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Bellevue Notes.

The fall rains have set in and we've been having some very cold, damp weather of late.

The school teachers are all glad that the examination is over, and after seeing that it was not very hard, are still a little afraid to hear the report.

Everyone would think we're going to have a hard winter from the way Mr. Voi is hauling wood.

The farmers are nearly all through with their crop, and are very much disappointed at the price of cotton.

Miss Lena Phillips, the Tek school teacher, came back to her post of duty Monday.

We are sorry to hear we are going to lose two of Bellevue's best teachers, viz: Misses Lillie Harmanson and Rose Gardiner.

Mr. Frank Brinkhaus, of Grand Coteau, spent a pleasant evening at Mr. A. V. Richard Sunday.

An old gentleman has stated the best news we have is that "Old Aunt Nonor is still living. EAISY.

To Whom It May Concern.

Notice is hereby given that all claims against the firm of J. K. Sandoz & Bro., are invited to present them for payment, and those owing the firm are also requested to settle their indebtedness at earliest convenience.

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To-morrow is Christmas—Merry, frolicsome Christmas—and doubtless the American people will observe the peculiar custom of "raising sand" in celebration of the birth of Christ. Anyway, the Clarion wishes one and all A Merry Christmas.

You are cordially welcome to call and see my line of Holiday goods that are now on exhibition at my jewelry store, on Landry street. F. J. DIETLEIN,
Leading Jeweler.

Mr. Durio offered the following ordinance, seconded by Mr. Savant, and upon being duly read, was adopted unanimously, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO STRAYS.

Section 1. Be it ordained, by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry in regular session convened, That all horses, mules or cattle, whether branded or unbranded, wild or gentle, that shall have remained in a neighborhood for twelve months or more, running at large, whose owner shall be unknown, shall be considered strays.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That none but freeholders or lessees of real estate shall have the right to take up strays,

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person who shall take up a stray shall immediately give notice of the fact in the official journal of the parish, and by posting in at least three conspicuous places in the neighborhood of capture; said notice shall state the date and place of capture, give a description of the animal by making known the brand and earmarks, if any there be, and also the color, age, as nearly as possible, and sex of the stray.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That after the expiration of the notice required in section 3 hereof if the owner should not in the meantime have claimed the stray, the capturer shall immediately notify the Justice-of-the-Peace of the ward of capture, who shall advertise the stray for sale to take place at the home of the capturer in the same manner as the notice of capture is required to be advertised, during ten days, and on the day appointed for the sale, the Justice-of-the-Peace shall appoint and swear two appraisers, who shall appraise the stray, after which, at the hour appointed for the sale, the Justice-of-the-Peace shall adjudicate the stray at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, provided such bid amount to at least two-thirds of the appraisements, should no bid amount to two-thirds of the appraisement, the stray shall not be adjudicated but shall be re-advertised as before, and at the second offering shall not be appraised, but sold for whatever it will bring.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the capturer of a stray shall be allowed one dollar for capture and twenty-five cents per day per head for keeping mules and horses and ten cents per head for keeping cattle, during the time that he shall have them in possession, provided that said per diem shall only begin to run from the appearance of the first notice of capture as provided in section 3 hereof, and the Justice-of-the-Peace making the sale of strays shall be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per head for all of his services in connection therewith; provided, however, that should the animal not net for an amount sufficient to cover the costs, the

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capturer and Justice-of-the-Peace shall suffer a proportionate diminution of their fees.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That when a Justice-of-the-Peace shall sell a stray, he shall without delay make a report thereof in writing to the Clerk of the Police Jury and turn over the net proceeds to the Parish Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Police Jury to keep a record of such reported sales and of the Parish Treasurer to keep a separate account of the funds thus turned over to him.

Section 7. Be it further ordained, etc. That the owner of a stray may recover possession thereof at any time before the sale thereof on paying the accrued costs, and may within one year after sale recover the net proceeds of the stray on furnishing satisfactory proof of ownership to the Police Jury.

Section 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That anyone who shall knowingly and wrongfully violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days or both at the discretion of the court, the prosecution in all cases to be by indictment or information.

Section 9. Be it further ordained, etc., That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

W. F. CLOPTON, Prest.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

On motion of Mr L. I. Ortego, duly seconded and carried, the following ordinance was adodted:

AN ORDINANCE,

Prohibiting the running of liquor saloons, grog shops, or the retailing of spirituous or intoxicating liquors without previously obtaining a license from the town authorities, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ville Platte, That whoever shall keep a grog shop, or conduct a liquor saloon, cafe or coffee house, or retail spirituous or intoxicating liquors or bitters without previously obtaining a license from the town authorities, on conviction shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars; and in default of payment of fine and costs, shall be imprisoned not less than fifteen nor more than twenty-five days.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That for good and sufficient cause this ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption.

A. M. LAFLEUR, Mayor.
RENE L. DEROUEN, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. H. E. Currie—
Duly seconded and carried, the following ordinance was adopted:

AN ORDINANCE.

Providing for the levying and collection of an annual license tax upon all persons, association of persons, corporations or firms, pursuing or following the occupation or business of barroom, coffee house, cafe, beer saloon, liquor saloon, grog shop, or any other place where anything to be drunk or eaten on the premises is sold, directly or indirectly, or where distilled, alcoholic or malt liquors are exposed for sale, or sold or given away.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ville Platte, That there shall, and is hereby, levied an annual license tax upon each and every person, association of persons, corporations or firms, pursuing or following the occupation or business of bar room, coffee house, cafe, beer saloon, liquor saloon, grog shop, or any other place where anything to be drunk or eaten on the premises is sold, either directly or indirectly, selling or giving away distilled, alcoholic or malt liquors, whether said business is carried on by itself or in connection with some other business or calling, based upon the gross annual receipts of such business as follows, viz:

Class A.—Where the said annual gross receipts are $100,000, or less, and over $75,000, the license shall be $4000.

Class B.—Where said gross annual receipts are $75,000, or less, and more than $50,000, the license shall be $3500.

Class C.—Where the gross annual receipts are $50,000, or less, the license shall be $3000;

Provided, That no license under this ordinance shall be less than $3000; and provided further, that whenever any business hereinabove provided for shall be combined with any other business provided for in the general license ordinance of the town of Ville Platte, the license shall be equal to the license required for each business separately. Provided further, that no half license shall be issued under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the mode of fixing and assessing the license provided for in this ordinance shall be the same as is stipulated in the general license ordinance of the town, and the mode of collecting the license herein provided for, either by suit, rule or otherwise, as also the penalties, interest and costs, for failure to pay same, shall be the same as provided in the aforesaid general license ordinance; provided that no one shall be allowed to engage in the business herein above enumerated without first having obtained a license so to do from the town authorities, under the pains and penalties of the State and town laws relative to selling distilled, alcoholic, or malt liquors without license.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That all ordinances adopted by this body fixing the license tax to be paid by the business or occupation provided for in this ordinance be, and they are hereby, repealed; and it is further provided that this ordinance is hereby adopted as the license ordinance for the above enumerated business for the year 1905, and for good and sufficient cause shall have effect from the 1st day of January, A. D., 1905.

Adopted Dec. 7th, 1904.

A. M. LAFLEUR, Mayor.
RENE L. DEROUEN, Clerk.

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PARTITION SALE.

ESTATE OF ALFRED STAGG,
Deceased.

No. 6019, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a judgment of the 16th Judicial District Court, in and for St. Landry parish, rendered in the above numbered estate, on December 15th, 1904, and of the judgment homologating the proceedings of the family meeting held in said estate, and bearing date December 20th, 1904, signed by the Hon. E. T. Lewis, Judge of said Court, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the last residence of the deceased, in Old Grand Prairie, St. Landry parish, by the undersigned auctioneer, in order to effect a partition between the co-owners, on

Wednesday, Jan'y 25, 1905,

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

THE SEPARATE PARAPHERNAL PROPERTY OF THE DECEASED.

1. A certain tract or parcel of land, situated in Old Grand Prairie, St. Landry parish, Louisiana, containing One Hundred and Twenty-four and 62-100 (124.62) acres, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and bounded north by lands of Francois Fontenot, south and east by public road leading from Washington to Deshotels, and south and west by public road leading from Washington to Ville Platte, and being the same property acquired by said deceased in part at the successional sale of Phillip Stagg, Sr., on December 14th, 1870, and recorded March 7th, 1871, in Conveyance Book Y, No. 1, page 302, in part by purchase from Mrs. Louisa Stagg, widow of Zenon Lafleur, by act passed before J. K. Dixon, Notary Public, on June 24th, 1870, and recorded on February 20th, 1871, in Conveyance Book Y, No. 1, page 269, and in part by purchase from Octave Fontenot, by act passed before said J. K. Dixon, Notary Public, on December 16th, 1870, and recorded on February 20th, 1871, in Conveyance Book Y, No. 1, page 270.

COMMUNITY PROPERTY OWNED BY DECEASED AND HIS SURVIVING WIDOW, MARY CASSILDA VIDRINE.

1. A certain tract of swamp land, situated on Bayou Cocodrie, St. Landry parish, Louisiana, containing Seventy-nine and 94-100 acres, and being the east half of the northeast quarter of section eleven, township four south of range three east, of the Southwestern District of Louisiana, and being the same property acquired by the deceased from Edmond Joubert by act passed before Marius Roberi, Notary Public, November 7th, 1891, and recorded in Conveyance Book A, No. 3, page 655.

2. A certain tract of prairie land, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Old Grand Prairie, St. Landry parish, Louisiana, containing Sixty (60) arpents, and bounded on the north by lands of Mrs. Jean Pierre Ortego, and Cléophas Soileau, or their assigns, east by lands of Henry Fontenot and Ertemon Lafleur, or their assigns, south by lands of Paul Stagg, or his assigns, and west by lands of Eusebe Lafleur, or his assigns, and being the same property acquired by the deceased from Paul Stagg by act passed before said Marius Roberi, Notary Public, March 3d, 1894, and recorded March 19, 1894, in Conveyance Book F, No. 3, page 74.

3. A certain tract of woodland, situated in the same vicinity as the last above described tract, containing thirty (30) arpents, more or less, and bounded north and east by lands of Ertemon Lafleur, or assigns, and south and west by lands of Edmond Joubert, or assigns, and acquired by the same act of purchase as the next above described tract.

4. And the following movables, to-wit: One dun horse; one sorrel mare; one sorrel horse; one brown filly; five cows and calves; one black cow; two heifers; one lot of hogs; one wagon; one buggy and harness; one lot of field implements; about two hundred barrels of corn; one shot gun; one hammerless pistol; one lot of household furniture; one lot of kitchen utensils; one lot of poultry; one branding iron and two and a half rolls of barbed wire.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

All the movables to be sold for cash on the day of sale, and the immovables to be sold for one-third, or more, cash, at the option of the purchaser, and the balance, if any, on terms of one, two and three years from date of sale, payable in equal installments; said installments to be represented by the promissory notes of the purchaser to bear eight per cent. per annum interest from date of sale, to be secured by vendor's privilege and special mortgage on the property sold, and to contain a stipulation for the payment of attorney's fees fixed at ten per cent on the amount due should it become necessary to employ an attorney to enforce collection.

N. B.—There are tennants on the improved property who have been engaged to remain thereon during the year 1905 at a rental of one-third of the cotton and one-fourth of the corn to be produced during the year, and they are not to be disturbed during said year.

B. H. PAVY,
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Mr. Deshotels offered the following ordinance, and upon being duly read was adopted unanimously, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend and re-ordain section 8 of an ordinance relative to constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads, providing revenue therefor and the manner of enforcing payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the parish of St. Landry, that section (8) of an ordinance adopted February 3d, 1903, entitled "An ordinance relative to constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads, providing revenue therefor and the manner of enforcing payment of the same," be amended and re-ordained so as to read as follows:

Section 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That the sheriff and ex-officio tax collector shall have the same remedy for enforcing the payment of said per capita and license taxes as he has for the enforced collection of state licenses, and in addition thereto the following penalties are hereby provided, viz:

1. Whoever shall be liable to said per capita tax who shall fail or neglect to pay same on or before the first day of May of each and every year shall, upon trial and conviction, pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars, and in default of paying said fine and cost, shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty days, said penalties to be enforced by indictment or information before any court of competent jurisdiction.

2. Whoever shall take any vehicle used for locomotion upon any public road of the parish after the first of March of each year without having paid the proper license thereon, as above provided, or without having the proper tin tag thereto attached, shall be liable to have the said vehicle seized by the sheriff and sold at public auction, after ten days advertisement, for cash, for what it will bring, to pay and satisfy the license thereon and cost; provided, that the owner of such vehicle, or anyone for him, may, before sale, redeem said vehicle by paying the license due thereon and cost. The sheriff shall be allowed the same fees in such cases as is allowed by law for executing writs of fieri facias; and in addition thereto the sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for each seizure.

W. F. CLOPTON, President.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

NOTICE. The public is hereby notified that on Saturday, Dec. 17, 1904, a colored man came to our stable and offered for sale a horse of the following description: One roan horse, 14½ hands high and weighs 775. No brand. On demand of identification, the negro left promissing to return, but has not done so, which leads us to believe the horse has been stolen. The animal is now in our possession and upon proper proof of ownership and payment of all costs, same can be had.

HAAN & WALLIOR,
d24 Sale Stable, Opelousas, La.

Extracts from Police Jury Proceedings, Nov. 14, 1904.

To the Honorable, the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, La:

The undersigned duly qualified electors and property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, and composing more then one-third of the qualified voters and property taxpayers of said ward, respectfully request your Honorable Body to order an election (as provided by Act No. 202 of the Acts of the Legislature, approved and signed July 14th, 1898, and in accordance with Article 270 of the State Constitution) in said ward, to take the sense of the legally qualified voters, whether your Honorable Body shall levy a five mill tax for the period of ten years, to raise a fund amounting in the aggregate to $70,000.00, payable in annual installments of $7,000.00, as collected by said tax, to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad—a road projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, and by which it is proposed to connect Opelousas with some line of railway paralelling the Mississippi River and entering New Orleans, and in a northeasterly direction from Opelousas, and constructing and extending said line from Opelousas in a southwesterly direction intersecting and crossing the Louisiana Western Railroad at or near the town of Rayne, or at or near the town of Crowley, or at or near the town of Jennings, and extending thence to deep water on the Gulf.

The said tax to be levied, collected and paid over to said railroad company, subject to the conditions specified in its charter and the amendments thereto, and especially the following conditions:

First—The said tax shall be assessed, levied and collected for the years 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914;

Second—No portion of the funds accruing from said tax shall be paid to said company until the completion of that portion of its proposed railroad connecting the town of Opelousas with the Texas & Pacific Railroad, or some railway paralelling that road and entering New Orleans; provided, that when that portion of the said railroad shall have been completed all taxes then collected shall be paid over to the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, or to the transferee or assignee of said company, and after the completion of said portion of said railroad all other taxes collected in aid of its construction shall be paid over directly to said railroad company, or to its transferee or assignee;

Third—The said taxes as collected shall be deposited in some good and solvent banking or trust company, paying interest on deposits, and shall remain on deposit to the credit of said railway company, subject to the conditions herein stated;

Fourth—In case that portion of the projected road connecting Opelousas with the Texas & Pacific Railroad or some paralelling railroad be not completed within five years from January 1, 1905, then in that event all funds collected from said tax, with the accumulated interest thereon, shall be returned to the taxpayers or bona fide transferees of the receipts for such taxes;

Fifth—Bona fide owners or holders of receipts for the payment of said special taxes, amounting in the aggregate to $25.00, the value of one share of the capital stock of said railroad company, shall be entitled to receive stock at par in said company, the holders of such tax receipts being permitted to club together to make up the necessary amount of a share of the capital stock and to have a certificate of stock issued in the name of any one of them for himself and as agent of his associates; and all such tax receipts being transferable by the blank endorsement of the taxpayer;

Sixth—No transfer or assignment of the proposed railroad, or of its franchises, shall ever be made without the consent of the stockholders, given at an election held to take their sense upon the subject matter; and no transfer of shares of the capital stock or receipts for the payment of special taxes in aid of the construction of said road shall be made to any non-competing railroad company, and any such transfer of stock or tax receipts shall be illegal, null and void:

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To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury:

Your committee, to which was referred the petition of the qualified electors and property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, with instructions to report what action, if any, should be taken thereon, respectfully report that the signers of said petition constitute in number and amount more than one-third of the property tax-payers entitled to vote in said ward; and that the prayers of said petition—that a special election be ordered to take the sense of the property taxpayers entitled to vote in said ward whether a five mill tax for the period of ten years in aid of the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad—should be granted.

Your committee finds that there are residing in said Police Jury ward three hundred and sixty-four property taxpayers, entitled to vote, and that one hundred and seventy-six of said electors have signed the petition—lacking only thirteen of being the majority in number—while the law only requires one-third in number to be signed to said petition. Your committee finds further that the amount of property assessed to said electors in said ward is five hundred and eighty-nine thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars, and the amount represented by the signers to said petition is four hundred and four thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. It thus appears that the number of qualified electors who have signed the petition exceed the one-third of the whole number by fifty-five, while the property represented by the signers to said petition exceeds one-third of the property assessed to such electors by two hundred and eight thousand four hundred and six dollars.

Your committee further submits in connection herewith, the certificate of Mr. Benj. Prescott, Dy-Assessor and Registrar of Voters, showing that more than one-third of the property taxpayers of the first police jury ward, entitled to vote have signed the said petition; also a list of the property taxpayers of the first police jury ward entitled to vote therein, together with the amount of property assessed to them for the year 1903, prepared by Mr. George Edwards, and taken from the list of duly qualified registered voters and from the assessment rolls of the parish of St. Landry, and the affidavit of Mr. Edwards to the correctness of the same.

Your committee further submits an ordinance, prepared by Mr. Thomas H. Lewis, and which they believe to be in conformity with the law, and with the wishes of more than one-third of the property taxpayers of said ward entitled to vote therein, as set forth in their petition; and they recommend the adoption of said ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. DAILEY,
Chairman.

Motion by Mr. Guidry—

Seconded and carried, that the above report be accepted and committee discharged, and the report ordered spread upon the minutes.

Mr. J. E. Dailey offered the following ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE.

Providing for a special election of the property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, entitled to vote therein, to decide whether a five mill tax shall be levied annually for ten years, in said ward, under the provisions of Act No. 202 and of Article 270 of the Constitution, to aid in the construction of the line of railway projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, signed by more than one-third of the property taxpayers of the First Police Jury Ward of the parish, entitled to vote therein, praying that a special election be ordered in said ward to take the sense of the property taxpayers entitled to vote under the constitution and law whether a special tax of five mills shall be annually levied and collected for ten years to aid in the construction of a line of railway projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, a road by which it is proposed to connect Opelousas with some line of railway paralelling the Mississippi River and entering New Orleans, and in a northeasterly direction from Opelousas, and constructing and extending said line from Opelousas in a southwesterly direction, intersecting and crossing the Louisiana Western Railroad at or near the town of Rayne, or at or near the town of Crowley, or at or near the town of Jennings, and extending thence to deep water on the Gulf; and

Whereas, the said petition sets forth in detail the conditions upon which said tax shall be levied, collected and paid over to said railroad company; therefore, be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry—

Section 1. That a special election be and is hereby ordered to be held on

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between the hours of six o'clock a. m. and seven o'clock p. m., in said ward and at the polls therein where an election was held at the last general election, and that said election be held under the general election laws of the State, as far as applicable, to take the sense of the property taxpayers of said ward, entitled to vote thereat under the Constitution and law, whether a five mill tax shall be annually levied and collected for the period of ten consecutive years, beginning with the year 1905, upon the property within said ward to aid in the construction of the line of railway described in the foregoing preamble.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the ballots to be voted at said special election shall be in the following form, namely: those in favor of the special tax shall contain the words written or printed thereon, "For special tax of five mills for ten years to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, under the provisions of ordinance adopted by the police jury, 14th day of November, 1904," and those against the special tax shall contain the words written or printed thereon, "Against special tax of five mills for ten years to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, under the provisions of ordinance adopted by the police jury, 14th day of November, 1904."

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Board of Supervisors of Election of the parish of St. Landry is hereby requested to appoint commissioners and clerks to serve at the polling places in said ward, at said election, to give due notice of said appointment, and of the time and place of holding said election.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That the commissioners of election shall receive the ballot of each voter, check his name, or that of his principal, on the lists of voters furnished by the registrar, as having voted, enter and number his name or that of his principal on the list of taxpayers voting, and immediately deposit his ballot in the ballot box, and that immediately after the closing of the polls the commissioners shall, in the presence of the bystanders, proceed to open the ballot boxes, count the votes in number and amount, make up in duplicate the tally sheets showing the votes in number in favor of and against the proposition submitted and showing the valuation of property in favor of and against same, make in duplicate compiled statements of the votes in number and amount both in favor of and against such proposition; that after swearing to the correctness of the numbered list of voters, the duplicate tally sheet and duplicate compiled statements, they shall deposit the ballots, the registrar's list of voters, the numbered list of taxpayers voting, one duplicate tally sheet and one duplicate compiled statement, in the ballot boxes, immediately seal up said ballot boxes and within forty-eight hours after closing the polls, deliver said sealed ballot boxes with their contents to this body through its president, and shall within the same delay deliver the other duplicate tally sheet and other duplicate compiled statement to the Clerk of the District Court, St. Landry parish, who shall file same in his office.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Police Jury shall meet on Tuesday, December 27th, 1904, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., to open in public session the ballot boxes, examine and count the ballots in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns, and declare the result of such election, which result the police jury shall promulgate by publication in one issue of the official journal; and the ballot boxes containing the ballots and other returns shall be carefully preserved by the police jury for the period of six months.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That at said election all duly qualified electors, who are property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, assessed for the year previous, including women property taxpayers residing in said ward, shall be entitled to vote, and that women voters shall have the right to vote in person or by an agent authorized in writing to vote for them; and it is further ordained, that each voter's name shall be endorsed on his ballot, by himself, and that ballots voted by proxy shall have endorsed thereon the names both of the taxpayer and her proxy; in case the voter is not able to sign his name it shall be done by making his ordinary mark in the presence of witnesses; and it is further ordained, that written proxies from women voters shall be attached to the ballot voted for them and deposited in the ballot box with said ballot.

Section 7. Be it further ordained, etc., That if a majority in number and assessed value of the property taxpayers of the said ward, voting at such election, shall vote in favor of such special tax, then the police jury, on behalf of said ward, shall immediately pass an ordinance levying a special tax of five mills annually for ten consecutive years, beginning with the year 1905; and it is further ordained, that the petition of the taxpayers praying that said election be ordered be published for thirty days in the official journal together with this ordinance, and that the levy, collection, and paying over the proceeds of the special taxes to the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company be done strictly in accordance with the conditions contained in said petition.

Ordinance adopted as read.

Mr. Guillory voting no; all the other members voting yes.

W. F. CLOPTON, President.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

Motion by Mr. Deshotels—

Seconded by Mr. Lafleur, that the License Ordinance adopted on the 7th inst., be amended and re-ordained so as read:

LICENSE ORDINANCE.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the parish of St. Landry, in regular session convened, that the license law of the State of Louisiana, now in force, be made the license law of the parish of St. Landry for the year 1905;

Provided, that the minimum license for the business of retail dealer in distilled, alcoholic and malt liquors, or intoxicating bitters, shall be Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00);

Provided, that no half license or fraction of a license shall be issued for said business;

Provided further, that the license issued for said business shall be graded in the same proportion and in the same manner as in the State law; and,

Provided further, that no one shall be allowed to engage in said business without first having obtained a license as herein provided, under the pains and penalties of the statute relative to selling distilled, alcoholic or malt liquors without license.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That this ordinance shall take effect on and from the first day of January, A. D., 1905.

W. F. CLOPTON, President.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

ANNUAL TAX ORDINANCE.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Muller, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and upon being duly read, was adopted unanimously, to-wit:

Whereas, by resolution adopted on October 4, 1904, this body framed a budget of sixty-five thousand dollars ($65,000.00) as an estimate exhibiting the various items of expenditures that the parish of St. Landry would require for the year 1905; and,

Whereas, said budget has been published in the St. Landry Clarion, the official newspaper of this parish, for the full term of thirty days, as the law directs, and,

Whereas, an ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of the taxable property of this parish will be required in addition to the revenues