

FOR CONGRESS, (FIFTH DISTRICT.)

We are authorized to announce HON. JOS. E. RANDELL, of East Carroll parish, as a candidate for Congress for the unexpired term of the late Judge Samuel T. Baird, deceased, from the Fifth Louisiana District, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

MEETING OF THE PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Ward Primaries Ordered to Select Delegates to a Parish Convention.

Lake Providence, La., July 5, 1899. Pursuant to call, the Democratic Executive Committee of East Carroll parish met this day in special session.

Present—Chairman, J. S. Guenard; C. F. Davis, Secretary; W. C. McRae, Geo. F. Blackburn, J. N. Turner, R. N. Ren, W. E. Long, W. E. Dunn by F. X. Ransdell proxy, Robt. Nicholson by J. S. Guenard, proxy.

F. X. Ransdell offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That there be a primary election held in each ward of the parish on Thursday, July 13th 1899, to elect delegates to a parish convention to be held at Lake Providence on Tuesday, the 18th of July 1899, which convention shall select delegates from this parish to the Democratic convention to be held at Monroe on July 26th, 1899, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress to succeed the late Hon. S. T. Baird.

Resolved, That all white qualified Democratic voters shall be entitled to vote in said election, which shall be held at the usual polling places in each ward, under the supervision of the members of this committee from the several wards. That it shall be held by ballot in the usual and customary manner, and that returns therefor shall be made to a sub-committee of this committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary and Geo. F. Blackburn, who shall canvass same and make promulgation of the results thereof.

Resolved further, That the following number of delegates from each ward receiving in each ward the highest number of votes shall be declared to constitute said parish convention:

- First ward, 3 delegates. Second ward, 5 delegates. Third ward, 15 delegates. Fourth ward, 3 delegates. Fifth ward, 3 delegates.

There being no further business the committee adjourned subject to call.

J. S. GUENARD, Chair. CLIFTON F. DAVIS, Sec'y.

MEETING OF FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE COMMISSIONERS.

Delta, La., Wednesday, June 28, 1899. Pursuant to call of the president, the board of commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana levee district met at Delta, La., this day. There were present:

- J. T. McClellan, president; W. H. Ward, Madison parish. C. C. Cordill, G. C. Goldman, Tennessee parish. B. B. Parham, J. L. Clayton, Concordia parish. J. E. Ransdell, W. H. Benjamin, East Carroll parish. A. T. Lane, Secretary. Absent none.

A quorum being present the board proceeded to business, as follows: On motion of Mr. Goldman, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The report of the president was read and considered.

On motion of Mr. Parham, the following resolution was adopted: "Be it Resolved, That the dates of holding regular meetings of this board are hereby fixed as follows: On the second Wednesday of January, April, July and October.

On motion of Mr. Parham the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, The contemplated new levee at Bondurant, to be built by the United States government, will destroy a considerable area of growing crops; and

"Whereas, These crops were pitched and cultivated by the parties in interest in good faith.

"Resolved, That the president of this board is requested to appoint a committee of three, to be composed of himself and two other members, who shall investigate and estimate the damage and loss to growing crops, caused by building said levee, and make their report at next meeting."

The president appointed Messrs. B. B. Parham and G. C. Goldman as members of said committee, the president being also a member.

On motion of Mr. Ransdell the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this board, availing itself of the authority in it vested by article 239 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of the year 1898, and of act No. 14 of the acts of the legislature of the state of Louisiana of 1898, do issue its bonds to the amount of \$500,000, all of said bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each; said bonds to be payable to bearer, to be signed by the president of this board officially and attested by the signature of its secretary and the seal of the board; to become due in fifty

years, and to be payable at the option of the board in forty years from the date of their issue; to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from date of their issue; said interest to be evidenced by coupons attached to said bonds, payable semi-annually at the fiscal agency in New Orleans, or at the office of the state treasurer, and subject to all the terms, provisions and conditions of said act No. 14 of the acts of the legislature of the state of Louisiana of the year 1898; said bonds to be issued in lieu of the bonds heretofore issued by this board under the authority of act No. 44 of the acts of the legislature of the state of Louisiana of 1886, which bonds are now outstanding or not yet disposed of.

"Resolved further, That the preceding resolution and each and every part and clause thereof and each said every part and clause of act No. 14 of the acts of the legislature of the state of Louisiana of 1898 be and they are hereby constituted a part of the contract between this board and any and all future holder or holders of any said bonds or coupons to be issued under the provisions of this resolution and of said act No. 14 of 1898."

On motion of Mr. Ransdell the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the president of this board is hereby authorized and instructed to have the 500 bonds, aggregating \$500,000, provided for in the foregoing resolution, properly engraved as soon as possible, and to have them bear date of January 1, 1900.

Be it further Resolved, That said bonds, when negotiated, shall be issued to the purchaser or purchasers thereof by the treasurer of the state of Louisiana upon the warrant of the auditor, and the purchase price thereof shall be paid direct to the treasurer of the state, who is hereby authorized to use same for the purpose of paying or redeeming, upon the warrant of the auditor, the outstanding bonds of this board, as provided by act 14 of 1898.

"Be it further Resolved, That bonds to the amount of (\$91,500) ninety-one thousand five hundred dollars, which are not outstanding and are still in the hands of this board, shall be issued to the purchaser thereof by the state treasurer upon the warrant of the state auditor, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the state treasury, and placed to the general account of the district."

On motion of Mr. Goldman the president and Commissioner Cordill are appointed a committee to arrange for the sale of the bonds of this board to be issued for the purpose of retiring those now outstanding, in accordance with article—of the constitution of the state of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That a local assessment or forced contribution for the year 1899 of five cents per acre upon all lands situated within the limits of the Fifth Louisiana levee district, except that produced on those lands in the parish of Concordia which have heretofore been declared exempt from the payment of cotton tax by resolution of this board, and the tax collectors of the several parishes comprising said district are hereby ordered to proceed with the collection of the same in the manner provided in instructions heretofore given them."

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That a local assessment or forced contribution for the year 1899 of five cents per acre upon all lands situated within the limits of the Fifth Louisiana levee district is hereby levied, and the tax assessors of the several parishes comprising said district are hereby ordered to extend the same upon the assessment rolls, and the several tax collectors are hereby ordered to proceed with the collection of same at the same time and in the same manner as other state and parish taxes are collected."

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That pursuant to Act No. 8 of 1888 and Act No. 112 of 1884 an ad valorem tax of ten mills on the dollar, be and is hereby levied upon all the taxable property within the limits of the Fifth Louisiana levee district for the year 1899, and the tax assessors of the several parishes comprising said district are hereby ordered to extend the same upon the assessment rolls, and the several tax collectors are hereby ordered to proceed with the collection of same at the same time and in the same manner as other state and parish taxes are collected."

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, Act No. 11 of 1898 authorizes this board to levy a special assessment or forced contribution not to exceed one dollar per bale on each and every bale of cotton produced in the district, upon lands subject to taxation in case the board deems the funds heretofore provided for inadequate to locate, construct and repair levees so as to prevent disastrous floods;

"Therefore be it resolved, That this board does deem the funds heretofore provided inadequate to locate, construct and repair levees, so as to prevent disastrous floods, and availing itself of the provisions of said act No. 11 of 1898, does hereby levy in pursuance of the provisions of said act, an additional tax of 50 cents per bale on each and every bale of cotton of the crop of 1899-1900 produced in the district, upon lands subject to taxation, except that produced on those lands in the parish of Concordia which have heretofore been declared exempt from the payment of this additional cotton tax of 50 cents per bale by resolution of this board, making a tax of \$1 per bale for the year 1899 upon each and every bale of cotton produced. The tax collectors of the several parishes comprising this district are hereby ordered to proceed with the collection of this additional tax in the manner provided in instructions heretofore given them, and the bale of cotton referred to above shall be five hundred and twenty-eight pounds gross, and any excess over this weight shall be collected for at the rate of 20 cents per hundred pounds."

On motion of Mr. Parham the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That the rates of cotton tax to be collected for account of this board on cotton passed by the Lowry or other round press is hereby fixed at 50 cents per bale on bales of cotton not to exceed 275 pounds in weight."

All members were present and voted in favor of the adoption of the above resolutions in matter of levy tax.

The application of Wisner & Dresser to purchase lands was presented to the board, when on motion of Mr. Parham, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, Messrs. Wisner & Dresser, of the parish of Franklin, have applied to this board to purchase 20,000 acres of land lying in the northwest corner of the parish of Tensas, and in the south-west corner of the parish of Madison, offering for same 25 cents per acre, payable on or before four months after date.

Therefore be it resolved, That the president of this board is hereby authorized to deed to said Wisner & Dresser, on payment to him in cash on or before the 28th day of October, 1899, 20,000 acres of land for 25 cents per acre. The description of the above mentioned lands, by sections, townships and range, to be agreed upon between the president of this board and said Wisner & Dresser."

On motion of Mr. Clay the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the president of this board be, and he is hereby authorized to deed lands owned by this board to the following named parties on payment to him in cash the prices as hereinafter fixed, viz:

"To J. E. Tillery, or his assigns, the John F. Scott tract in the parish of Concordia described as follows: 'A certain piece or tract of land situated in Concordia parish, La., and containing 150 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by Cross; on the south by Coleman; east and west by Horse Shoe Lake,' at 50 cents per acre.

"To John Dale, or his assigns, lands in the parish of Concordia described as follows: 'Swamp tract, sec. 18, T. 8, R. 9 E., containing 273 acres, at 50cts per acre.'

"To G. W. Williams, or his assigns, lands in the parish of Concordia, described as follows: 'Donation containing 160 acres, bounded north and west by Buckenort; south by swamp and east by Woodlawn,' at 50 cents per acre.

"To Fayette Williams, or his assigns, lands in the parish of Madison, described as follows: 'Lots 6 and 9 of sec. 28, T. 15, R. 9 E., containing 58 acres, more or less at 50 cents per acre.'

"To R. A. Gibson, or his assigns, lands in the parish of Madison, described as follows: 'The south half of sec. 30, T. 15, R. 10 E., containing 320 acres, more or less, at 25 cents per acre.'

"To R. A. Gibson, or his assigns, lands in the parish of Madison, described as follows: 'The south-west quarter of section 29, T. 15, R. 10 E., containing 159 and 50-100 acres, more or less, at 25 cents per acre.'

"To G. W. Williams, of his assigns, the M. E. Warren lands in the parish of Concordia, described as follows: 'Bounded north by J. Smith, east by Miller place, south by the Wild lands, west by Barker lands, containing 125 acres, at 50 cents per acre.'

The application of L. M. Dalzara for option on 273 acres of land in Concordia parish, was refused.

On motion of Mr. Parham the following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved, That the action of J. T. McClellan, president of this board, in deeding to John W. Register the following described lands in the parish of Tensas, to-wit: All of sec. 15, T. 9 R. 9 east, except the northern eighth of said section heretofore sold by said levee board to said Register, the portion of said section now sold containing 551 acres.

"Also the south half of the southwest quarter of section 14, same township and range, containing eighty acres of land, all for the price and sum of (\$157.75) one hundred and fifty-seven and 75-100 dollars, be and the same is hereby approved and said sale ratified."

On motion of Mr. Parham the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, At a meeting of this board held on the 8th day of December, 1897, the president was authorized to deed to the Lake Providence & Western Railroad company, or its assigns, 25,000 acres of land in the parish of East Carroll, for the price and sum of (\$3) three cents per acre; provided, that the deed should not be passed until the contract for building said road had been signed, and construction begun thereon; and provided further, that said agreement should be null and void if construction was not begun and the deed passed prior to September 1 1898;

"Whereas, Unavoidable delays in beginning the construction of said road have occurred; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the resolution adopted December 8, 1897, be so amended as to extend the time for passing of the deed to said lands, and the beginning of construction of said railroad from September 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899.

Be it further Resolved, That the president of this board is hereby authorized to make a deed to said lands to said railroad company, or its assigns, at any time prior to October 1, 1899, if the terms of said original resolution have been complied with."

A proposition from Messrs. Wisner & Dresser, in matter of assessing lands was presented, when, on motion of Mr. Ransdell, the following resolution was adopted: "Be it Resolved, That the proposition of Messrs. Wisner & Dresser to place on the assessment rolls for Tensas parish all lands not on said rolls, and which should be thereon, in consideration for the taxes that may be collected on such lands for the current year for which they shall be assessed, and all back taxes assessed thereon, is hereby accepted, and the president of this board is authorized to enter into a contract with said Wisner & Dresser for that purpose, and to pay them after the collections are made all such taxes as shall be collected for this board."

On motion of Mr. Goldman the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, it is now possible under the constitution of 1898 and the Acts of the general assembly of 1898 to perfect the titles to all lands sold for taxes, and

"Whereas, this board owns large tracts of such lands, the titles to which are uncertain or have never been judicially recognized,

"Therefore be it resolved, That the members of this board, from each of the parishes are hereby authorized and directed to employ counsel in their respective parishes to institute the proper

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legal proceedings to perfect the titles of such lands as are owned by this board in each of said parishes.

"Resolved further, That the compensation of said attorney shall be fixed by this board upon the completion of the work."

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the permanent levee inspectors of each of the parishes in the district be paid \$70.00 per month as salary."

On motion of Mr. Ransdell the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the president of this board is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for—cubic yards of work on Cottage Home levee and to let contracts for said work.

"Be it further resolved, That the president is also authorized to expend such sums on Elton levee as may become necessary to supplement the funds in the hands of Capt. Newcomer available for that work.

"Be it further resolved, That the president of this board is authorized to have all necessary work done restoring waste wash and making repairs as may be further necessary.

"Be it further resolved, That should any work occur to necessitate new loops in the district the president is authorized to make contracts for the work."

"Be it further resolved, That the president is authorized to suspend work on all levees now under contract where, in his opinion, it becomes advisable to do so."

On motion of Mr. Ransdell the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That an appropriation of \$1,000.00 and the same is hereby made to the Inter-State Mississippi River Improvement and Levee Association to enable it to assist in the free distribution of a work on the Mississippi valley and levee system now being prepared by Frank H. Tompkins, the special representative of said association, and the president of this board is hereby authorized to warrant for same in favor of The Delta Trust and Banking Company, the treasurer of said association."

The finance committee presented the following report, which was read and adopted and bills thereon approved were ordered paid.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. Delta, La., June 28, 1899. To the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Fifth Louisiana Levee District: We, your finance committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined and approved the following bills and recommend their payment: W C McRae, making statistical report \$100 00 George Spencer, making statistical report 100 00 B F Boney, making statistical report 100 00 R L Castleman, making statistical report 100 00 J G Hume, cotton destroyed building levee 40 25 W L Darrow, taxes paid by error 145 19 Southern Cotton Oil Co., sacks used on levees 16 25 Ransdell & Ransdell, legal services 100 00 N B Hunter, work on Waterproof levee 17 50 J Stein & Co., telegrams 3 50 Chas Wise, work Stockbridge levee 130 80 We recommend that the bill of Mrs. F. C. Morey for \$100.00 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted, B. B. Parham, G. C. Goldman, W. H. Benjamin, Committee.

On motion of Mr. Ransdell the bill of Merchants' National Bank for interest, amounting to \$72.00 was allowed and ordered paid.

On motion of Mr. Cordill the board adjourned to second Wednesday in October, 1899.

J. T. McCLELLAN, President. A. T. LANE, Secretary.

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