

TOWN COUNCIL.

Special meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of St. Martinville, La., held this 13th day of August, 1912.

Hon. Albert Bienvenu, Mayor presiding and the following members present: L. J. Duchamp, P. J. Gary and Dr. J. S. Martin. Absent: J. H. Duchamp and R. J. Guirard.

Mayor Bienvenu explained that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of adopting an ordinance calling for an election for a special five mill tax in favor of the Southwestern Traction and Power Company.

AN ORDINANCE.

An ordinance ordering a special election in the Town of St. Martinville, State of Louisiana, upon the petition of more than one third of the property tax payers of the said Town of St. Martinville, entitled to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, requiring the same, for the purpose of taking the sense of the property tax payers of the Town of St. Martinville entitled to vote under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, on the proposition of granting to the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar per annum, on the assessable property situated in said town of St. Martinville, for a maximum period of ten years, beginning with the year 1913 and extending to and including the year 1922, provided that the amount to be levied and realized from the said tax by the Southwestern Traction and Power Company shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

The said five mills tax shall cease and terminate whenever the said amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall have been realized and turned over to the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, under the terms and subject to the limitations placed in the petition for said election.

WHEREAS a petition has been received from the property tax payers, residing in the Town of St. Martinville, entitled to vote under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, at a special election called according to law, to levy a special tax in aid of railway enterprises, as is provided for by Article 270 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, adopted in 1898, and Act No. 202 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1898, and Acts amendatory thereof, especially Act No. 23 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1904 and Act No. 43 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, and said petition having been signed by a number of property tax payers, residing in the said Town of St. Martinville, and under the laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, qualified to participate in said election, in excess of one-third (1/3) of the number, as was ascertained by an examination of said petition, and the assessment rolls of said Town of St. Martinville, for the year 1912, and the registration books showing the registered voters in the Town of St. Martinville, and a certified list, furnished by the Sheriff and Tax Collector giving the names of the persons in said town who had paid their poll taxes for the year 1910 and 1911, the words and terms of this petition, as well as the signatures thereto annexed, being as follows, to-wit:

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana:

We, the undersigned property tax-payers of the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, and entitled to vote therein on the proposition herein-after mentioned, respectfully peti-

tion and memorialize your Honorable Body to order a special election according to law of the property tax-payers of the said Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, entitled to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana; the object and purpose of such election being for the purpose of levying a tax to realize the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); said amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be realized by the levy and imposition of a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar per annum on all of the assessable property of the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 1913 and extending to and including the year 1922, in aid of a railway enterprise, and all in favor of the Southwestern Traction and Power Company its successors or assigns, provided that the total amount to be levied and realized by the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns, shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and the said five (5) mill tax shall cease and terminate whenever the said amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall have been realized and turned over to the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns; said tax of five (5) mills to be thus levied and collected in aid of a railway enterprise and for the benefit and in favor of said Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns, as a consideration and inducement for, and to aid said Company in doing and performing all of the following, to-wit:

First:—The said Southwestern Traction and Power Company shall construct and operate an electric interurban railway line from the City of New Iberia, Louisiana, and to connect with and run to or through the said town of St. Martinville.

Second:—The said electric railway shall be built and completed as a line independent of the Southern Pacific Railroad or the Frisco Railroad or any railroad owned or operated by the said railway companies.

Third:—The said interurban electric railway line shall be constructed between the points hereinabove recited within twenty-four (24) months from the time the results of the special election herein prayed for are promulgated; provided that any delays not caused by the fault or negligence of said Southwestern Traction and Power Company, in the nature of strikes, failure of manufacturers to deliver material, or sub-contractors to complete work on contract time, litigation of any character retarding the construction of said railway, or any unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of said company, then there shall be added to the period hereinabove stated a further delay equal to the time during which construction or operation of said railway was thus retarded or delayed.

Fourth:—The said Southwestern Traction and Power Company shall operate and maintain from and after the completion of said road an electric interurban passenger and express service between the points hereinabove named.

Fifth:—The tax to be levied and collected and the annual amount herein provided for shall not be paid to the said Southwestern Traction and Power Company until the said electric interurban line shall have been built and in operation and the other conditions hereinabove set forth shall have been complied with.

Sixth:—It is understood, however, that any extension of the electric interurban railway line in question after reaching the points hereinabove named, shall in no wise effect the tax herein provided for, it being simply the purpose to predicate the imposition and collection of the tax upon an electric interurban line being constructed between the points hereinabove named, but which may be continued to reach other points.

Seventh:—That should said Southwestern Traction and Power Company desire to avail itself of the right to collect the amount of tax voted in favor of said railway enterprise, it shall as evidence of this intention and its good faith deposit within four (4) months from

the day that the result of the election has been duly promulgated and declared to have resulted in favor of the proposition submitted, in a bank which shall then be a fiscal agent of the Parish of St. Martin, an amount equal to five (5) per cent of the total amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be derived from said tax, which amount shall remain so deposited with said bank and be held by it as a forfeit and until the said Southwestern Traction and Power Company shall have constructed the interurban electric railway line as in the manner provided for by section three of this petition; provided, however, that in the event the conditions stipulated in said section three are not complied with, then the amount so deposited shall be considered as forfeited and the bank at which said money is deposited shall be authorized to turn same to the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin, to be appropriated and used by said Police Jury for the Public Schools of the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin.

Robt. P. Halphen, J. G. Broussard, R. Martin, James Simon, Bertrand Borel, Mrs. A. D. Roy per A. P. Roy, R. J. Guirard, A. D. Roy, Mrs. E. A. Duchamp per J. H. Duchamp, Geo. S. Eastin, David Duchamp, Geo. J. Olivier, Iphis J. Fournet, J. R. Olivier, St. M. Fournet, A. C. Gauthier, T. L. Bienvenu, Albert Bienvenu, A. V. Fournet, P. A. Bienvenu, L. J. Duchamp, Mrs. M. Ducrest per M. Ducrest, J. R. Thomas, Hackett Thomas, L. V. Simon, A. G. Broussard, K. Schwartz, Mrs. F. M. Thomas per F. M. Thomas, Dan W. Voorhies, C. O. Broussard, Belzair Wiltz, James J. Martin, B. L. Fournet, Wade O. Martin, Duchamp & Ducrest, Duchamp Hardware Co, Mrs. R. Martin per James J. Martin, Mrs. David Duchamp per David Duchamp, Louis J. Fournet, Aug. Clement, R. J. Gary Co Ltd, O. P. Resweber, Mrs. L. J. Gary per L. J. Gary, V. A. Fueseller, Chas. Gutekunst, Mrs. Leopold Beulin, J. T. Lytal Co Ltd per J. T. Lytal, Mrs. L. F. Gary per L. F. Gary, J. C. Bienvenu, W. J. Bienvenu, T. Bienvenu, A. D-murger, R. J. Bienvenu, P. J. Fleming, Lucien Bienvenu, Ulysses Bienvenu, Mrs. Rose Broussard, Luke Bonin, Mrs. Laurence DeLaurel, Luke Bonin, Mrs. Luke Bonin, per Luke Bonin, A. L. Domengeaux, Mrs. P. Pavia, Mrs. Claude Demurger per A. Demurger agent, A. L. Durand, P. J. Gary, Mrs. Cas. Wiltz per Cas. Wiltz, Henry Fournet, I. C. Delahoussaye, G. P. Fournet, Albert Daspit, Mrs. Taylor Daspit, Claude Thomas, A. G. Goulas, L. H. Dautreuil, W. H. Cozine, H. P. Fournet, M. P. Guirard, E. Guidroz, Jno F. Franz, Ed. E. Soulier, E. N. Resweber, M. D. Guidry, E. A. Davis, L. Bienvenu, Mrs. Carlos Olivier, F. W. Delahoussaye, J. L. Beyt, M. D. E. A. Duchamp, Chas. Bienvenu, Ambroise Theriot, Mrs. G. G. Fournet, per B. L. Fournet, Carlos Bienvenu, A. A. Clement, Charles Theriot, J. T. Lytal, J. B. Fournet, L. P. Fournet, H. J. Lovas, Robt Thomas, Mrs. Aug. Guirard per Geo S. Eastin, C. B. Delahoussaye, Louis C. Duchamp, Mrs. Emile Martin per Emile Martin, Frank T. Guilbeau, C. M. Olivier, St. Martin Oil Works Ltd per Frank Guilbeau president, Stella Greig, Rousseau Co Ltd, H. Barras, Ed. Bulliard, G. G. Fournet, Geo. Knight, Mrs. A. V. Fleming, Aurelia Berard, R. T. Eastin, Scott Kelso, Mrs. Jules Guidry, Mrs. A. Resweber, Mrs. Alfred Fueseller, J. A. Resweber, A. P. Siltan, M. D. Arthur Theriot, Mrs. A. Germand, Mrs. J. S. Martin, Sidney E. Delahoussaye, Mrs. Chas. Guirard, F. M. Neveux Anatole Bienvenu, Edwin Delahoussaye Sr., O. O. Gutekunst, Albert Greig, Vincent Guidry, E. A. Marais, Mrs. Joseph Keller, Mrs. Aug. Marais per E. A. Marais, Mrs. Mark Pellerin, F. Greig, C. A. Marais, Amade Poleyndard, Mrs. W. J. Rhymes, Martin J. Voorhies, Mrs. A. L. Domengeaux, Mrs. Felix Eastin, L. C. Olivier, Eraste Bonin, J. H. Duchamp, F. E. Delahoussaye.

STATE OF LOUISIANA }
PARISH OF ST. MARTIN }

I, L. C. Guidry duly qualified Assessor in and for the Parish of St. Martin do hereby certify that the foregoing petition represent over one third (1/3) of the qualified voters of the Corporation of St. Martinville and also the property owners of said Corporation of St. Martinville.

In faith whereof my hand at St. Martinville, La., this 7th day of August A. D. 1912.

LOUIS C. GUIDRY, Assessor.

The below ordinance was presented and read, when it was moved by L. J. Duchamp and July seconded by P. J. Gary and duly carried by the following yea and nay vote.

Yeas: Dr. J. S. Martin, L. J. Duchamp and P. J. Gary.

Nays: None.

Said ordinance as above entitled was then presented to the Mayor for examination and was returned approved and signed.

Said ordinance reads as follows:

Section 1. Be it therefore ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Martinville, in regular session convened, that a special election be, and is hereby ordered called, to be held in the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, within

the hours provided by law, on Thursday the 26th day of September, A. D. 1912, at which election shall be submitted to the property tax payers, of said Town of St. Martinville, who, under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana are entitled to vote at said election, the question of imposing, levying and collecting a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar, per annum, on all of the assessable property situated in said Town of St. Martinville, for a period of ten (10) years, said tax to be imposed, levied and collected in aid of a railway enterprise, and all in favor of the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, its successors or assigns.

The said tax to be imposed, levied and collected according to law and conformably to the terms, conditions and limitations recited in the herein above petition, beginning in the year 1913 and extending to and including the year 1922, or until the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall have been collected and turned over to the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that said election shall be held under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, so far as applicable, and that the polling place shall be the Court House, situated in the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, the place at which the last preceding general election was held, and that the form of ballot to be used at said election shall be as follows:

FOR a special tax of five mills on the dollar, per annum, to be imposed, and collected in aid of a railway enterprise, and in favor of, for the benefit of and in aid of the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns, said tax to be imposed, levied and collected beginning with the year 1913 and extending to and including the year 1922, so as to realize the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), provided that in case the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be collected and turned over to said company before the expiration of the ten (10) years that the said tax shall cease as soon as this sum is collected and turned over to the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns.

AGAINST a special tax of five mills on the dollar, per annum, to be imposed and levied and collected in aid of a railway enterprise, and in favor of, for the benefit of and in aid of the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns, said tax to be imposed, levied and collected beginning with the year 1913 and extending to and including the year 1922 so as to realize the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), provided that in case the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be collected and turned over to the said company before the expiration of the ten (10) years that the said tax shall cease as soon as this sum is collected and turned over to the Southwestern Traction and Power Company, its successors or assigns.

Taxable Valuation \$.....
Signature of Voter.....

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that the Board of Supervisors of the Parish of St. Martin be, and they are hereby requested to appoint Commissioners and Clerks to serve in the premises, to give due notice of said appointments and of the time and place of holding said election, and make their return of said election to the Mayor and Council of the Town of St. Martinville, as required by law, and that the Mayor of the Town of St.

Martinville be, and he is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation, notifying the voters in said town that such election will be held, giving the date thereof, the place of holding the election, the names of the Commissioners and Clerks, as selected by the Board of Supervisors, and further give notice that the Mayor and Council of the Town of St. Martinville will meet in extra session to duly promulgate the returns.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., that on the day following that on which the Board of Supervisors of the Parish of St. Martin have made their return of said election to the Mayor and Council, in the matter provided by section 3 of this ordinance, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of St.

Martinville shall meet at the hour of Eleven (11) A. M. proceed to open the ballot box, examine and count the ballots, in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns furnished them by the Board of Supervisors of the Parish of St. Martin, formally declare the result of such election and promulgate same in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the commissions of election as herein above appointed shall receive the ballots of any and all property tax payers of the Town of St. Martinville, who are under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, entitled to vote in said special election, upon which ballot the voter or voters shall have endorsed or caused to be endorsed his name and the property before depositing the same in the ballot box.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., that this ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the Town of St. Martinville during a period of thirty (30) clear days prior to the date of said election, and that this ordinance take effect from and after its passage and promulgation.

Thus done, read, adopted and signed and seal affixed in open session, at St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, this Thirteenth (13th) day of August, 1912

ALBERT BIENVENU, Mayor.
SIDNEY E. DELAHOUSSEY, secretary.

It was moved by L. J. Duchamp and duly seconded by Dr. J. S. Martin and carried that meeting adjourned.

ALBERT BIENVENU, Mayor.
SIDNEY E. DELAHOUSSEY, secretary

The rumor has been going the round that the New State Board of Education had the intention of replacing Mr. L. M. Favrot as State Inspector of our High Schools. This, we believe, would be a serious mis take as Mr. Favrot is one of the most valuable school men in the State and should not be removed to make place for some political favorite. Mr. Favrot has worked with us several years as our Superintendent and we have learned to appreciate his value as a school man.

Mr. H. Blakely of New Iberia, was here this week doing some marble-work in the cemetery.

Mrs. Percy Davidson of Houma is here visiting relatives, guest at the home of Mrs. R. J. Bienvenu.

Are Ever At War.

There are two things everlastingly at war, joy and piles. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve will banish piles in any form. It soon subdues the itching, irritation, inflammation or swelling. It gives comfort, invigorates joy. Greatest healer of burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises, eczema, scalds, pimples, skin eruptions. Only 25 cts at all druggists.

Mr. Frank Nassance of New Orleans spent several days in town this week.

— Mr. Francis Fournet was appointed Professor of Physics of the Louisiana State University, which is a high compliment paid to the young men.



Mr. Charles Theriot wishes to announce that he has re-opened his livery stable in the same old stand, and solicit the patronage of the public.

Nothing on earth could possibly taste as good as a water melon looks.

Rub-My Tism will cure you. 25 cents