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NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of the Shreveport Northeastern Railway Company is hereby called for Thursday, August 5, 1909, in room 26, City Hall, in the City of Shreveport, La., at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of said company from \$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000, and to amend the charter in accordance therewith, and in such other ways as may be considered necessary and proper, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. (Signed) S. C. FULLILOVE, Secretary.

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COTTON MARKET

Office of The Caucasian, Shreveport, La., July 15, 1909.

SHREVEPORT MARKET.

The market closed steady 1-8 off. Receipts 18 bales. Sales to factors none.

Low middling	11 5-10
Middling	12
Good middling	12 3-8

SHREVEPORT RECEIPTS.

Stock on hand September 1	1,734
Received this day	18
Received previously	94,093 94,111

Total stock on hand	95,845
Shipments to date	91,498
Net stock on hand	4,346
Same day last year	1,419

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	This yr.	Last yr.
Since yesterday	18	19
Same day last year	0	0
Thus far this week	80	0
Thus far last year	94	141
Since September 1	94,111	82,739
Stock on hand	4,346	1,419

LOCAL RECEIPTS.

	This Week	1909	1907
Saturday	0	19	101
Monday	35	0	17
Tuesday	0	31	0
Wednesday	27	24	4
Thursday	18	0	19
Friday	0	0	3
Total	80	74	144

THE BONUS TAX

SHREVEPORT NORTHEASTERN RAILWAY IN SUIT.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

Is the Main Issue—Remarkable Features Ventilated in Court—A Two Million Dollar Company With Only Seven Hundred Dollars—A Peculiar Transfer for Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

There is in progress in the District Court, civil section, and pending for decision, a proceedings in which the Shreveport Northeastern Railway Company, better known as the Clingman Company, is the defendant. The plaintiff is W. K. Henderson, a taxpayer, who with others voted for the special tax as a bonus in aid of the construction of this railroad from Shreveport to Homer.

The bonus is for \$75,000, payable in ten years or earlier if the full amount was collected.

According to agreement this road should have been completed to Shreveport on or about February 1, 1909. Shops were to be established in Shreveport.

This company has not only failed in its stipulations, but there is nothing practically substantial in its development.

Having failed in its contract, the agreement with the taxpayers, as with other contracts, became void, and besides, it was known as a fact that President Clingman had on or about January 1, 1909, transferred to the Minden East and West Railway, right of way, title, profiles, etc., for which he has acknowledged that he received \$2500 cash and further had abandoned the road.

With such facts unquestioned, intelligent action was suggested to relieve the taxpayers from the further payment of this special tax.

There has been collected and there is being held by the city, as custodian, about \$28,000, of which about \$14,000 has been assigned to the State Fair Association by taxpayers to whom stock is to be issued.

When there was a request and then a demand for the payment of the amount of the tax assigned and transferred to the State Fair Association by the taxpayers in mind, the city demurred, and there followed the adoption of a resolution of the Council on motion of Councilman Currie granting this Clingman Company an extension of six months.

At a subsequent meeting of the Council this resolution was repealed, as the Council had no authority to adopt it in the first instance. It was null and void.

In this action Councilman Currie was misled and he has so expressed himself.

In the progress of this suit there have been developed some remarkable features. For instance, the company rarely held meetings until recently. There has been no construction between Minden and Shreveport. The stockholders besides Clingman and Kinnebrew are virtually figureheads. In his statement J. B. Ardis, who has assigned his tax to the Fair Association, said that in so far as he knows, the Railway Company has made no financial arrangements for construction.

Mr. Ardis was a director of the company. The present stock of this company is capitalized at \$2,000,000, which it is proposed to increase to \$12,000,000, and yet only \$700 has been paid in cash.

How much of a railroad could be constructed with \$700?

The company is negotiating with some promoters to float bonds with the view of building the road. In his testimony Mr. Clingman admitted that he had not met two of the promoters, and he could not state their financial standing, that the third party is the one who is trying to float the bonds.

It is in evidence that when Mr. Clingman sold out his right of way, profiles, etc., to the Minden East and West, of which Mr. Drake is president, for \$2500, he then and there promised Mr. Drake he would have his action ratified by the board of directors of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway. In this agreement of sale he specially states that he had abandoned the project and surrendered all title to the right of way which had previously been acquired by them.

On June 28 a meeting of the directors of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway was held to ratify the action of Mr. Clingman, but instead of doing so in accordance with the original agreement as made by Mr. Clingman, many changes were made and especially was omitted that part wherein Clingman

had agreed to abandon the project. A copy of these resolutions were ordered sent to Mr. Drake with the request for immediate acceptance. In the first place it has not been shown whether Mr. Drake received the copy of these resolutions, and secondly, if he had why would he accept a modified form of agreement?

Then comes C. P. Munday, treasurer of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway, who was requested by Mr. Clingman to furnish to Messrs. Pugh, Thigpen & Herold data covering the ratification of the sale of the right of way, etc., as made by Mr. Clingman. These attorneys knew nothing of the sale made January 1, 1909, by Mr. Clingman to Drake, and being anxious to secure deed to all the right of way, etc., of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway, prepared a deed which they thought would be acceptable to Mr. Drake and which Dr. Munday stated to them was the ratification of the board of directors of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway. This deed was signed by the officials of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway, and Mr. Thigpen stated he thought it would be signed by Mr. Drake, and the deed was executed with the signatures of the officials of the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway before Mr. Thigpen as notary public. This was done July 14, the day of the trial, and Dr. Munday asked permission of Mr. Thigpen the privilege of placing this deed in court at the trial. It was developed during the trial and was shown by Mr. Thigpen, who being on the stand, that Dr. Munday had added eight words to this which had been prepared by him and of which he had no knowledge until it was shown in court.

In the resolutions and in this deed prepared by Mr. Thigpen the main point of the abandoning of the project was omitted.

This in brief is the status of the Shreveport and Northeastern, as outlined in the evidence submitted, and is given in public information to the general reader and with no intention of jeopardizing whatever interest or claim the defendant may have. This is more than an ordinary suit. It appears personal in one sense, but it is broad and widespread in its application.

Under the process of legal procedure it is being attempted to make this issue personal in which one single individual is concerned, and who is seeking to have reimbursed the tax he has paid as a bonus.

The whole issue is presented in the simple query: Has the Shreveport and Northeastern Railway complied with its agreement, and has it fulfilled its contract?

It would seem from its own admissions that it has not; that it is simply indulging in some fancied anticipation of something turning up in its favor.

In this contest the whole City of Shreveport, of Caddo Parish and this section of the State have a vital concern. To the State Fair Association there had been assigned \$14,000 of the \$28,000 collected for this special tax. This the Clingman Company is trying to secure or to tie up so that it can not be used by the State Fair Association for contemplated improvements.

If, as it appears, that the Shreveport and Northeastern has failed in its contract and agreement, it can have no better standing than an individual who has failed in his agreement and contract.

What is the purpose of the defendants? Is it delay? What can they expect from delay? In this suit the plaintiff is represented by Blanchard, Barret & Smith, and the defendants by Hall & Jack.

MAD DOGS

Convey Hydrophobia to Cows and Goats.

It is reported from Morgan City that as a result of several cows and goats being bitten three weeks ago by a dog with the rabies the animals developed the disease this morning and were promptly killed on P. and B. O'Brien's Riverside plantation. As a precaution, the extermination of dogs was begun in that neighborhood Tuesday afternoon, and every one on the plantation was killed.

RIVER AND WEATHER.

This morning opened fair. River: Denison 0.9, a fall of 0.1; Arthur City 6.7, a fall of 0.2; Lewis Ferry 9.0, a fall of 0.2; White Cliffs 1.9, a fall of 0.1; Fulton 8.2, a fall of 0.3; Spring Lake 4.6, a fall of 0.3; Shreveport 2.9, a fall of 0.3.

Weather forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

Red river forecast: Some rise will probably occur at and above Fulton within the next two to four days, and a further fall will occur at Shreveport.

TEACHERS CHOSEN

For Public Schools of Shreveport and Several Schools of the Parish.

At a meeting of the Caddo Parish School Board held yesterday afternoon the following teachers, on recommendation of Superintendent C. E. Byrd, were chosen for the white public schools for the next session:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Principal, Alexander McGill; V. V. Morgan, Jos. E. Blum (new), Miss Jessie Spearing, Miss Jeanette Cameron, Miss Marguerite Scofield, Mrs. I. M. Egan, Mrs. Mattie Williams, Charles W. Saunders, H. C. Bond.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Amanda Howell, Miss Lula Soape, Miss Mira Woodward, Miss Susie LeRosen, Miss Mary Basch, Miss May Newton, Miss Harriet Bartholf.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Gertrude Owens, Miss Carry Vestal, Miss Lena Hughes, Miss Carrie Scott.

KINDERGARTEN.

Miss Hattie Schuster. TEXARKANA ANNEX SCHOOL. J. A. Johnston, principal, Mrs. Ella Hicks, Miss Pearl Fort, Miss Bertha Fowler, Miss Annie C. Trichel, Miss Mary Kate Jack, Miss Amanda Austin.

PARKVIEW SCHOOL.

Lee N. Bush, principal; Miss Annie W. Johnston, Miss Edwina Suddath, Miss Irene Payton, Miss Lucille Scott, Miss Gladys Hutchens, Miss Annie J. Travis.

TRAVIS STREET SCHOOL.

J. G. Chapman, principal; Miss Josephine Wolf, Miss Rachel Goldenburg, Miss Beatrice Mayer, Miss Mattie Dillingham, Miss Mattie Scofield, Miss Florence Schwartz, Miss Mercedes Richards.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Ida—Crit Petty, principal. Vivian: J. W. Galloway, principal. Mira—Miss Clara Lawton. Oil City—Miss Pet Davis. Mooringsport—Miss Virginia Noel, principal; Miss Nell Elliott. Tiger—Miss Grace N. Meil. Bethany—Miss May Bains. The list is not yet complete.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Record of Realty Transactions in the City and Parish.

Furnished by the Caddo Abstract Company. Sam W. Mason, president; F. A. Leonard, vice president; D. P. Eubank, secretary-treasurer. Office 517 Marshall street.

H. A. Bauman to W. P. Whitworth, lots 21 and 22 block 8 University Heights; \$495.

Mrs. Charlotte H. Porter et al to W. B. Parker, west half of southwest quarter of southeast quarter section 22, 22, 16; \$200.

Felix Weiller to L. Szabo, lots 201 and 202 Caddo Heights and lots 201 and 202 Caddo Heights supplement; \$200.

J. S. Noel to Louisiana Gas Co., one acre in northeast corner of southwest quarter of northeast quarter section 36, 20, 16; \$1000, 1-4 oil and \$200 per year for each gas well.

John R. Land to J. Y. Snyder, lot 279 Land subdivision; \$250.

W. H. Werner to Mrs. C. B. Christian, contract to build 2-story brick residence on Herndon street; \$687.

R. E. Wyche and W. G. Stinson to Laura J. White, lot 13 block 1 Wyche & Stinson subdivision; \$300.

W. G. Stinson to Mrs. Clara E. Nelson, lots 219 and 219 Pinehurst; \$800.

Wm. Head to Jamie Murdock, lot 74 Mt. Zion subdivision; \$200.

J. P. O'Neil to W. S. Igo, half interest in northwest quarter of southeast quarter section 34, 19, 15; \$1000.

Wyatt Gilmore to Mrs. Zama S. Blanchard, lots 219 and 220 Bowman Lane subdivision; \$300.

E. V. Abernathy to Mary Brawn, lot 15 Wimbish subdivision; \$892.

SEVERE DROUGHT

No Rain in Four Weeks—Cotton Benefited.

A special from Homer to the Times-Democrat states that that immediate vicinity is in the midst of a drought. No rain has fallen there in four weeks or more, and during the greater part of the time the heat has been intense. There is not the slightest prospect of rain soon and the scorching heat continues unabated. There is no doubt that the weather has been favorable to cotton, as the boll weevil have been checked and many destroyed. The cotton crop, or partial crop, raised there will be due largely to the timely dry, hot weather, unless it continues too long. Early corn is practically made, and can not be affected by the drought, but late corn is suffering considerably, while gardens and other crops, planted to take the place of cotton this year, are literally burning up.

THE PARDON BOARD

A Strong Criticism by a Citizen of Vermilion Parish.

Gpeydan, La., July 14, 1909. Editor Caucasian: As an able advocate of all measures calculated to promote the best interests and moral welfare of the people of this State and as an uncompromising and outspoken enemy of all those forces which insidiously seek to destroy and pervert law and order, your paper has justly earned a wide reputation.

It is with this fact before me that I crave your attention and point out an evil which is rapidly becoming a menace to society. The Pardon Board and the Governor are working overtime in their laudable (?) endeavors to empty the jails and penitentiary. While Governor Sanders is on a barn-storming tour of North Louisiana handing out the "good roads dope," he imagines the prohibitionists of that section will be satisfied with his profuse protestations of high regard for all reform measures.

One little case in this parish, alas, shows how the wily J. Y. really stands. A druggist of this parish was convicted of running a blind tiger, and sentenced to three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$500. The whiskey people got busy with the politicians, and the Board of Pardons with undignified and indecent haste and actually recommended the man's pardon before he had undergone a day's punishment, and the Governor speedily yielded his approval.

The cry that "prohibition does not prohibit" is a stock argument of its enemies, and every man who contributes toward bringing about that condition of affairs is an enemy of prohibition. It is with prohibition as with any other law. If the judges and officers do their duty and execute the law, it can be enforced. But if the politicians on the Pardon Board and the Governor are going to nullify it by pardoning out of hand men convicted of violating the prohibition law, why then the law is a farce, and its enforcement a hollow sham and mockery.

Governor Sanders can not escape responsibility for thus seeking to destroy the beneficial effects of prohibition by taking refuge behind the Board of Pardons. The people of Louisiana well remember when Governor Heard refused to sanction the recommendation of the Board of Pardons for a commutation of sentence in the famous Batson case, and all law-abiding people applauded his action.

The people of Vermilion parish have declared for prohibition by a very decided majority. They have a district judge and district attorney who are able to enforce the law, and it is rather disheartening to know that the Governor has seen fit to step in and suspend the law in the case of his first violator. He is preaching "Good Roads." He should change his text to "Good Laws and How I Help Destroy Them."

FIAT JUSTITIA.

THE LETTER LIST.

The following is a list of letters remaining unfiled for in the Shreveport postoffice for the week ending Thursday July 15, 1909. A charge of one cent will be made for each piece of mail advertised. When calling for these letters please say "advertised" giving the date of advertisement. Free delivery of mail may be secured by having your mail addressed to street and number.

LADIES LIST.

Baker Mrs. Johanna; Berry Josephine; Berry, Caroline; Benefield Miss Fannie; Buarlet Fannie; Bowhill Mrs. Francis; Brennecke Miss Opal; Banard Miss Sarah.

Cortinez Miss Ada; Calhoun Miss Annie; Colby Mrs. Carl E. 2.

Davis Mrs. Carrie; Davis Mrs. L.; Daniel Miss Mary.

Edwards Mrs. Flora; Eaton Miss Julia Pearl; Elder Lula May.

Fisher Mrs. Laura. Godfrey Ada.

Harris Miss Fullis; Henry Miss Ida; Hanna Mrs. John E.; Howell Mrs. M. E.; Haydon Miss Lucile; Hill Miss Viola.

Johnson Adline; Johnson Miss Alice; Johnson Mrs. Ella; Jenkins Mrs. Mollie.

Leveston Mrs. Crecy; Liverpool Miss Jiffery; Lambert Mrs. Joel; Louis Mrs. Ellen; Lucas Mrs. Ray.

Montgomery Mrs. Irene; Mathis Miss Josie; Miles Mrs. Estella; Murphy Mrs. Lela; Marse Mrs. Nelson; McBride Mrs. T. E.

Napoleon Miss Anna; Nash Miss Ida; Naylor Mrs. S.

Palmer Miss Melia; Parker Miss Minnie. Rozell Mrs. Ida; Reed Mrs. Gertrude; Retric Miss Julia; Robinson Mrs. Mary.

Smith Mrs. Alex; Stewart Mrs. Annie; Sanders Emma; Smith Miss Clara B.; Sanders Miss Mandy; Smith Sarah; Salmon Patsy; Spencer Mrs. V.

Tanner Miss Eunice; Thomas Miss Lena; Townsend Mrs. Virginia.

Wells Sylvia; Walker Mrs. Lizzie E.; Willis Mrs. Laura; Wilson Mrs. Nettie; Walton Miss Lelia; West Mary; Washington Miss Mary.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Allen Joe; Alliger A. D. Brown Charley; Bradford Cleburne; Broast Al; Beaumont G. D.; Burns Claud; Bruno Spado; Blackley —; Beard H. K.; Bryson Garbaud; Blue Henry; Brasier James H.; Barrow Jas. W.; Brewton J. H.; Black Matt; Bryas Robert; Brickley Marion; Beasley Tom; Baute T. S. Roberts; Brown Willie.

Caddo Oil Field Co.; Creegs J. W. 3. Carter Jesse; Carles Reed; Chanly N. A.; Chation Mudes; Chilson Royal; Colocate Lee.

Durrett David W.; Diggs James D. H.; Davis O. B.; Davis Walter; Davies W. R. D.

Edwards General; Edwards R. E. Falkner James; Flanigan J. B.; Ferguson Lbr. Co.; Foster Lbr. Co.

Gardner Earnest; Grantham K. D.; Gray Tom.

Henry Johnnie; Hudson Bros.; Harris A.; Henson J. G.; Hines Arthur; Harband Dr. Robert; Herron R. D.; Hays Thoms; Harrison S. H.

Israel Willie. Johnson Paul; Johnson Dines; Jones Joe.

Leathers Thomas; Landry Leon B. Mens Bank; Marris Charlie; Murphy Joshua; McCaw John; Montgomery William; Martin Will; Morgan Prof. V. V.; Montgomery Rev. M. S. Mahair Nelson.

Phillips Dr.; Page Wm.; Paule Moty A. Russell E. H.; Russell W. B.; Riley Willie.

Simon Horace; Simcox Horace B.; Statham Dee; Scott Carneal; Sanford C. E.; Smith Wm.; Slagle M. S.; Schelling J. E.; Smith C. E.

Trountman W. W. 3; Turel Rev. S. Q.; Turber Ed; Tucker Ed; Taylor Charlie.

White Calhoun; Wright Nancy; Webster L. B.; Walker L. W.; White L. L.; Walker L. W. Yeager Captain.

SUCCESSION NOTICE.

No. 11,620—First District Court, Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana: Succession of Mrs. Mina Utz Sutherland.

Notice is hereby given that W. K. Sutherland, administrator, has this day filed his final account in said succession, and unless opposition be made thereto within the time specified by law the same will be duly homologated as prayed for.

Witness the Honorable T. F. Bell and A. J. Murrif, judges of said court, this 14th day of July, 1909.

F. A. LEONARD, Clerk.

FREIGHT SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at the depot of the Kansas City Southern Railway in Oil City on

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1909, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, to-wit: 213 pieces of 4x6 inch wrought iron pipe, more or less. Said property being unclaimed will be sold to pay and satisfy the freight and storage charges thereon of \$468.17, and according to law.

D. B. DALEY, Agt. K. C. S. Ry. Co.

July 11, 1909.

BIDS INVITED.

Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, the second Thursday in August 1909, at 10 a.m., bids will be received for printing of the proceedings, ordinances and such publications as may be ordered by the jury, not including job work, for the next twelve months. The jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

GEO. A. POLEMAN, President Pro Tem.

A. L. DURINGER, Clerk. July 11, 1909.

BIDS INVITED.

For furnishing medicine for prescriptions for the prisoners for the next twelve months, also for pauper coffins and transportation to cemetery, the jury reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

GEO. A. POLEMAN, President Pro Tem.

A. L. DURINGER, Clerk. July 11, 1909.

BIDS INVITED.

For building two 40-foot bent bridges in Ward Six according to parish specifications, across slough at Cypress bayou on Keachie and Spring Ridge road. Bids to be opened at next meeting of the jury, the second Thursday in August 1909, at 10 a.m.

GEO. A. POLEMAN, President Pro Tem.

A. L. DURINGER, Clerk. July 11, 19