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IT IS ARMAGEDDON.

The Times-Picayune, the leading newspaper of the State, and a democratic paper, at that, in its issue of last Tuesday, sent out this clarion note of warning to the democratic leaders of Louisiana:

"Whatever the verdict of the general election—and in large measure than some of them probably realize upon the disposition shown by the Democratic 'leaders' so-called to meet the new attack with men and measures deserving of support—Mr. Parker's appearance in the field will bring to the front, in the coming campaign, the issues of great moment in Louisiana's welfare that should have public attention, and the problems that cry out imperatively for solution. With an opponent of his popularity and gubernatorial stature confronting them, Democracy's representatives would be foolish to take success for granted. They must lift their canvass from the rut into which it has fallen, quit the trivial play and petty intrigue for selfish ends and make a fight for men and causes that is worthy of Democracy's high traditions."

Unfortunately, this warning comes too late for "Democracy's representatives." The mis-use and dis-use of democracy in Louisiana has brought about the fatal stalemate; the people of Louisiana no longer trust the democratic party; its "high traditions" have been embalmed, stacked away in a garret—neglected, forgotten and unhonored, by the Democratic leaders so-called. The traditional party of the South, and of Louisiana, belonged to a different generation, and boasted of a different class of leaders and representatives—men who had the stature of any on earth; their deeds of heroism and patriotism should be and will be remembered and hallowed. A mere thought of the past should be inspiration for the highest deeds now, but those leaders are dead and gone, and in their sacred places perch the time-server, the partisan, the factionalist, the common ward leader. There are good men and true, who still cling to the old ideals, in the Democratic party of Louisiana, but they are few—too few—few of them are considered or consulted; they belong to a party that has been displaced by a system, which has left ruin and havoc, but the end is at hand; a new order, a new day is coming, when Louisiana will have a larger and more abundant life.

The die is cast. The business people can now unify under the leadership of a business man. John M. Parker—banker, merchant, planter—leader of men and causes, a business success, clean, straight, direct, fearless, patriotic, the dreadnaught of Louisiana politics, is in command at Armageddon.

Police Jury Proceedings.

FRANKLIN, LA., Oct. 6, 1915.

A regular meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Mary was held this day. The meeting was called to order by President Chas. N. Frost. Roll call showed the following members present: Messrs. Geo. J. LeBourgeois, Gabriel Haydel, Alyre Robichaux, F. E. Robertson, Oscar Boudreaux, W. N. Gooch, T. Aucoin, John R. Drackett, Ernest Roder. Absent: Geo. J. Prevost.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read. Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux, and carried, that the motion of Mr. Gooch to have the raise in salary of Mr. John Rochel to start from August 25th, be changed to Sept. 1st on the minutes and that the minutes be approved with this correction.

Mr. Ernest Roder presented his commission as Police Juror, in and for the Eighth Ward of the Parish of St. Mary, as follows:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. In the name and by the authority of the State of Louisiana.

Know ye, that I have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint Ernest Roder Police Juror in and for Ward Eight, Parish of St. Mary.

And I do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of said office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same, from and after date hereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Louisiana. Witness Luther Egbert Hall, Governor of our said State, at the City of Baton Rouge, this Second day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and fortieth and of the State of Louisiana the one hundred and fourth.

By the Governor. L. E. HALL.

W. F. MILLSAPS, Secretary of State.

Whereupon President Chas. N. Frost introduced Mr. Roder to the members of the Police Jury, and he took his seat in the body as a Police Juror.

Reports from Mr. E. L. Saucier, Demonstration Agent, were read:

FRANKLIN, LA., Aug. 31st, 1915.

To the Honorable Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Mary:

GENTLEMEN:—I will respectfully submit the following demonstration work done during the month of August.

I worked 13 days. With permission from the Washington office and the President of the Police Jury, I was granted a 15 day vacation.

I made 33 official visits, to see farmers and planters.

I traveled 255 miles.

I vaccinated 59 head of hogs for Mr. J. D. Bell and A. Olivier.

Tested the arsenical solution in the dipping vats of Mr. E. A. Pharr and Mr. J. M. Caffery, at their request. Finding the solution in both cases was not the proper strength.

I had 10 telephone calls from people wanting information.

Yours very truly, ED. L. SAUCIER, Local Agent.

FRANKLIN, LA., Sept. 30, 1915.

To the Honorable Members of the Police Jury, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

GENTLEMEN:—I will respectfully submit the following demonstration work done during the month of September.

I worked 26 days this month.

I made 66 official visits to see farmers and planters. I traveled 323 miles by auto and team and 100 miles by railroad.

Made plans and furnished Mr. G. M. Compton information to build a dipping vat.

Showed several of the planters how to harvest and stock lespedeza hay.

I have had several calls to lay out specific demonstrations in rotated crops with live stock.

Many of the planters realize that diversification and live stock is going to play a very important part toward building their land up to where their cane yield will be increased.

I attended the agricultural meeting at Baton Rouge.

Many of the farmers will put in a large acreage in oats.

Yours very truly, ED. L. SAUCIER, Local Agent.

Moved by Mr. Boudreaux, seconded by Mr. Haydel, and carried, that the reports of Mr. Saucier be received and made a part of the minutes.

A letter from the Baldwin Lumber Company in reply to a notice sent them by the Secretary to have sufficient culverts opened up through their road-bed.

Moved by Mr. Boudreaux, seconded by Mr. Haydel, and carried, that the letter of the Baldwin Lumber Company be received and placed on file.

The Tax Collector, Treasurer, Sheriff and Clerk of Court filed their reports.

Moved by Mr. Gooch, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, and carried,

the reports were received and ordered spread on the minutes.

The President stated pursuant to a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Jury he was authorized to instruct the District Attorney to bring suit against the Southwestern Traction and Power Company for the sum of \$7,200.

That he had taken the matter up with the District Attorney who stated to him that he felt that alone he could not successfully handle the suit and requested that legal help be employed to assist him, and asked that the Police Jury employ Mr. Borah to assist him in the suit. He stated that he had called on Mr. Borah and consulted with him, and that his fee would be \$1,000.00 to assist the District Attorney.

After a full discussion of the matter by the members of the Jury and Mr. Wilson McKeel, Sr., president of the School Board, and Dr. T. F. Frere, member of the School Board, the following resolution was introduced by Mr. Drackett, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Aucoin:

"Upon the request of the District Attorney that in prosecuting the suit of the Southwestern Traction and Power Company forfeit money, that legal assistance be given him as he felt that he could not successfully handle the case without such assistance, that the President of the Police Jury be authorized to employ the necessary assistance to prosecute this suit in conjunction with the District Attorney under the following conditions, to-wit: That the fee shall be made by authority given the President of the Police Jury; in case that the suit is won that the Police Jury obligates itself to pay this amount, but if the suit is lost the employed attorney will receive no fee whatever, and that the Police Jury consents to pay in case of loss of suit the costs of court. It is also understood that this suit involves the return of tax monies to taxpayers that has been paid by them, and no other taxes shall be assessed or collected, and that all costs of the Parish, if any, shall be met out of the forfeit money."

The President then instructed the Secretary to call the roll on the motion, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: LeBourgeois, Haydel, Robichaux, Robertson, Boudreaux, Gooch, Aucoin, Drackett, Roder.

Nays: None.

The President then declared the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gooch, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux, that the President be authorized to employ associate counsel with the District Attorney in the suit of the Parish of St. Mary against the Southwestern Traction and Power Company.

The President then instructed the Secretary to call the roll on the motion, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: LeBourgeois, Haydel, Robichaux, Robertson, Boudreaux, Gooch, Aucoin, Drackett, Roder.

Nays: None.

The President then declared the motion carried.

The President then made a general statement to the Jury in reference to the amount of monies that had been expended for Good Roads, and amounts of certificates of deposit that had been turned over to the Treasurer account of Good Roads. He further stated that on October 1st the semi-annual interest amounting to \$5,000 on the bonded indebtedness for Good Roads was due and while same should be paid out of the general fund, that he found at the time that there was not sufficient money in the general fund to pay said interest, and that he had taken the amount out of the Good Roads fund.

Moved by Mr. Drackett, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, that the action of the President of the Police Jury in issuing the warrant of \$5,000.00 from the Good Roads fund, during the interim of meetings of the Police Jury, to pay the semi-annual interest on the bonded indebtedness for Good Roads be hereby approved and sustained.

The President then instructed the Secretary to call the roll on the motion, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: LeBourgeois, Haydel, Robichaux, Robertson, Boudreaux, Gooch, Aucoin, Drackett, Roder.

Nays: None.

The President then declared the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Drackett, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the Treasurer of the Parish of St. Mary is hereby authorized to transfer from the general fund to the good road fund on the 1st day of January, 1916, the sum of \$5,000.00 to replace the amount used to pay interest on the good roads bonded indebtedness on

October 1st, 1915.

The President then instructed the Secretary to call the roll on the motion, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: LeBourgeois, Haydel, Robichaux, Robertson, Boudreaux, Gooch, Aucoin, Drackett, Roder.

Nays: None.

The President then declared the motion carried.

Dr. T. F. Frere appeared before the Police Jury and stated that he had been appointed on the French committee to secure funds for the Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He made an urgent appeal to the Jury to make an appropriation for the Charity Hospital, which was in need for funds, and asked that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated.

Moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Robertson, and unanimously carried, that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated for the Charity Hospital in the City of New Orleans.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Drackett, and carried, that owing to the absence of the member of the Police Jury from the Seventh Ward, that all bills from said Ward be paid without the approval.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Gooch, and carried, that the Constable bills and the bill of the Assessor be paid when approved by the District Attorney, and the Secretary be authorized to issue warrants for same.

The President stated to the Jury that the railroads proposed to go before the Railroad Commission on October 20th and protest against a proposed increase in the rate on gravel and other road material, and he thought the Jury should pass a resolution protesting against any increase in the rate on gravel by the Railroad Commission, as an increase in the rate of gravel would materially affect the construction of the model road now under construction in the Parish of St. Mary.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, and unanimously carried, that it is the sense of this Police Jury that the proposal of the railroads to go before the Railroad Commission on October 20th, with the object of raising the freight rate on gravel and other road material is hereby strongly protested against by this body, as it will materially affect the cost of gravel roads now under construction and that of any future road work that may be contemplated by this parish, and that the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Railroad Commission.

The following Advisory Engineer's monthly estimate No. 2, with bills attached, was read:

Good Roads Commission and Advisory Engineer's Monthly Estimate No. 2, up to and including Sept. 25, 1915:

Table with columns for item description and amount. Includes Hampton Reynolds, J. W. Thompson, Tioga Gravel Co., Ltd., Dyer & Chotin, and Engineering and Supervision.

Total monthly estimate of work by Hampton Reynolds \$2,769.66

Total monthly estimate of gravel furnished by J. W. Thompson \$5,687.98

Total monthly estimate of material furnished by Tioga Gravel Co. Ltd \$83.00

Total monthly estimate of work done by Dyer & Chotin \$3,451.29

Total monthly estimate engineering and supervision \$1,132.61

Total monthly estimate to September 25, 1915

WALTER Y. KEMPER, Chief Engineer

Warrants to be issued account Good Roads, up to and including Sept. 25, 1915:

Table with columns for item description and amount. Lists various expenses for Good Roads, including gravel, labor, and materials.

Total \$11,231.55

Moved by Mr. LeBourgeois, seconded by Mr. Roder, that the monthly estimate No. 2 of the Advisory Engineer be received and made part of the minutes, and warrants be issued in full for bills attached as to the engineers and labor, and \$5 per cent. be paid to the contractors, and that the President be authorized to turn over to the Treasurer sufficient certificates of deposit to take care of same.

The President then instructed the Secretary to call the roll on the motion, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: LeBourgeois, Haydel, Robichaux, Robertson, Boudreaux, Gooch, Aucoin, Drackett, Roder.

Nays: None.

The President then declared the motion carried.

The following report was submitted by the Finance Committee: Moved by Mr. Robichaux, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux, and carried, that the report of the Finance Committee be received and the bills approved be paid.

There being no further business, on motion the Jury adjourned.

CHAS. N. FROST, President

W. H. LATHAM, Secretary.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

23rd Judicial District Court—Parish of St. Mary.

Succession of Baptiste Olivier, deceased. No. 3606.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale, to pay debts, issued out of the Honorable 23rd Judicial District Court of Louisiana, and to me directed, in the above numbered and entitled succession, I will sell, for cash, to the last and highest bidder, in front of the principal front door of the Court House, of the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, in the town of Franklin, on

SATURDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D., 1915,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. the following described property, to-wit:

That certain lot or tract of land lying and being situated in Patterson, St. Mary Parish, La., having a front of 51 feet on the west side of a lane in the rear of the Brown addition to Patterson, La., by a depth between parallel lines of 175 feet, being known, designated and described on a map of the lands of Mrs. Maggie D. Brown, as No. 55, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and all the rights, ways and privileges thereto belonging and appertaining.

DAVID OLIVIER, Administrator.

Dr. Conrad O'Niell

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