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Louisiana's Financial Condition.

Mer Rouge Democrat.
It is an open secret to those who are posted, that Louisiana will at the close of 1909, have no excess in its general fund. It is also a fact that the legislature of 1906 and the extra session of 1907 trespassed largely upon the general fund of 1908. And because there was a depleted general fund, the legislature of 1908 was handicapped from doing any thing more than to pay the state's constitutional officers, take care of the state's public institutions, and could go no further. The question arises, why did this state of affairs exist? It can be accounted for in more ways than one. To commence with, we will call attention to the fact that Governor Blanchard was anxious to establish a record for cutting down state taxation. The limit fixed in the state constitution in 1879, was six mills on the dollar of the assessment on all property in the state. Governor Blanchard recommended to the legislature to lower the tax for all state purposes, from six to five mills, and the legislature did as the governor wanted it done. The governor, Blanchard, made an effort to get property owners to raise the assessed value of all property. This the property owners would not do, but many property owners lowered their assessments. Next, the legislature of 1906 was too liberal in its appropriations, and, not only expended all the revenues of 1907 but trespassed upon the revenues of 1908 largely. In the mean time the state's general expense account has been growing by constitutional amendments to raise salaries, and by increased appropriations to provide for the veterans of the civil war, and increased appropriations to maintain the state institutions, until the situation called for all the money that a five mill tax would furnish. To those who are acquainted with the state's need, it is plain that it was a mistake when taxation for all state purposes was changed from six to five mills on the dollar. The Shattuck license law, to sell intoxicants, will pay into the state's general fund about \$100,000 more cash than was paid under the old whiskey license law, but this will not be enough to enable the state to remain on a cash basis and have in its vaults money to do anything more than pay the state's needs and obligations. The real situation is, that there will not be any surplus over actual expenses, and without some excess over actual needs, there cannot be a sinking fund provided to be set aside to meet the state's bonded debt that is getting near maturity. It is plain that the legislature that will meet in 1910 will be again handicapped for funds. Just so long as all actual needs of the state are provided for, it is well enough that there is no large sum to the credit of the general fund in the state treasury. But, to tell the veterans, as is the case now and has been for some months, that there is no money to pay the newly added names to the pension list, that there are no funds to draw warrants against and that they must wait and continue to wait, is a hardship to men who are needy, or the wives of men who served their state in the civil war. The Mer Rouge Democrat would regret the necessity to have the next legislature put state taxes back to six mills, but rather than see the state's credit imperiled, or needy men who are aged and infirm, forced to live in want and suffering, we would favor that the next legislature would levee a five and one half mill tax.

STATE TAX SALES.

The State of Louisiana vs. Delinquent Tax Payers. Parish of West Feliciana.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana and especially Act No. 190 of the General Assembly of 1898, I will sell at the front door of the Court House in St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana, La., within legal hours for judicial sales, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, July 24, 1909, and continuing each succeeding day until said sales are completed, all movable and immovable property on which taxes are now due to the State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, to enforce collection of taxes assessed in the year 1908, together with interest thereon from the 31st day of December 1908 at the rate of 2 per cent per month until paid, and all costs.

The names of said delinquent taxpayers; the amount of taxes due by each on the assessment of each year and the movable and immovable property assessed to each to be offered for sale as follows to-wit:
W. E. Daley et als—Lintot tract in ward 8, containing 202 acres, bounded north by J. N. Evans, east by Evans and estate of J. T. Towles, south by estate of C. E. Percy, west by Miss Alice Wade. Taxes 1907—State tax \$7.75; interest \$2.38; Parish tax \$7.75; interest \$2.38; costs \$5.80; notice 30c; total \$26.36. Taxes 1908—State tax \$7.50; interest 75c; Parish tax \$7.50; interest 75c; costs \$2.00; notice 30c; total \$19.30.

W. C. Thompson—Taxes 1908—140 acres in ward 5, bounded by Palmer, Palmer and Thompson. 40 acres in ward 5 from Mrs. Nina McQueen. State tax \$4.00; interest 40c; Parish tax \$4.00; interest 40c; costs \$5.80; notice 30c; total \$14.90.

On said day of sale I will sell such portion of said property as said debtor or will point out and in case the debtor will not point out sufficient property, I will at once and without further delay, sell the least quantity of said property of any debtor which any bidder will buy for the amount of interest, taxes and costs due by said debtor.

The said sale will be without appraisal for cash in legal tender money of the United States and the property sold shall be redeemable at any time within the space of one year by paying the price given, including costs and 20 per cent thereon.

Witness my hand officially this 18th day of June, 1909.

J. H. CLACK,
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector,
Par. of West Feliciana, Louisiana.

Petition for Discharge.

United States of America, Eastern District of Louisiana, SS.
In the United States District Court in and for said District, Baton Rouge Division.

In the matter of W. N. Montgomery, Wakefield, La., Bankrupt.
No. 180 in Bankruptcy.

To The Honorable Rufus E. Foster, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana:

Wm. N. Montgomery of Wakefield, in the Parish of West Feliciana and State of Louisiana, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 13th day of April, 1909, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of Court touching said bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 12th day of June, A. D. 1909.

WM. N. MONTGOMERY,
Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.

Eastern District of Louisiana, Parish of East Baton Rouge, SS.

On this 16th day of June, A. D., 1909, on reading the foregoing petition it is

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 15th day of July A. D. 1909, before Ben B. Taylor, Referee in Bankruptcy, at Baton Rouge in said district, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the TRUE DEMOCRAT, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said Petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Rufus E. Foster, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Baton Rouge, La., in said district, on the 16th day of June A. D. 1909.

Attest:
FRANK H. MORTIMER, Clerk.
By R. J. HUMMEL,
Deputy Clerk.

A true copy:
R. J. HUMMEL,
Deputy Clerk.

Trespass Notices.

All hunting with dog or gun, or driving through or off of any cattle, on the "Rosale" plantation without special permission, is positively prohibited. All such acts will be regarded as trespassing and prosecuted as such.
Mrs. C. R. Barrow.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Ambrosia and Independence plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on these places without permission will be considered trespassing, and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Mrs. S. H. Barrow.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on the Greenwood plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on this place without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Mrs. J. A. Ventress.

The public is hereby warned that the Afton Villa, Layson and Maxwell plantations are posted against all intruders and agents of any description.
Mrs. V. Z. Howell.

No trespass with gun, dog, or rod, or passing through my Woodlawn Stock Farm allowed under penalty of the law against trespass.
J. Burruss McGehee.

The public is hereby warned against buying wood, timber or stock from tenants on Oakley, Ogden or Downs plantations or driving therefrom any cattle or stock. These plantations are closed against agents of every description.
Miss L. L. Matthews.

All parties are hereby notified not to trespass on the following places: Green Oaks, Satterwhite and Home places, with dog, rod or gun. All permissions heretofore granted are hereby revoked.
Mrs. C. B. Hamilton.

Hunting of any kind, cattle driving or fishing on Mt. Vernon plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of the law of trespass. No exceptions.
C. W. Ball,
Miss Ella Ball,
Mrs. E. Hamilton.

All hunting and other trespassing are hereby forbidden on the Flower and Magnolia plantations under penalty of the law.
W. J. Fort.

From and after this date all hunting of any kind on Rosedown plantation is positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing.
The public is warned against buying fire wood, post or timber from tenants on Rosedown, Texas and Hazelwood plantations.
Jas. P. Bowman.

From and after this date all hunting and fishing on the Beauchamp place are positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on this place without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
E. I. DANIEL.

All hunting with dog or gun on Wakefield plantation is hereby prohibited, also all cutting of timber without permission, or wilful waste of timber already cut. All such acts will be regarded as trespassing and prosecuted as such.
MRS. S. T. ALLAIN.

From and after this date all hunting and fishing on the Cottage plantation are positively prohibited under penalty of trespassing. Any one found on this place without permission will be considered trespassing and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
EDWARD BUTLER.

No Trespass.
Crossing the rear of property, below True Democrat office in St. Francisville is hereby prohibited under penalty of trespass. Persons found crossing these premises or damaging the fences will be prosecuted. All permissions heretofore given are hereby revoked.
Mrs. M. E. Robinson

Hunters, fishermen, traveling agents and peddlers are prohibited from trespassing on A. Schlesinger's, Stirling, Jacko, McGehee and Stewart places under penalty of the law.
C. T. Tooraen, Manager.

Cutting wood on the Ryland and Walsh tract, Boekel tract, Andy Hood and Edwards tracts and hauling same therefrom, also all other forms of trespass on these places are hereby prohibited under penalty of the law.
Chas. Weydert.

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Monroe News-Star
Money is plentiful, at a low rate of interest; labor conditions are almost ideal, as there are no great strikes or any large number of unemployed. The railroads are preparing to increase their business and all things considered, the outlook seems rosy with hope and good cheer. Here in Monroe we have so long depended upon cotton that some imagine that there can be no prosperity without a large acreage and yield of cotton. For this reason they profess to see nothing but ruin in the future. Perhaps they are right, but we do not believe that such is the case. We have other resources that can be developed, which when given as much attention as cotton, will yield more actual cash than any cotton crop ever produced in this parish.

Some time ago the game commission of this State declared that squirrels and rabbits could not be killed during the summer months. Of course to those who knew better this proclamation by the commission was simply a piece of foolishness; because the legislature has not seen fit to place these animals in the protected list; but to the small boy who had been looking forward to the pleasure of squirrel and rabbit hunting during his vacation it brought sorrow unspeakable. The Commission has since rescinded its action seeing it was untenable.—Natchitoches Enterprise.

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