

SLIDELL CARRIES THE TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Police Jury Holds Special Meeting to Repair Damage by Storm

THE POLICE JURY PROVIDES FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGE BY STORM TO ROADS, BRIDGES

J. M. Currie, of Slidell, Given Contract, Under Monthly Salary, to Build Temporary Bridge and to Then Reconstruct the Steel Bridge That Washed Down.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS HELD JULY 5TH AND 11TH

Various Petitions Received, Dog License Passed in Conformity to State Law, Cousin's Petition to Open Bar at Lacombe Refused, and Other Matters

Covington, La., July 5, 1916.
The police jury met on the above date in regular session with the following members present: J. B. Howze, president; Louis Peters, W. A. Hood, H. J. Schneider, Rob. Abney, Fletcher Crawford, S. E. Cowart, E. J. Domergue, W. H. Davis, J. M. Smith.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read. Carried.
The following petition was read: To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury: We, the undersigned citizens of the fifth ward of St. Tammany parish, La., respectfully petition your honorable body, the police jury of the parish of St. Tammany, La., to build a dipping vat on the lands of J. R. Quave, formerly known as the old Abney place. That the said J. R. Quave agree to lease, for the purpose of constructing said vat and using the same, sufficient ground, for a period of ten years, and to be signed by Loren Talley and 24 others.

It was moved by H. J. Schneider and seconded by E. J. Domergue that the petition to put a dipping vat on the land of J. R. Quave, known as the old Abney place, be tabled until more petitions for dipping vats are presented. Carried.

It was moved by E. J. Domergue and seconded by H. J. Schneider that the St. Tammany Farmer be made the official journal of the parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, for the next four years. Carried.

The following petition was read: To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Tammany, La.: The petition of Joville L. Cousin, a citizen and a resident of Bayou Lacombe, La., with respect, shows: 1. That petitioner desires to conduct a colored bar for sale only of wine and beer at Lacombe, on lot 11 of square 30 of Lacombe Park Subdivision, in square bounded by St. James, St. Louis, Seventh and Eighth Streets.

2. That petitioner has published notice of his intention to apply for this permit for the remainder of the year and thereafter; and petitioner is not disqualified from conducting said business under any provision of the law.

3. That he annexes hereto the affidavit of two reliable citizens of Lacombe, La., as to his law-abiding and moral character and fitness to conduct said business.

Wherefore he prays your honorable body to grant him the necessary permit to carry on said business at the place stated.

J. L. COUSIN
We, the undersigned citizens of St. Tammany parish and residing at Lacombe, La., do solemnly swear that we vouch for the truth of the allegation of the above petition; that we know Joville L. Cousin and that he is a law-abiding and good citizen.

JOHN H. DAVIS,
J. M. BARRINGER,
S. P. PHILLIPS,
Justice of the Peace.
Sworn to and subscribed before me June, 1916.

W. E. BLOSSMAN,
Dy. Clerk & Ex-Officio Notary Pub.
It was moved by E. J. Domergue and seconded by Fletcher Crawford that the above petition of J. L. Cousin to open a colored saloon at Bayou Lacombe be rejected. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Carried.
Afternoon Session.
Meeting called to order, pursuant to adjournment, President J. B. Howze in the chair. All members present.

The following petition was read: Whereas, a petition addressed to this body by P. Estrade sets forth the necessity for a public road over the lands of Ernest Jones, Dominick Mahoume and J. A. Baselle, and others, and prays for a jury of freeholders to make the said survey and to assess the value of the said lands: Be it resolved, That E. V. Richard, Whit Riggs, C. E. Schonberg, Herman Schultz, A. C. McCormack and W. M. Poole be, and they are hereby appointed a jury of freeholders to survey the proposed road under the supervision of the Parish Highway Engineer, and to assess the value of said land.

Be it further resolved, that the land so surveyed shall be hereafter dedicated and held to be a public road for the parish of St. Tammany. The following vote was recorded: Yeas, 10. Nays, none.

In reference to above petition, it was moved that the following resolution be adopted: Be it resolved, That E. V. Richard, Whit Riggs, C. E. Schonberg, Herman Schultz, A. C. McCormack and W. M. Poole be, and they are hereby appointed a jury of freeholders to survey the parish road under the supervision of the Parish Highway Engineer, and to assess the value of said land.

Be it further resolved, that the land so surveyed shall be hereafter dedicated and held to be a public road for the parish of St. Tammany. Carried.

Moved by E. J. Domergue and seconded by Fletcher Crawford, that the matter of fixing salaries of the Justice of Peace and Constable for the fifth and eighth wards be tabled until next meeting. Carried.

An ordinance to levy and collect a tax on dogs throughout the Parish of St. Tammany.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Tammany, that there shall be levied each year for the benefit of the public schools of this Parish an annual license tax of \$2.00 per head on all dogs throughout the parish.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that the sheriff of the parish of St. Tammany, be, and he is hereby empowered and instructed to collect the said tax from the owner or owners of any dog or dogs in the parish, and that his fee shall be fixed at 25 per cent of the amounts collected and to that end he may designate such person or persons as he may see fit to collect the said license throughout the respective wards of the parish.

Continued on page 5)

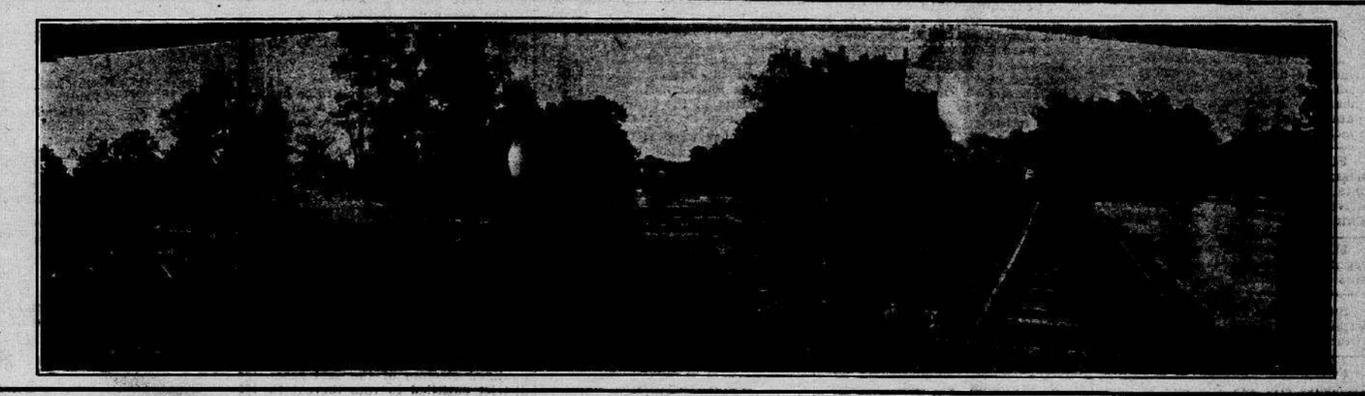
Expenses of Flood Draw Heavily on Police Jury.

Covington and St. Tammany parish generally suffered little from the late storm in comparison to other southern sections, especially Alabama, North Carolina, in the mountains of the Broad River. Covington escaped its excellent drainage by the fact that the water drained off with in a few hours after the water ceased rising, the fall being as rapid as the rise.

The police jury of the parish met a few days after the storm, so soon as it could be called together, to devise ways and means of relieving the situation, getting bridges back and roads in condition. The fact that the parish has just spent considerable money in putting everything in first class condition, leaves little available money for the disaster that has just overtaken us, as will be shown by the following statement:

Amounts available to each fund from July 1, 1915 to June 30, 1916 as reported by the Sheriff to the Police Jury:	
Criminal fund.....	\$33,976.59
Road fund.....	16,158.84
Special road fund.....	*11,848.79

Scenes in Covington, Taken by N. H. FitzSimons the Morning After the Flood.



Roof of the pavilion in Bogus Falaya Park, washed down by the flood. Mayor Lacroix standing on top.

Foundation of the N. O. G. N. Railroad, supported by piling, after the rails and ties had been swept away.

Showing how the rails at the approach of the trestle had been switched into a curve by the current.

LIDDLE WRITES OF HIS TRIP IN THE EAST

Tells of Handsome School Buildings, Visit to Former Home of Mrs. McDaniel.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 7, 1916.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:
I arrived in this great busy, bustling and hustling city on the 4th of July evening. That night rode around in an auto with my overcoat and witnessed the grandest display of fireworks of my life.

On the evening of the 4th we saw a military parade in Cincinnati, the former home of patriotic Mrs. M. McDaniel and sisters, of Slidell. It also reminded me that the freedom of our great country is owing largely to the hyphen influence—the Irish-American and also French-American.

All day, along the route, we saw evidences of the glorious 4th celebration—parades, flags, picnics and happy people.

We are now more than a thousand miles from Slidell, and to get here traveled in the state of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Farming and stock-raising and manufacturing are largely in evidence. The corn seems small to me, but suppose it was planted late or due to or due to the climatic influence.

Sixty degrees yesterday and I see it was ninety in New Orleans. Palm Beach suits are not ready to market here yet.

I passed by a million dollar new school building yesterday and wished for Super. Lyon and all our school people to see it. Also rode by the home of Harry K. Thaw and "57 Variety" Heinz.

Yesterday I went into the heart of the city and got acquainted with the L. & L. G., and the Home Insurance people. They made dates to take me into custody, and I feel that I am insured a good time with 'em.

This is an iron, oil and coal section—evidence in every direction. Many "war brides," known better as war munition factories, are here. There are thousands of large plants of various industries, some \$20,000,000 concerns.

This is also a section of hills and valleys—some of the grandest scenery in the world—splendid auto roads, and Ford's also ramble along—and the Ford owner buys gasoline at twenty cents a gallon. Mr. Ford and Mr. Rockefeller must be good friends.

I expect to visit some of the steel mills and also to witness the manufacture of war munitions. May also run around the country some to Washington, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, only ten dollars away, and Niagara Falls just five dollars distant.

I read the Times-Pic every day and it is just like a letter from home. C. M. LIDDLE.

General fund.....	5,580.33
School fund.....	*44,760.73
Special Railroad Tax ..	6,430.67
Total.....	\$108,755.95
Amount unavailable, \$63,040.19	
Amount available, \$45,715.76.	
*Items that are listed as unavailable.	
Of the available amount, \$45,715.76 we understand there is little left, it having been used for necessary expenses of the parish. There is about \$1000 to the credit of the general fund and about \$4000 to the road fund. It is estimated that from seven to ten thousand dollars will be needed to put things in the condition they were before the storm. It will be seen that the police jury will be put to some close figuring and the devising of ways and means for meeting the obligations it must assume in doing necessary things.	

THE SMILE THAT IS ALWAYS THERE

The Laurel Wreath Is Voted to D. M. Montgomery for Cheerful Hard Luck.

Mr. D. M. Montgomery is one of the cheerful members of the Covington social system. He has a smile that even the flood and storm could not remove. The loss of four or five hundred of his flock of one thousand pure-bred chickens only flected it for a moment with an expression of disappointment. He is true blue when it comes to standing up under the burden of loss and disappointment; but his friends have been afraid to look at him since Wednesday morning. Afraid they would find the smile gone. It took a case-hardened reporter of The St. Tammany Farmer to look him squarely in the face and record the fact that the smile was still there.

Mr. Montgomery has kept pretty well in touch with modern means of warfare. If there was anything new in that line he thought he would find it in the dispatches of German achievement. Hence he was in no apprehension of being injured when he picked up a hammer and hatchet and started to open a box of merchandise. He inserted the hatchet beneath the cover and swung at it with the hammer. There was a bright spark and a stinging sensation on the cheeks of the left arm.

A small piece of steel about one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter flew from the hatchet, passed through his shirt sleeve and buried itself about half an inch deep in the flesh, cutting a vein from which the blood flowed freely. Dr. Gautreaux probed for the piece of metal, but was unable to find it. This is not half as important, however, as the fact that Mr. Montgomery is still cheerful and smiling and full of confidence in the goodness of all things. We say, hurrah! Give us some more of the Montgomery temperament.

Covington Boy Is a Winner of Honors in Athletics.

J. Wallace Fassman, one of the greatest sprinters ever developed in the South, demonstrated his ability to a 3000-gathering in Bogalusa on the 4th of July, by winning the 50, 100 and 220 yard dashes in easy fashion.

Breeland, of Bogalusa, finished second in these races, but many yards behind the junior champion of 1915. But Fassman's victory was expected so the crowd was not disappointed.

Looking over Fassman's career as an athlete, it shows that this youth started in Covington, while attending high school there and represented Covington at all the meets during 1915, which was his first year out. While most of the track meet take a few years to develop, Fassman sprang into prominence in his first race, and has never failed to place in every race in which he took part. This is attributed to his great strength and endurance.

During the past year the youngster attended Tritone, and the class that he showed in the college game was well worth mentioning, but being past history it is useless to mention now. But, as a whole, Fassman was not extended his limit on the 4th, and only will be if he competes in the national games at Newark this coming September, and to replace a Southern boy, and our next door neighbor we wish him the greatest success.

SLIDELL SCHOOL TAX CARRIES MAJORITY

List of Those Who Voted For and Voted Against the Proposition.

Special to The Farmer:
Slidell, La., July 12.—The school tax carried by a large majority of a very small vote at the polls. The weather was not at all favorable to getting out the full vote for it rained throughout the whole noon hour, thus cutting off the opportunity of many who expected to vote at that time.

The legal hour of closing the polls was not noted by many and several voters were disappointed at not being able to cast their ballots between five and six o'clock.

The schools of the Ninth Ward are now sure of the full nine months session for the next two years and hopes are felt that finances may be improved to better conditions during the life of the tax.

Alterations are being made at the high school building in Slidell with a view toward accommodating a greatly increased high school department as well as a general increase in the grades. At present it seems that the school will open with very nearly five hundred pupils.

The increased funds will probably be taxed to their limit to care for the large increase in enrollment expected.

Names of those voting for and against the tax follow, together with a summary of the results of the election:

Those who voted "for" the school tax are: J. G. Abel, Mrs. J. D. Anderson, C. L. Baker, G. A. Baker, J. A. Bousquet, Jr., F. A. Bourgeois, Mrs. M. C. Champlain, J. E. Chastring, L. V. Cooley, Jr., H. Cornibe, Miss Marie Cousin, W. E. Eddins, C. A. Everitt, Mrs. M. E. Dyeritt, W. L. Ellis, C. L. Green, W. E. Gause, George L. Geiger, E. F. Halley, Mrs. E. F. Halley, T. J. Hand, W. B. Howard, J. Joachim, Mrs. Annette Levy, Simon Levy, Mrs. C. M. Liddle, Mrs. H. H. Mayfield, J. A. Mayfield, John McMahon, J. A. Mier, Dr. J. F. Polk, S. R. Redden, Mrs. Zoe N. Redden, Mrs. Horace Rousseau, Ed Schinnie, Fritz Salmen, Mrs. R. Salmen, Mrs. J. P. Silberger, Mrs. Mary E. Sweetman, S. B. Sweetman, W. T. Tippin, Mrs. R. J. Taylor, S. L. Tabary, Mrs. G. W. Wilder, G. V. Wharton, D. A. Yates.

Those who voted "against" the school tax are: A. W. Brazier, colored, B. T. Carroll, Sr., Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, J. P. Davis, Henry Keller, G. T. McNeill.
Total votes "for" the tax, 47.
Total vote "against" the tax, 6.
Property valuation "for" the tax \$60,631.00.
Property valuation "against" the tax, \$9,295.00.

Flatboat Now Used for Crossing River at Covington.

There is a flat boat at the sight of the old Covington bridge which is answering the purpose of a ferry; but teams can not cross. The replacing of the bridge is now under way, in charge of Mr. J. M. Currie. The temporary bridge will probably be finished by next Wednesday. Work will then be carried on to replace the steel bridge. Teams and automobiles are crossing the Tchecuncta bridge, and the bridge at Abita Springs. Louis Wehrli, Sr., says an automobile can't cross the Abita bridge on the Mandeville road, but that a Ford can.

MORPHY SWIMS IN RIVER TO GET TO FAMILY

Arrives From New Orleans On Evening Train and is Shut Out by Flood.

Mr. L. A. Morphy, attorney-at-law who has offices in New Orleans and a family residence in Covington, came over from New Orleans on the evening N. O. G. N. train, last Friday, but when he reached Abita Springs he was told that the trestle was under water and it was too dangerous for a train to cross. He managed to cross the Abita river, however, and walked as far as Mr. Jones' residence in Claiborne, where he stayed for the night. Early in the morning he started out for his home in Covington, not knowing that his family had been rescued from the house the evening before. He was unable to cross the Bogus Falaya river, the bridge being swept away, so he walked as far as the Kent place and then swam the river. He found the trestle had been submerged and he saw no signs of his family. He was delighted when he reached Dr. Tolson's place and found his family there, safe and sound. He had a pretty tough time of it, an experience he will not soon forget. But there was pleasure in knowing every one was safe.

Postmaster Selles is also due thanks for his prompt arrangement for getting the mail across the river during the day or two of interruption of communication between Claiborne and Covington.

COURTHOUSE NEWS, REAL ESTATE NOTES

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
F. A. Bourgeois to heirs of Anna Smith, redemption of property sold at tax sale.
Heirs of Anna Smith to S. W. Provance, lot 13 square 15, Slidell, \$50.
W. B. Lancaster to Mrs. Mary J. Dillenkofer, lots 16, 18, 20, 22 of square 14, Abita Springs Annex, \$20.
W. B. Lancaster to Eddy Verret, lot 20 square 95, Mandeville, \$15.
W. B. Lancaster to C. V. Martino, lots 21 to 26, square 31, Mandeville Annex, \$21.50.
W. B. Lancaster to H. F. Bennett, lot 43 square 59, Mandeville, \$20.
W. B. Lancaster to L. F. Capers, lots 3 to 7 square 2, Abita Springs Annex, \$25.
W. B. Lancaster to Peter Ferrage, lots 1 to 26, square 29, Mandeville Annex, \$124.
Ulysses Marinoni, Jr., et al to Theo. Soniat du Plessat, lots 15 and 16, Lewisburg, \$250.
Oaklawn Land and Improvement

NEW SUITS FILED.
B. E. Givens vs. N. O. G. N. and Salmen Brick and Lumber Co., suit for stock killed.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meier vs. Jno. Elliot, application for habeas corpus for custody of child.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.
Burel W. McChester to Elizabeth May Miller, white.
Mack Walker to Fanny Shears, colored.
Robt. Jones to Selma Abou, colored.
Antoine Baham to Pauline Lewis, colored.
E. S. Reiners to Alice Reed, colored.

The Covington Grocery & Grain Co., One of St. Tammany's Big Concerns, Will Issue \$25,000.00 in New Stock

The Covington Grocery & Grain Company is contemplating still further enlargement of its business and will issue \$25,000 of additional stock. As the company has made a steady and prosperous growth, it is probable that this stock will be grabbed up in a hurry. The company made a dividend of 6 per cent January 1, 1916, and again 6 per cent July 15. It closed business on the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916 with a profit of \$33,000 on its capital stock, equivalent to 23 per cent. It has a capital and surplus of \$180,000.

This company is one that the parish should be proud of. It started business in Covington in 1900 with a small capital. E. J. Domergue, its president, has been at the head of the concern since 1902, and has added several branch houses, each of which is doing an excellent business. The Slidell branch has modernly equipped offices and warehouses, with an installation of the sprinkling system of fire protection. There also are prosperous branches at Columbia, Bogalusa and Tylertown, with large track service and freight handling conveniences.

The putting of more capital into this business means increased profits and an extension of business that will cover a field hardly anticipated in the early days of this prosperous concern.

N. O. G. N. DOES QUICK WORK REBUILDING

Trains Could Run on Tuesday Morning, After Big Force Put to Work.

Tuesday morning, about 2:30 o'clock, cheering of the workmen and double toots of the locomotive whistles announced that the work of replacing the railroad bridge of the N. O. G. N. across the Bogus Falaya River had been completed. These were welcome sounds to the people of Covington, and the N. O. G. N. is to be congratulated on its prompt action and the quickness with which the work was done. There were day and night shifts and a large number of workmen employed in each. The work went steadily on without intermission, and when day broke no one would have guessed that two days before a raging torrent of water had swept everything before it and twisted the iron rails down stream like bended willow branches.

Postmaster Selles is also due thanks for his prompt arrangement for getting the mail across the river during the day or two of interruption of communication between Claiborne and Covington.

RED BLUFF BRIDGE HOLDS FAST

It is remarkable that while steel bridges as well as heavy wooden structures were washed away, the little wooden bridge at Red Bluff, in the second ward, stood the flood without even loosening up. It is as firm and solid as before the storm.

Co. to A. E. Johnson, lots 1 to 4 and 14 to 18, block 117, \$90.
Jno. H. Davis and Ed. L. McGehee to H. D. Johnson and A. E. Johnson, portion of land located in section 43 to 5 south, range 12 east, \$183.
Oaklawn Land and Improvement Co. to A. E. Johnson, lots 5 to 13 of block 117, \$90.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.
Burel W. McChester to Elizabeth May Miller, white.
Mack Walker to Fanny Shears, colored.
Robt. Jones to Selma Abou, colored.
Antoine Baham to Pauline Lewis, colored.
E. S. Reiners to Alice Reed, colored.