

TOWN COUNCIL.

Special meeting of the Town Council held on the 26th day of April A. D., 1904. The meeting was called to order by Hon. H. P. Fournet Mayor presiding. Members present, T. L. Broussard, L. F. Gary and D. C. Labbe.

On motion of Dr. D. C. Labbe and seconded by Mr. T. L. Broussard and carried.

Be it Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Town Charter and in accordance with the proclamation of His Honor H. P. Fournet Mayor that the Mayor and Councilmen appoint three commissioners and one clerk of election to hold and conduct the municipal election to be held at the Town Hall, in the Town of St. Martinville, on the 17th day of May A. D., 1904.

Be it further Resolved, That all persons or candidates aspiring for the offices of Mayor and Councilmen shall give and present their names to the Mayor on or before the 10th day of May 1904 for the printing of their names on the official ballot.

Be it further Resolved, That the persons or candidates presenting their names after said 10th day of May 1904, shall have no place upon the official ballot.

Be it further Resolved, That these official ballots shall be printed at the cost of the Corporation.

Be it further Resolved, That the election shall be by open ballot; and that there shall be as many ballots as there are sets of candidates for the offices of Mayor and Councilmen, and any person desiring to be a candidate for either the offices of Mayor or Councilmen, his name shall be printed on a separate ballot, with enough space thereunder for the writing of the names of such candidates other than the one or ones mentioned thereon, aspiring or running for said different offices.

Be it further Resolved, That the poll shall be opened from the hours of 6 A. M., to 7 P. M.

Be it further Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the commissions of election immediately after the counting of the ballots to make their official returns duly sealed and signed to the Mayor.

Be it further Resolved, That the Town Council shall meet in open session on the 18th day of May 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the effect of compiling the returns and promulgating the result of the election.

Be it further Resolved, That the counting of the ballots by the Commissioners shall be made and entered on three (3) separate tally sheets upon which all the names of the candidates shall be written and which shall be duly signed by said commissioners and clerk in their official capacities after the counting of said ballots; the whole to be carefully sealed and signed by said commissioners of election and clerk.

Be it further Resolved, That the Mayor shall provide a ballot box with lock and key for said election, which shall also be properly sealed and signed by the commissioners and clerk of election after the counting of the ballots and which shall be returned to the Mayor with the official returns as above mentioned.

On motion of Dr. D. C. Labbe and seconded by Mr. T. L. Broussard and carried;

Chas. Guirard, Geo. Gary and Joseph Resweber were named and appointed as commissioners of said election and James Delahoussaye, clerk of said election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Edwin Delahoussaye, Jr.,
Sec. & Treas.

Notice of Election.

By virtue of the powers in me vested by law and in accordance with the proclamation of his Honor the Mayor of the Town of St. Martinville dated March 30, 1904. Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of the town of St. Martinville that an election will be held in said town on the 17th day of May A. D., 1904, it being the 3rd Tuesday of said month for the purpose of electing one Mayor and Five Councilmen for said town for the term of two years.

The election shall be held at the Court House in the Town of St. Martinville, the poll shall be open from the hours of 6 A. M. to 7 P. M. and shall be under the supervision of herein after named commissioners: Theodore Laperouse, Dr. J. R. Olivier, Eugene Bienvenu and Ignace Bienvenu, Clerk.

The election to be held and return made according to law.

St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin this 13th day of April 1904.

A. D. Roy,
Gilbert Durand,
J. C. Bienvenu,
Chairman B. Supervisors.

—Big Bargains in Matting this week at L. C. Duchamp.

Whooping Cough.

"In the spring of 1901 my children had whooping cough," says Mrs. D. W. Capps, of Capps, Ala. "I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think this is the best remedy I have ever seen for whooping cough." This remedy keeps the cough loose, lessens the severity and frequency of the coughing spells and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by T. J. Labbe druggist.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fewer gallons; wears longer; Devoue.

—Judge O. Broussard of Breauz Bridge was here this week.

—Mr. A. L. Domengeaux visited Guedan and Lake Charles this week.

—Dr. and Mrs. George DeLaurel of Broussard were visiting here this week.

—Judge Jas. E. Mouton went to New Orleans Tuesday to plead a case before the Supreme Court.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley of New Iberia are passing a few days here, stopping at the Fleming hotel.

—The Legislature met in Baton Rouge Monday and is now getting in shape to pass a large number of bills.

—Big Bargains in Matting this week at L. C. Duchamp.

—The Louisiana Bankers' association will hold its annual meeting at Baton Rouge on the 25th and 26th inst.

—Mr. Dan. W. Voorhies went to New Orleans Tuesday to attend to some legal business before the Supreme Court.

500 barrels corn in ears for sale at \$1.00 per barrel taken at Broussardville—L. Bienvenu.

—Mr. Gab. Gardemal left last week for New Orleans and is now filling the position of assistant weigher at the mint.

—This office is pretty well supplied with wedding invitations. Candidates for matrimony, take notice

—Tuesday a voter will be able to vote twice, and please all the candidates, he can vote for both tickets, and not lose his vote.

—Mr. J. J. Bardin left Thursday on a trip north, he will visit several northern cities and will stop at St. Louis on his return to take in the exposition.

—Big Bargains in Matting this week at L. C. Duchamp.

—Mr. Alcee Robin left Thursday on a trip north, on pleasure and business. He will visit particularly, New York, Niagara Falls, St. Louis and the World's Fair.

The Angel of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bienvenu and took from them their little baby, Marie Maud, aged 11th months and 15 days. The funeral took place at 4 o'clock Friday evening.

—There will be a game of base ball tomorrow, at Bealin's Park, between the Jeanerette Juniors, and the St. Martinville Sub-Juniors. We can say in advance that it will be a pretty game.

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Get The AMERICAN,
At L. C. DUCHAMP.

Dog Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all dog owners that I will commence to kill roaming dogs without the license tag on the 23rd day of May 1904.

ERNEST RESLIN,
Chief of Police.

Sick headache results from a disordered stomach and is quickly cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by T. J. Labbe.

Dr. L. A. de Laurel left Thursday for Chicago, from Chicago he will visit some other cities north, and on his return will stop at St. Louis to take in the Fair.

Get the BEST PAINT!

Get The A-M-E-R-I-C-A-N,
At L. C. DUCHAMP.

—The Supreme Court has maintained the judgment of the District Court in the case of the State of Louisiana vs A. S. Wood. He will have to serve his sentence of two years in the penitentiary.

—We desire to call particular attention to our large and complete stock of Gents Furnishing Goods and Clothing for Spring and Summer, everything elegant and up-to-date in material and styles, J. B. Ferran.

Get the BEST PAINT!

GET THE AMERICAN,
At L. C. DUCHAMP.

—Mr. Robert Martin brought to this office a Pink Irish potato which was raised by Mr. A. A. Morrow, which is one of the largest potatoes we have ever seen. We would suggest that Mr. Morrow send some of them to the St. Louis Fair to be displayed with the Louisiana products.

—Messrs. Leonce Ransonet and Euphemon Broussard of Breauz Bridge were here Tuesday.

A SURE THING.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. KING'S New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Van Metre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by T. J. Labbe druggist. Trial bottles free. Reg. sizes 50c, and \$1.00.

St. Martinville, La., May 9th, 1904.
Messrs. Martin, Voorhies & Voorhies,
Attorneys.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly give us a written opinion as to whether or not we the Board of Supervisors in and for the Parish of St. Martin, exercise any jurisdiction over the municipal election to be held in the town of St. Martinville, on the 17th of May 1904.

J. C. Bienvenu,
A. D. Roy,
J. G. Durand,
Supervisors.

In answer to your letter of the 9th. inst. will say, that we find in the Charter of the Corporation of St. Martinville, the following provisions, to-wit:

"The election of a Mayor and Councilmen as provided for in this charter, shall be in pursuance of the general election law, now or hereafter existing, unless the legislature by special act, or a Constitutional convention, in its Constitution provides otherwise, in which case such elections will be in pursuance of next special laws".

"For the purpose of holding said election, and others that may be ordered, the Mayor shall appoint commissioners of election, by and with the consent of the town Council, unless the general election laws now or hereafter in existence, provides otherwise, for the appointment of such commissioners."

It follows from these plain provisions that the Charter meant for the Town elections to be held under and in accordance with the State Election Laws. What Election Laws existed when this Charter was adopted? The Laws of 1896, Act No. 137. Under these laws, the Board of Supervisors, solely, are given the power to appoint the Commissioners in all elections, be they State,

Parochial or Municipal. See Sections 11 and 14.

Then, the Ballots and other Election supplies were furnished by the Secretary of State, and at the Expense of the State. But in 1898, the New Constitution was adopted, and Article 212 of the said Constitution reads: "All Elections by the people, except.....municipal elections in towns having a population of less than 2500...shall be by official ballot, printed and distributed at the expense of the State."

After which the Legislature of 1898, passed laws concerning Elections "Act 152 of 1898, amended by Act 132 of 1900" wherein are copied the provisions of Article 212 of the Constitution, in so far as the payment of the ballots and election supplies by the State, but followed by these Provisions:

"Provided That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to municipal Elections in towns having a population of less than 2500 inhabitants....."

What Elections are not "hereinafter" provided for? Amongst others, Town Elections as the present one, because the town of St. Martinville has less than 2500 inhabitants.

Do the Acts 152 of 1898 and 132 of 1900 repeal Act 137 of 1896, in so far as this Town Election is concerned? They do not for the said Acts 152 of 1898 and 132 of 1900 specifically recite that their provisions are to be applied solely to State,

Parish and Municipal Elections in towns containing 2500 inhabitants or over. Further, the Section 81 of the said Acts 152 of 1898 and 132 of 1900, also recites: "That all laws or parts of laws contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed". Mark that it does not say that all prior election laws are repealed, but only those laws or parts of those laws contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of the said acts. And as quoted by the Supreme Court in the case of Welch vs Gossens, 51 An. Rep. 852: "Subsequent Laws do not repeal former ones containing DIFFERENT provisions; they must be contrary." The Laws of 1896 prescribed election measures for All Municipal Elections, even in towns containing 500 inhabitants or less; the Laws of 1898 and 1900 prescribed for Elections in towns having not less than 2500. These provisions are DIFFERENT but not contrary one to the other.

Therefore under the provisions of the Town Charter ordering that the town elections be held under the State Election Laws, we are of opinion that your Board of Supervisors has charge of the printing of the Ballots and other Election Supplies etc., the appointment of the Commissioners &c.

Respectfully,
Martin, Voorhies & Martin,
Attorneys.
St. Martinville, La., May 10th, 1904.

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