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The General Assembly Meets

The Legislature was organized at 11 o'clock last Monday morning promptly without any friction or contention.

Mr. Hewitt Bouchaud, of Point Coupee parish, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. E. M. Stafford was unanimously chosen President pro tem of the Senate.

Very few bills were introduced in either house this week. It seems to be to await the inauguration of Col. Pleasant, and the receiving of the benefit of his address, before they take up those grave problems of government which the wants and the interests of the people of this State must necessarily bring before them for solution.

We note, however, that Mr. Schwing, of Iberville Parish, has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for the abolition of the fee system of the offices of Sheriffs, Clerks of Court and Assessors. This was advocated in the platforms of both of the contestants in the late gubernatorial contest. We therefore conclude that the incoming administration will earnestly advocate and bring about this much-needed reform.

Still we note that the sheriffs' lobby is on the grounds early, led by Sheriff Marion Swords, of St. Landry parish, with the avowed purpose of defeating the bill, if possible.

We note with pleasure that Mr. Percy Saint of this parish has been honored with the title of leader of the members of the Progressive party in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Saint has introduced a bill in the House providing for the establishing of a rural bank in the interest of our farmers, whereby they will be enabled to borrow money for long terms at lower rates of interest and on easy and reasonable conditions. The bill is full of merit. We hope that Mr. Saint will be successful in his venture.

From the New Orleans daily papers of Thursday gives out the news that the conference at El Paso between General Bell, chief of the military staff of the United States, and General Obregon, secretary of war of Mexico, has ended without accomplishing any definite result. Gen. Obregon positively declares that he will not treat further until after the U. S. troops are removed from Mexican soil.

What do the people of our town know about their public schools. How many of them ever go inside of a school building, except on occasions of special entertainment? What do they know from personal observation? They send their children there for six hours every day for nine months in the year, and that is about the end of it. The public schools are too much neglected by the people. They are left as it were to run themselves. One can see that more school visitation by parents would be a great stimulus to both teachers and pupils. Why not give a little more attention to the training in the school?

Progressive Mass Meeting.

The Progressive Party of the Parish of St. Mary held a Mass Meeting in Franklin on Wednesday last, for the purpose of selecting delegates to visit the twenty votes of the Parish in a State Convention, to be held in the city of New Orleans on May 15, 1916, at the G. Newald Hotel, at 2:30 p. m. The Convention in New Orleans is called for the purpose of electing two delegates at large and one delegate for each Congressional District of the State, to attend the Convention of the National Progressive Party, called to meet in the city of Chicago, on June 7, 1915, for the purpose of nominating candidates, of the Progressive party, to be voted for in November next for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the mass meeting:

"Be it resolved by the Progressive Party of the Parish of St. Mary in Mass Meeting assembled, that the following qualified electors of this Parish whose names are hereinafter given and they are hereby elected as delegates from this Parish to attend the State Convention of the Progressive Party of Louisiana, to be held in New Orleans on May 15, 1916, and that those present in attendance at said Convention shall cast the Twenty Votes of this Parish on all matters and questions that may come before it, under the unit rule through their Chairman, with the right to break said unit rule, should a majority of those in attendance so decide, which delegates are as follows, viz:

- FIRST WARD  
L. H. Delhaye, George Pecot, C. H. Green, Emile Hebert, Geo. T. Veeder, Fernand Robichaux, C. P. Simms, J. A. Durio, Albert Grevemberg, E. P. Verret, Paul Mendoza, Moise Breaux, T. B. Kimbrough, J. B. Maynard, Paul Weber, Paul Martin, A. J. Grevemberg, S. Alleman, Louis Breaux, Lucien Bonin, W. G. Dugas, W. L. Edgerly, O. W. Evans, Lucien Lancon, Sr., S. B. Roane, B. O. Surague, Albert Sintierre, C. Verret, E. A. Fouchaux, W. A. O'Neill, D. Bourdier, Geo. J. LeBourgeois, Nick Verret, A. V. Allain, Thomas Mendoza, T. St. Germain, W. H. Green, E. N. Cokes, E. Richard, Paul Pecot, J. Robichaux, W. S. Pardoner, H. Delhaye, Paul LeBlanc, J. Earl Veeder, Walter S. Torian, V. Alleman.

- SECOND WARD  
H. Abadie, Wallace Blanchard, Sidney Bonvillain, E. J. Buquet, E. D. Blanchard, L. E. Callery, R. L. Brown, Adolph Bergeron, Fred Carlin, P. F. Dumessil, Edward Edgerly, Gabriel Haydel, Earl Hebert, B. F. Miller, Joe Parro, Dave Rawlins, Alphonse Rivet, Dr. M. B. Tilly, A. J. Savoie, Richard Taft, Stephen Landry, Bernard Levy, Alphonse Lancon, Dr. Dave Berwick, L. S. Alleman, J. B. Brown, E. S. Bennett, A. A. Bonvillain, W. B. Kemper, W. B. Simmonds, H. H. Dinkins, E. J. Callery.

- THIRD WARD  
W. T. Peterman, W. E. Chase, J. A. O'Neill, Jr., J. Sully Martel, Geo. Milholland, F. E. Robertson, Jake Anderson, Felix Foco, W. P. Dinkins, Sosthene Robichaux, O. E. Bernard, Arthur Olivier, Chas. Ibert, J. H. Chapron, A. J. Simoneaux, V. Pontiff, Sidney Wolford, J. D. Mora, Dolph Parro, Paul Ferio, Hy. McCardell, A. J. Gibbons, Edgar Loustalot, Emmet Alpha, Marvin Morris, Nathan Silverman, L. Caro, L. B. Tarlton, John Eisele, Jules Charpentier, M. L. Harrison, O. L. Alpha, Pierre Barrilleaux, Chris Smith, Vilvor Portier, C. N. Frost, B. W. Smith, W. H. Latham, C. A. Aycock, Edgar Achee, C. W. Abel, Alphonse Borne, Nelson Boudreaux, C. F. Borah, Robert Barnett, J. A. Barnett, Simon Simoneaux, Chas. Gott, August Gronen, C. J. Guidry, R. H. Himel, W. C. Baker, N. G. Huth, A. G. Jacobs, Ike Bloch, Emile Lagrange, L. O. Pecot, Alyre Robichaux, Chas. Lauve, C. M. Markerson, Luke Legendre, Percy Saint, Frank Zyliez, Oscar Boudreaux, Geo. Kramer, A. M. Udderwood, Sam Walker, M. F. Thompson, Chris Navarro, M. Bergeron, Wm. Jacobs, J. M. Blackburn, Frank LeNormand, Hy. H. Barrilleaux, T. Sigur, R. E. Keenze, R. E. O'Neill, H. W. Kappel, W. H. Kramer, Philip Albares, Chas. Pecot, J. D. Bell, Chas. Migeot, H. N. Levy, Wilson McKeerell, Jr., Robt. Sigur, J. A. Peterman, J. F. Boudreaux, L. A. Giroir, J. H. Parr, Louis S. Bigler, A. G. Martel, Paul Kramer, L. T. Talbot, C. J. Boatner, C. D. Kemper, R. R. Coker, T. Mercer Moorman, Leonard Robichaux, Rex McCullough, A. P. Daigle.

- FOURTH WARD  
John Claussen, Ike Wooster, L. C. Grevemberg, F. N. West, W. J. Young, Robert Boudreaux, Theophile Aucoin, Oscar Boudreaux, W. A. Chauvin, A. C. Beadle, F. J. Devillier, Sosthene Dugas, Emile Guidry, Albert S. Hebert, Joseph Junca, Bienvenu Landry, J. B. Lake, C. J. Martin, J. M. Migeot, E. J. Ricaud, Edward Robichaux, Michel Sacco, W. F. Sennette, Aurillian Toups, G. W. Walker, J. D. Herwick, Albert Martin, Ben Miller, Hy. P. Robichaux, H. S. Nordyke, N. J. Wooster, A. J. Adams, Frank Z. Hebert, Dr. Ira Bowman, Arthur Dugas, James Estines, B. Landros, R. H. LeBourgeois, W. W. Stevens, W. J. Talbot, Gustave Vitter.

- FIFTH WARD  
Dr. A. A. Aycock, R. E. Broussard, L. C. Borah, Samuel Barthe, John Cissna, G. M. Compton, William Davis, W. D. DeGravelles, William Folse, N. O. Falterman, W. N. Gooch, C. P. Hartman, I. G. Higgins, W. B. Lage, Jos. R. Joy, T. B. Gooch, Jules Levy, R. G. Loveland, Eugene Le-

- Blanc, W. C. Maloz, C. W. Mitchell, Hugh Miller, Fred Mensman, E. F. Marine, J. E. Lassus, R. D. McKeeley, C. H. Peterson, J. S. Perkins, Malcolm Pender, C. W. Frosch, W. D. Roussel, G. A. Roussel, Vivian Kentrop, Guy Rochel, A. H. Thompson, Walter Terrell, F. C. Viguier, F. B. Williams, C. S. Williams, V. L. Watson, Oscar Z-nor, L. K. Williams, Elphage Falterman, B. J. Morey, D. H. Maloz.

- SIXTH WARD  
Dr. J. C. Berwick, S. A. Bradford, Dr. T. E. Dreher, Willard Ditch, K. S. Foster, Robt. Maitland, Jos. M. Dyer, M. Bunn, C. A. Bibbins, Dr. W. J. McClellan, E. A. Pharr, E. T. Forey, G. D. Piekels, M. E. Norman, Meyer Lehman, Frank Chase, A. B. Olin, E. E. Ditch, Chas. Dyer, Paul Fromenthal, Dr. J. H. O'Neill, John Robichaux, Sam Shilbourne, Albert Toegner, J. M. Hamilton, E. Jos. Fisher, Sam Silber, G. A. Roussel.

- SEVENTH WARD  
Pierre Hebert, A. E. Gahn, Alfred Fortier, Jr., A. M. Bodin, Henri Julien, Gao J. Prevost, Rivers Moore, Jules O. Bodin, Moses Abdallah, Gregory Bodin, Alexander Damsail, Aleide Goubas, Louis Landry, A. L. Legnon, Wm Moore, Richard Loper, J. U. Bodin, Luke Landry, Frederick Landry.

- EIGHTH WARD  
J. D. Ehrlich, Sam Watkins, Jos. Chotin, Paul Chotin, W. W. Coburn, E. A. Drury, Chas. Jacobs, Jules Fabre, J. A. Pharr, Edgar G. Acooin, R. W. Agin, Geo. Watkins, Chas. Watkins, John P. Walters, M. H. Wilson, C. L. Saunders, Sr., Ed. H. Scott, Jos. Stansbury, Gus Thorguson, R. E. Todd, Gauder Thorguson, Thos. J. Johns, Ulysses Presela, Hy. Presela, Leo Como, Lens Como, Alex. Chotin, Austin Clark, C. H. Robichaux, E. H. Bjarsky, A. L. Boudreaux, A. J. Bergeron, O. Bayquist, Cyrus Broussard, W. M. Verret, James Drury, C. L. Saunders, Jr., W. L. Bowman.

PARISH FAIR.

Franklin, La., May 6, 1915  
EDITOR ST. MARY BANNER:  
DEAR SIR:—On Wednesday, May 17, we expect to have Mr. Louis N. Bruggerhoff, Secretary of the Shreveport State Fair, at the Court House at 1 o'clock p. m. He will discuss the organizing of a County Fair for St. Mary Parish, which no doubt you know is under way.

Now if it is possible for you to do so, we would like very much for you to be present at that time as we expect this Fair to be of great benefit to the Agricultural men of the Parish and want to get it organized on a solid footing.

If you have no objections we would like to use your name as a committee from your ward, and if you know of any others who you think would be interested we would appreciate it greatly if you took an active interest in trying to have them come here for the occasion. The ladies are especially invited.

Very truly yours,  
W. P. DINKINS,  
JNO. M. CAFFERY,  
EUGENE A. PHARR,  
W. H. KRAMER,  
E. L. SAUCIER.

United States of America } ss.  
Eastern District of Louisiana }

In the United States District Court in and for said District, New Orleans Division.

In the matter of Ursin A. Pecot, Bankrupt, No. 2139. In Bankruptcy.

Petition for Discharge. Order of Notice Thereon.

Eastern District of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, ss:

On this 29th day of April, A. D. 1916, on reading the foregoing petition it is Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 30th day of May, A. D. 1916, before said Court, at New Orleans, La., in said district at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the St. Mary Banner, 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 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 New Orleans, La., in said district, on the 29th day of April, A. D. 1916.  
(Signed) H. J. CARTER, Clerk.  
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HENRY J. CARTER, Clerk.  
By H. J. CARTER, Clerk.

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The Southern Planting & Development Co., Incorporated.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF ST. MARY

Be it known that on this 9th day of the month of May, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, before me, Joseph J. Schwartz, Deputy Clerk of the 23rd Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Mary, and ex-officio Notary Public in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, all of the full age and majority and residents of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, bearing date as Act No. 27 of the Session Acts of 1914, they do, by these presents, covenant and agree and bind themselves, as well as any other persons as may become hereafter associated with them, in order to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law; for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.  
The name and title of this corporation shall be "THE SOUTHERN PLANTING & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED," and it shall have an indefinite succession and exist for a period of Ninety-nine (99) years from the date hereof. It shall have, enjoy and possess all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities accorded to corporations under the law.

ARTICLE II.  
The domicile of this corporation shall be in the Town of Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, where all the citations and other legal process shall be served upon the President, and in the case of his absence upon the Vice-President, and in case of the absence of the Vice-President, upon the Secretary-Treasurer thereof.

ARTICLE III.  
The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be:  
(1) To engage in the cultivation and selling of all farm and plantation products of every nature, kind, and character whatsoever; in the breeding, raising, dealing, buying and selling of cattle, mules, jennets, horses, mares, colts, donkeys, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls and ostriches; and in furtherance thereof to buy, lease or acquire such real property as may be necessary to properly conduct and prosecute said business, in the establishment and maintenance of factories, plants, tramways, railways or otherwise.

(2) To transact a general real estate agency and brokerage business, including the management of estates; to act as agent, broker, or attorney in fact for any persons or corporations in buying, selling and dealing in real property and any and every estate and interest therein, and choses in action secured thereby, judgments resulting therefrom, and other personal property collateral thereto, in making or obtaining loans upon such property, in supervising, managing and protecting such property and loans and all interests in and claims affecting the same, in effecting insurance against fire and all other risks thereon.

(3) To improve, manage and operate real property; to develop real property generally; to buy, deal, sell and exchange real property; to rent and lease real property, improved and unimproved; to make all mortgages of real property and borrowing money thereon by mortgage or otherwise; the loaning money upon real property and the taking of mortgages and assignments of mortgages of the same; to buy, sell and deal in bonds and loans secured by mortgages or other liens on real property.

(4) To acquire by purchase, lease, exchange or otherwise plantations, lands or any interest therein, machinery, tools and instruments; to acquire, construct and operate sugar and other plantations, sugar or other refineries, buildings, mills, factories, distilleries, paper mills, oil wells and other works; to plant, cultivate and deal in sugar cane, maize or other crops; to buy, acquire, build, possess, rent or otherwise dwellings; to own, lease or otherwise acquire stores, and to do a general merchandise business; to carry on the business of manufacturing, producing, refining, adapting, preparing, buying, selling and dealing in, and shipping and transporting, sugar cane, sugar, molasses, syrup and all products thereof; to make all mortgages of real property and borrowing money thereon by mortgage or otherwise, the loaning money upon real property and the taking of mortgages and assignments of mortgages of the same.

(5) To purchase, receive, own and sell bonds, mortgages, debentures, notes, shares of capital stock and other securities, contracts or evidences of indebtedness of any other corporation, and while the owner and holder thereof, to exercise, in respect thereto, any and all the rights, powers and privileges of individual owners thereof.

(6) To carry on the business of warehousing and all business necessary and incidentally incidental thereto.

(7) And generally to do all things necessary and proper pertaining or incident to such business.

ARTICLE IV.  
The capital stock of this corporation is hereby declared to be the sum of Fifty-two Hundred \$5,200.00 Dollars, divided into fifty-two (52) shares of the par value of one Hundred \$100.00 Dollars each, and this corporation shall be operative and go into business and become a going concern when the said fifty-two (52) shares of its capital stock shall have been subscribed and paid for, to-wit: at the execution of these presents. No transfer of stock shall be binding upon this corporation unless same appears upon the books thereof.

No stockholder shall have the right to assign or transfer any share or shares held by him in writing to the Board of Directors, which will have the right to purchase same within ten days thereafter, at the valuation determined by the Board; and in case of dissatisfaction as to the price, the matter shall be arbitrated, one arbitrator with the powers of an arbitrator, to be appointed by each side, and an umpire to be selected by those two, who shall take oath, and whose decision shall be final, and no reference to the courts to be hereafter allowed. And all the shares of stock when so purchased may be re-issued at not less than par value.

The capital stock of this corporation may be increased to the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

ARTICLE V.  
The corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors to

Whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, to be elected on the first Monday of each year. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make all regulations and resolutions necessary for the conduct of the business of this corporation, and shall select from among its members a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Until the election to be held as hereinafter provided, the following shall constitute the first Board of Directors of this corporation: Post Office Address: L. L. Fournier, Jr., Bayou, Louisiana; R. L. Fournier, Jr., Bayou, Louisiana; Arthur J. Renault, Frankfort, Louisiana; John L. Fournier, Jr., Bayou, Louisiana; H. Himel, Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.  
So that this charter may also serve the purpose of and as a subscription list, the undersigned organizers of this corporation have, respectively, subscribed for the number of shares of stock as set opposite their names respectively set opposite their names, and the subscription list is hereby transferred by them to this corporation, there is annexed to this charter a list of the names of the subscribers therewith, an accurate, correct and itemized description of such shares as to amount, location, extent, character and state of improvement, together with a statement of its value as appraised by the directors.

This done and passed at Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, on the day and date aforesaid, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, who have hereunto subscribed their names with the said subscribers and as Notary, after due reading of the above.

Witnesses:  
R. EMMET O'NEILL,  
ARTHUR J. RENAUD,  
JOS. J. SCHWARTZ,  
Dept. Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio, a Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
PARISH OF ST. MARY  
I, the undersigned Jos. J. Schwartz, Deputy Clerk of the 23rd Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of St. Mary, and ex-officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for said St. Mary Parish, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Act of Incorporation of the Southern Planting & Development Co., Inc., and that the original Act of Incorporation of said company was this day filed and recorded in my office in Book No. 4 of Acts of Incorporation, at folio 177, under entry number 61.

In evidence whereof, witness my official signature and the impress of the seal of my office at Franklin, St. Mary Parish, State of Louisiana, on this 9th day of May, 1916.  
(Signed) Jos. J. Schwartz,  
Deputy Clerk of Court and ex-officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for St. Mary Parish.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
Third Ward Justice Court, Parish of St. Mary.  
R. E. Milling vs. W. H. Latham.  
By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the Third Ward Justice Court, in and for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and to me directed, I have shown number 1 and entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, on SATURDAY, THE 27th DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1916,  
between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 1 o'clock p. m., the following described property to-wit:  
One Jersey cow,  
Two Jersey heifers.  
PHILIP ALBARES, Constable.