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PLACING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE—THE ISSUE AS IT IS.

It is very probable and equally possible that in a figurative sense this placing of the "cart before the horse," as it is applied to the elections ordered by the Council, was not suggested as a political play on the part of the commissioners, whose authority as councilmen and as agents of the people, is derived directly from the people, who are supreme.

It was surmised, with plausible reason, predicated on the common sense basis of possibilities, that the Council would have confined their action simply to the ordering of the referendum election as requested by the petition signed by more than the required number of the qualified voters fixed by the act creating the commission form of government, but this referendum has been switched and side-tracked to give precedence to an election providing for an issue of bonds.

Possibly and probably this election for the issue of bonds—\$50,000 for the improvement of the Fire Department and \$310,000 for the acquisition of an electric lighting plant—was suggested in the Council as a concession to a minority by a radical conflict of views on the municipal ownership and operation of an electric light plant and the proposed contract with the electric light company for lighting the city for a term of six years, which has provoked opposition and the call for the referendum.

The referendum was and is the issue.

The bond issue should not have been precipitated on the people, who did not suggest it, nor ask for it, but as the referendum had been before the Council for about two weeks it should have received first consideration.

The proposed bond issues, as thrust upon the people, have a tendency to confusion and complicates the contentions which should have been plain and direct.

The issue should have been simply, shall the six-year contract with the light company be approved or rejected.

For instance, on Tuesday, October 17, the election as fixed for the bond issues for \$50,000 for requirements of the Fire Department and \$310,000 for the requirement of an electric light plant.

On Friday, October 20, the election is on the referendum.

Are the commissioners in favor of the issue of bonds for the municipal ownership of an electric light plant? Will the commissioners advocate this issue of bonds or will they oppose it, covertly or openly?

If the referendum election were held preceding the election for the bond issues and the six years contract were ratified, the lighting question would be settled for that term of years.

If the bond issue is carried, there will be no need of an election on the referendum, as this result will be equivalent to an endorsement of the contention of the people as to the acquisition and operation of a municipal electric light plant; but if it be defeated, the defeat will be a direct and forceful discredit of the Council by whom the bond election is ordered.

And following this discredit will come the referendum issue when the light company will be overwhelmed in defeat, and such defeat will be construed as another discredit of the Council.

From a common sense practical view, it is logical to conclude that the commissioners, to avoid the unpleasant predicament forecasted, must stand by and for the issue of bonds for the municipal lighting plant.

This is the issue, the dilemma from which the Council may extricate itself with overflowing glory or be retired in mourning.

It is plain that the cart should never be placed before the horse, but although inclined to advocate the defeat of the bond issues proposed, the Caucasian has accepted the gauge as presented, and with its friends of the Municipal Ownership League and the progressives of the city, will strive to secure the majority for the bond issue at this time for the electric lighting plant in number and amount, even if there be chagrin from such result.

THE POLICE JURY

Official Proceedings of Session Held Thursday, September 14, 1911.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 14, 1911.—The Police Jury of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, met this 14th day of September 1911 at 10 a.m. in regular session, W. F. Crawford presiding, with the following members present: R. T. Douglas, W. W. Wynn, J. M. Miller, Geo. A. Poleman, J. C. Mahlen, B. B. Smith, A. J. Scott, J. A. Sebastian, F. C. Nagle, C. M. Hutchinson. Absent: S. B. Burney, William Winter and J. F. Fisher.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, duly seconded and carried, the reading of minutes of August 11, 1911, was dispensed with and adopted as published.

The rules were suspended and Attorney J. D. Wilkinson presented a petition for a refund of parish tax on lots 8, 9, 10 Ward lands erroneously assessed to R. E. Brooks. Matter referred to finance committee, who recommended that said tax amounting to \$82.95 be refunded.

Governor Blanchard, J. B. Ardis, et al., representing the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the jury. Governor Blanchard stated that they were there in the interest of a movement designed by the Chamber of Commerce not only for Shreveport, but for Caddo parish, more for the parish than the city, and in fact for all Northwest Louisiana, and asked for a contribution of \$500.00 to advertise North Louisiana, Caddo parish and the city of Shreveport.

On motion the matter was referred to the finance committee, who returned with the recommendation that the jury appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be used for advertising purposes by the Chamber of Commerce.

On motion the above report was adopted.

J. D. Wilkinson, attorney, presented the following petition and ordinance:

Shreveport, La., Sept. 14, 1911.—To the Honorable Police Jury, Parish of Caddo: Gentlemen—This petition of the Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company, with respect shows that it is engaged in furnishing gas and electric light to the citizens of the city of Shreveport and vicinity, and that in the performance of its duties to the public it is necessary for it to run or extend its gas line and electric line out Linwood avenue or Seventh street, and out Line avenue, commencing at the city of Shreveport and extending along said public roads for a distance not exceeding five miles.

Wherefore it prays for permission from this honorable body to extend its said lines over said public roads from the city limits to a point not exceeding five miles therefrom, and for such rules and regulations governing the same as this honorable body may enact, and for which it will ever pray.

SHREVEPORT GAS, ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER CO.
by A. G. Curtis, Treas. & Gen. Mgr.
AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of Caddo, that a right of way be and is hereby given to the Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company to construct, operate and maintain gas mains and electric lines along and across the following public roads in the Parish of Caddo, to-wit:

Linwood avenue or Seventh street and Line avenue. Such right of way to commence at the limits of the city of Shreveport and extend along said roads for a distance of not exceeding five miles.

Be it further ordained, that the said Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company shall place its said gas mains at a distance of not less than 18 inches below the bottom of the drainage ditches, and whenever or wherever it crosses either of said roads, it shall restore the said roads in as good condition as they were then when said work was done, and shall at all times maintain such crossings or places where said pipe may be laid, in good condition.

Be it further ordained, that the said Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company shall have the right at all times to go in and upon said public roads for the purpose of repairing said pipe line, but such repairs shall be made in such a way as not to impede traffic along said roads, and same shall be left in good condition after said work is done. That in laying said pipe lines said company shall do so under the direction of the superintendent of public roads and in the event of any change of grade in said roads the said pipes shall be lowered or changed at the expense of said company.

Be it further ordained, that the said Shreveport Gas, Electric Light and Power Company shall have the right to erect poles and string wires along the outer edge of said roads in such a manner as not to impede traffic, for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity.

By Mr. Douglas: That the above ordinance be adopted. Carried.

J. A. Thigpen, attorney for the Arkansas Natural Gas Company, presented the following ordinance, and on motion of Mr. Wynn same was adopted unanimously:

AN ORDINANCE
Granting a right to the Arkansas Natural Gas Company to lay and maintain pipe lines for the transportation of natural gas along and across the public roads leading into Hosston, and along and across the streets and public roads within the townsite of Hosston, as shown and located by map and plat of said townsite recorded in the recorder's office of Caddo Parish, La.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, La., that the Arkansas Natural Gas Company is hereby given the right to lay and maintain pipe lines for the transportation of natural gas from its main sixteen inch line along and across the public roads into the townsite of Hosston and to lay and maintain such pipe along the streets or roads within the townsite of Hosston as may be necessary to supply the inhabitants of said town with natural gas. Such lines to be laid as is shown by the map and plat filed with the Police Jury.

And this grant being made on condition that said company will at all times maintain its lines in such condition as not to interfere with the drainage of the roads or streets and not to in any way interfere with the use of said roads and streets.

And on the further condition that all lines shall be laid at a depth of not less than 18 inches below the bottom of the drainage ditches and 18 feet from center of roadway.

AN ORDINANCE
Granting right of way along the Ida road from a point on said road near the corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 5, township 23, range 15, to the town of Ida, and on the streets and roads in the town of Ida, which is situated in the northwest quarter of section 11, township 23, range 15, as per map recorded in recorder's office Caddo Parish, La.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish in regular session convened, that the Arkansas Natural Gas Company is hereby granted the right to lay and maintain pipe lines for the transportation of natural gas along and across the public road, crossing the northern portion of township 23, range 15. Said line to be laid along the road as indicated by the map and plat which is hereto annexed and made a part hereof.

Said line to leave the main sixteen inch line of said Arkansas Natural Gas Company at a point in the northwest quarter of section 5, township 23, range 15; thence to be laid along and across the Ida public road in an easterly and southeasterly direction to the town of Ida.

And the right is further given and granted to said company to lay and maintain such lines for the transportation of natural gas along and across the public roads and streets of the town of Ida as may hereafter be necessary to supply the inhabitants of said town with natural gas.

This grant is made on condition that said company will bury all pipe lines laid under this grant a sufficient depth not to interfere with the use of surface of roads or streets nor the drainage. Said pipes to be placed not less than 18 inches below the bottom of drainage ditches and 18 feet from the center of roadway.

Mr. Wynn moved the adoption of the above ordinance, which was unanimously carried.

Further time granted on matter of combination traffic bridge at Mooringsport over Caddo lake owing to the absence of President Edson of the K. C. S. Railway.

Dr. G. B. Lawrason, surgeon in charge of the Charity Hospital, urged upon the jury the necessity of co-operation of the parish with the city in operating the pest house, as the city was without funds to handle country patients.

Mr. Mahlen moved that the president appoint the finance committee to confer with the city government relative to the matter. Carried.

Mr. Douglas moved that the time limit be fixed at 60 days for all earth work, wood and concrete work on wooden bridges, and at 90 days for steel work, except by special arrangement, as without a time limit work is apt to be delayed. Adopted.

A. W. Hill was on motion awarded contract for the three bridges in Ward Eight at \$3.25 per foot.

The secretary reports having paid Mr. Ernest McCain for earth work on five small bridges in Ward One, viz.: at Sellington's Dooley, below and above Cavett and Swain's, a total of \$446.10; also for earth work at Horseshoe bridge, \$327.27.

Matter of road from Douglas island to Tim Moore continued.

By Mr. Poleman: That he recommends the refund of parish taxes to the Athletic Association, but moved that the matter be referred to the district attorney as to the legality of such refund.

By Mr. Miller: That the contract

be awarded Hunt & Nattin for grading work east and west of Hosston as follows, per bid on file:

East of Hosston 12-1-2 cents per cubic yard.

West of Hosston \$14.90 cents per cubic yard.

Adopted.
By Mr. Douglas: That the president employ an engineer to furnish a description of all public roads throughout the parish, so as to determine the ownership of same. Carried.

WARD ONE.

To the Honorable Police Jury of Caddo Parish: We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Ward One do respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us a public road to commence one mile south of Ida, at a point known as "the railroad crossing," to run on east side of and parallel to right of way of T. S. & N. railroad to Mira, La., and thence to the hill known as Blue Cut thence bear to the left, half circling said hill back to right of way of said railroad, and from thence to Hosston, La., containing a forty foot strip on east side of said railroad right of way. The proper dedications accompany this petition.

By Mr. Wynn: That the above petition lay over for 30 days. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Mahlen, the road asked for in Ward One to run from Dixie east to the river about 1-4 miles, and north half a mile, to the main road instead of the road as it now stands, was left to the road committee with power to act. W. H. North having agreed to dedicate the right of way.

The contract for binning assessment sheets was awarded T. J. Leaton at 90 cents per book.

By Mr. Poleman: That the sheriff and tax collector, J. P. Flournoy, be granted a quietus on taxes and licenses collected for the year 1910. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Smith the sum of \$200.00 or as much as may be necessary be appropriated to clay the sand road just beyond Jewella for about one mile. Carried.

WARD FIVE.

By Mr. Scott—

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the certain roads or servitudes hereinbelow described, are hereby declared to be public highways for Caddo parish, said roads being 40 feet in width, having been acquired by open and public possession and use thereof for the space of ten years or more, as follows:

Bethany Road: Beginning in the town of Bethany on Louisiana and Texas State line in fractional section 18, township 16, range 16, running diagonally northeast through sections 17, 9, 3, 31 along section line between 26 and 35, running west to intersection of Greenwood and Spring Ridge road.

Buncombe Road: Beginning at the section line of 18 and 17 at point on Bethany road, running eastwardly through sections 17, 16, 15, thence along section line between 11, 14, 12 and 13, 7 and 18, thence north along section line between 24 and 19 to intersection of Shreveport and Marshall road.

Elysian Fields Road: Beginning at corner of fractional sections 6 and 7 on state line, township 16, range 16, running diagonally northeastwardly through fractional section 6, sections 5, 32, 33, 28 to intersection of Greenwood and Waldon ferry road.

Walden Ferry Road: Beginning on Texas and Louisiana State line in fractional section 30, township 16, range 16, running eastward through fractional section 30, sections 29, 28 to intersection of Shreveport and Marshall road.

Lake Road: Beginning at corner of sections 7, 8, 17, 18 on Shreveport and Marshall road, running westward through sections 7, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 to center of section 12, thence northwest to section line, thence along section line west to intersection of Mooringsport and Greenwood road.

By Mr. Scott: That the roads described above be declared public roads. Adopted.

Moved that the secretary be instructed to again write Mr. P. Youree relative to right of way to road in Ward Eight.

The president stated that upon inquiry the former appropriation of \$182.00 for beneficiary at State Normal was insufficient for the nine months, and that at the road meeting September 1 same had been increased to \$225.00, this to include music. On motion their action in the premises was ratified.

WARD SIX.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for three bridges in Ward Six for either concrete posts or bent bridges on Cypress bayou on dump from Keachie to Keithville, said bridges respectively 75, 55 and 45 feet long.

WARD EIGHT.

Mr. Hutchinson is hereby authorized to have flooring put in tent if deemed advisable.

The matter of Blessingame re-

ferred to Mahlen, Smith and Scott.
Mr. Crawford, chairman of Board of Control, presented the following statement of Poor Farm expenditures since organization September 1, 1909, to September 1, 1911:

Cash payment on farm	\$1,993.29
Note and interest	2,078.30
Buildings and lumber	5,354.22
Supt. salary beginning March 15, 1910	1,312.55
Telephone and rent of house	153.20
Labor building fence on the farm	182.00
Guards and labor	3,194.36
Machinery, hardware, wire for fencing, etc.	2,174.06
Dogs	213.35
Hogs	150.00
Cows and calves	215.20
Incidentals	4,960.69
Total	\$21,981.02

* Including groceries, seed corn, cats, peanuts, potatoes, fertilizer, medical attention, drugs, clothing, furnishings, etc.

Less following credits:
By refund Crawford, Jenkins & Booth \$ 14.17
By refund on revolver 15.78
By refund J. M. Wynn 2.78
By cash board of carpenters 35.90
By cash board of bridge men 10.00
By sale of peas 19.00
By sale of potatoes 158.85
By sale of hay to road department 163.25

Total \$21,556.29
Corrected total \$21,556.29
Note—of this amount \$4,071.69 was paid on farm.

The average cost for maintenance of prisoners on farm per month is from \$4.75 to \$4.90 per month.

The actual cost per prisoner in jail per month is \$12.40.

There is also a saving per annum to the parish of \$2500.00 to \$3000.00, amount paid out to paupers.

By Mr. Douglas: That the above report be accepted and placed on the minutes. Adopted.

C. E. Perroncel, parish treasurer, then made his report, presenting his vouchers, which were checked, cancelled and filed, and said treasurer accorded a full and complete acquittance to September 14, 1911.

Statement of C. E. Perroncel, parish treasurer, in account with Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from August 10, 1911, to September 14, 1911.

Receipts—
To cash on hand in First National Bank Aug. 7 \$12,523.64
To cash from J. P. Flournoy, sheriff, refund criminal fund 32.85
To cash from J. P. Flournoy, sheriff, taxes and licenses 39.84
To cash from Mrs. A. L. Duringer, clerk, estray sale 6.00
To cash from John Wynn, Supt. Poor Farm, from Lee Hardware Co. 2.78

\$12,605.11
Disbursements (paid out on warrants)—
Health and sanitation fund \$ 37.65
Poor Farm fund 395.39
Good roads fund 5,080.83
Incidental fund 457.19
Salary fund 696.65
District attorney fund 140.00
Criminal fund 823.28
Printing fund 29.50
Bridge fund 1,985.10
Ferry fund 96.00
District clerk fund 10.00
Repair fund 26.26
Election fund 1.00
Juror and witness fund 48.86
Cash on hand in First National Bank Sept. 6 2,607.10

\$12,605.11
Examined and found correct to this date. See minutes. Shreveport, La., September 14, 1911.

GEO. A. POLEMAN.
R. T. DOUGLAS.

The following accounts were allowed:
Road fund: A. J. Scott \$10.00; J. M. Sentell \$5.00; John F. Lyle \$5.00; H. H. Jenkins \$40.75; F. A. Leonard \$1.50; J. M. and G. W. Robinson \$9.45; H. E. Barnes \$201.95.
Printing fund: Caucasian \$40.00.
Bridge fund: J. D. Slaughter \$10; Harlen Bros. \$75.00.

Incidental fund: Dan'l O'Connell \$5.30; G. H. Bhever \$48; L. Groner & Sons \$11.67; Roll Osborne 5.00; Waterworks Co. \$28.10; Hirsch & Leman \$1.00; T. J. Leaton \$7.00.
Repair fund: C. C. Barefield \$7.05.
District attorney fund: J. M. Foster \$200.00.
Health and sanitation fund: Dr. Alexander \$18, \$22; Renfro's Pharmacy \$5.45; Mayfield Drug Co. \$1.95.
Salary fund: J. P. Flournoy, sheriff, \$166.66.
Criminal fund: J. P. Flournoy, sheriff, \$25.00, \$40.80.
District clerk fund: M. L. Bath Co. \$197.22.

The following accounts paid since meeting August 10, 1911:
Incidental fund: Blanchard, Barret & Smith \$100.00; Cumberland T. & T. Co. \$5.00; Louisiana State University \$125.00; Louisiana State Normal \$75; A. E. Goodman \$12.50; Gas & E. L. Co. \$115.82; L. G. Carter \$15.00.

Bridge fund: A. P. Butler \$5; Ernest McCain \$237.27.
Road fund: Cooper Bros. \$500.00; P. A. Massey \$118.70; G. W. King \$175; O. C. Farmer \$40; Tony Lane \$2.60; J. M. Miller \$14.07; R. B. Barnes \$21.35; L. H. Smith \$108.12; T. E. Eakin \$116.10; G. C. Teacle \$108.20; T. C. Jacobs \$102.55; A. J. Scott \$68.35; F. C. Nagle \$6.00; Sol Supt. \$189.00; G. A. Poleman \$3.00; E. B. Smith \$3.00; Snyder Wagon Co. \$21.96; Henderson Iron Works Co. \$18.33; Braunig Bros. \$27.50; Ernest McCain \$446.10; J. D. Slaughter \$2.20; Kelly Livory Co. \$13; Ardis & Co. \$160.61; Gallemore-Martin Lumber Co. \$10.89; Kalmbach & Ford Co. \$484.53; C. M. Hicks \$3; R. P. Morton \$50; Caddo Meat Market \$7.55; B. F. Hatcliff & Son \$1.40; Lee Hdw. Co. \$139.77; Mayfield Drug Co. \$1.70; W. Sebastian Co. \$3.90; Shreveport Transfer Co. \$2.25; W. J. Hutchinson \$12.43; John B. Adger \$13.75; Journal \$21.00; Douglas & Sentell \$115.84; Cooper Bros. \$10; Glassell & Douglas \$25.45; Douglas & Sentell \$25.45; W. I. Gleason \$5.45; J. T. Manry \$2.50.

Poor Farm fund: John M. Wynn, superintendent, \$178.15; S. A. Alexander \$50.90; Ardis & Co. \$158.85; B. F. Avery & Sons \$5.53; \$17.50; Waters Pierce Co. 5.78; Kalmbach & Ford \$54.40; Lee Hardware Co. \$12.07; Virginia Carolina Chemical Co. \$99.50; R. C. Brady \$1.00; A. H. King \$4.00; Snyder Wagon Co. \$1.70; Renfro's Pharmacy \$6.87; Shreveport Transfer Co. 75c; Mayfield Drug Co. \$2.30; Baird Co. \$6.04; Cumberland T. & T. Co. \$6.05; Florsheim Bros. \$16.09.
Assessor fund: S. Q. Hollingsworth \$346.36, \$2000.00.

On motion the jury was adjourned to meet in regular session the second Thursday in October 1911.

W. T. CRAWFORD, Pres.

A. L. DURINGER, Clerk.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Webster Refining Company of Louisiana

Mooringsport, Louisiana, September 5, 1911. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Webster Refining Company of Louisiana, held at the office of the company today, notice of meeting being waived by all the stockholders of the company the following proceedings were had:

There were present the following named stockholders, representing the following number of shares of stock of the company, to-wit: S. J. Harman, shares 52; S. W. Tullos, 5 shares; Dr. J. M. Ledbetter, 52 shares; Hazel Tullos, 5 shares; R. S. Ayers, 10 shares; Andrew Kuhn, 2 shares; C. L. Horne, 12 shares; C. B. Webster 42 shares; E. M. Whitworth 10 shares.

Being all of the stockholders of the company, holding and owning all of the capital stock of the company.

Mr. S. J. Harman, a stockholder was elected chairman of the meeting; Mr. Chas. L. Horne, a stockholder, was elected secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article One of the charter of this company be and the same is hereby amended to provide that the domicile of this company shall be Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana instead of Mooringsport, Caddo Parish, La. There being no further business the meeting adjourned. S. J. HARMAN, Chairman.

CHAS. L. HORNE, Secretary.

Chas. L. Horne and S. J. Harman being duly sworn, deposes and says that they were the chairman and secretary respectively, of stockholders' meeting of the Webster Refining Company of Louisiana, held on the fifth day of September, 1911 and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution amending the charter of the said company as the same appears on the minutes of said meeting.

S. J. HARMAN, Chairman
CHAS. L. HORNE, Secretary

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 5th day of September 1911. J. A. THIGPEN, Notary Public.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: Having examined the above and foregoing amendment to the charter of the Webster Refining Company of Louisiana and finding nothing therein contrary to law I hereby approve the same. E. BARNETT, Acting District Atty., 1st Judicial District of Louisiana.

Endorsed: Filed and recorded September 6, 1911. W. M. LEVY, Deputy Clerk and ex-Officio Deputy Recorder.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Amendment to the charter of the Webster Refining Company of Louisiana, as the same appears of record and on file in my office.

Given under my hand and official seal of office at the city of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, on this 14th day of September, 1911.

W. M. LEVY, Deputy Clerk and ex-Officio Deputy Recorder.