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Here is what Peter Cooper, who died worth millions, said of a newspaper: "In all the towns where a newspaper is published every one should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and the business he is in. It not only pays the advertiser, but it lets the people at a distance know the town in which you live is a properous community of business men.

Surgeons of the army wear a green sash, which is not only an insignia of office, but a protection of life, for it is a principle of the code of war never to shoot at or capture a surgeon wearing a green sash. The surgeons in caring for the wounded minister to friends and foe alike when met with on the field of battle.—Ex.

In the grand Firemen's parade in Monroe last week, in which all the business houses had "floats," the Southern Grocer Co., L'td, Mr. Wm. B. Reily, Pres't., had one anticipating the early completion of the Monroe and Natchitoches railway. The Evening News spoke of it as follows:

The Southern Grocer Co., L'td., have ready for shipment over the new road that is to do so much for Monroe, a full carload of groceries, and this car was in the parade. The contrast between the two floats of this hustling firm was very marked. The one being the "Pioneer" bearing date, 1882, of their beginning on an old dray of flour and meat, driven by the oldest porter with the firm. Their box car, numbered 777 of the Monroe & Natchitoches Railroad, was decked in stars and strips and heavily loaded with Montrose, Goldleaf, and Fleur Du Cap flours, of which excellent brands they make a specialty, as well as thoroughly advertising El Belmont and Jackson Square cigars, and Red Rabbit and Owl Tobaccos. Samples of Old Home Soda and Red Rabbit tobacco were distributed liberally from this float.

Empty Achievements.

The convention at New Orleans still hangs on, although seventy days have passed since it convened. It has adopted a few ordinances in addition to its suffrage plan. This week it has passed a railroad commission bill and an anti-future bill and shouts as if it had covered itself with glory. But a close examination of these measures shows that they are hypocritical farces.

The railroad commission is so framed that even railroad attorneys voted for it and it is certain that it was not intended to do the state any good.

The bill against gambling in futures is so shaped that it suited delegate Hester who is secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the head center of future gambling in this state.

Do you suppose that Mr. Hester would have voted for any ordinance that interfered with the dealers in futures? Perish the thought! The people of this state are not such fools as to be taken in by such delusions and snares. The plain intention of this ordinance was to give the cotton exchange a monopoly of gambling in cotton futures. This in an evil that will build up another gambling monopoly in this state similar to the Louisiana Lottery. The people cannot and must not be deceived. There is a string tied to every apparent reform this convention may seem to adopt. They will not bring relief. Whatever laws they adopt will be administered and constructed by machine officers and will simply conduce to the perpetuation of ring government in Louisiana.—Monroe Bulletin.

Just before the final vote on the suffrage bill an amendment was tacked on same providing that hereafter representation in all nominating conventions in this state should be based on population. Verily the "nigger" is to remain an important factor in Louisiana politics. He is to be disfranchised, but his white neighbors will now make use of him in naming the candidates of every political party, instead of using them in the election. The black belt can now control the policy of every political party in this state and therefore cannot be much interested as to which party wins.—Ex.

Fighting by Sunday.

The resolutions finally agreed on by congress Monday, and signed and embodied in an ultimatum to Spain Wednesday, with 72-hour limit in which to answer, demanded that she withdraw her troops from Cuba, and her navy from Cuban waters and leave the Cubans a free and independent people, and also authorized and directed Pres't. McKinley to use the land and naval forces of the United States and as much of the State militia as might be necessary to enforce this demand.

The Spanish Minister has left Washington, while ours will perhaps wait in Madrid till Saturday morning, unless Spain answers sooner.

Unless Spain should back down, which is not remotely probable, the American army and navy will begin to move towards Cuba, immediately after 12 a. m. Saturday.

A measure has passed congress authorizing the President to call for 80,000 volunteers besides the 113,000 National Guard, or State Militia.

Hundreds of English and Irish are applying to our consul in London, for positions in our army and navy, but the home supply cannot be exhausted, without these good friends.

Cubans are in an ecstacy of delight, and will receive our army with wild enthusiasm, and assist it in sweeping Spain from the last foothold in the "land of the free and home of the brave.

Proceedings of the Police Jury.

April 4, 1898.

The honorable body met in regular session with a quorum present.

By Mr. Raphael: That all action on the road and ferry to be established at Butler's be laid on the table until the next regular meeting. Adopted.

By Mr. Cloutier: That the bill of Stenographer Cook be allowed for reporting cases for the parish. Adopted.

By Mr. Raphael: Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches in regular session convened,

Sec. 1. That one of the ten mill tax authorized to be assessed for general parochial purposes be and the same is hereby set aside, appropriated, dedicated and consecrated for the building of a railway bridge as herein provided and which said railroad bridge is to be a free wagon and foot bridge across Red river at or near Grand Ecore in the parish of Natchitoches.

Sec. 2. That said funds arising from said tax shall be known as the Red river, Monroe and Natchitoches Railroad and Construction Company's railroad and free foot and wagon bridge fund, and shall be annually levied, assessed and collected, for a period of twenty years or during such part of said time as the amount collected and available shall amount to one hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. That the president of the Police Jury with two citizens to be selected by this body is hereby specially created a committee to enter into a contract with the Monroe Railway and Construction Company for the building and operation of said bridge under the authority granted said company by an Act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An Act to authorize the Monroe Railway and Construction Company to construct a bridge across Red River at or near Grand Ecore and to be operated by the said Monroe Railway and Construction Company under the terms of such Act of Congress; provided, however, that the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches expressly reserves its right to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations for the management, operation of and use of such bridge as a free foot, horse and wagon bridge as may be deemed necessary and wise for the public good.

Sec. 4. That said committee is authorized to enter into a contract and use the amount of the annual collection from said one mill tax until the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars is paid, the same to be inoperative beyond such time as said sum shall have been paid.

Sec. 5. That in case the Monroe Railway and Construction Company shall decline to enter into a contract for the construction and maintenance of said bridge in six months or shall fail to build same, the said committee is hereby vested with power to enter into a contract with any other reliable party or parties for the construction of said bridge.

Sec. 6. Be it ordained that the tax collector of the Parish is hereby authorized to collect and pay over to the parish treasurer said sum arising from said one mill tax annually under the contract herein provided for until the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is paid, or until the full period of twenty years shall have been reached and the parish treasurer shall pay over same to the said company under the terms and the conditions thereof.

Sec. 7. That the committee as above constituted are hereby required to write into the contract with the Monroe Railway and Construction Company a provision requiring the completion of said bridge within twenty-four months after the signing of the contract. And said company shall commence work on said bridge within six months from date of said contract.

Sec. 8. That said tax is hereby levied for the year 1898 and the assessor of the parish of Natchitoches is hereby instructed to extend same on the tax rolls for the year 1898; and the tax collector of the Parish of Natchitoches is hereby instructed to collect said tax and pay same over to the parish treasurer as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 9. That said contract shall further stipulate that in the event of the failure of said construction company to begin work on said bridge or complete same within the time set forth then the said committee shall have power and authority to enter into a contract with other parties as above provided for the construction of said bridge without any notice or putting in default.

Sec. 10. That a majority of the committee as above constituted is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into said contract in the event of the absence of any one of the members thereof.

Sec. 11. That the said contract shall further stipulate that no part of the tax herein levied shall be paid to the Monroe Construction Company or any one else until the completion of said bridge and its acceptance by the Police Jury of this parish.

Sec. 12. That G. W. Kile, president of the Police Jury, and G. L. Trichel and A. E. Sompayrac are hereby constituted a committee to enter into a contract with the said construction company in accordance with terms and stipulations of this ordinance and a majority of said committee is authorized to act.

Sec. 13. That the ordinance heretofore adopted at the January session of the Police Jury of this parish be and the same is hereby repealed. Adopted.

By Mr. Raphael: That President G. W. Kile be appointed commissioner to represent this parish at the meeting of the Assessors for railroads, telegraph and telephone lines for the present year.

Thereupon the honorable body adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

April 5th, 1898.

Hon. Body met pursuant to adjournment with President Kile in the chair and a quorum present.

By Mr. Weaver: That the accounts of Thos. F. Porter, Assessor, for making poll lists, etc., in the Edenborn and Monroe R. R. elections be allowed. Adopted.

By Mr. Weaver: That the game law fixing the 1st day of April as the limit for turkey hunting be amended so as to extend the time to the 1st day of May, this change to take effect from its passage. Adopted.

By Mr. Crump: That Jno. M. Tucker attorney for collection of licenses, be and he is authorized to abandon the claim of the parish against L. R. Burnside for licenses and to dismiss the opposition and abandon the suit, the parish to be liable for no costs. Adopted.

By Mr. Cargill: That petitions of citizens of ward 10 in regard to gates on Jos. Henry's place be tabled. Adopted.

By Mr. Cloutier: That the sum of $55 be appropriated out of the Bayou Natchez bridge fund to pay balance due on quarantine fund, and that the President be authorized to draw check for said amount and the Treasurer instructed to pay same. Adopted.

By Mr. Weaver: That W. G. Walker, B. F. Stewart, A. J. Price, Geo. Smith and J. K. Chestnut be appointed as tracers to act on petition of citizens ward 2 and be ordered to report at next meeting. Adopted.

By Mr. Dowden: That public road be re-established commencing at road No. 4 near Noel Basco's and running in a southern direction up right bank of Bayou Pierre for a distance of 3 miles, and terminating at Amos Bebees residence, said road to follow the old tract, except to run on west side of said Noel Basco's farm. Adopted.

By Mr. Dowden:

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the parish of Natchitoches, that the division of ward 8 into polling precincts, as divided at the session of the Police Jury on Sept. 10th, 1896, be amended as follows:

That there be 2 precincts, with one polling place in each precinct. The first precinct to embrace all that part of ward 8 lying west of range line No. 7, the polling place to be at Kisatchie Union Church. The second precinct to embrace all that part of ward 8 lying east of the range line No. 7, the polling place to be at Mora.

Sec. 2. That all previous ordinances conflicting with this are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage. Adopted.

By Mr. Russell: That Zeline Ezernack be placed on the pauper list from ward 4. Adopted.

By Mr. Kile: That Valaire Normaid be placed on the pauper list from ward 1. Adopted.

By Mr. Kile: That claim of city of Natchitoches for $98.42 one half of the expenses of painting the Cane River bridge be allowed. Adopted.

By Mr. Raphiel: That Mr. S. L. Pery of Campti, La., be refunded the sum of $5 paid as merchants license in error for 1898. Adopted.

By Mr. Dowden: That Rebecca Williams be dropped from the pauper list from ward 8.

To the Hon. Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches:

We the undersigned citizens of ward 9, with respect petition your Hon. Body to order an election according to law, to take the sense of the voters of said ward 9 on a proposition to sell or not to sell intoxicating beverages in said ward. The ballot to be used at said election to be written or printed.

L Felix Cloutier, O and V Lambre, L Narcisse Prudhomme, J Percy Prudhomme, P Albert Prudhomme, P Walter Prudhomme, C E Cloutier, Emile Cloutier, W H Jinks, J B Hargove, J I Friedman, Sam Friedman, E C Johnson N Johnson, W B Teagle, P Lestan Prudhomme, J. L. Prudhomme, J E Keator, Breazeale Bros., Auguste Rachal, W H Hyde, P Placide Prudhomme, P Felix Prudhomme, C A Cloutier, C S Cloutier, Fulber Cloutier, Mathew Jones, Chas. Anders, L E Jones, S Cohen, Mathew Hertzog, Jno H Henry, J C Gillen, Carroll Jones, Joshua Meziere, Ed C Prudhomme P Phanor Prudhomme, E G Lawton M. D.

By Mr. Cloutier:

AN ORDINANCE.

Whereas there has been presented to the Police Jury of Natchitoches a petition from Ward 9, of said parish, that an election be called in said ward to test the sense of the qualified voters as to whether or not licenses shall be granted for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors in said ward, therefore

Be it ordained, That an election

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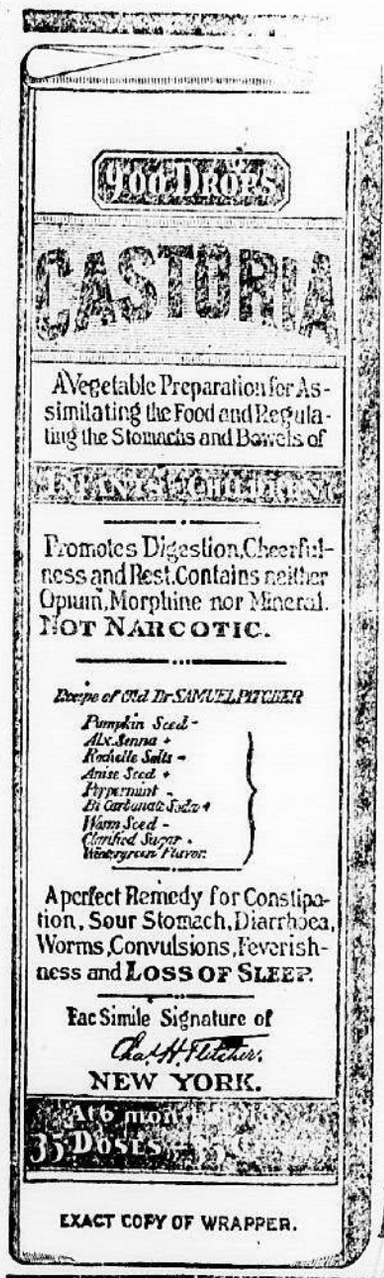

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