

# The Tensas Gazette.

## ST. JOSEPH, - - - LA.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1909.

ARNER E. GREEN, - - - Editor.

SUBSCRIPTION YEARLY \$1.50 In Advance.

For Coroner.

We are authorized to announce Dr. J. E. SLICHT as a candidate for the office of Coroner of the Parish of Tensas to succeed Dr. E. T. Newell, resigned.

We are authorized to announce Dr. L. A. MURDOCK as a candidate for the office of Coroner of the Parish of Tensas to succeed Dr. E. T. Newell, resigned.

## THE TALLULAH DRAINAGE CONVENTION.

Quite a large delegation from Tensas and Concordia went up to Tallulah on Thursday to attend the Drainage Convention. An equally large delegation came down from East Carroll and Madison was largely represented, and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. It is probable that the meeting would have been even more largely attended but for the inclement weather.

The meeting was marked by the greatest enthusiasm and harmony in every line, and resolutions calling for a comprehensive drainage system were adopted and the Levee Board was petitioned to appropriate \$20,000 for survey and drainage work, this sum to be supplemented, it is almost assured, by aid from the Federal Government of perhaps one-third as much.

Speeches were made by many very prominent men, recognized authorities on drainage and water questions, and it is confidently expected that the greatest good will result from this meeting.

The necessity for the work was so clearly and forcibly expressed by the speakers that it is has resolved itself into a problem of not what we wish but what we must do.

Each parish in the district, through a chosen spokesman, pledged herself and her revenues to the successful completion of this work. Judge F. X. Ransdell spoke in behalf of East Carroll, Col. F. L. Maxwell for Madison, A. E. Green, Esq., for Tensas, and John S. Boatner, Esq., for Concordia. Hon. F. G. Hudson promised the earnest co-operation of the Missouri-Pacific system and also spoke for the Superintendent of the V. S. & P., both roads assuring the Convention that the question of drainage and consequent greater productivity of the soil and resultant prosperity of the country, was as vital to the interests of the railroads traversing this section as to the people themselves, and tendered the services of the legal department of their companies to the cause.

That the meeting was a complete success and prefaces great good is but mild expression. The earnest enthusiasm of every one toward the accomplishment of the work in hand is the greatest index of the results to follow.

## Extracts from Postal Laws and Regulations.

Continuing the discussion on postal matters, the Post Master at St. Joseph to-day gives the following extracts from the postal laws and regulations, which should be read by every one, as the subject matter is of greatest interest to the general public and it is important that every one should be posted on this line.

When matter bearing previously used stamps is deposited for mailing, it should be treated as "held for postage." Upon receipt of stamps to pay postage they should be affixed and canceled, and mail forwarded to addressee. Multilined or defaced postage stamps, stamps cut from embossed stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, or postal cards, or stamps other than postage stamps, cannot be used or counted in prepayment of postage, and matter bearing such stamps must be treated as "held for postage," except when bearing special-delivery stamps, in that case mail will be forwarded and amount due collected on delivery from addressee. Always place the stamp in the upper right-hand corner of the envelope, otherwise it might be delayed. Never place the stamp on the back of the letter, as it would be "held for postage."

A package of third or fourth class matter must be plainly addressed, the return card in the left-hand corner (as in the case of a letter) of the package, and in much smaller writing. This is important, as the mail is handled very rapidly by the mail clerks, in transit, and if it is not properly prepared, it is delayed and often returned to the office from which it had been dispatched, thus causing delay and inconvenience.

L. E. HENDERSON, P. M.

The regular services will be conducted at the Union Church, St. Joseph, Sunday, 21st March.

## ALL PARTS OF THE WHOLE.

In the discussion of the question of waterway improvement the suggestion is sometimes made that "minor improvements" can wait," followed by references to special projects as the first that should receive attention from the government of the United States in the steps taken towards bringing about navigable conditions at all seasons of the year. The suggestion overlooks two facts of importance. One fact is embodied in the abandonment of the old time rule of the project without regard to a policy. The other fact is embodied in the axiomatic proposition that in the adoption of a policy all projects worthy of consideration are component parts of the whole, with each bearing its constituent part to the comprehensive whole and with each receiving governmental attention in due time and with due consideration.

Demand for the improvement of any special waterway or for the undertaking of any special project, no matter in what part of the United States it may be, is a demand for a backward step in the vital work of waterway improvement. Acquiescence in the demand would be an abandonment of the advanced position which all political parties have taken. That advanced and enlightened position has received the unqualified endorsement of the President, the President-elect, of Senators and Representatives in Congress and of all trade and commercial interests in each one of the forty-six States of the Union. It has received that endorsement not alone because of an awakened public sentiment and not alone because of the urgent demands of trade and commerce, but because of the absolute and the conceded merits of a line of action on the part of the government which in determining to improve the whole, under a policy, necessarily includes the improvement of each one of the parts of the whole.

Whether a waterway is to be considered a minor or a major constituent in determining the question of improvement, is a question for determination by the constituted authorities of the country. That determination is to be based upon the merits of the stream, its tonnage, bearing capacity when improved, its general relation to the question of transportation and its relation to the determination of all parties to utilize the natural highways of trade and commerce, the advantages of which have long been recognized but the improvement of which has been delayed because of the old time, and the false, program of "A Project; not a Policy."

In the reversal of that program and in bringing about the adoption of the program of "A Policy; not a Project" the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has been the leader and the persistent advocate and that its program will become a settled part of the policy of the Federal Government is not to be doubted. That it would be adopted was an assured fact from the day on which the commercial, the industrial, the agricultural and the waterway associations of the country represented in the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, forced the question out of politics and placed it where it rightly belongs—in the category of economic questions of vital importance to all sections and to all interests of the country.

As Senator Knox pointedly and convincingly said in his address on "The Future of Commerce," the Federal government unquestionably entered into a contract with the several States for the improvement of their waterways when it divested them of jurisdiction over the subject and took jurisdiction to itself. That statement being incontestable, it is equally incontestable that in undertaking the too long neglected duty of waterway improvement, the government cannot look to any special stream nor to any special project but must begin and carry to completion the work of waterway improvement under a broad and comprehensive policy under which no waterway will be overlooked nor any waterway, nor any special project, specially favored.

Mgr. D. W. Lacy of Natchez, was a visitor to Tensas this week.

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## Death of Mr. J. M. Smitha.

The death of Mr. J. M. Smitha occurred very suddenly on Sunday morning, 7th March, after a long illness. His remains were interred in Natchez Sunday evening, Rev. P. H. Fotaire, of Waterproof, officiating.

Mr. Smitha was born in Indiana, February 22nd, 1885, and was 74 years of age. In young manhood he located in Madison, Indiana, where he became prominent in business circles and local politics and was at one time a formidable Democratic candidate for Sheriff of that county. Mr. Smitha was a strong supporter and life-long friend of Congressman Holman of Indiana, who has for years represented his district in Congress, and for whom Mr. Smitha named his youngest son, Mr. Holman L. Smitha of St. Joseph.

In December, 1879, Mr. Smitha located in St. Joseph. He had made annual visits to this town for several years prior and had built up a thriving business at this place. He has lived here continuously since and has always been one of our most progressive and highly respected citizens.

He leaves four sons, W. B. Smitha, of Tallulah, and Jno. R., James M. and Holman L. Smitha, of St. Joseph, all of whom were raised here and have always been closely identified with the material growth and prosperity of our town and parish.

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JNO. G. O'KELLEY.

TRESPASS NOTICE.  
ALL PERSONS are forbidden fishing in or trespassing in BLACK LAKE, situated on "PECANO" and "GUNTNA MORO" Plantations, under penalty of prosecution. [SIGNED] DWIGHT STONE.

## NOTICE.

AT A MEETING held by the Lake St. Joseph Hunting Club on January 13th, it was unanimously resolved that any member not having paid his dues in 30 days from date of meeting would be expelled from all rights and privileges of said Club.  
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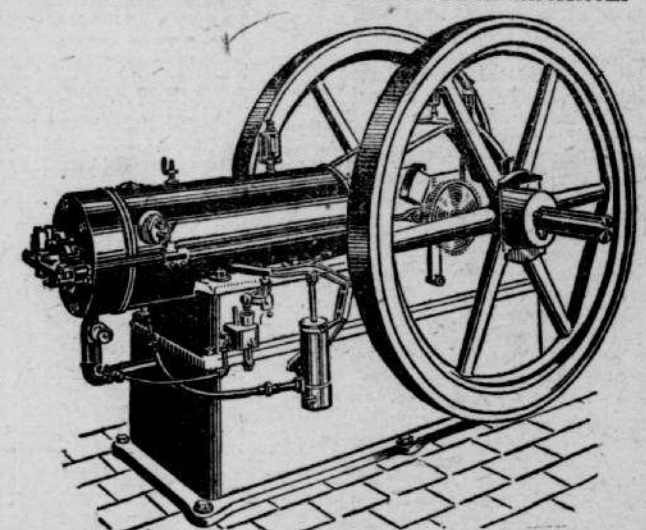
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JURY VENIRE.  
(10th District Court.)  
APRIL TERM.  
Grand Jury.  
To Appear Monday, April 19th, 1909.

Jesse Knowles	..... Ranch
John Murdoch	..... Newellton
Andrew Smyth	..... Waverly
J. A. Vasey	..... Hollywood
W. C. Vail	..... Hollywood
T. D. Diamond	..... Remolino
Frank Lombardo	..... Newellton
W. S. White	..... Waterproof
J. G. Kline	..... Saranac
F. A. Compton	..... Mayflower
Gus Ellis	..... Delta
Robt. French	..... St. Joseph
R. D. Shelly	..... Barcelona
H. L. Smitha	..... St. Joseph
J. G. Harris	..... Cat Point
H. R. Guthrie	..... Limerick
Ed Fore	..... Justina
Timan Strange	..... Providence
R. H. Whitney	..... St. Joseph
Frank Fuga	..... Waterproof

Pettit Jury.  
To Appear Monday, April 26th, 1909.

Salvador Baragona	..... St. Joseph
Henry Marks	..... Waterproof
Jeff Chatman	..... Johnson Bend
Emile Mayer	..... St. Joseph
Tab H. Smith	..... Nebraska
S. F. Hornsby	..... St. Joseph
E. F. Guthrie	..... Limerick
John W. Osborn	..... New Light
Spire Boyd	..... Osceola
W. W. Middleton	..... Newellton
George Sedden	..... Waterproof
Herman Goldberg	..... Hard Times
Ed E. Morris	..... St. Joseph
E. J. Walton	..... Glen Muir
C. V. Ratcliff	..... Highland
H. C. Miller	..... St. Joseph
A. Bundurant	..... Payne Tract
Frank Easley	..... Eldersshade
J. A. Walker	..... St. Peter
J. W. Whittaker	..... St. Peter
W. M. Davidson	..... Wolfe's Crescent
B. F. Ford	..... Osceola
Robt. Grimes	..... Minden Hall
Jas. D. Gibbons	..... Balmoral
W. B. Berry	..... Waterproof
H. B. Comer	..... Newellton
Leo Jacoby	..... Thistle Ridge
J. M. Stanton	..... Gum Ridge
Anderson Riley	..... Gum Ridge

A true copy.  
Attest:— E. F. NEWELL,  
Dy. Clerk 10th Dis. Court.

G. H. Clinton,  
ATTY.-AT-LAW,  
ST. JOSEPH, LA.  
Will practice in East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia and the Supreme and Federal Courts.

TULLIS & REEVES, Att'ys.,  
Vidalia, La. - St. Joseph, La.  
The undersigned have formed a partnership for the practice of law, under the firm name of Tullis & Reeves, with offices at Vidalia and St. Joseph, and will practice in Concordia, Tensas, and adjacent parishes. Judge Tullis will be located at the Vidalia office, and will visit St. Joseph whenever clients desire to see him there. Mr. Reeves will be located at St. Joseph and will visit Vidalia whenever needed there.  
HUGH TULLIS,  
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## NOTICE.

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I therefore trust the public will consider these claims and conclude to give me work and money that is now sent away from home.  
Respectfully,  
CHARLEY KING,  
Chinese Laundry.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT.  
SEIZURE AND SALE.  
State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, 10th District Ct.  
BLUM & HYM  
vs.  
No. 5335  
MARTIN JACOB  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of Seizure and Sale to me directed by the Honorable Court in the above styled matter, I will on—  
SATURDAY the 17th day of APRIL, A. D. 1909,

offer for sale at the Court House door, in the town of St. Joseph, in a parish, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, situated in said parish and State, seized in the above styled matter:  
That certain cotton plantation known as Locust Grove, situated in above parish and State, and composed of West half of fractional section twenty seven (27) and Northeast quarter of Section twenty eight (28), in Township thirteen (13), Range twelve (12) East, in district of lands North of the Red River, the whole plantation containing 400 acres more or less, there being excepted therefrom that portion of said land situate in Section twenty seven (27) lying East of the center of Copperas or Cammack Bayou, containing 95 13-100th acres heretofore sold to James M. Gillespie, and being the same property acquired by Elizabeth A. F. Pichee, as follows: one undivided half thereof by act of sale recorded in Conveyance Record "L," pages 149 and 150, on December 22nd, 1890, of record of Tensas Parish, and the other undivided half thereof by act of sale in Conveyance Record "K," page 613, on July 27th, 1889 of Tensas Parish Records.

Terms of Sale: Cash.  
JOHN HUGHES, Sheriff.  
ST. JOSEPH, LA., March 9, 1909.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT.  
WRIT OF Fieri Facias.  
State of Louisiana, Parish of Tensas, Tenth District Court.

A. BEER & CO.  
vs.  
J. G. PURVIS.  
UNION OIL CO.  
vs.  
J. G. PURVIS.  
BEEMIS BROS. BAG CO.  
vs.  
J. G. PURVIS.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias to me directed by the above named Honorable Court in the above styled suit, I have seized and will, on—  
SATURDAY, the 13th day of MARCH, A. D. 1909,

offer for sale at the Court House door in the town of St. Joseph, in this parish, within the hours prescribed by law, that is between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, situated in this parish, to-wit:  
The undivided one-half (1-2) interest in twenty-two (22) mules now located on the Monticello plantation in this Parish, with benefit of appraisement.  
Terms of sale: Cash.  
JOHN HUGHES, Sheriff.  
ST. JOSEPH, LA., February 24, 1909.

## NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that I am applying for a pardon for restoration of citizenship.  
[Signed] W. T. RAINEY.

## NOTICE.

I TAKE THIS METHOD of notifying the public that I have returned to St. Joseph and have purchased the BARBER SHOP from Mr. D. B. Lewis, and will conduct same in future. It is my purpose to remain here permanently and I bespeak a return of the patronage I enjoyed here in years past. I will maintain a neat, tidy and high-toned shop and use my best efforts to deserve the liberal support accorded me in the past.  
Respectfully,  
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