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POLICE JURY MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION.

Final Count of Ballots in Road Election Givas Majority Votes Against, 17; Property Valuation For \$134,598; Spoiled Ballots, 104.

Jennings, La. Aug. 5, 1915

The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis met in the Police Jury room, office building, Jennings, La., this day at nine a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. John H. Cooper, presiding and on roll call the following members were present:

Ward	Name
1	Arthur Guidry
2	Geo. Hathaway
3	Henry Koll
4	J. S. Tremé
5	Ausam Marcantel
6	J. H. Cooper
7	F. A. Arceneaux
8	H. A. Fontenot
9	Yves Pitre

The minutes of July 1st were read and approved in open session. The Police Jury resolved itself into a Board of Election Commissioners and proceeded to open the ballot boxes and count the votes cast at the election of July 27th which resulted as follows:

Precinct	Voted For	Voted Agn't Prop. For	Prop. Agn't
Lake Arthur	63	105	\$ 62,990
Therwell	12	12	10,600
Jennings	196	98	274,230
Raymond	8	59	15,620
Ellen	27	119	45,380
LeBlanc	9	30	10,820
Reno	6	1	3,180
Welsh	146	25	167,597
Roanoke	45	5	71,110
Arden	30	30	33,800
Foid	15	28	15,455
Mouton	2	10	2,190
Foreman	10	35	16,280
Woodlawn	20	22	32,700
Thompson	6	1	2,370
Topsy	1	4	700
Pelouquin	11	4	7,490
Total	571	588	758,140

Majority of votes against, 17.
Majority of property for, \$134,598.
Total number of spoiled ballots, 104.

Total property valuation cast in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, against said proposition, 623,542

Majority in number of the total votes cast in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, against said proposition 17

Majority in total assessed valuation vote cast in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, in favor of said proposition \$134,598

And it appearing that the said proposition was defeated by a majority in number of votes and carried in amount of assessed valuation cast at the said election, and as shown by examining and canvassing the sworn returns of the said election, we do accordingly ratify said sworn returns of the said election and approve the same, and we do now publicly declare that the said proposition has been defeated in number of votes and carried in assessed valuation vote, as hereinabove set forth, and we do hereby make public proclamation of the result of the said election.

Thus done and signed in triplicate in open session of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jeff. Davis, in the city of Jennings, in said State on this, the 5th day of August, in the year 1915, all in the presence of said witnesses, and such others as desired to be present.

Witnesses: John H. Cooper, President
W. S. Streater,
Louis Fuselier,

Promulgation of Election

State of Louisiana, Parish of Jefferson Davis: Be it known, that the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon it by law, did meet at the hour of nine a. m. on this 5th day of August in the year 1915, in the office of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, in the Court house of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, in Jennings, Louisiana, and in open session did proceed in the presence of W. S. Streater and Louis Fuselier and F. F. Arceneaux, lawful witnesses, and such others as desired to be present, to open the ballot boxes, examine and count the ballots in number and amount and examine and canvass the returns of the special election held on the 27th day of July 1915, called by resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, passed and adopted on March 4th, 1915, for the purpose of submitting the proposition here-in-after set forth to the property tax payers, qualified to vote of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, and we, the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, do find that the total number of votes cast for and against the said proposition submitted, and the total assessed valuation voted for and against said proposition, were as follows to-wit:

(1) A proposition to incur debt and issue negotiable bonds of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to the amount of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) dollars to run for a period of thirty one (31) years, bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, interest payable annually, for the purpose of constructing permanent public roads and bridges in said Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, title to which shall vest in the public.

Total number of votes cast in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, for said proposition, 571
Total number of votes cast in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, against said proposition 588
Total property valuation cast in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, in favor of said proposition, \$738,140

By Mr. Hathaway: That no warrants be approved for payment drawn on funds exhausted beyond the 1915 taxes, except for interest due. Carried. On motion of Mr. Hathaway the Po-

lice Jury adjourned until Friday, Aug. 6th at 9 o'clock a. m. Carried.

JNO. H. COOPER, Pres.
L. E. ROBINSON, Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.
Jennings, La., Aug. 6, 1915.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis met in the Police Jury room, office building, Jennings, La., this day at 9 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Jno. H. Cooper, President, and on roll call the following members were present:

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road Commissioner's Report
Ward 7.
Welsh, Louisiana, July 31, 1915.

To the Police Jury, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:
Gentlemen:—We, your Commissioners, appointed by your honorable body, at your session, 1915, to lay out and procure right-of-way for public road from NW corner section 16 to NE corner section 13-10-4 leg to submit this our report: After having been duly sworn, we proceeded to trace out and locate said right-of-way 60 feet wide, commencing at NW corner of sec 16, thence east along said sec line to the NE cor of sec 13-10-4.

We have taken from each adjoining property 30 feet for right-of-way on legal subdividing lines, and have received the right-of-way from all land owners on said route except Mrs. Emma Mallet and C. J. Nohe. And we expropriate the right of way over said lands, and assess damages at one (\$1) dollar each, and we most respectfully ask that you adopt this report and grant us the said road.

Respectfully submitted,
P. J. Unkel,
Clarphy Lognion,
W. J. Strohe,
J. J. Strohe,
W. F. Humphreys,
C. Putnam.

Witnesses:
F. A. Arceneaux;
E. S. Goodreau.

By Mr. Arceneaux: That the above report of road commissioners be received and adopted and approved and that the said right-of-way as above laid out be declared a public highway for public use, and that the Ordinance Committee be directed to report an ordinance expropriating the right-of-way for said highway as recommended by said road commissioners. Adopted, Ordinance No. 85.

An Ordinance expropriating a right-of-way for a public road from NW cor sec 16-10-4 to NE cor sec 13-11-4 and appropriating money to pay the damages assessed therefor by road Commissioners to the several owners of said property.

Yeas 9. Noes 0.

BILLS.
Pauper Fund.

5515 Mrs. C. A. Naylor, room rent for J. Smith \$ 5.00
5516 Tony Truxillo, boarding J. Smith 10.00
5517 Gimble Fur Co., funeral supplies 15.00
Total 30.00

Public Printing and Stationery.
5518 Welsh Printing Co., election supplies 59.50
5519 Welsh Printing Co., publishing lists of Jurors 7.25
5520 M. L. Bath Co., Ltd. supplies 3.66
5521 Cooper Drug Co., supplies for election 3.83
Total 74.24

Bridge Keepers.
5522 Austin Fontenot, L. A. ferry 14.90
5523 Paul Larrain, Bayou Chene bridge 10.00
5524 Joe Mayfield, Jaenke bridge 10.00
5525 August Meyers, Mermontau ferry 20.00

Criminal Expense.
5526 Gimble Furniture Co., bedding for Jail 2.60
5527 Phoenix Drug Store, sup's 2.15
5528 Theo Kahn, clothing for prisoners 7.90
5529 J. F. Fuselier, board for prisoners 78.75
5530 J. F. Fuselier, freight, drayage for Jail matter 1.95
5531 J. F. Fuselier, attend'g court 55.00
5532 " sup witnesses 5.80
5533 Oscar Tate, arresting conveying prisoner to jail 4.00

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Local Items and Personal Mention

Mayor W. B. Gabbert left Wednesday for Beaumont, Texas, to attend a meeting of the Southern Rice Growers' Association. Mr. Gabbert was one of the first men in this section of the country to boost the Rice Growers' association and was one of its first officers.

The Layne & Bowler Co., have just completed another rush order well for Will Fenton. Having just completed a well for Cline Bros, the rig was moved to Mr. Fenton's place on Wednesday and the well was finished the next Tuesday. They are now engaged in putting down a well for the city of Welsh.

Mrs. J. Alf Martin has had as her guest the past week Mrs. Will Martin formerly of Crowley but now of California.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dennett and son and Mrs. C. S. Kelsey and children motored over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dennis, south of Lake Charles Saturday evening, spending Sunday there. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are now very nicely located at their home on the Prairie Farm Lands Co's tract near Prien Lake.

E. R. Compton left Tuesday for Alexandria, Tennessee, for a 30 day vacation with relatives and friends at his old home.

Mrs. Chas. Kennedy, Misses Mildred Montgomery, Ethel Miller, Dora Radeke and Bessie Davis left last Monday for Lake Arthur on a pleasure jaunt and to enjoy the Lake breezes for a week. They will return Saturday.

Mr. F. O. Radeke is visiting his son Clarence and family at Choupique this week.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Stewart who have been away on their summer vacation returned to Welsh Tuesday. Bro. Stewart will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday, both morning and evening.

Messrs Ewing, Euclid and E. F. Hardcastle and T. B. Monks formed a fishing party going to Bayou Chene Monday. They returned Tuesday and have been busy since telling some awful fish stories.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Monks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Hardcastle and daughter Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hardcastle and baby and Ewing Hardcastle left Wednesday for Leesburg on a pleasure and fishing trip and to enjoy the gulf breezes for a few days.

Miss Lois Godfrey who has been taking the regular summer school course at Baton Rouge for the past two weeks returned via Lake Charles coming to Welsh yesterday on No. 10. While away Miss Lois visited in New Orleans, Opelousas and Lake Charles.

Lester Seward celebrated his seventh birthday on Wednesday afternoon, when about forty of his little friends gathered at his home on South Adams street. Games of all kinds and amusements and fun were indulged in, after which they were all served with dainty refreshments, when the guests expressed their appreciation to their host for a splendid time and wished him many happy returns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Little came over from Crowley Thursday.

H. M. Wright who has been working at Jeanerette the past three months came home Tuesday for a visit to his family.

Leroy Elliot was up from Thornwell on business Thursday.

LOST—Rear light and car number "1927" together with the bracket that held the light on the car. Finder will return to W. F. Lovett or the Journal office and receive liberal reward.

The Catholic Ladies' entertainment Thursday night was a success. They had quite a large attendance, about one hundred in number. Amusement furnished consisted of games of all kinds which were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments of cake and lemonade were served. The receipts for the evening amounted to twenty-four dollars and sixty cents. The ladies are very well pleased with the results as the new venture did very well, and they will probably try it again.

CHESS TOURNAMENT AT LAFAYETTE AUGUST 23-27

Prominent chess players of the state have accepted the invitation of the Century Club of Lafayette to hold their first annual championship tournament in that city for four days beginning Monday, August 23rd. Among those expected are Judge L. L. Labatt, Dr. B. V. B. Dixon, Dr. M. H. McGuire, J. M. Gehl, H. E. Chambers, of New Orleans Hardy Grose, W. W. Bynum, R. A. Hart of Baton Rouge, J. E. Lansing, W. L. Roche, J. T. Charnley, of Alexandria, H. C. Bond, of Ruston, A. W. Bittle, Robert Harry, of Washington, L. B. Fields, of Marksville, W. J. Furrat, of Franklin, ten or twelve players in Lafayette, and several others. The players will be classified into three or four groups according to strength and a first and second prize will be given for the two best players in each group.

The best contender against players in a higher class, and the player of the most brilliant game will also get a prize and the best player of all will get the State championship cup for one year.

An effort is being made to have a visit for one day during the tournament from Boris Kostics, the great Hungarian master from Buda Pesth, perhaps the ablest living blindfold player, who is touring the Pacific coast.

City club contests will be arranged between Alexandria and Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, and probably Shreveport and Monroe.

All players of the State desiring to enter the contest are requested to communicate with E. L. Stephens, Chariman Charles D. Caffery, Louis T. Pellerin or Major Paul L. DeClouet, or Charles M. Parkerson, members of the Chess Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Moore are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl which took up her home with them Monday. Both Mrs. Moore and young Miss Moore are doing fine.

JEFFERSON DAVIS BOYS TRAIN AT TEXAS CITY

(Omitted from last week's issue)
The Welsh members of the Second Troop of Cavalry of the Louisiana National Guard, who attended the annual camp at Texas City, Texas, returned home Saturday evening.

The troop, under command of Captain Charles S. Miller, of Jennings, left its quarters at Jennings on Thursday morning, July 22nd, and spent the entire period of ten days at Texas City with the Second Division of the regular army.

The troop-members were instructed in both mounted and dismounted drills, in pitching of tents, packing of saddles, care of the horses, tactical work, and other important things in connection with field duty. On Thursday afternoon, July 29th the troop left its regular quarters and made a practice march. Each man carried with him his half tent, mess outfit, rations, etc. and was instructed in preparing his meal over a fire, after which each prepared his own supper, and on the following morning prepared breakfast. This instruction in individual cooking will prove of value.

The troop was provided with army horses, all well trained. The camp site was within one hundred yards of the gulf, a most pleasant location.

Texas City is about twelve miles from Galveston, and the troop members made frequent trips to the island city, taking swims in the gulf, watching the cotton carnival, and otherwise enjoying themselves.

Forty-two members of the troop attended the camp. The troop has its quarters at Jennings, but has members from throughout Jefferson Davis Parish, including several from Welsh, Roanoke, Elton and Lake Arthur. It is the only cavalry organization in the Louisiana Militia, and has made a splendid record during its existence.

—C. S. M.

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