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Public Roads.

"The consensus of opinion was that we can have no roads without taxation."

Editor Clarion.—I find the above in your report of the farmers' institute held at Opelousas, July 19. I do not doubt that there was a "consensus of opinion" to that effect among those present, to whom such a tax would not be a burden and by whom no such tax would be paid; but it may be reasonably doubted, if the silent majority, who would feel such a tax, were of that way of thinking.

It requires no "consensus of opinion" to show that the present system of working the roads is a failure—the fact speaks for itself, and the fact is chronic; but that does not prove that the roads can be worked only by taxation. The Revolution lasted nominally eight years, and it succeeded practically without taxation; but a wonderful lot of patriotism and love of liberty inspired its actors. In the late war with Spain, and the present one with the Philippines, we heard and heard of much patriotism and patriotism; but we know of the great taxation. It seems to be the opinion of some that nothing can be done without taxation. If the "consensus" of such were carried to its legitimate result, not only should all public work be done by taxation, but each individual should be taken care of in the same way. The huge pension list is on the road to that result. Those who have nothing should be supported by those who have something. The secret of a successful life is, not to produce objects of wealth or add to the value of raw material, but by so-called legal means to get possession of what others produce. The "consensus" of such should be: By taxation, we live and move and have our being.

When application was made to President Lincoln to appoint a certain individual to an office, on the ground that he was the only one fit, that great and astute man said the office had better be abolished, for that man might die. If we can have no public roads except by taxation, the roads had better be abolished, because taxation might fall—it is certain to fall, if it is increased without limit; the result will be the same as when the hen was killed that laid the golden egg.

Where all or nearly all of the people are taxpayers, and they see fit to tax themselves for road work, it is well; but where those who pay no taxes—and a tax cannot be collected from one who has no property—have as much or more use for the roads than those who do, the justice of taxation is hard to see. If it is just for one person to be taxed to pay several others to work a road that they need and use as much or more than he does, he should not be blamed if his mind is too dull to perceive it. A taxpayer may have twenty non-taxpaying share-hands on his place; they get half the crop, and with his team and wagons haul it to market; his half can do no more damage to the road than theirs; individually, they probably use the road more than twenty times as much as he does; he furnishes the land for the road, and the team and implements to work it; yet, according to the "consensus of opinion" of the taxation-lovers, he should be taxed to work the road and they, as laborers, should be the recipients of the tax.

If the owner of the land were responsible for the good condition of the road on his own front, under the penalty of a tax to keep it in good condition, he would have these same laborers, and plows and teams on the road at every opportunity. The question would not then be, to wear out so many days and do as little work as possible, but to keep the road in good condition—and that can easiest be done by never letting it get in bad condition.

The impassable mud-hole that was on the East-Bellevue road near Calliham bridge last winter, would never have been there if the land on the road had been responsible for the condition of the road—a tenant on some of that land made a "good thing" out of it; it was a boon to travelers, but to him a cause for rejoicing.

Even the devil is not to blame for everything that goes wrong. Mud-holes cause disaster enough, but the individual who keeps his vehicle in the sun and rain until it is ready to fall to pieces, and then takes it into a ravenous mud-hole where it has a good excuse to do what it had already inclined to do, had better spend fifteen dollars for a shed as well as fifteen dollars for repairs; and let there be no mud-hole on his front, than pay a road tax. Shelter for vehicles and keeping the roads in good condition are necessary; a road-tax is not, except as a necessary evil.

J. W. JACKSON.

To The Public.

Being a candidate for coroner, and fearing that my professional duties will not allow me to visit and make myself and my views known to the people of every section of the parish, and even if I do I cannot state them better than through the columns of this paper; therefore, I feel it my duty before asking the support of the Democrats of the parish, to make known to them what course I will pursue

In the campaign and my humble opinion as to the most profitable way to the people of selecting the officers of the parish.

The first and most important step in that direction, is the holding of a White Democratic Primary, a free for all entry, the people voting for the individual and not the faction, unbiased by any previous political difference or prejudice, for the man upon his own merits, with a view to their best interest of electing one the most suited for the particular office for which he is an aspirant.

Letters have already appeared in the papers urging that the fight be made on the same grounds or lines of division that the last deplorable and unfortunate campaign was conducted.

I feel that I will voice the sentiments of a majority of the best citizens, their personal interest and that of the parish, that it will be to our credit to forget and bury the events of the past, now that the principles of the last campaign have been disposed of and the power of electing our officers is solely in the hands of the white voters.

The people of this parish, even since the Republican party has become a nullity in the political voice of this State, have been made to oppose each other by political factions, often against their own interest, and even going so far as to arm themselves with deadly weapons to destroy, if need be, their personal friends and neighbors. I hope that the day has arrived that the people realize that their interest and that of their descendants, is opposed to such political workings, and that they will revolt at the proposition of continuing that self-sacrificing interest in supporting any faction or particular set of men.

Let us examine the record of our officers and if we find that the candidates for re-election have fulfilled in a satisfactory manner the trust imposed in them, let us elect them again, regardless of past factional difference, and for those who are candidates for the first time let them come before the people and be examined.

There is another important matter that will come before us when electing our police jurors, that needs some consideration; that is the liquor question.

It is unnecessary to dwell more on that question than to mention it, as I am sure a large majority of the best people of the parish realize the great benefit of a high license and will see that it be continued.

These are my views on those important questions, and I place them before the Democrats of this parish to pass their judgment on them.

C. A. GARDINER.

Chicot Notes.

July 31—Dr. Jno. A. Haas, of Opelousas, gave us a pleasant call last week.

The candidacy of Hon. Laurent J. Dossmann, of Ville Platte, for sheriff, is hailed here with delight by a good many of his friends. Mr. Dossmann is a native of this (the sixth) ward, therefore, should and will receive a large vote.

H. L. Erlich left on Tuesday for Opelousas, to assist in drawing the jury for the fall term of court, he being a jury commissioner.

In our last we said it was time for another candidate to announce himself for sheriff; he has done so. Who's next?

H. L. Erlich is suffering with rheumatism in his right arm, whilst L. J. Derbes has a big boil under his arm.

The Comanche Visitor, of Texas, publishes the following, and thinking it would prove of interest to a good many readers of the Clarion, copied same: "A popular young man was tried before the justice of the peace, charged with the offense of kissing a young lady by force and against her will. The young lady, who was very handsome, gave her testimony in a modest and straight-forward manner. The judge then gave the following decision: 'The court in this case sympathizes with the defendant and will discharge him without fine, imprisonment or reprimand, because the court, whilst this case has been in progress, has been obliged to hold on to both arms of his chair to keep from kissing complainant himself!'"

A great deal of sickness is reported in the neighborhood, principally from eating too much fruits and being exposed to the extreme hot weather.

Sam Thomas attended a grand ball at Ville Platte last Saturday night.

Miss Lillian Thomas was visiting at Sledgeville last Wednesday.

Our neighbor and friend, J. C. Murray, has five acres of water-melons, and is selling them by the load almost daily. Thanks to him for one that tipped the scale at 623 pounds; it was rich, ripe and juicy.

Owing to the continued dry spell of weather, the Craw-fish Club is at a stand still.

Major Wharton spent several days last week in the pine woods, fishing and hunting.

The population of Dossmann is slowly but surely growing. Mrs. Wm. Raspberry gave birth one day last week to two bouncing baby boys.

Isidore Isaac and F. A. Voorhies, of Opelousas, passed down on Thursday, after a pleasant stay of several days at Belle Cheney Springs, and on Friday, Dr. G. A. M. Cooke, Hon. Marshall Prescott, Quirk McCaffery, Ben Prescott and others of Washington, passed up.

J. C. Murray passed here on Friday on his way to the Watkins Railroad with two loads of immense water-melons. Mr. Murray informs ye correspondent that he has three acres yet untouched, with thousands of melons on the vines. "Dud" says if the candi-

dates will give him a call, he will give them all the melons that the inner-man desires.

Revs. Staggs and Johnson, of Mamou, gave us a call on Saturday.

Miss Grace Griffith is spending a few days here, the guest of her cousin, Miss Cammie Erlich.

Austin Wolff left Monday for Opelousas with a colored prisoner by the name of Robert Andrus. This is the same negro accused of being an accessory to the killing of Ransom Futh last spring. Now, he is arrested for cutting and trying to kill another negro by the name of Wm. Collins. This negro, Andrus, was out on bond. Better hold him this time.

The crops in this section, owing to the severe drouth, hot weather and warm winds, have fallen off at least 25% in the past week. The cotton is being forced open prematurely and good picking can be started next week. SERENA.

The Judgeship.

Mr. Editor.—As several of our citizens have expressed their views through the columns of your valuable paper in regard to the judgeship, so I thought I would resort to the same means of making my likes and dislikes known.

I am an old line Democrat; have always been and expect to continue to vote the Democratic ticket as long as the party places men who are Democrats on the ticket. But I cannot accept Judge Dupre as such; nor can any man who is loyal to the Democratic cause.

Judge Dupre was the first man who sounded a White Supremacy note, and after he was not taken up by the party as a nominee, he flopped to the Pop-Republican negro party.

I heard Judge Dupre say in a speech made at Little's hall, that we must eliminate the ignorant colored vote from our politics, "peaceably if practicable, forcibly if necessary." I would like to know if it is not through Judge Dupre's vote that he holds his office to-day.

The Judge reminds me very much of an anecdote I read in Esop's fables. There was a silly ass who donned a lion's skin and essayed to frighten everything he met. His ruse worked admirably until he attempted to imitate the lion's roar, when his miserable bray betrayed him.

Sometimes back Judge Dupre made a speech in regard to Settoon, as an independent candidate for Railroad Commissioner. He said the time for independentism and populism had played out; they must jump into the Democratic band wagon. He has jumped in, I presume; but I for one am not in favor of letting him pull the ribbons.

If we shut a wolf in the fold, we may expect a lot of damage done. RUSTLER. Plaquemine Ridge, Aug. 3.

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LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, to wit: ALFRED PAVY, Clerk of Court, at Opelousas, La., on August 13th, 1899, viz: HOMESTEAD ENTRY, No. 15,456, for the six of 81/2 Sec 6 Tp 4 S, R 2 E, containing 160 acres.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frederick W. Treville, Arelle Ardoin, Sell-mend Ardoin, Otvide Ardoin, all of Ville Platte P. O., La. WALTER L. COHEN, Register. Jy 8-9t

SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF JEAN PIERRE J. LANDRENEAU. No. 555, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. 11th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, there is to be held at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator, or any duly qualified auctioneer, the real and personal estate of the deceased, in Little Prairie Mamou, on

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1899, the following property belonging to the above estate, to-wit:

1. A certain plantation situated in Little Prairie Mamou, in this state and parish, being the last residence of the deceased, containing one hundred and seventy arpents, more or less, bounded on the north by Sebastian Fontenot, Wm. Buller and Manuel P. L. Fontenot, south by Joseph Tate, east by Wm. Buller and west by Wm. Fontenot and Treville, including all the buildings and improvements situated thereon.

2. A certain tract of woodland situated near bayou Joe Marcel, bounded on the north by Avie Fontenot, south by Mrs. Arthur Israel, east by bayou Joe Marcel and west by Avie Fontenot and Mrs. Arthur Israel, containing thirteen arpents, more or less.

3. A certain tract of woodland situated in same vicinity of last mentioned tract of woodland, in said state and parish, bounded on the north by Sebastian Fontenot, south by Mrs. Avie Fontenot, east by bayou Joe Marcel and west by Mrs. Avie Fontenot, containing fourteen arpents, more or less.

4. A certain tract of land situated on bayou Nezpique woods, in this state and parish, bounded on the north by Jean Baptiste Guillory, south by Sebastian Fontenot, east by Valmon Ortez and west by unknown, containing fifty arpents.

5. One lot of twenty-seven head of gentle cattle; one horse named Cadet; one two-year-old filly; one lot of twenty-one head of sheep; one lot of twelve head of hogs; one old wagon; one lot of twelve boards; one lot of fifteen utensils; two pairs of safes; one sewing machine; one clock; lot of beds and beddings; one buggy harness; one shotgun; one mangle; one ironing press; two spinning wheels; one loom; one lot of sundry tools; one saddle; one lot of chairs and coats; the growing crop in a field; one-third in crop of Anson Reed.

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TAKEN UP. By the undersigned at Belleair's Cove, one bay horse, with white left leg, and about 3 or 4 years old. No brand. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay cost and take same away. L. F. FONTENOT, Chataignier P. O., La. Jy 25-5t

TAKEN UP. By the undersigned at L'Anse-aux-Pailles, one roan horse, with small white spot on his forehead, and about 2 years old. No brand. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay cost and take same away. L. F. FONTENOT, Chataignier P. O., La. Jy 25-5t

TAKEN UP. By the undersigned at L'Anse-aux-Pailles, one black mare, with white spot on nose, and one sorrel horse, said horses are about 2 or 3 years old. The owner or owners will please come forward, prove property, pay costs, and take same away. ONEZIME FONTENOT. Jy 25-5t

TAKEN UP. By the undersigned at Point Dural, one pale-red horse, with white forehead, about 7 or 8 years old, and branded on right hip thus: [mark]

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. LUCIEN CHAPMAN, Mamou P. O., La. Jy 15-5t

TAKEN UP. By the undersigned at Bristol, one grey horse, 6 or 8 years old, and branded on left hip thus: [mark]

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. Bristol P. O., La. Jy 22-5t

TAKEN UP by the undersigned at Johnson's Cove, Prairie Mamou, a small brown mare with a small white stripe on forehead, about 8 or 9 years old, and branded on right hip thus: [mark]

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. JEAN LOUIS CHAPMAN, Mamou P. O., La. Jy 8-5t

TAKEN UP. By the undersigned at Chataignier, one black mare mule with crooked back, about 3 years old and branded about thus: [mark]

The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay costs and take same away. ULGER GUILLORY, Jy 22-5t Chataignier P. O., La.

ESTRAYED OR STOLEN. From Mr. Robert Wilkins' plantation in Bellevue, about two months ago, one roan horse, with left or right ear split, about two years old, and branded on the right shoulder about thus: [mark]

A liberal reward will be given for his return, or any information that will lead to his recovery. P. L. BROWNE, Opelousas, P. O., La. Jy 22-5t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

S. GUMBLE & CO., VS. M. P. COLOMB.

No. 16,230, Eleventh Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Hon. 11th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the courthouse, in the town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, August 26, '99, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

1. The undivided one-half of a certain tract of land, established as a plantation together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, in the quarter known as Grand Coteau, containing one hundred and eighty (180) arpents of land, more or less, bounded on the north by the public road leading from Grand Coteau to Lafayette, south by lands formerly belonging to Fructe Dubouche, east by lands formerly belonging to Eliza Boudreau and Joseph Richard and west by lands of Mrs. Sam P. McPherson, and being the same property which the said M. P. Colomb acquired in partnership with Francois Foras from Joseph P. Colomb by act passed before H. Sandoz, Notary Public, on April 17th, 1873, and duly recorded in said parish of St. Landry, in destination Book C, No. 2, Pages 111 and 112.

2. The undivided one-half of five arpents, more or less, of woodland, situated on bayou Carereiro, in said parish, bounded north by lands of Eugene John, south by land of Wm. Brinkhaus, east by bayou Carereiro, and being the same property acquired by the said M. P. Colomb in partnership with Francois Foras from Joseph P. Colomb by act passed before H. Sandoz, Notary Public, on April 17th, 1873, and duly recorded in said parish in Conveyance Book B, No. 2, Pages 63 and 64.

3. A tract of land containing about ten acres, more or less, situated near Grand Coteau, bounded north by the tract last above described, south by lands of Ben Butler, east by lands of Eugene Prefain and west by the public road leading from Grand Coteau to Carereiro bridge, which last two above described tracts were purchased from Henry L. Gardian and Joseph Cornier, as appears in Book U, No. 2, Page 8 in the Recorder's Office of St. Landry parish.

4. A certain tract of woodland, containing sixteen arpents, being lot No. 4 of plat survey filed in the neighborhood of the village of Grand Coteau, bounded west by a road leading to the bayou, which road is to be respected, north by Ruffet, east by M. F. Colomb and south by Vincent Soulet, and being represented by the letter "C" on a plat of survey on file with original of No. 2543 of files of Recorder's Office of St. Landry parish, containing twenty-six and 2/100 acres, and purchased in partnership with William Brinkhaus from Gardian and Estlette as appears in Conveyance Book No. 2, Page 209, in Recorder's Office in the parish of St. Landry.

5. A certain tract of land measuring ten arpents, situated near Grand Coteau, bounded north by lands of William Brinkhaus, north by M. Colomb, east by Auguste Prefain and south by the lands next herein-after described.

6. A certain tract of land adjoining that last above described, measuring sixteen arpents, and bounded north by the tract last above described, south by lands of Ben Butler, east by lands of Eugene Prefain and west by the public road leading from Grand Coteau to Carereiro bridge, which last two above described tracts were purchased from Henry L. Gardian and Joseph Cornier, as appears in Book U, No. 2, Page 8 in the Recorder's Office of St. Landry parish.

7. The undivided one-half of a certain piece of land in the neighborhood of the village of Grand Coteau, bounded west by a road leading to the bayou, which road is to be respected, north by Ruffet, east by M. F. Colomb and south by Vincent Soulet, and being represented by the letter "C" on a plat of survey on file with original of No. 2543 of files of Recorder's Office of St. Landry parish, containing twenty-six and 2/100 acres, and purchased in partnership with William Brinkhaus from Gardian and Estlette as appears in Conveyance Book No. 2, Page 209, in Recorder's Office in the parish of St. Landry.

8. The undivided one-half of a piece of land, containing fifty superficial acres, bounded north by lot No. 1 of the process verbal of sale of Ben Butler, south by lot No. 6 of Sections 38 and 39 Tp 7 S, R 4 E, as per plat filed in said sale, east by the Stelly tract of Section 38, Tp 7 S, R 4 E and west by land of the Estate of Julie Butler, acquired in partnership with F. Foras, at the succession of Julie Butler.

9. The undivided one-half of a certain piece of land, containing fifty superficial acres, bounded north by lot No. 7 of Sections 38 and 39, Tp 7 S, R 4 E, as per plat recorded in sale of Estate of Julie Butler, east by the George Stelly tract of Section 39, same Township and west by land of the Estate of Julie Butler, bought at the successful sale of Julie Butler in partnership with Wm. Foras.

10. A certain piece of land, situated in said parish near bayou Carereiro, bounded west by lands of William Brinkhaus, north by land of M. P. Colomb, east by lands of Auguste Prefain and south by land herein-after described, and containing an area of ten arpents, and also another piece of land adjoining that last above described on the southern and eastern sides of lands of Auguste Prefain, south by lands of Ben Butler, and west by the public road leading from Grand Coteau to Carereiro bridge, and containing sixteen arpents in area.

11. A certain piece of land, bounded thirty-five superficial arpents, bounded west by land of Mrs. E. M. Millard or Robert Saville, north by lands of E. D. Estlette and H. L. Gardian and south by lands of Auguste Prefain, south by lands of Ben Butler, and west by the public road leading from Grand Coteau to Carereiro bridge, and containing sixteen arpents in area.

12. A certain tract of woodland, situated on bayou Carereiro, bounded north by lands of Celestine Thebaud and others, east by lands formerly belonging to Widow poite Leger, south by land formerly belonging to Mrs. Achille Savois and west by lands formerly belonging to Mrs. Achille Savois.

13. A certain tract of woodland, situated near Grand Coteau, containing seventeen arpents and 1/2, bounded north by Dr. Tarton, south by bayou Bourbeux, east by lands belonging to or used by the inhabitants of the neighborhood and west by bayou Bourbeux, and also a certain body of prairie land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated near Grand Coteau, containing an area of about two hundred and thirty arpents, bounded north by Jules Ville and Ernest Marks, Colomb and Brinkhaus, south by lands of Joseph Speegre, Francois Barthelemy and the public road from Grand Coteau to Armandville, east by Louis Landry, Jules Ville and Ernest Marks, west by Ernest Marks and west by lands of Don Louis Marks and by lands of Colomb and Brinkhaus.

14. A certain tract of woodland, situated on the left bank of bayou Bourbeux, in said parish, containing forty-two and one-half (42 1/2) arpents, more or less, bounded north by a Coulee known as Coulee du Grand Trou, south and east by bayou Bourbeux and east by land of Domec Brothers.

15. A certain lot of woodland, being lot No. 4 on the plat of survey and containing sixteen arpents. Terms, cash. W. S. FRAZEE, Jy 22-5t Sheriff, Parish of St. Landry.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BOAGNI CO. LIMITED VS. B. LAFLAUR ADMINISTRATOR ET AL.

No. 16512, 11th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Hon. 11th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the courthouse in the town of Opelousas, on

Saturday, Aug. 26, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of Section seven (7) Township (4) South of Range one (1) East, containing one hundred and one hundred and sixty-three and 3/100 acres with all the buildings and improvements situated thereon in the parish of St. Landry in Prairie Mamou. Terms, cash. W. S. FRAZEE, Jy 22-5t Sheriff, Parish of St. Landry.

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