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THE MIDGET TAX UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Judge Watkins Says So.

Messrs. J. H. Fullilove and others, like sensible people, could not see the justice in being taxed to build the midget—called the Red River Valley railroad for high sounding purposes; and they determined not to do so if they could avoid it. With this purpose in view they employed, Messrs. Wise & Herndon went into court with their just claim.

In its course the case came up, and after giving the matter that careful consideration which he always does, Judge J. T. Watkins decided that the tax was unconstitutional.

Of course it is, and Judge A. D. Land, of our district, will, we verily believe, decide the same way for this city, whenever the matter is brought to his judicial attention.

THE PROGRESS feels a pride in this matter. It has from the first took the side of the people against this adventurer, Mr. Charles Edensborn, the owner of this little sprig of a road, and did its best to prevent the great injustice done in giving him \$62,000 for nothing. The people were opposed to it, and thought to refrain from voting meant a vote against it. But a few persons who have never been able to give good reasons for their actions, pushed the matter through and it was reported carried.

At the time THE PROGRESS contended that the election had not been held according to law, and now we have the additional lever—it is unconstitutional.

Let the case be taken to our District Court. Our people owe it to the widows who were taxed against their will. This road has been in court five times as much as any other in all Shreveport, and at best is but an apology for a railroad. It is a moral crime to be forced to pay \$62,000 for such a showing. We call it the midget, and the public is beginning to accept this cognomen for it. Let the good work go on. Bossier has knocked it out, now let Shreveport do the same.

Go to Wagner Bros' for Fish and Game. Almost daily arrivals City Market House.

THAT IS RIGHT.

Send or telephone your orders for family groceries and feed stuff to Ledbetter Brothers. Never mind waiting to see if they have it. Ledbetter Brothers are up to date and if the article wanted is in Shreveport they have it.

Christmas Excursions.

Special low rate tickets to points in the Southern States will be sold by the Texas & Pacific Railway Company from all points on its line, December 20th and 21, the same as in former year. It should be borne in mind, that passengers have the choice of three gateways via this line in going back to their old home for Christmas and New Years, namely: New Orleans, Shreveport and Memphis. It is with a feeling of pleasure and pride that we offer you the best passenger service in the South.

If you contemplate making the trip and want to know the cheapest and best way, write to the nearest ticket agent, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Texas & Pacific Railway, Dallas, Texas, or to H. P. Hughes, Trav. Pass. Agt., Fort Worth, Texas.

Yours truly,
E. P. TURNER,
G. P. & T. A.

Account, Cotton Growers Convention to be held in Shreveport, La., Dec. 15th., 1898. The Cotton Belt Route will sell tickets from all stations in Louisiana at rate of one fare, plus ten cents, for the round trip, to be sold Dec. 14th. and 15th., good for return until Dec. 16th.

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POLITICAL POINTS.

Leaders in Town—The Official Election Figures.
N. O. Picayune, Dec. 5th.

The presence of so many office-holders and politicians from different portions of the state yesterday occasioned a short-lived flutter of excitement. A little investigation, however, revealed that, in the main their presence in the city was attributable to a mere coincidental chance rather than by prearrangement to formulate anything that may have a bearing upon coming political contests. As nearly all of them have their rods up to give the lightning an easy chance at them, they are naturally desirous of learning what the situation in New Orleans is and what their prospects will be.

Dr. P. J. Trezevant, of Caddo, had come down chiefly for the purpose of having a chat with his old friend Senator McEnery and, incidentally, to learn what the heavy guns in this neck of the woods are doing. He had the chat, and after ascertaining all that he could, journeyed back to Shreveport last night.

Lieutenant Governor Snyder was down for the purpose of attending the session of the board of pardons. He expected to be able to return to Texas last night, but found it impossible to do so. He will strive his utmost to return to his home today. While not engaged with his duties as a member of the board, the lieutenant governor chatted with everyone to find out how everyone else stands with the campaign.

Representative John Marks, of Assumption, hearing of Governor Snyder's presence in the city, hung out the sign, "Will be back in a minute," on his Napoleonville law office and hurried to New Orleans with his rod.

Congressman Bob Broussard stopped over enroute to Washington to be present at the opening of the fifty-sixth congress, which event will occur at the national capital next Monday.

Now, it came to pass, that Dr. Trezevant had arranged to have his chat with Senator McEnery at the St Charles Hotel during the course of the afternoon, and, in his own mysterious way, the celebrated "Johnny on the Spot" caught a line of the arrangement. Despite the sloppy condition of the torn-up streets, Johnny proved himself to be a good mud horse, and before the meeting was at an end he had shoved all of the anxious aspirants into the vestibule of the hostelry and then proudly took up an advantageous position on the outside to announce to the passers-by that there were "funny doings" going on within. Thus so reliably informed, nearly the whole town took a peep into the building, and many of them retired last night under the firm conviction that some important history in future politics of this state had been made during the course of the day. Johnny was in clover. There are some who say that he kept the wires hot between here and Baton Rouge touting in top and bottom tips on what was going on.

Shortly before midnight, a reporter of the Picayune met him speeding along and under a heavy pull he stopped only long enough to state that he was in a hurry "to get next" to a conference Justice Blanchard was then having "some place between the St. Charles and the Grunewald" with Judge Lawason, of West Feliciana, whom he said, had just gotten in last night. Johnny will surely have to sleep late today.

The official returns of the election held Nov. 8 show the following to be the results of the congressional vote in the six districts: First. Meyer 5422, Keating, 896; Second. Davey 6802, Wicker 1054;

Third. Broussard 4929, Fontelieu 974; Fourth, Brazeale 1424, Brian 1475; Fifth, Baird, 3553, J. G. Tellaferro 109; H. B. Tellaferro 151; Sixth, Robertson 2491.

Railway commissioners: First District, DeFuentes 13,067; Second district, Sims 778, Settoon 935; Third district, Foster 6755, Mars-ton 1575, Calhoun 2339, Hough 201.

Judge of the court of appeals, Orleans, I. D. Moore 7697; judge first city criminal court, Thomas J. Duggan 7681; judge second city criminal court, Richard C. Otero 7690.

MADAM RUMOR SAYS

That some people pretend to be uninjured, although they are hard hit

That Bill wants to know where "they" want to send him.

That it is the fellow who has no aching tooth, who is generally the most patient, under the affliction.

That social hypocrisy doesn't seem half so objectionable, when it is a pretty girl who practices it.

That a man may be "in his cups," and still not be in close quarters.

That the boss dog of the tanyard may be only a mangy cur.

That the turkey gobbler has an important strut, and still he plays a very insignificant part in history song or poetry.

That a man may claim for himself a superior amount of brains, and still have very little.

That the fellow who thinks he furnishes all the brains of an Association, is very apt to contribute the least.

That the midget has struck a snag at last. Judge Watkins has decided that the tax voted in Ward One, Bossier parish, is unconstitutional, null and void. Good! Shreveport, take your cue.

That those who know Mr. Ernest Laenger will endorse Councilman Bernstein's motion to have him put on the police force. He will make a good officer.

That any one wanting a good, lady, type writer and book-keeper can secure one by applying to The Progress.

That all should remember that C. D. Hicks is a Notary Public who will do your work thoroughly.

That She will respectfully inform the people that it snowed yesterday. Did you know that?

That the President's message is in to-day's paper.

That Councilmen Allen, Scott and Bernstein are already making good records. She thought they would.

That is time that are light was put on the corner of Southern avenue and Lacy street.

That the Midget has found a foe worthy of its steel in Mr. J. H. Fullilove, backed by Wise & Herndon.

That they "do say" that the train (?) on the Midget road can run "a mile and a half in an hour and a half."

That Mr. Edensborn may be "a slick artist," but She predicts that he will run up against many stumps like Mr. J. H. Fullilove before he collects all the taxes that were run through for him and his midget road.

That Her editor raised the point of order, and also rose to a question of personal privilege. But the chairman overruled the point: the crowd agreed with the chairman and he went down; and the snow, the beautiful snow gently trickled down his shirt collar and covered his quivering, kicking form, while the crowd laughed in glee. Selah!

That impudence, brazenness and a little money will enable the majority of people to carry a high hand, in violation of both statutory and moral law.

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This Day
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Good Ordinary ... 4
Low Middling ... 4 1/2
Middling ... 4 11-16
Good Middling ... 5 3-16

PROVISIONS.

Bacon—64c
Dry Salt Meats at 54c
Breakfast Bacon—84c
Hams—Choice, canvassed sugar-cured 84c
Lard—Compound, 44c; pure, 54c.
Bacon Plates 54c.

BREADSTUFFS.

Flour—Best patent, \$1.10; half patent or straight, \$1.25; extra fancy, \$1.00.
Cornmeal—\$1.90 per barrel; 38 1/2 pound sacks, \$1.80.
Crackers—A B C soda crackers are quoted at 6c; Cream, 7 1/2 by the lot.
Rice—New Louisiana, 4 1/2-5

COFFEE AND TEA.

Coffee—Fair, 84c; medium grade 10 1/2c; better, 12 1/2c.
Tea—Good stock on hand, fair demand. Fair, at 30c; good, 45c-50c; fine, 75c-85c; finest, \$1.00-\$1.25 per lb by the chest.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.

Sugar—Standard granulated, 5 1/2c; St Emma granulated, 5 1/2c; snow white, 5 1/2c; choice yellow clarified, 5c; seconds, 4 1/2c.
Molasses—Common, 12c; prime open kettle, 20c; choice reboiled, 21c-30c.

BAGGING AND TIES.

Bagging—2 lb, 7 1/2c; 1 1/2 lb, 7 1/2c.
Twine—For baling purposes, quoted at 10c per lb by the bale.
Iron Ties—90c.

GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFF.

Corn—Mixed sacked, 4c per bushel.
Hay—Choice prairie (Arkansas), \$7.50; Texas, \$11.50.
Oats—White, 35c; mixed, 34c, seed, 33c.
Rye—90c.
Barley—75c
Bran—75c.
Chopped Corn—90c per 100 pounds.
Millet Seed—per bushel

CHICKENS AND EGGS.

Chickens, hens, per doz. 2.00
Broilers per doz. 1.75
Fryers, large, per doz. 2.25@2.40
Eggs per doz. 15c-20c
Butter, country, per pound ... 15c-20c
Turkeys, per pound. 5.00@12.00
Geese, per dozen. 8.00
Ducks, per dozen. 7.00
Pork, per pound. 10c-12c

HIDES AND WOOL MARKET.

Dry hides, No. 1 flint, per lb. 12@13c
Dry hides, damaged. 8@10c
Saddly bug eaten. 5@6c
Dry salted, No 1. 9@10c
Bull hides. 9@10c
Green salted hides. 6@8c
Green hides. 5@6c
Wool, tub washed, choice. 20@22c
Wool, unwashed, clear. 14@16c
Wool, burry and black. 8@10c
Wool, hard burry. 7@8c
Beeswax s, prime. 23@24c
Tallow. 10c
Sheep skins, each. 10@15c
Goat skins. 10@15c

CURS.

Oette. \$1 00@5 00
Boa. 1 00@5 00
Raccoon. 10@15c
Fox. 10@15c
Opussom. 8@10c
Wild cat. 10@15c
Mink. 10@15c
Bear. 1 00@5 00
Wolf skins. 50@1 00
Deer skins, per pound. 14c