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The Somers System.

When the proposal to establish the Somers system in Shreveport was not considered favorably by the majority of the Police Jury at its recent session, this action is not, as some of the property owners have construed it, a discredit of the equalization of valuation, lands and realties, for assessments.

It has been demonstrated beyond dispute, by the publications in the Caucasian during several months of last year, that equalization was imperative, and that to end much progress has been attained. It is conceded to be no easy task to complete an assessment of equalization in a year, and that such equalization may not be completed, if ever in years to come, but the departure from an antiquated system is emerging and at the present rate of progress the equalization of values will add probably two or three millions to the present assessments.

The purpose of this article is not to dwell on the rejection of the Somers system, over which some owners of property in Shreveport are grieved, but to emphasize the fact that these over-rated, probably under-assessed, would be well pleased to be let alone and are apprehensive that the Somers system would find them out.

It may be conceded that the Somers system is all that is claimed for it and that it would operate as a powerful aid to the assessor, but as already explained, the Police Jury did not feel justified in providing at this time the means necessary to secure this system.

And it may be surmised that the assessor in the course of his assessments will not fail to equalize the assessment, as he has been doing, and the now over-rated, when required to face the rule of equity, may have very faces instead of features all radiant in smiles and litters. Equalization of assessment is the basis for honesty and fairness in reaching every taxpayer.

Constable's Sale.

No. 100.—In the Justice of the Peace Court in and for Ward Two of Caddo Parish, La.: J. M. Land vs. C. E. Latham.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed by the Honorable Justice of the Peace Court, C. E. Dunson, Justice of the Peace, in the above numbered and entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, with benefit of appraisement, for cash, at the principal front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, during the legal hours for sales, on SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 1913. The following described property, to-wit: Lots numbered seventeen and eighteen on block five of Christian Heights addition to the town of Vivian, La., as per the recorded plat of the said addition in the recorder's office at Shreveport, La. Said property seized as belonging to C. E. Latham, the above named defendant, and to be sold to pay and satisfy the debt and judgment as specified in the said writ, say in the sum of eighty-two and 95-100 dollars, with five per cent per annum interest thereon from the 30th day of August 1913, and all costs of this suit.

C. P. BARNETT,

Constable, Ward 2, Caddo Parish, La. Caucasian, Oct. 19, 1913.

Notice of Tax Sale.

To E. O. Harper: You are hereby notified that at tax sale for unpaid State and parish taxes for the year 1912, I purchased the following property assessed in the name of E. O. Harper: Lot 116 of northeast quarter section 10, township 20, range 15, which tax deed is dated June 21, 1913, and filed for record July 3, 1913, and recorded in conveyance book 88, page 23. The amount of taxes, penalty and cost being \$7.86. NETTIE J. STUART, Box 126, Shreveport, La. Caucasian, Oct. 12, 1913.

How to Order Patterns.

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HEAVY SNOW FALL PREVAILS

IN SEVERAL OF THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN STATES.

CUTS WIRE COMMUNICATION

Off the Wind Assuming the Proportions of a Gale and the Temperature Falling to an Unseasonable Figure.

Struck along by a tremendous gale, a storm that developed in the eastern part of the country centered around the lower lakes. As the storm swept east-northeast a lowered temperature to an unseasonable figure and piles of snow is left that halted railway trains, cut towns and cities off from communication with the outside world and did thousands of dollars' worth of damage. Cleveland, O., was entirely isolated so far as telegraphic communication from the territory south was concerned, and many small cities in Ohio were in the same plight.

Pittsburg floundered in a foot of snow. The blizzard left eight inches of snow along the Ohio river at points east of Louisville, while some points on Lake Erie's southern borders reported precipitation of twenty inches. Abnormally low temperatures all over the storm area added to the discomforts that the blizzard carried. In the upper Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys thermometers registered from 6 to 20 degrees below zero. The freezing line extended to northern Oklahoma and central portions of the east gulf states. New Orleans reported a heavy frost.

As an evidence of the demoralization of telegraph wires, messages from New York to Chicago were sent via Atlanta, Memphis and St. Louis over three wires in place of the normal thirty-six. There was only one wire between New York and Pittsburg.

Thousands of miles of wire were prostrated, broken by falling poles and trees. Scores of towns were in darkness and train service nearly at a standstill.

Texas-New Mexico Boundary.

Taking of testimony in the Texas-New Mexico boundary dispute was begun at El Paso before Commissioners C. C. Bobey for Texas and W. E. Baker for New Mexico. The sittings of the commissioners will probably last for sixty days, and the testimony will be sent to the United States supreme court, which is considering the suit of New Mexico for about 10,000 acres of rich Rio Grande valley land, over which Texas now exercises jurisdiction. The land is situated between El Paso and Anthony, N. M., and on whether the Rio Grande where it is now, or further west, depends the title. If Texas can prove that the river ran once a mile west, she wins the land. If New Mexico establishes the boundary where the river now runs, she wins. Attorney General F. W. Clancy is chief counsel for New Mexico and Attorney General B. F. Looney is chief counsel for Texas.

Texas Cotton Ginning.

The fourth cotton ginning report of the season for Texas, compiled by the state department of agriculture from reports of public ginners throughout the state, announces that 2,245,000 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1913, had been ginned prior to Nov. 1. On that date last year 3,022,353 bales of the entire crop had been ginned. In 1911 to that date 2,383,600 bales of the crop for that year had been ginned.

Dallas Hotel Mystery.

J. S. McCleerkin, a traveling salesman for a Louisville house, was found in a room at the Southland hotel, Dallas, with two pistol wounds in his head, his throat cut and two pistol wounds more in the back of his head. The pistol was found near him and a knife also. The house physician was hurriedly summoned and had the man at once removed to a sanitarium. His chances for recovery were declared to be doubtful.

Huerta Should Retire.

Former President Porfirio Diaz has advised from Paris Diaz to retire and sent him several cablegrams to that effect. Big runs have been made on City of Mexico banks. The government has signified its intention of at once coinining 50,000,000 pesos. Prime Minister Aquilino de Groot Britain in address at the lord mayor's banquet in London said his country was not trying to thwart America in the Mexican matter.

Found Hanging in Room.

Mrs. C. A. Wallace, aged about forty-eight years, was found hanging to a bedpost in her room at Stephenville, Tex., dead. A bloody razor was found in the room also and there were several gashes across her neck. She had been in feeble health for several months.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy met in annual convention at New Orleans with delegates present from all over the south.

The social features included a musicale tendered by the Ladies' Confederate Memorial association to the state and general officers of the association and distinguished guests and a reception by the local chapter at the Athenaeum. Tableau dances, a grand ball and other features.

About 4,000 members were added to the ranks of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the last year and a new state division—Colorado—is to be brought into the organization. Mrs. Alexander B. White, president-general, reported. As a contrast to this record, more chapters have been dropped than in any year of the organization's history. This Mrs. White attributed to a coming out of dead chapters.

After her two terms as president-general, Mrs. White reported that she believed it better for the organization to have only chapters that really were working, even if it was necessary to have fewer of them. In this respect she laid stress upon the necessity of more careful study of papers of those wishing to become members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Only women who could show relation to men who really fought in the war between the states, she declared, should be admitted into membership into a chapter.

HUNDREDS ARE KILLED

BY AN EARTHQUAKE THAT TAKES PLACE IN PERU.

Ten towns were destroyed and several hundreds killed in an earthquake which occurred in the mountainous Peruvian province of Aymerico. The survivors are lying in the open spaces owing to lack of food and shelter. The Peruvian government forwarded to the needy a large quantity of provisions and has appropriated funds for the purpose of affording relief.

High Egg Record.

Eggs sold in Philadelphia as high as 75 cents a dozen. Ordinary fresh eggs brought from 55 to 60 cents per dozen. Pennsylvania Food and Dairy Commissioner Foust declared that 90 per cent of the 10,000,000 dozen or so eggs in cold storage at Philadelphia are April eggs and under the law must be sold by Dec. 1. He is of the belief that the sudden release of these eggs will force down the price.

Tragedy at Waco.

J. P. Honea, fifty-three years old, died at Waco as the result of having been stabbed four times, the weapon, an ordinary-sized pocketknife, penetrating the pleural cavity on the left side. He also received a deep cut over the left kidney, one in the abdomen and a glancing wound in the left side. W. D. Pitts, a blind man, was arrested. Pitts claims Honea struck him over the head with a lantern and that he used the knife to protect himself. The dead man was an employee of the city sanitary department.

Throat Cut in Jail.

Necho Franklin, the son of Vincente Franklin, once considered the richest man in Cameron county, Tex., was killed in a fight in the county jail at Brownsville. His throat was cut with a razor, and Crisp Osborn, his cell mate, is accused of killing him during a fight over the condition of the cell. Osborn claims Franklin committed suicide. Osborn has several small cuts on his body.

Pray for Silt Skirt Wearers.

Do women who wear silt skirts and no petticoats need to be prayed for? Those attending the Women's Inter-Denominational Prayer Meeting association convention at Fort Worth so think. When requests for prayers were asked, one delegate suggested that those of her sex who wear the exposed skirts and leave off the petticoats be prayed for. All took up the suggestion with enthusiasm and most earnestly prayed.

New Petrolia Gusher.

A gusher with 650 barrels of oil per day and 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas capacity was brought in on a lease near the western limits of the city of Petrolia, Tex.

No Reply at Appointed Time.

Huerta was notified early on the 12th inst. by an ultimatum, Mr. C. Shaughnessy, the messenger, that unless he would prevent the newly-elected congress from convening and so notify the diplomatic corps by midnight the United States would no longer parley with the Mexican government. Up to the stipulated time there was no reply. Message was left in Huerta's office, charge being unable to see him. John Lind has moved into the American consulate at Vera Cruz. He sent the ultimatum while at the capital.

MRS. W. F. R. HITT.

Former Miss Katherine Elkins, Who Wed Suddenly.



KING ALCOHOL SCORED.

FLORIDA MAN SAYS NEW DECLARATION WILL BE WRITTEN.

Before the national convention of the Anti-Salloon League at Columbus, Ga. Donald C. McVieles of Tampa, Fla., said in part:

"We are going to write here a second declaration of independence. We shall charge on a basis for our course that King Alcohol, who we are denouncing, has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts and destroyed the lives of our people, and appealing to the supreme judge of the world for the redress of our intentions, do in the name of people of entire solemnity publish and declare that these United States are, and of right ought to be, free and independent."

"From the exalted position of a man twice president of the United States come commitments in thundering tones of the accusation of being an excessive user of intoxicating drinks, and the people of this country rejoiced when Theodore Roosevelt proved beyond a doubt that the brewer and the distiller had no part in the making of his marvelous manhood. And the cause has been strengthened by the fact that we now have a president who with that good old-fashioned Presbyterian sense of fidelity to duty has banished the wine cup from the white house, and God grant that it is banished forever."

"And no less are we encouraged and inspired by having a man—a real man—as secretary of state. In no position during his eventful life has Mr. Bryan measured up to a higher standard of individual manhood and statesmanship than when he discarded alcoholic beverages from diplomatic banquets. "More significant than the attitude of an ex-president, a president or secretary of state is the magnificent vote by which congress declared its independence of the liquor lobby and passed the Webb-Kenyon bill. "We have tried to regulate the business, but it is as hopeless as the evangelization of the devil. "The fight for statewide prohibition is bound to give way sooner or later to the alignment for the broader contest of nationwide prohibition."

DOZEN KILLED OUTRIGHT.

Twelve people were killed outright and 100 injured when a Central of Georgia railway passenger train fell through a trestle four miles east of Clayton, Ala.

The train was heavily loaded with people en route to the fair at Eufaula, Ala., and was running at a high rate of speed to make up for enforced delays. The entire rear section dropped through the trestle and was practically demolished. Among the injured were Sheriff E. Teal of Barbour county, Ala., and Jefferson Clayton, brother of Congressman Henry D. Clayton, the latter being caught between heavy timbers and badly hurt.

Lad Some Cotton Grower.

Five hundred pounds of lint from 1,440 pounds of seed cotton, produced on an acre of unirrigated land, was ported by Hubert Mayfield, a boy contestant for the Texas Industrial congress prize. The cotton was raised in Fisher county and over 200 pounds of unopened bolls remain on the plot. Young Mayfield attributes his success to deep fall plowing and frequent cultivation.

Dying Switchmen's Forewell. A. B. Holliday, foreman at Texarkana of an Iron Mountain switching crew, fell from a car door and was run over. His left arm was torn off and body mangled. He was conscious nearly an hour and bade those with him good-bye. The door by some means broke.

ADELAIDE OIL COMPANY.

Charter Amended from the Southern Oil and Gas Company.

At a regular meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Oil and Gas Company, corporation organized on Oct. 1, 1913, held Oct. 13, 1913, all of the stockholders being present, waiving notice and signing the minutes of the meeting, on motion C. D. Keen was made the chairman, and R. W. Norris secretary of said meeting, who notified the stockholders that the name of the company had already been taken by another company.

The following resolution was offered by C. W. Lane: Resolved, that the charter of the Southern Oil and Gas Company be amended by substituting the name Adelaide Oil Company for the Southern Oil and Gas Company.

This motion was seconded by S. B. Hicks; the motion being put, all the stockholders voted in the affirmative.

C. W. Lane then offered the following resolution: Resolved, that Article I of the charter of the Southern Oil and Gas Company, as recorded and published, be amended so as to read:

"Article I.—The name of this corporation shall be the Adelaide Oil Company, and by this name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for a period of ninety-nine years; to contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break alter or amend at pleasure; and under this name to hold, receive, purchase or otherwise acquire, to own convey, sell or otherwise dispose of to lease, pledge, mortgage or otherwise hypothecate, property, real and personal, and mixed."

This motion was seconded by S. B. Hicks. The motion being put, all the stockholders voted in the affirmative.

Whereupon it was ordered, on motion duly made and carried, that the amendment be recorded and published according to law.

There being no further business before the meeting, same was adjourned.

Chairman.

Attest: R. W. Norris, Secretary.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: Before me, the undersigned authority, same and appeared R. W. Norris, secretary of the stockholders meeting of the Southern Oil and Gas Company, who being duly sworn deposes and says that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the stockholders meeting of said company held Oct. 13, 1913.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of October 1913. CLIFTON W. DAVIS, Notary Public Caddo Parish, La. Endorsed: Filed and recorded Oct. 13, 1913. 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 act as the same now appears on file and of record in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of October 1913. W. M. LEVY, Deputy Clerk and ex-Officio Deputy Recorder.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: No. 8567.—In the City Court of Shreveport, La.: Mack Wellman vs. G. E. Smith.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued in the above entitled and numbered suit, by the Hon. L. C. Blanchard, Judge of the City Court, Shreveport, La., and to me directed, I have seized and will sell at public auction, at the Texas street front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, between the legal hours for sales, on SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 1913, Lot No. 64 and the east half of lot No. 65 of the Pinehurst Subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Fourth Ward of Caddo Parish, La., with all buildings and improvements thereon. The above property seized as belonging to the defendant and to be sold to pay and satisfy the debt as specified in said writ, say the sum of \$50, with interest from the 28th day of February 1913, at 8 per cent per annum, and 10 per cent at attorney's fees, and all costs. Terms of sale cash with the benefit of appraisement. G. F. GERRALD, City Marshal. Caucasian, Oct. 23, 1913.

Notice of Tax Sale. To J. M. Madison: You are hereby notified that at tax sale for unpaid State and parish taxes for the year 1912, I purchased the following property assessed in the name of J. M. Madison: Lot 32 Brimmer & More subdivision, which tax deed is dated June 21, 1913, and filed for record July 3, 1913, and recorded in conveyance book 88, page 66. The amount of taxes, penalty and cost being \$9.10. NETTIE J. STUART, Box 126, Shreveport, La. Caucasian, Oct. 12, 1913.

Sheriff's Sale. No. 97,466.—In the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, La.: V. E. Bernstein vs. D. A. Welch. By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed from the Honorable First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, La., in the above numbered and entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction for cash and without the benefit of appraisement, of the principal front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, during the legal hours of sales, on SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 1913. Lot three-five (35) of block "C" of the Ozarkans Annex to the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with the buildings and improvements thereon. Said property seized as belonging to the above named defendant and to be sold to pay and satisfy the debt as specified in said writ say in the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars with eight per cent per annum interest thereon from the 10th day of July 1911 until paid, and all costs of this suit, as well as ten per cent on said principal and interest thereon as attorney's fees.

J. P. FLOURNOY, Sheriff, ex-Officio Auctioneer, Caucasian, Oct. 30, 1913.

Estray Notice. Taken up by Richard Meddows on the Clingman Nursery and Orchard Co's property at Keithville, La., and estrayed before me, the undersigned authority, one black pony horse, about 9 years old, about 14 hands high, with scar on right front foot as if having been made by the cut of barbed wire, no other marks or brands visible. Owner will come forward, prove property and pay charges, or the above animal will be sold according to law at Keithville, La., on Saturday the 29th day of November 1913, during the legal hours of sale. J. F. HENDERSON, Justice of the Peace 7th Ward of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Caucasian, Oct. 26, 1913.

Sheriff's Sale. No. 17,485.—In the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, La.: Chas. L. Horne vs. W. E. Quinn. By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me directed from the Honorable First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, La., I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction for cash and without the benefit of appraisement, of the principal front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, during the legal hours of sales, on SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 1913. Lot three-five (35) of block "C" of the Ozarkans Annex to the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with the buildings and improvements thereon. Said property seized as belonging to the above named defendant and to be sold to pay and satisfy the debt as specified in said writ say in the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars with eight per cent per annum interest thereon from the 10th day of July 1911 until paid, and all costs of this suit, as well as ten per cent on said principal and interest thereon as attorney's fees.

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Estray Notice. Taken up by Will Black at his pasture near "Three Forks," northwest of the city, about Oct. 27, 1913, one mare mule being marked as follows: Mouse colored, about 15 hands high, about 10 years old, no brands or marks noticeable. The owner of said animal is ordered to prove ownership and pay costs, or said animal will be sold at court house square, Shreveport, La., on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1913, between the legal hours of sales by the city marshal, according to law. Done and signed this 1st day of November 1913. L. C. BLANCHARD, City Judge. Caucasian, Nov. 2, 1913.

Notice of Tax Sale. To Geo. E. Mengel: You are hereby notified that at tax sale for unpaid State and parish taxes for the year 1912, I purchased the following property assessed in the name of Geo. E. Mengel: Acre lots 26 and 35 in south half of north half of northwest quarter section 34, township 21, range 15. Which tax deed is dated June 21, 1913, and filed for record July 3, 1913, and recorded in conveyance book 88, page 64. The amount of taxes, penalty and costs being \$9.16. NETTIE J. STUART, Box 126, Shreveport, La. Caucasian, Oct. 16, 1913.

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