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TAXPAYERS FAVOR THE BOND ISSUE

At a mass meeting held at the Auditorium Monday evening, at the call of Mayor Gabbert, the principal taxpayers of the town voted unanimously for calling of an election for the voting of a bond issue to cover the cost of installing another and larger unit for the municipal lighting plant.

The increased demands for electric current for lighting and industrial purposes have made the present plant entirely inadequate, it frequently happening that the street lights have to be left off, causing inconvenience to citizens who reside far from the business section of the town. And still overhead that is being carried at present time threatens the total demolition of the engine now in use. The committee in charge of the matter has for some time known that there was only a question of time until a change would necessarily have to be made. When the proposition was placed before the board of Trustees for their action, Mayor Gabbert deemed it desirable not to call an election on the proposition until he could have an expression from the taxpayers affected to whether they desired it. For that purpose the meeting was called at the Auditorium Monday evening at the meeting Mayor Gabbert called on the citizens for a free expression of their opinions.

Mayor Gabbert explained his position in the matter, reciting some statistics, showing that the plant was being operated at a profit, that the town was getting street lights free and that the present financial standing of the town permitted the voting of sufficient bonds to cover the cost of installing the auxiliary plant.

The consensus of opinion of those present at the meeting, as freely expressed, was that the expenditure was justified, and that only the best would suffice.

The Board of Trustees, at their next regular meeting in September, will probably call a special election on the proposition.

ONE MILLION HOGS IN LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 9.—Welsh and Gov. Pleasant and Mayor Gabbert, the first meeting of the Louisiana Swine Breeders Association in New Orleans was notable for a number of actual swine breeders present and for the impetus given to comparatively new industry. Despite its newness, said Pres. Oscar Green, who raises Champion Poland hogs, though six times smaller than Louisiana stands second in the number of southern states in the development of the pure bred hog industry, Louisiana in 1915, had one million swine and the coming year will show a big increase. It was announced that sales guaranteed stock will be held at the various parish fairs and at Shreveport, culminating in the New Orleans Live Stock Show during the winter.

ALEXANDER NAMED, DOWLING NEXT?

Forecast for many weeks, Governor Pleasant's reappointment of M. L. Alexander as head of the Conservation commission nevertheless was a relief to many who know Alexander and the worth of his work in the conservation exploitation of the neutral resources of Louisiana. Alexander has powerful friends in both political camps, but his big strength is with the land men and the big owners of Louisiana, who have experienced the benefit of progressive methods as applied to the job. This, probably, is the most generally popular appointment the Governor has yet made.

The most conspicuous and outstanding appointment yet to follow is that of the Presidency of the State Board of Health. The State is divided into two camps—those for Dowling and those for anybody to beat Dowling. The suggestion that Merick Swords be made first assistant House Surgeon at the Charity Hospital at a salary of \$3600, would seem to clear the atmosphere a bit, should it be the intention of the Governor to reappoint Dr. Dowling. Swords has been a most grimly determined candidate and his friends are loyal and energetic. The candidacy, however, did not seem to make the headway expected against Dowling sentiment, and by some it is predicted that the governor will lend a kindly ear to those who assure him that the reappointment of Dowling, while distasteful to a distinct number of loyal organization men, is, nevertheless, the thing to do as a matter of public policy combined with political expediency. In other words, while holding to a good executive, the regular organization at the same time would gain a great deal of strength from the other Democratic faction.

Warehouse Changes Ownership.

Mr. A. G. Fontenot has purchased the warehouse at Rice from Mr. Murphy and is having same repaired and put in condition to receive this year's rice crop, which is already being harvested.

Mr. Fontenot will handle feeds and fertilizers and conduct a general warehouse business.

He will move with his family to Rice as soon as he can have a house erected there.

—Enter in the Automobile Contest now and enjoy the advantage of an early start. Ask to have it explained to you.

Low Prices —and— Fresh Groceries

At Lognion Grocery

AUTOMOBILE GIVEN AWAY IN BIG TRADE CAMPAIGN

Interest is already aroused in the great Trade Boosting Campaign which is being inaugurated by the Welsh Printing Company and Greer Bros., Jewelers, the object of which is to build up and develop the business of these institutions, and to broaden their field of patronage.

It is the biggest thing that has ever been pulled off in the way of an advertising campaign here in Welsh, but the promoters are fully confident that the increased trade during the time to come will justify the heavy expenditure for prizes and advertising.

The prizes in this contest include, first, a 2-passenger automobile of either of the following popular makes: Partin-Palmer, Monroe, Grant, Saxon, Dort, Metz, or Ford.

Second Prize—Ladies' Bracelet Watch, 15 Jewel Elgin and 20-year case.

Third Prize—Three piece French Ivory Toilet Set.

Fourth Prize—Ladies' Fancy Lavalier and Chain.

Fifth Prize—Ladies' Fancy Locket and Chain.

In addition to these prizes ten 42-piece dinner sets will be given away, one of the first and one of the fifteenth of each month during the campaign.

The contest is open to everyone, old or young, and the prizes are well worth the effort that will be expended in securing them.

Votes will be given at the rate of 100 to the dollar on all regular cash purchases, 1000 votes to the dollar on the sale of due bills, 2000 votes to the dollar on special sales days, 1000

votes to the dollar on accounts made before the beginning of the campaign, 1000 votes on each dollars worth of job printing, advertising or subscription to the Journal.

Any friend whom you nominate will be credited with 5000 votes to start with, and your little boost in placing them in the contest at an early date may be the means of securing for them the free automobile, a gift of which any young lady or gentleman would justly feel proud.

The promoters of the campaign guarantee that it will be absolutely fair and square in every particular and that no advantage will be given to any candidate at any time, and that the voting strength of a dollar will remain the same throughout the entire campaign. The necessity for fairness in this respect can be readily understood when you consider that these firms are spending a large sum of money to broaden their patronage permanently, and their only hope of success, and the ultimate return of the investment, lies in their ability to keep in the good graces of the entire community while reaching out for more business.

The campaign is not limited to residents of Welsh, but is in fact just as appealing to candidates anywhere in the parish. A young lady from Ranoke, Jennings, Elton, Lake Arthur or any district in the parish would have just as good an opportunity as one living in Welsh.

Miss Collins, an experienced contest manager from Memphis, Tenn., has been engaged for the opening of the campaign, and she will be pleased to call on you and explain the workings of this campaign which is open to all.

Official Minutes of the Parish Police Jury

Jennings, La., August, 3, 1916.

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

The meeting was called to order by Honorable J. S. Treme, president, and on roll call the following members were present:

Name—	—Ward.
Arthur Guidry	1
Geo. Hathaway	2
T. S. Walker	3
J. S. Treme	4
Ausem Marcantel	5
A. T. Jones	6
Dolze Bourgeois	8
Yves Pitre	9

Absent: F. A. Arceneaux, Ward 7
The minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 1916 and the continued meeting of July 22, 1916 were read and approved in open session.

ROAD PETITIONS.

To the President and Members of the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish—Gentlemen: We the undersigned, citizens of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, respectfully ask your Honorable Body to appoint six commissioners to lay out and procure right of way for a public road from the Southeast corner of Section 21 to the Southeast corner of Section 21-7-4.

We also recommend the appointment of Mr. George R. Carr, Ozener Bell, Aurelien Manuel, Edmond Rojiah, Armand Manuel, Leonce Manuel. Upon motion duly seconded the above petition was received and the commissioners as asked were appointed.

Welsh, La., July 25, 1916.

To the President and members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis:—Gentlemen: We the undersigned, citizens of Jefferson Davis Parish, respectfully ask your Honorable Body to appoint six commissioners to lay out and procure right of way for a public road from a point 1791.5 feet East of the Northeast corner of Section 30 T. 9 S. R. 5 West, thence South parallel to the West line of said section to a public road on the South line, passing through a sixty foot street in the Town of Lacassine and other properties.

We also recommend the appointment of Messrs. Elloi Hebert, Jos. Dugar, Artemon Pontenot, Felix LeBlanc, Abras Gormier and Adam Broussard.

Upon motion duly seconded the

above petition was received and the commissioners asked were appointed.

The Police Jury then went into Executive session. Executive session closed.

The Ordinance committee Reported Ordinance No. 101. "An Ordinance providing for the issuing of Road Bonds of Jefferson Davis Parish in the Amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.)

Which Ordinance was on roll call adopted.

Yeas—Eight, (8).

Nces—None, (0).

Absent and not voting— One, (1).

Moved by Mr. Hathaway and seconded by Mr. Bourgeois that the Police Jury adjourn until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Police Jury met at 1 o'clock p. m. with the same members present in the afternoon.

The chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the annual report of the Tax Collector showing collections and disbursements of all taxes collected for the year ending June 30, 1916. After the examination of same the Police Jury issued to the said Tax Collector a quietus on the part of the Parish of Jefferson Davis in favor of the Tax Collector for the year 1915, all members present signing same.

Mr. Pitre introduced the following resolution which being seconded by Mr. Guidry was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, that the assessor of Jefferson Davis Parish be authorized and he is hereby directed to impose and spread upon the Tax Rolls of said Parish, a sum sufficient to pay the interest and principle becoming due the ensuing year on the \$500,000.00 Road Bonds, Series "A."

Resolved further that the Tax Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to collect the said tax herein levied."

FISCAL AGENCY.

Mr. Hathaway moved the adoption of the following resolution, which motion was seconded by Mr. Pitre and on being put was carried unanimously.

"Be it resolved by the Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, that the following contract be entered into between the said Police Jury and the Calcasieu National Bank of

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LATE SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS.

Washington, D. C., August 8, 1916.—A summary of the August crop report for the State of Louisiana, and for the United States as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Corn—State: August 1, forecast, 46,400,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 45,100,000 bushels.

United States—August 1, forecast 2,780,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 3,054,535,000 bushels.

All Wheat—United States: August 1, forecast 654,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,011,505,000 bushels.

Oats—State: August 1, forecast 2,070,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate) 3,000,000 bushels.

United States: August 1, forecast, 1,270,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,540,362,000 bushels.

Rice—State: August 1 forecast 15,600,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 13,714,000 bushels.

United States: August 1, forecast, 32,200,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 28,947,000 bushels.

Potatoes—State: August 1 forecast, 1,760,000 bushels production last year (final estimate), 1,428,000 bushels.

United States: August 1 forecast, 364,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 359,103,000 bushels.

Sweet Potatoes—State: August 1 forecast, 6,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 5,980,000 bushels.

United States: August 1 forecast, 71,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate) 74,295,000 bushels.

Cotton—State: July 25 forecast 429,000 bales; production last year (Census), 341,063 bales.

Hay—State: August 1 forecast 438,000 tons; production last (final estimate), 438,000 tons.

United States: August 1 forecast 84,600,000; production last year (final estimate), 85,225,000 tons.

Pasture—State: August 1 condition 95, compared with the ten-year average of 91.

United States: August 1 condition, 86.9, compared with the ten-year average of 81.6.

Sugar Cane—State: August 1 condition 97, compared with the ten-year average of 85.

93.3 compared with the ten-year average of 85.

Prices—The first price given below is the average on August 1, this year, and the second, the average on August 1 last year.

2ND CONVENTION LIVESTOCK MEN

The Second Annual Convention of the Louisiana Livestock Breeders Association will be held in Shreveport, Tuesday 15th of August. On the next three days August 16th to 18th, inclusive, the Southern Cattleman's convention will be held. All sessions will be held at the Youree Hotel, Convention headquarters. A very interesting program has been arranged for and many prominent men from all sections will address the Convention.

There will be two sales of Dairy Cattle on Thursday, August 17th, and three sales of Beef Cattle on Friday, August 18th. These sales are going to be held under the auspices of the various breeders Association and opportunities for buying good stock will be given all who attend. The railroads have announced very low rates on all railroads from all southern states so be sure and arrange to attend the sessions. E. K. Middleton of Pochahontas, Miss., is President and Dr. Tait Butler of Memphis, Tenn., secretary of the Southern Cattleman's Association.

The Louisiana State Fair will entertain the visitors with a Barbecue at the State Fair Grounds while an Automobile Trip over the model roads and a visit to the Shreve Island Stock Farm will be a part of the entertainment. Everybody come. All welcome.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS TO HAVE FEWER PAGES

Publishers of newspapers in the city of New York have taken concerted action to cut down their losses caused by the extremely big increase in the cost of white paper. The principal step to be taken is an agreement to cut down the number of pages in both the daily and Sunday issues. The combined cut will amount to 121 pages, which it is estimated will amount to 204 tons of white paper a week.

Most of the newspapers have also planned a reduction in the amount of returned papers allowed, which, it is estimated will cause a reduction in the use of white paper of at least eighty tons, thus cutting down the supply of paper used each week by nearly 300 tons.

The increased cost of white paper, which, in some instances, has increased more than \$7 a ton over what was regarded as an unusual high price a few months ago, furnishes a vital question for newspaper publishers. The American Newspaper Publishers Association is urging newspaper publishers to reduce their consumption of white paper, and the action of New York newspapers has been followed by others throughout the United States.

—1000 Automobile votes with every \$1.00 due bill, good in making any purchase at the Journal Book Store, Welsh Printing Company or Greer Bros. Jewelry.

Price Announcement.

The following list prices on FORD Cars and Chassis, f. o. b. Detroit, Michigan, became effective August 1, 1916.

Ford Chassis . . .	\$325.00
Ford Runabout . . .	345.00
Ford Touring Car . . .	360.00
Ford Couplet . . .	505.00
Ford Town Car . . .	595.00
Ford Sedan . . .	645.00

We guarantee that there will be no reduction in the above prices prior to August 1, 1917, but can give no assurance whatever against an advance in these prices at any time.

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'The Lost Bridegroom'
Friday, Aug. 18th
Hazel Dawn
...in...
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