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It Is As It Should Be

The theory of American government is that the right to govern arises from the consent of the governed. All of our institutions in theory at least, if not in actual practice at the present time, make a pretence at least, of using this principle in dealing with the public. There are however, certain muniments of power, conferred by law and exercised in the workings of our modern American life which takes from the people this basic principle. In fact it has become such a common thing to take from the people this inalienable right, that many of our politicians have reached the conclusion that it may be taken without any serious complaint on the part of the governed. And with this thought in mind, the advocates in the state legislature, of a constitutional convention, right or wrong, at first conceived the idea of calling a constitutional convention and framing a new constitution without giving the people a voice in the matter at any stage of the proceedings, but luckily for the State of Louisiana and her intelligent citizenship, this class of politicians did not have a majority in the general assembly, and therefore they were forced, very much against their will no doubt, to submit to the people both questions, that is to say, the people must first say by their ballots whether a constitutional convention shall be held, and if yea, then whether they will accept the constitution as framed by that convention.

It is pretty generally admitted that the idea of a new constitution was conceived and inspired by the New Orleans bosses who firmly believed that they would be able to accomplish their scheme of having a constitutional convention without the consent of the people and to foist upon them the further scheme of having a heavy at-large delegation in that convention, thereby vesting in them the controlling power in the convention, by means of which they would be able to frame such an organic instrument as would suit their purposes, without regard to the rights of the other sections of the state. The people were again in luck when they happened to have a sufficient number of faithful representatives in the general assembly to defeat these foul hopes also.

It is now up to the people to say by their ballots whether they favor a constitutional convention or whether they oppose it. But those who want a convention at all hazards are now taking hope in the fact that it is characteristic of the people in the rural sections of the state to not participate in elections which do not involve the interests of local candidates. They have already made bold to assert that the "country people" will not go to the polls, while New Orleans will poll every vote in its corporate limits for the convention, and thereby carry it whether the people at large want it or not.

If there ever was a time when the voters of the rural section of Louisiana should break away from the custom of letting the other fellow do the voting when there is no local interests involved, it strikes us that now is that time; and we appeal to the voters of Caldwell to go to the polls on the day of election in full strength and cast your ballots against the calling of a constitutional convention. But in order that you may have a fair show and that your legal rights may be protected, be sure that you cast your ballot on that day

for the man whom you think is best qualified to, and who will most faithfully represent your interests in that convention if one is voted by a majority of the electors of the state.

The constitutional convention convenes September 24 in New Orleans. The election to nominate candidates will be held July 27, and nominations will close on July 29. We have been wondering who would be the delegate from Caldwell parish and who would offer themselves as a candidate. We have heard it suggested that the Hon. C. P. Thornhill would be the proper delegate from this parish to become a candidate for this responsible position. His experience as district attorney of this parish for a long time and in the practice of law and in the constitutional convention of 1913 has enabled him to become acquainted with some of the defects contained in the present constitution. The Watchman believes that if Mr. Thornhill will consent to become a candidate he will meet with no opposition. He is in a position to assist in framing a constitution which will best suit present conditions and one which will not hamper the Legislative branch of our State Government in the exercise of certain powers which now prohibited them by our present constitution. Mr. Thornhill has gained experience and reputation which will commend him to the consideration of his constituency.

Some little time ago we threw out a feeler regarding a fourth of July celebration and barbecue. Since that time we have learned that Vixen does not take very kindly to our suggestion as to holding it there, because she would not reap any material benefit from it, and the stringency of the times, prevents her citizens from entertaining it from a standpoint sociality and patriotism. Now we think that the business men of Columbia ought to take this matter up and secure the celebration for our home town. There is no doubt that such an occasion will bring a large number of people to town and our business men will be benefitted accordingly. The prospective candidates, too, will find Columbia a more convenient field of operation.

Last week The Watchman published the resignation of S. A. Myers as president of the Caldwell Fair Association. Mr. Myers states that his farm needs him, which necessitates him resigning his position as leader in this move this year but assures the Association that he will do every thing in his power to make the third annual fair a success. We regret that Mr. Myers has resigned as he was a great help in pulling off the fair last year. The Watchman is on record as in favor of having a fair this fall and stand ready to assist in any way we are called upon to act. Caldwell cannot afford to take a step backward, so we suggest to our citizens to call a mass meeting and elect officers to champion this great cause. This meeting should be called at once and steps taken towards having a fair in Caldwell this year. The crop prospects are good and many of our farmers will meet with disappointment if we fail to grant them the privileges of bringing their products of the soil and live stock and placing on exhibition showing the public what kind of stock they are raising and what their soil will produce. Quite a number of our farmers have

talked with the editor recently about holding a fair in Caldwell this fall. Let's have that meeting at once, elect officers, and start the ball rolling in that direction, and let's keep her rolling until after the fair this fall. What say you?

S. J. Dunn of Rapides Parish is visiting relatives in Columbia.

Representative J. E. McClanahan is now back at home after dispatching his duties at the extra session of the Legislature held at the State Capital. He spent Thursday in Columbia mingling with friends.

School Board Proceedings

ORDINANCE No. 11

An ordinance ordering a special election to be held in school district No. 23 in the Parish of Caldwell, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district the question of the levee of a special tax of ten mills [10] for the purpose of providing additional aid to the public schools of said school district.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Caldwell, La., that a special election be held and is hereby ordered to be held in school district No. 23, in the Parish of Caldwell, La., on the 6th day of July 1915, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said school district entitled to vote thereat the question of the levy of a special tax of ten mills [10] on the dollar of all property in the said school district subject to state taxation, for a period of five years, the proceeds of the said tax to be used in giving additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that the ballots to be used at the said election shall be prepared by the secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors and shall be in the following form.

Proposition to levy a ten mills [10] special tax on all the property subject to taxation in school district No. 23, Parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, annually, for the period of five years, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools of said school district.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that the secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors be and he is hereby ordered to cause to be prepared for use at the said election the tally sheets, lists of qualified electors, assessed valuation of property, blank statements for the purpose of compilation of the vote, in number and amount and other election blanks that may be required for the purpose of holding the said election, to cause the same to be placed in the ballot boxes for use at the respective precincts, and to make provision for the transmission of the ballot boxes to the several precincts of the school district at which the election is to be held.

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained, etc., that the polling place shall be at the Copenhagen School House, and the following three commissioners are appointed: J. W. Price, H. A. Volentine and W. F. Volentine, commissioners and D. A. Humphries, clerk of the special election, all of whom shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., that the Parish Board of School Directors shall meet at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of July 1915, for the purpose, in open session, of examining and counting the ballots, canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the said election.

Sec. 6. Be it further ordained, etc., that the president of the Parish Board of School Directors be and he is hereby instructed to give public notice of said election by proclamation to be published according to law.

Sec. 7. Be it further ordained, etc., that the special election herein and hereby provided for shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof shall be made under the provisions of Act 256 of 1910 and amendments thereof, and such other laws as may be applicable.

G. T. Martin, Pres.

J. C. Hines, Sec.

PROCLAMATION

Columbia, La., April 14, 1915
Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Caldwell, La., at its called meeting held on the 26th day of May 1915, J. G. T. Martin, President of said Parish Board of School Directors, hereby give notice that in compliance with said resolution, a special election will be held in school district No. 23, Parish of Caldwell, La., on the 6th day of July 1915, for the purpose of submitting to the property taxpayers qualified under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana to vote at said election, the following proposition, to-wit:

To levy a special tax of ten mills on the dollar on all property in school district No. 23 Parish of Caldwell, La., subject to State taxation, annually, for a period of five years, for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools.

For the purpose of said special election the polling place shall be at the Copenhagen School House, and the following commissioners are appointed: J. W. Price, H. A. Volentine and W. F. Volentine and B. A. Humphries as clerk, all of whom shall serve at this election, all of whom shall serve without compensation.

At said election the polls will open at 7 o'clock a. m. and close at 5 o'clock p. m., and the election will be conducted in accordance with the laws of Louisiana applicable thereto.

Notice is also given that at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of July 1915, the said Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Caldwell, La., will meet at Columbia, La., and in open session proceed to open the ballot boxes, examine and count the ballots in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns, and declare the result of said special election.

This 29th day of May 1915.
Geo. T. Martin,
President of the Parish Board of School Directors.
A true copy
J. C. Hines, Sec.

Jury List

State of La., Parish of Caldwell
Thirtieth District Court
Office of the Clerk

I hereby certify that the following named persons were duly selected by the jury commission, according to law, at its meeting on June 9th, 1915, as grand jurors for the grand jury term of this court commencing Monday June 28, 1915, who shall be subject to duty as grand jurors during the term of six months after the grand jury is empaneled, viz:

No	Name	Ward
1	J R Hawkins	1
2	G T McSween	2
3	Vollie Harris	3
4	Q K Reitzell	3
5	J W Clarkson	4
6	J J Meredith, Sr.	4
7	J A Stamper	4
8	W A Reitzell	4
9	W C Hester	4
10	J N Gregory	5
11	C P Bailey	5
12	R F Gryder	5
13	Bowen Eubanks	6
14	J A Mays	6
15	W R Rushing	7
16	I W Clark	8
17	Daniel Mott	8
18	J A Carter	9
19	Rush Vincent	10
20	C R Elliott	10

I further certify that the following named persons were duly drawn by the jury commission, according to law, at its meeting on June 9, 1915, as petit jurors for the petit jury term of this court commencing Monday July 12, 1915, who shall report for service as such on Tuesday, July 13th, 1915, viz:

No	Name	Ward
1	L F Pine	4
2	W W Ashcraft	4
3	J W Childress, Jr.	4
4	W J Railey	5
5	J W Price	10
6	A J McDaniel, Jr.	3
7	D M Roark	4
8	J W McKeithen	4
9	C B Blackman	1
10	R G Cruise	3
11	H T Harris	3
12	Allen Tingle	1
13	J A Shipp	5
14	T E Teekell	5
15	J L Humphries	10
16	A C Jackson	4
17	H L Dunn	6
18	G W Thompson	4
19	Andrew Cook	2
20	S C Coates	5
21	D A Childress	3
22	J P Duke	3
23	G L Tullis	9
24	J H May	9
25	D J Bedsole	10
26	I N McClanahan	8
27	W F Meredith	4
28	W B Perkins	4
29	W O Humphries	4
30	Robert Wooten	3

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and affixed the seal of the Thirtieth District Court, at Columbia, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, on this the 15th day of June, A. D. 1915.

Philip H. Mecom,
Deputy Clerk of Court

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