The Bossier Banner.

W. H. Scanland, Editor and Proprietor.

BENTON, LOUISIANA,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1896.

Give Thanks To-Day.

The people of the United States will to-day take their holiday, and to some it will be merely a holiday, while to others it will be a day for returning thanks for the blessings of life.

The American people in their blessed abundance should give sincere thanks to the Great Giver of all good to-day. Peace, prosperity and plenty abide with us.

Let us not only give thanks to-day, but let them look on every side for the children of sorrow to make them join in thanks to God and humanity. The poor are always with us, and "into each life some rain must fall." Those who have health and abundance to be thankful for to-day must fail in ther thanksgiving if they shall not temper some brother's sorrow or bring some ray of sunshine where the shadows of sorrow reign.

Give thanks to-day, The God of Nations has blessed us with health and plenty. He has made our own green land the home of the happiest people of His footstool.

Looking over the length and breadth of the land, we see much to be thankful for. The people of this country, numbering more than 70,000,000, have every reason to be contented with their lot. Our form of government is the most perfect ever devised, and while the burdens of government sit lightly upon us, we enjoy to the fullest all the liberties we can desire. In material welfare our country is prosperous. The children have schools open to them; churches with pastors, whose tender ministrations are affectionately bestowed on all alike, dot the land; and the best influences, sweetening life, and carrying sunshine into every home, pervade our entire country.

When we take a more particular view, we find that charity abounds, and the refining sentiments of the christian religion are deep-rooted in the hearts and lives of the people.

The world we live in, here in America, grows in virtue while expanding in material wealth, and it gets better and better as education is diffused and as the Gospel is made the light of the homes. There is a deeper spirit of humanity, a larger love for our kind, a more practical charity of the sort inculcated in the Sermon on the Mount, and a more perfect realization of universal brotherhood and of the truth that no man liveth unto himself.

Indeed there has been progress along the right lines. And it so happens that this spirit does not wear itself out by exercise, but grows upon itself and is renewed with increase instead of diminishing by continual practice.

Let all give thanks, and let each one see that the clouds of sadness are lifted from some child of misfortune, and thus doubly give thanks to Him who taught that the merciful shall know mercy. Give thanks to-day.

LEVEE LETTING.—Proposals will be received at the office of the Board of State Engineers, in New Orleans, up to 12 o'clock, Wednesday, December 2, 1896, for the raising and enlarging of Magenta to Knox Point Levee—about 60,000 cubic yards Bond required, $3000; deposit required, $225.

In Bohemia textile workers get 80 cents a week. Some agricultural workers earn from 7 to 20 cents a day.

George Ferris, who invented the Ferris wheel that bears his name, died last Sunday in Pittsburg, Pa.

Bishop Sessums will deliver a lecture at the opera house in Shreveport, on Monday night, Dec. 7.

The Methodist Annual Conference meets at Ruston on December 9th.

Bryan's majority over all in Louiana was 53,274.

Police Jury Proceedings.

BENTON, LA., NOV. 23, 1896.

Police Jury met in call session. Roll call showed the following members present: E. S. Dortch, President; J. A. Sewall, Dr. W. M. Abney, J. R. Cavett, M. W. Cason, J. T. Manry and C. D. Sandidge.

On motion and secon, The game law was amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be and is hereby amended as to deer, so as to read that it shall be lawful to kill any deer, buck, doe or fawn, during the months of August, September, October, November and December, and at no other time or date; and that section 2 be, and is hereby amended as to partridges or quail, that it shall be unlawful to net any partridge or quail at any time, or have the same alive, in possession, that has been caught in a net, and that section 5 be, and is hereby amended, so as to read that it shall be unlawful to hunt, shoot, kill, or attempt to kill, any duck, goose, brant, swan or other wild waterfowl, after dark, or before daylight, in the limits of Bossier parish; and that section 7 be, and is hereby amended to read that it shall be unlawful for non-residents to hunt within the limits of the parish of Bossier, except those who are taxpayers in said parish, or are invited guests.

On motion and second, the petition asking for an election in ward 2, to vote for or against the sale of liquor was granted, and an election was ordered to be held on Monday, December 28th, 1896, and that the President is hereby authorized to issur his proclamation for an election on said date for or against said petion, and the following commissioners and clerk were appointed: J. G. Ogden, W. M. Rushing and J. M. Belcher, commissioners; C. O. Gayle, clerk.

On motion and second, The fence law was amended so as to read that it shall be unlawful for stock of any kind to run at large within the limits of the Parish of Bossier after the first day of February, 1897, and that this act shall be submitted to the legal voters on Monday, December 28, 1896, for their ratification or rejection, and that the President is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation to that effect.

Mr. M. W. Cason had his vote recorded as voting No.

The commissioners appointed to serve at the former fence election are appointed to serve.

The following per diem and mileage was allowed: E. S. Dortch, $11; J. A. Sewall, $4 20; W. M. Abney, $3; J. R. Cavett, $6; M. W. Cason, $8 40; J. T. Manry, $6; C. D. Sandidge, $7 80.

The following warrants were drawn:

No. 977	E. S. Dortch.....	$11 00
978	J. A. Sewall.....	4 20
979	Dr. W. M. Abney.	3 00
980	J. R. Cavett.....	6 00
981	M. W. Cason.....	8 40
982	J. T. Manry.....	6 00
983	C. D. Sandidge....	7 80

On motion and second, the Tax Collector is requested not to issue any License for the sale of liquor for the year A. D. 1897, for ward 2, until the result of the election is promulgated.

Minutes read and approved.

Police Jury adjourned sine die.

E. S. DORTCH, President.

B. R. NASH, Clerk.

St. Louis Republic: The longest day in this latitude is June 21, the summer solstice. On that day the time from sunrise to sunset is 15 hours. The longest day at London is 16½ hours; at Hamburg 17 hours; at Stockholm, 18½ hours; at St. Petersburg 19 hours; at Tornea, Finland, 22 hours. At Wardbury, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21 to July 22, and at Spitzbergen it lasts 3½ months.

EXCURSIONS TO SHREVEPORT ON SUNDAYS.—Until further notice the Cotton Belt Route will sell round trip tickets to Shreveport and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Date of sale, every Sunday. Tickets good only on date of sale. O. R. DENTON, Agent.

The doom of all hypocrisy is to meet with final exposure.

Election Proclamation.

In obedience to an Act of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, at a special session held at its rooms in the town of Benton, on the 23d day of November, 1896, based on a proper petition, I hereby give notice and proclaim that an election will be held at Benton, the legal voting place in Ward 2, Bossier Parish, on the 28th day of December, 1896, for the purpose of giving the legal voters of said Ward 2 an opportunity to vote for or against the sale of intoxicating liquors in said Ward.

Said election will be held under the general election laws of the State, and the Commissioners herein appointed to hold said election will make due returns, according to law, to the President of the Police Jury, at Benton, La., on the 12th day of January, 1897.

At said election, those desiring to vote for License in said Ward shall have written, or printed, on the ballot cast by them the words "For the Sale of Liquors," and those against License shall have written or printed, on their ballots, the words "Against the Sale of Liquors."

The following named persons are hereby appointed Commissioners and the Clerk to hold said election, viz: J. G. Ogden, W. M. Rushing and J. M. Belcher, Commissioners, and C. O. Gayle, Clerk, with full powers, under the general election law of the State.

Given under my hand, officially, this, the 23d day of November, 1896.

E. S. DORTCH,
President Police Jury.

Partition Sale.

F. D. Troupe, et als, vs. Walter Troupe, et als. } No 3771. In District Court, Bossier parish, La.

By virtue of an order and commission for sale, issued in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, authorizing and requiring me to sell for purpose of partition between plantiffs and defendants, the hereinatter described property owned in indivision by them, I will, on Wednesday, December 30, 1896, at the Court House, in the town of Benton, La., within the legal hours prescribed by law, proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, the following described land, to-wit:

The west half of southeast quarter of section fifteen (15) township eighteen (18) North of range eleven (11) West, containing 80 acres, more or less, situated in Bossier parish, La.

Terms of Sale—One-third cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years with 8 per cent interest from day of sale, with special mortgage and vendor's lein retained to secure balance of purchase price. Act of sale to be passed before Notary Public, at expense of purchasers.

A. R. THOMPSON,
Sheriff and ex-officio Auctioneer.
Benton, La., Nov. 26, 1896.

Homestead Entry No. 4257.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., November 18, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on January 2, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4257—John Roberson—for the north half of southwest quarter, southeast quarter of southwest quarter and northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 17, township 23 North, range 12 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: R. H. Davis, Blake Law, Joe Means, Reuben Means, Roberta P. O., La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
November 26, 1896. dec 31

Homestead Entry No. 5048.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., November 19, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on January 15, 1897, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5048—Joseph Rivers—for the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 13, township 21 North, range 12 West, and west half northwest quarter of section 18, and southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 7, township 21 North, range 11 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: George Washington, Jake McGlossan, John Boler and Primus Green, of Rocky Mount, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
November 26, 1896. jan 14

Stray Sale.

Estrayed before H. Barnacastle, J. P., Ward 6, by Aleck Randle, and will be sold at Haughton, La., within the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, December 12, 1896, one Sorrel Mare, about 5 or 6 years old, and about 13½ hands high, blaze face, left hind leg white up to ankle, a dim brand on left shoulder resembling the letter E x. Appraised at $20.

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Homestead Entry No. 4034.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., November 6, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on December 18, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4034—Refus Washington—for the southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 2, township 20 North, range 11 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Baker and Walker Johnson, of Pleasanton, La., and John Lewis and Joe Phillips, of Bellevue, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
November 12, 1896. dec 17

Homestead Entry No. 4872.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., October 29, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on December 11, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4872—James Washington McDonald—for the west half of southeast quarter, and southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 5, and northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 8, township 23 North, range 11 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Willis Allen, John Styles, Andrew B. Arnold and Jacob Humphrey, of Carterville, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
November 5, 1896. dec 10

Homestead Entry No. 5084.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., October 30, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on December 11th, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5084—Sampson Brown—for the southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 20 North, range 13 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Byron Rawls, J. E. Adger, Randall Hill, John Brown, of Benton P. O., La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
November 5, 1896. dec 10

Homestead Entry No. 6444.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., October 20, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of District Court, at Benton, La., on December 4, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 6444—Silas Fenton—for the east half of northwest quarter and north half of southwest quarter of section 33, township 21 North, range 11 West Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. B. Holland, J. D. Young, J. B. Whittington, J. F. Adair, of Ivan, La.

EDW'D PHILLIPS, Register.
October 29, 1896. dec 3

Immigration Agent.

Parties wishing to sell land would do well to confer with me.

J. E. ADGER,
Hughes' Spur, Bossier Parish, La.

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Charter of the "FELLOWSHIP BENEVOLENT SOCIETY NO. 1."

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo. } Be it remembered, that this day, before me, J. A. Thigpen, a Notary Public in and for said Parish and State, duly commissioned and qualified, came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that availing themselves of the provisions of Act 83. of 1878, of the General Assembly, of this State, as well as those of the general laws of this State relative to the organization of corporations, they have formed and do by these presents form and organize themselves into a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations hereinafter set fourth, which they do hereby adopt as their Charter:

ARTICLE I.

The name and style of said Corporation shall be "The Fellowship Benevolent Society No. 1," and by that name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for the term of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof, to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to change at pleasure; to hold, alienate, receive, lease and purchase and convey, as well as pledge, mortgage and hypothecate property, real, mixed and personal; to make and accept donations, real or personal; to make, name and appoint such managers, directors and officers as the interests of the corporation may require, and to establish rules and regulations for the proper management of the corporation and for the purpose of fully carrying out its objects and the purpose of its establishment and organization as are hereinafter set forth, and to change the same at pleasure.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of said corporation shall be in the town of Benton, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served on the President, or in his absence on the Vice President, and in the absence of both of said officers, on the Secretary.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized are declared to be as follows, to-wit:

1st. To cultivate sociability among its membership.

2nd. To provide for such of its members as may become indigent, and to care for the sick, the aged and the infirm among its membership.

3rd. To provide and care for the widows and orphaned children of its membership.

4th. To establish homes where those of its membership, or the widows or orphans of its membership who need assistance, may be taken care of, and in the event that the society may see proper to do so, to purchase lands, or to lease lands, to build houses and tenements, in fully carrying out this provision.

ARTICLE IV.

All colored persons, both male and female, above the age of twenty-one years and under the age of sixty years, of sound mind and body, and of good moral character, are eligible to membership in this society.

The corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. Said Board shall consist of eight (8) members, elected by the entire membership from the male membership. Said Board shall elect the following officers from its membership, who shall be the officers of this corporation, to-wit: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, provided that the offices of Secretary and Treasury may be held by one member. Five (5) members of said Board shall constitute a quorum. The said Board shall be elected annually, on the third Saturday in January, and shall meet as they see proper.

Regular meetings of the membership of this corporation shall be held on Friday night preceding and embracing the 3rd Sunday of each month and at such meetings ten members present shall constitute a quorum. These meetings shall be social meetings.

This annual meeting of third Saturday in January shall be for the elections of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be submitted to the membership.—These social meetings shall be held as often as above provided, and at the places fixed by the Board of Directors, but the Board of Directors may change the time of such meetings at pleasure.

ARTICLE V.

This Charter may be modified, changed or altered, or this corporation dissolved by and with consent of a majority vote of the membrship in general meeting convened for such purpose, after ten days previous notice published in public newspaper of the town of Benton, and such meeting may be called at any time by the Board of Directors or by one-third of the membership. And whenever it shall be dissolved, its affairs shall be liquidated by two commissioners elected by the entire membership, who shall have power to wind up its affairs, dispose of its assests, settle its liabilities and distribute the residuum among the members.

ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Directors shall be until the first regular meeting on third Saturday in January, 1807, as follows: W. M. Trapier, J. M. Crawford, W. L. Jones, G. W. Wiley, W. G. Gian, L. Lewis, D. L. Logan and P. W. Ward, all of Bossier parish, Louisiana, with W. M. Trapier as President and J. M. Crawford as Vice President, W. L. Jones as Secretary and W. G. Gian as Treasurer.

This Board and its successors shall have power to fix initiation fees, dues and assessments, and in fact, to make all laws and regulations needful and necessary, in order to carry out the purposes of the corporation, and to change and alter same, and they shall have power to contract debts, borrow, loan or invest money, issue bills of exchange, notes and acceptance and bonds, execute mortgages, pledges and sales, make compromise and generally to do all things incident to the objects and purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII.

No member shall ever be held liable for the contracts, debts, or faults of the corporation in any further sum than he may be due the corporation for iniation fees, fines, assessments or dues.

Done and signed in my office, in the presence of the undersigned, competent witnesses, on this, the 24th day of October, A. D., 1896.

Attest:
J. M. FOSTER, JR.
P. M. WELSH.

W. L. JONES.
G. W. WILEY.
W. G. GIAN.
A. LONZA LEWIS.
his
W M (X) TRAPIER.
mark.
his
D. L. (X) LOGAN.
mark.
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J. M. (X) CRAWFORD.
mark.
his
P. W. (X) WARD.
mark.
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Per W. L. JONES.
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R. J. JOHNSON,
Per G. W. WILEY.
S. D. DEWITT,
Per G. W. WILEY.

J. A. THIGPEN, Notary Public.

I hereby ceftify that I have examined the foregoing Charter, and find nothing therein contrary to law, and therefore approve the same, this, the 27th day of October, A. D. 1896.

A. J. MURFF, District Attorney
2nd Judicial District, Bossier Parish, La.

Filed and recorded the 14th day of November, 1896, in volume "M" Mortgages, pages 573 et seq.

K. B. HILL,
Deputy Clerk and ex-officio Recorder.
November 5, 1896. dec 10

Strayed,

From Shreveport, on August 29th, a Light Sorrell Mare, about 5 years old, branded with a heart on left shoulder and T S on left hip; big blaze on forehead, with scar in the blaze.

I will pay $15 reward for the delivery to me at Benton of the above described mare.

CHARLEY ROBERSON.