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CONFEDERATE STATE CONVENTION, CHARGE OF TAXES ORDERED.

REASSEMBLED at the call of the Governor, the city of Houston, on the second Tuesday of May, 1872, for the purpose of concluding. Provincial Estates, etc., to the State, for a thorough reorganization of the state, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly arise.

The basis of representation is to be the same as for members of the Legislature under the present Constitution, and the tax levied on the citizens of the State will please carry this bill.

C. W. THOMAS,
Executive Committee.

J. P. NEWCOMB, Secretary.

The Brackenridge Purchase.

(continued.)

It is said by some, that the city can at any time, when the necessity arises, take possession of and use any privilege of the water flowing through the property purchased, and that it cannot be prevented from doing so. The water, they say, cannot be prevented from flowing, and as much land may be absolutely needed, and no more, can be condemned to the public use. This is true, but it must be borne in mind that those privileges and uses will have to be paid for by the city, and will prove to be very expensive, and a prolific source of costly litigation.

The history of all corporations evidences the fact, that such privileges cost them more than the actual value of the property condemned, the rule of assessment approaching

nearly the value of the benefits to be derived than to the damage sustained by the person whose property is taken. This city has already paid in lawyer's fees, court costs and for rights and property of small comparative value, vastly more in the aggregate than the cost of the Brackenridge property.

It is, in fact, a "penny wise and pound foolish" policy, of which any business man of foresight would not be guilty—the saving of a dollar today, for which he will be compelled to pay many next year. "Opposition is also made to the corporation owning any such property, fearing that corrupt officials will speculate in the public funds in its use. It is true, that such a thing is possible, but if the people of this city are possessed of sufficient virtue and intelligence to entitle them to self-government, it is not probable. With the old experiences before their eyes, it seems to us that there will be no after taken, in the selection of city officers, when the privilege of voting for them is again required, to select only such as are honest and capable. The two political parties are so evenly balanced in this city, that at present, at least, there is little danger, that either party will support its bid for the city offices and the tax-payers have too much at stake, to quietly permit the "summers" of either party to control the election.

We have already noticed the objection, that the price paid is too high. We happen to know that there are individuals who would pay a higher price for the property. It is a truth, that Mr. B. has refused to sell the property to any purchaser but the city; and the reason for this is apparent. He knows, as well as any other sagacious man, that the city ought to own it; and that it is to the interest of the people, present and future, to acquire it while it can be had at a reasonable price.

It has been asserted by several, and to the city council, that a portion of the property would drive the Brackenridge family away from our midst,—that none of them would longer possess any sufficient interest to detain them here, and that they and their children and public opinion could not be swayed. This is a groundless and rather small objection to the purchase; but with the exception of its groundlessness, although this is a small subject it is far from exhausted, we are compelled to close this article.

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