

**at the Convention  
May Accomplish**

The national election is over; the for a constitutional convention Louisiana has been approved; the south has been broken, and we not what to expect. We stand at, astonished, amazed and as the magnitude of the re- can vote, for their majority ex- six million, and to all practi- purposes, the people are unani- in condemning the policy of Wilson administration, particu- the League of Nations. The blicans have been victorious by greater percentage of the entire than they had when Lincoln was for the second time, during hatred and passions of the civil It is true that only three of the ribbed southern states, desert- the democracy, Maryland, Tennes- and Oklahoma, the other southern standing firm, governed by the that the traditions of the demo- party is tolerant if not favor- to southern ideas and traditions, the republican party's record antagonistic to the south.

However, Mr. Harding, the presi- elect, has declared that he con- siders Theodore Roosevelt to have been the ablest leader the nation has ever had, and if he takes him as a model, the southern people will have nothing to fear. At any rate, the people of Louisiana will soon have a constitutional convention held under

the auspices of the white people of the state, and if we have not elected too many bolsheviks as delegates thereto, we can make our state safe for generations to come. What can and what will the constitutional con- vention do? The suffrage question is the all-important issue, as the grand father clause has become inoperative by time, and the educational and prop- erty qualifications are only effective to a limited degree, but the provisions of the national constitution, that pro- hibits discrimination, on account of race, can be evaded by an "understand- ing suffrage clause" that is every per- son applying for registration will fill out an application, in which the voter will be required to show that he or she "understands" the constitution of the state, and this qualification will be passed upon by competent author- ity, and it will be an easy matter to keep the electorate in the hands of the white people of Louisiana. This practice, with a clause making all per- sons who were duly registered during the past four years, permanent elec- tors, would solve the matter, as the un- derstanding clause would apply only to those who registered thereafter. This, or some similar plan, can make our suffrage law practical, if not ex- actly fair, and it will in no way con- flict with the provisions of our na- tional constitution.

Then our judicial system can be remodeled so as to reduce the cost by half, and increase its efficiency by one hundred per cent. For instance

our state supreme court could be in- creased to nine members, and a su- preme justice, and sit in three sec- tions of three men each, the findings of each section to be approved by the chief justice. This would enable litig- ants to obtain a decision of the highest court within four months, in- stead of in four years as is now the case, and the cost to the litigants would be reduced to not more than one-third of the present cost.

Then our school system should be remodeled so as to give every child in the state a common school educa- tion, say to the tenth grade. Our present system is an excellent one, but it is top-heavy, and costs more than our people can pay, and the pri- mary grades should be provided for first, and then we can go higher if we are able to do so. We believe our schools could be made twice as effec- tive as they are now, on the same money.

Then our district court system should be remodeled so that the judges in certain divisions of the state should hold court in the dif- ferent parishes in rotation, and the jurors should be drawn from one parish to serve in another parish. This would double the efficiency, and re- duce the cost for there would be no delays because of the recusing of judges, loss of time in trials because the jurors were familiar with the facts in criminal cases, and thousands of dollars of good tax money would be left in the pockets of the people. Then all justices of the peace should be done away with, and a parish judge should try all minor civil and crim- inal cases, which would enable the state to do away with half the dis-

trict judges, and give a system that would be satisfactory and cheaper by half, than the present system of hav- ing two or three dozen justices of the peace in each parish.

Then the tax collector's office might be separated from the sheriff's office, and the recorder's office from that of the clerk, with the result that there would be greater economy and perhaps more efficiency. The idea being that no office would be so large and pay such profit and employ so many men as to enable the holders to combine and form a political "ring," with the view of commercial- izing the official patronage of the state. In fact, the purpose is that the officials should be the servants and not the "bosses" of the people, as has been the case in New Orleans for many years. In other words the con- stitutional convention should give us a government based on common sense, that the people may be safe, happy, prosperous and contented.

We do not pretend to say that the above line of policy will be carried out, for there are too many bolshev- ists among the members, but some- thing could be done on that line, that would make Louisiana one of the greatest states in the American union whether Harding or the devil oc- cupied the white house in Washing- ton.—Mansfield, Enterprise.

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WILLIE NICHOLSON,  
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nov 6 11.

NOTICE  
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EDMOND MILLER.

**PARTITION SALE**

MARCELINE FONTENOT, WIFE  
Versus  
ARMANCE FONTENOT, ET AL.,  
MINORS

No. 21,628, Civil Docket, Sixteenth Ju- dicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana

By virtue of a judgment of the Hon- orable the Sixteenth Judicial District Court, holding sessions in and for the parish of St. Landry, rendered by Hon. B. H. Pavy, Judge of said court, and in pursuance to a commission is- sued thereunder and to me directed, I will sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder for the purpose of effecting a partition of the property herein described, at Grand Prairie, St. Landry parish, La., on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1920,  
at 11 o'clock a. m., the following de- scribed property, to-wit:

A certain tract of land, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Grand Prairie, parish of St. Landry containing thirty (30) arpents, and bounded now or formerly, on the North, by land of Francois Guillory; South, by public road leading from Tate's Cove to Washington; East, by land now or formerly of Achille D. Dupre; and West, by land now or formerly of Martin Vidrine, and being the same property acquired by the mother of the said Marceline Fontenot, Valery Fontenot and Armance Fontenot as her separate property from Francois Guillory about twelve years ago, and recorded in the records of the parish of St. Landry.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:—One- half cash on the day of sale and the balance if any, on a credit of one year, or one and two years, at the option of the purchaser, the credit portion of said sale to be evidenced by notes of the purchaser, to his own order and by him endorsed and bearing eight (8) per cent interest per an-

num from date of adjudication until paid, secured by special mortgage and vendor's lien and privilege on the property sold, with the pact "de non alienando" and all the usual security clauses, including ten (10) per cent attorney's fees in the event of suit or if notes are placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, insofar as the plaintiff is concerned and for cash insofar as the minors are

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J. R. PAVY,  
Auctioneer.  
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