundles about her. A man got on at the same time and took a seat on the other side of the young lady. When the car came to my street I was surprised to see her rise and begin to pick up her bundles. Instantly my sense of chivalry prompted me to help her off the car, and, as I was going in the same direction I asked permission to carry her fifteen bundles. The man got off also and started on ahead. I was loaded down like a camel crossing the desert. In these packages she had everything from an electric flat-iron to a five pound bag of prunes.

We trudged along about half a mile. The man turned in at a gate. When we reached the gate the young lady thanked me and said: "This is as far as I go. I live here. Thank you, very much."

"But the man ahead of us, the man who came out on the car with us turned in here too."

"Yes," she said, "He is my husband, but he hates to carry packages through the streets." Exchange.

Notice

In the matter of the Tutorship of the minor, Ervin Washington

Thirtieth District Court—Parish of Caldwell—State of Louisiana.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the recommendations of a family meeting held before R. N. T. Lovett, Notary Public on the 3rd day of July 1914, and the judgement of the said court homologating the proceedings of said family meeting, I will on Saturday the 22d day of August 1913, offer for sale at the principal front door of the Court house in the town of Columbia, La., between the hour of 12m., and the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., on said day offer for sale for cash, the N 1-2 of S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 14, in T 11, North of Range 2 east containing 80 acres; the said land having been appraised by the said family meeting at \$200.00 it will not be sold for less than said appraisal.

Witness my signature at Columbia, La., on this the 17th day of July 1914.
P. J. MEREDITH,
Tutor to the Minor, Ervin Washington

This section was visited by a hard rain Monday night which proved beneficial to the crops around Columbia.

Send in your renewals to The Watchman.

Boost the Fair.

Good Roads And The Fair

Dear Editor:—Here I am again after a silence of several weeks, but the results of the election on the road tax question came as a surprise. I thought would give the public my idea on the matter. The people have made the greatest mistake of their lives in voting down this bond issue. Let's wake up and get on the progressive line and do not drag along in the path of our grandfathers. Let's get on the progressive side and put our shoulders to the wheel of progress and push forward and not backward, as some of us did in the recent election on the bond issue, for good roads.

I believe if the good people could see the matter in the right light, they would cry out, "Let's have the election over, we will vote for the bond issue." Just stop and think what good roads would do for our parish. It simply means the saving of our teams, less wear of our wagons, double the value of our lands. It means the building of our towns and parish, and gives the farmer a better opportunity to market his products. We could haul twice as much over good roads as we can over the present ones. We could haul four bales of cotton to market, but as it is now we can only get to market with two.

It is a shame and I think where the people are so ignorant of their duty to their country, the law makers should take steps and levee a tax on each one subject to road duty, sufficient to build such roads that are necessary in a community.

Now, just a few words in regard to our parish fair. I have not heard very much said about the fair. I think the time is right now for the interest to be created if a move is ever to be started. I am with the editor on this question and think it is time the committee should get together and perfect plans and get the grounds ready for holding the fair. Get the premium list up and have same published so the people can see what cash premiums are being offered on. It will create a great deal of interest if you will give the farmers this data, and perhaps wake up some that are trying to go to sleep. Let's boost the fair, and give it all the support we can.
W. O. JAMES

Administrators Sale:

Thirtieth District Court, Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana.

Succession of, Alice Easly, deceased; No.—
Notice is hereby given, that I, M. L. Mecom, Clerk District Court, in and for the Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, having been duly and legally appointed and qualified as the administrator of the estate and succession of Alice Easly, deceased; will offer for sale, and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction at the Main Street, front door of the Court house in the town of Columbia, La., on SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH, 1914, between legal sale hours, the following real estate belonging to and composing the estate and succession of Alice Easly, deceased, to-wit: An undivided one-half interest in and to Lot No. 5 in Block No. 29 of the town of Columbia, La., together with all building and improvements thereon.
Appraisement, Fifty Dollars.
Terms of sale Cash, for not less than appraisement.
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, officially, at Columbia, La., this June 30th, 1914.
M. L. MECOM,
Clerk Dist. Court.

Public Notice

I have at my disposal an appointment of one free scholarship in the Academic Department of Tulane University, and will be glad to give the appointment to some ambitious young man of this Parish. Applicant must be young man above sixteen years of age and prepared for college work. Scholarship will last four years if desired.
J. E. McCLANAHAN,