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Proceedings of the Police Jury.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 2, 1856.

At a regular meeting of the Police Jury, began and held in the town of Shreveport, on Monday, the 2d day of June, A. D., 1856, the following members appeared and took their seats, viz:—R. T. Buckner, president; Robert L. Gilmer, Robert Lowe, James A. Jeter, W. A. Pegram, W. A. Lacy, and Joseph Beard.

The board being called to order by the president, the following proceedings were had, viz:

The following accounts were presented and allowed, viz:

To R. A. Cutliff,	$25 00
To John W. Jones, justice,	44 79
To B. W. Davis, jailor,	107 37½
To R. T. Buckner, extending tableau,	100 00
To Catherine Mannegin,	28 00
To Jonas Robeson, justice,	58 37½
To J. M. Duke,	32 20
To J. B. Hughes,	67 32
To Dr. Logan,	10 00
To Austin & Goodwyn,	3 20
To W. B. Miller,	19 28
To Thomas H. Morris,	10 25
To W. H. Lindsey,	14 40
To John Walters,	29 00
To James B. Jenkins,	7 50
To W. G. Kerley,	15 00
To James G. Wilson,	36 17
To W. Holmes,	13 50
To D. I. Hooks,	24 25
To W. F. Willis,	12 00
To Thos. R. Simpson,	10 00
To J. W. Bowton,	5 60
To A. S. Moore,	18 70
W. F. Willis,	18 00
To Sturgess & Stewart,	119 35
	$829 15

Be it ordained, &c., That a new road be established from the State line, at the house of W. C. Bains, to Spring ridge church, on the route as reported by the commissioners of reviews.

Be it ordained, &c., That the Greenwood and Mansfield road be changed from the south end of the lane of J. Wilder to G. H. Bozeman's, so as to run on a straight line.

Be it ordained, &c., That a change be granted in the Shreveport and Keachie road, commencing at the corner of the land of Josiah Guill, and following the line one mile, turn thence north-east to intersect the old road at or near Bethel church. Said change is not to be any expense to the parish.

The board adjourned till Tuesday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The board met pursuant to adjournment.

Be it ordained, &c., That R. L. Gilmer be, and is hereby, authorised to lease the ferry on bayou Pierre, called Norris' ferry, and upon such terms as he may think best for the Parish, and to take bond, &c.

Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that E. T. Hearn be appointed overseer of the Lake-road, commencing at the half-mile post between R. T. Noel and J. B. Thompson, and to have the hands of J. B. Thompson, T. Mooring, sen., T. Mooring, jr., John Mooring, sen., J. Croon, sen'r and jun'r, Calvin Croom, Mrs. Gage, T. Philyaw, M. & T. Harris, D. Cree, R. D. Parker, Jos. Attaway, W. Johnson, M. Christian, T. Lyons, J. M. Bowden, his own, and all others that are not otherwise proportioned, and make report according to law, in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that C. S. Gillies be appointed overseer of the road leading from Pitts' ferry to the intersection of the Lake-road, and to have the hands of Jas. Christian, T. Christian, Wm. Cooper, John C. Mooring, sen., H. Mooring, James Tete, jr., M. and Jos. Jackson, to work said road for the ensuing year, and make report according to law, in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that T. S. Adams be appointed overseer of the Lake road, commencing at the half-mile post between R. T. Noel and J. B. Thompson, and to have the hands of the estate of S. Jones and R. T. Noel, and work said road to the south-end of Hoss' lane, in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that Jesse Birch, jun., be appointed overseer of the Albany road, commencing half-way between the four and five mile posts near Mrs. Russell's, and work the said road to where it intersects the Lake-road near doctor Koger's. To have the hands of Jesse Birch, sen., doct. W. Koger, J. Finley, Mrs. Iles, H. Iles, Mrs. Russell and all other hands not otherwise proportioned, and make report according to law in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that J. D. Brown be appointed overseer of the Albany road, commencing at Albany, to work said road to the half-way between the four and five mile post near Mrs. Russell's, and to have the hands of J. McClelland, E. Hare, W. B. George, B. W. George, J. Thompson, Mrs. Cole, and all other hands not otherwise proportioned in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that Wm. Brown be appointed overseer of the Bickham road, commencing at Albany, to work said road to ten feet west of the bayou west of Pruett's field, and to have the hands of J. McCain, Jas. McCain, George McCain, Mrs. Noel, E. Attenwey, sen., E. Attenway, jr., M. W. & R. Williams, S. Johnson, Polk's, and all others not otherwise proportioned, in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that J. D. Bickham be appointed overseer of the Lake-road, commencing at the south-end of Hoss' lane, to work said road to south bank of Quapaw bayou, and to have the hands of J. Allen, N. Tyson, W. H. Lindsey, T. P. Greg, Hoss J. Ever, J. Parnell, D. P. Bickham, Stuckey, Mrs. Sojourner, B. Bridges, N.B. Cook, and all others not otherwise proportioned in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that Alfred Dockey be appointed overseer of the Union Academy road, commencing where said road leaves the Lake-road near Quapaw bayou, and to work the same to the south-east corner of Jas. Sims' field, and to have the hands of S. Dockery, A. Currie, E.H. Rhodes, F. William, E. Johnson, Buzby Hall, Jas. Sims, and all other hands not otherwise proportioned on said road in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that R. Hood be appointed overseer of the Union Academy road, commencing at the south-east corner of J. B. Sims' field, and to work said road to Low's landing, and to have the hands of the estate of John Low, J. M. Simmons, C. Stephens, L. Currie, Mrs. Crocker, and all others not otherwise proportioned in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that M. B. Milan be appointed overseer of the Bickham road, commencing ten feet west of the bayou west of Pruett's field. To have the hands of Mrs. E. Bickham, W. H. Erwin, F. M. Bickham, N. Hoss, B. R. Bickham, W. N. & J. A. Jeter, Dr. Currie, J. Fautner Hathhorns, J. Johnson, and all other hands not otherwise proportioned in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that B. F. Logan be appointed overseer of the Logan road, to have his own hands, and make report according to law, in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that John Parnell, W. B. Cooke and R. T. Noel be appointed commissioners of elections at Cooke's store precinct, Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that L. J. Hamlin, F. M. Bickham and C. Sullivan be appointed commissioners of elections of the Albany precinct, Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that J. D. Brown be appointed captain of a patrol company, and to chose his company, in Ward No. 1.

Ward No. 2.

Be it be ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo parish, that Frank Hearne be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Quappa to Cross bayou, and that he have the hands of Mrs. F. D. Hearne, F. J. Hearne, E. T. Hearne's estate, his own, and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for twelve months, and make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that James C. Jones be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from William Shaw's blacksmith shop to where it intersects the Shreveport and Greenwood road, and that he have the hands of David Rodden, Alonzo Flournoy, B. S. Dickson, Mrs. A. Hill, B. F. Poindexter and his own, and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for twelve months, and make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that Jacob Hoss be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road from Greenwood, by his own house, to the Lake-road, and that he have the hands of W. H. Bayliss and his own to work the same for 12 months, and make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, that Jefferson Guice be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Buncomb road, commencing at the forks at T. D. Gary's to the west bank of the bayou at Jefferson Guice's, and that he have the hands of Goodwin, Bundy, A. Scott, W.C. Beck, his own, and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work for 12 months, and make report according to law.

Be it ordained, that T. S. Hill be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road from Bethany to William Shaw's blacksmith shop, and that he have the hands of Thos. Holt, J. J. Stephen, Elias Lake, T. S. Hill, and all others in the vicinity not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for twelve months, and make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that I. N. Harris be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Greenwood and Shreveport road, for the ensuing twelve months, commencing at the west end of Mrs. E. Flournoy's fence and running to the store of W. A. Pegram, in Greenwood, and that he have the hands of D. I. Hooks and all of John Page's hands on the Forest place and all of said Page's hands on the place where Harris now resides except seven, to work the same, and to make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that James Anderson be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Greenwood, by Mrs. Hearne's, to the Texas line, and that he have the hands of J. S. Hale, W. C. Hudgins, his own, and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work the same twelve months, and make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that W. Cates is hereby appointed overseer for the succeeding twelve months on that part of the Lake-road, commencing at the forks near Wm. Simmons' blacksmith shop running to A. Wornick's house, and that he have the hands of Walter Cates, W. Y. Cates and E. J. S. Cates, and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work said road for 12 months, and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, Joseph M. Ford be and is hereby appointed overseer for the ensuing twelve months of that portion of the Greenwood and Shreveport road commencing at the north-west corner of W. Simmons' plantation, on said road, to a point opposite the gate in front of B. F. Eppes' house, and that he have all his own hands and the hands of Mrs. Eppes, James Lee and J. M. Ford, and all other hands not otherwise apportioned, to work the same, and to make his return as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that doctor A. Flournoy be and is hereby appointed overseer for the ensuing 12 months of that part of the Greenwood and Shreveport road, commencing at Mrs. Eppes' gate and running to the west line of Mrs. E. W. Flournoy's fence, and that he have the hands of A. W. Tucker, estate E. W. Flournoy and doct. A. Flournoy to work the same and make report according to law.

Be it ordained, that W. W. Harper be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Shreveport and Texas road, commencing at the store of W. A. Pegram in Greenwood and running to the east bank of Eubank bayou, and that he have the hands of W. W. Harper, sr., and all the hands in and about Greenwood and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work said road for 12 months, and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, that A. Flournoy, jr., be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Shreveport and Texas road, commencing at the east bank of Eubank bayou and to work the same to the Texas line, and that he have his own hands and all others not otherwise apportioned, and to work the same 12 months and to make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that John Burns be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Buncomb road, from the Greenwood and Mansfield road to Bethany, and that he have the hands of Warren Alford, Berry Hill, A. J. Fortson, E. S. Fortson, J. H. Burns and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work said road for 12 months and make his reports as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that Isam M. Booth be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Greenwood and Mansfield road, from Greenwood to J. A. McRady's, and that he have the hands of V. H. Jones, Isham Booth, W. E. Doty and his own, to work the same for 12 mouths and to make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that James B. Hill be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from J. A. McRady's gate to where said road intersects the Buncomb and Shreveport road at the corner of Dockery's fence, and that he have the hands of J. A. McRady, F. S. Bass and V. D. Metcalf, to work the same for 12 months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, that Henry Wagner be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road from where it crosses the Mansfield and Greenwood road to the west bank of the bayou at Jefferson Guice's, and that he have the hands of J. C. Porter, H. Wagner, A. Simpson, T. R. Simpson, E. M. Coleman, A. Green, L. B. Dockery and his own, to work the same for 12 months, and to make his report as the law directs.

Be it ordained, that L. F. Holt be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Lewis Corzein's to where it intersects the Greenwood and Marshall road, and that he have the hands of L. F. Holt, J. Adams and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for 12 months, and make report according to law.

Be it ordained, that Joseph Whitworth be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Walling ferry road from where it leaves the Shreveport and Marshall road to the Texas line, and that he have the hands of Mrs. Whitworth, Mrs. Harrison, J. J. Yealock, J. B. Hughes, his own and all others not otherwise apportioned, to work the same 12 months and make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, that M. E. Lefoy be and is hereby appointed overseer for the ensuing 12 months on that part of the Lake-road commencing at Alfred Warnick's house and running to the west bank of Cross bayou, and that he have the hands of R. S. Wilson, J. A. Wildy, A. Warnick, M. E. Lefoy and seven of John Page's hands to work said road, and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, that W. W. Harper, sen., J. W. Pegram and Robert Ballard be and are hereby appointed commissioners of elections at the precinct in Greenwood, in and for Ward No. 2, for twelve months.

Ward No. 3.

Be it ordained, that J. T. Fullilove be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road from Shreveport to Loganport, beginning at E. N. Hagans' and ending at the DeSoto line, and have the following hands:

James Fullilove's hands, W. Foster's, William Fullilove's, F. Foster's, J. B. Scott's, S. D. Parker's, Wm. Bird's, jr., and Jas. Foster, self, and all others on that line not mentioned above, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that Henry Pollard be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road from E. N. Hagans to the corner of doctor Joseph Wilder's yard, and have the following hands:

J. T. Fullilove's hands, A. B. McMillen's hands, J. C. Burrow's hands, Mrs. Susan McCall's hands, H. C. McCall, self, Robt. McCall, self, E. N. Hagans' hands and Willis Pollard's hands and all others on that line not mentioned above, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that doctor York be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Willis Pollard's to the State line, by the way of Blossom Hill and terminating at the State line, and that he have the following hands:

Dr. York's hands, Isaac Hughes' hands, doctor L. A. J. Hughes' hands, M. Johnston's hands and George Johnston, self, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that E. M. Mathews be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road from DeSoto line to Greenwood, beginning at Spring Ridge church and terminating at J. A. McRady's, and have the following hands: E. M. Mathews' hands, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that John May be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Greenwood to Blossom Hill, beginning at W. E. Doty's shop and terminating where it unites with the Shreveport and Logansport road, to work for twelve months, and have the following hands: John May's hands, Phillip May's hands, William Ashland's hands, James Robinson's hands, A. Alexander, self, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that D. H. Mallory be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Spring Ridge church to the State line near W. C. Payne's (lately measured) and have the following hands: D. H. Mallory's hands, A. J. Rutherford's hands, A. D. Battle's and L. G. Scogin's hands, Calvin Bayns, self, Jos. Davidson, self, doctor Baise, self, T. Cole, self, N. Hudson, self, John B. Johns, self, Luther Davidson, and all other hands, to work for twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that George Crowder be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Greenwood to Keachie, beginning at the line of doctor Lote and terminating at the corner of doctor J. Wilder's yard, to work for twelve months, and to have the following hands: James Hollingsworth's hands, Mrs. Crowder's hands, G. H. Bozeman's hands, Dan. Bozeman's hands, Wm. Attaway's hands, and all others not mentioned above, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that W. W. Allen be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the Shreveport and Logansport road (via the turnpike,) beginning at the turnpike and terminating at Mrs. Blakey's, to have the following hands: Jacob Smith's hands, E. D. William's hands, W. W. Allen's hands, Mrs. Allen's hands, Josiah Guill's hands, Wm. Lawrence, self, George Andrews' hands, Jerome Eaden, self, Lafayette Eaden, self, and James Butler, self, and all other hands not mentioned above to work for twelve months and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that H. D. Keath be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the Shreveport and Logansport road, beginning at the Keachie bayou and terminating at the turnpike, and have the following hands: The hands belonging to the estate of James Brack, Mrs. Amanda Hollingsworth's hand's, R. C. Bony's hands, C. F. Harris' hands, Thos. Fullilove's hands, H. D. Keath's hands, Mr. Britton's hands, William Norton, self, to work twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that Samuel Edmunds be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Shreveport to Loganport, beginning at Summer Grove and terminating at the corner of doctor J. Wilder's yard, and have the following hands: John Davidson's hands, doctor J. Wilder's hands, W. A. Lacy's hands, P. P. Butler's hands, Joel Butler, self, Thompson Williams and John W. Kean's hands, W. G. Borey's hands, Isaac Willis' hands, John Sandler, self, G. W. Kelly, self, James Simms, self, T. L. Scogin's hands, J. D. Howerton's hands, Jno. Sullivan's hands, Jeptha Sullivan's hands, Isaac McKey's hands, Louisa McKey's, Sam'l Edmund's hands, G. B. Merritt's, John Ford's hands, Monroe McKutching's, Mark McKutching's and Mr. McDaniel's hands, and all others not otherwise appropriated, to work twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that Mike Johnston, J. T. Fullilove and Samuel Edmunds be and they are hereby appointed managers of elections for the following year for Ward No. 3.

Ward No. 4.

Be it ordained, that Washington Jenkins be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road from the Shreveport and Norris' ferry road to Jenkins' ferry, on bayou Pierre, for twelve months from this date and shall he have the hands of T. T. Land, L. D. Arnett, W. Jenkins, his own, McCrary's, E. C. Hart's, and all other hands on said road no otherwise apportioned, to work the same.

Be it ordained, that O. D. Williams be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the Norris ferry road from the corporation line of Shreveport to the township line between sections 16 and 17, and that he have the hands of R. T. Buckner, N. E. Wright, J. W. Smith, D. Dashiell, J. Alley, R. White, his own, James Wilson, John Walpole, Mrs. White, estate of W. L. Pickens, and all other hands on said road not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for twelve months from this date.

Be it ordained, that Eldrid Ward be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road from Shreveport to the Four Mile spring, with the hands of himself, Mrs. Tabor, G. S. Taintor, M. Watson, R. Cain, Jenkins and Logan, H. Douglass and all other hands on said road not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for twelve months from this date.

Be it ordained, that Alexander Waldran be appointed captain, and James D. Jenkins, F. D. Taber, R. W. Logan and Robert Cain be appointed a patrol for Ward No. 4 of the parish of Caddo.

Be it ordained, that William Simmons be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road from the Four Mile spring to the N. W. corner of his plantation, and that he have the hands of A. Leonard, Jonathan Guice, T. P. Palmer, his own, Mrs. Nicholson, T. D. Gary and all others on said road not otherwise apportioned, to work the same for twelve months from this date.

Be it ordained, that W. Thatcher, John Walters and G. W. Dillard be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of election for Ward No. 4, at the Shreveport precinct, for the next twelve months from this date.

Ward No. 5.

Be it ordained, that Rodrich Nicholson be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the Mansfield road from where it intersects the Greenwood road to Summer Grove, with the hands of Angus Nicholson, William Smith, R. C. Oglesby, James Powell, Andrew Pickens and his own and all other hands in the vicinity of said road not otherwise apportioned, for the next twelve months, and to make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that Allen Flanagan be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the Natchitoches road from Summer Grove to the Cypress bayou, with the hands of B. K. Stephens, Edward Grumble, Mrs. Youngblood, Shadrich McCall, and all other hands in the vicinity of said road subject to road duty not otherwise apportioned, for the next twelve months, and to make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that James B. Willis be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the Mansfield road, from where it intersects the Loganport road to Cypress bayou and he have the hands of W. J. Beall, Manoah Willis, W. B. Elder, Wm. Wyche, his own, and all other hands in the vicinity of said road not otherwise apportioned for the next twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that John R. Cutliff be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Shreveport to Norris' ferry, commencing at the township line between townships 16 and 17 and ending at the ferry, with all the hands heretofore apportioned to said road for twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that John L. Gilmer be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Summer Grove to Mansfield, with the hands of R. L. Gilmer, Mrs. Johnston, David Gilmer, Wm. and Claiborne Blaky, and his own hands, and all other hands in the vicinity of said road not otherwise apportioned, for twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, that William Johnston, Andrew Jenkins and Wm. J. Beall be and are hereby appointed commissioners of election for Ward No. 5, to serve for twelve months.

Ward No. 6.

Be it ordained, that W. E. Warmsley be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road, for the next 12 months, commencing at the lower end of Mrs. Bossier's plantation and ending at the mouth of Loggy bayou.

Be it ordained, that W. Hutchinson be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road, for the next twelve months, commencing at Pascagoula bayou, and ending at the lower end of Mrs. Bossier's plantation.

Be it ordained, that T. L. Dupree be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road, for the next 12 months, commencing at Morris' ferry on bayou Pierre river and ending at Pascagoula bayou.

Be it ordained, that E. K. Hall, B. H. Adle, T. L. Dupree are hereby appointed commissioners of election for the next twelve months at the upper box in Ward No. 6, Rush island.

Be it ordained, that L. Templeman, G. W. Robinson and W. E. Warmsley are hereby appointed commissioners of election for the next twelve months at the lower box in Ward No. 6, Rush island.

Ward No. 7.

Be it ordained, that John Payne be appointed overseer of the Pitts' ferry road, commencing at Harrison's gin house to Pitts' ferry, and work the same for twelve months, and have the hands of S. Pitts, John Payne, Robert Payne, John Herndon, Thomas Barlow, Peter B. Johnston, Posey, John R. R. Harrison, James Harrel, Wilson, Rice, and all other hands not otherwise apportioned, and make returns according to law.

Be it ordained, that Josiah Hale be appointed overseer on Pitts' ferry road, commencing at Harrison's gin house, and work to the Texas line, and work the same for twelve months, and have the hands of E. Calvert, J. Hale, Robert Lowe, James Reid, James Conley, W. D. Browning, E. Crutcher, Bell J. Shenick, S. D. Caldwell, and all other hands in the beat not otherwise apportioned, and make returns according to law.

Be it ordained, that —Williams be appointed overseer on the road from Croom's ferry to Pitts' ferry road, and work the same for twelve months and have the hands of doctor Stewart, and make returns according to law.

Be it ordained, that John R. R. Harrison, Robert Payne and Peter B. Johnston be appointed commissioners of election for the next twelve months in Ward No. 7.

On motion of Jas. A. Jeter, the fine assessed at the last meeting of this board vs. R. L. Gilmer, for non-attendance at said meeting, be remitted.

On motion of Jas. A. Jeter, the following preamble and ordinance was submitted for adoption:

WHEREAS, The Police Jury of Caddo Parish deeply regret the persistent disposition exhibited by the friends and advocates of the railroad tax, in their endeavors to force the collection of the same in opposition to the known wishes of the majority of the landholders of Caddo Parish, and

Whereas, the friends and zealous advocates of this unjust and odious measure seem disposed at every hazard, and at the expense of justice and every principle of free government, to take all technical advantages, and

Whereas, The Parish Recorder has, with good intentions, no doubt, and what he may have believed his duty, taken of Benj. T. Scogins, parish tax collector, a bond for the collection of the railroad tax, and

Wherens, The same may be construed into an admission by the Police Jury of the indebtness of the Parish as claimed, to be to the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas railroad company, therefore

1 Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, That the act of the Recorder in requiring said bond, was unauthorized, and that we declare it as the sense of this body, that nothing less than a fair and full majority of the bona fide land holders of the Parish could ratify the ordinance of this body for said subscription; and further, that such majority has never voted in favor of said tax, therefore

2 Be it further ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, That all ordinances heretofore passed by this body in relation to said railroad tax be, and they are hereby repealed.

3 Be it further ordained, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of——, who are hereby appointed for that purpose, to be used in the employment of counsel, to defend or oppose the collection of said tax, either in connexion with those citizens of the Parish who are now opposing and contesting the legality of said tax, or in the employment of additional counsel, and generally to aid in the payment of any costs and expenses that may occur in the opposition to said tax.

Upon the foregoing preamble and ordinances, a division of the question was called for, when the preamble and first ordinance was submitted—the yeas and nays being called for, was as follows:—Yeas—Jas. A. Jeter, Robert Lowe, Robert L. Gilmer, W. A. Lacy and Joseph Beard. Nays—W. A. Pegram. The vote being in the affirmative, the second ordinance was submitted, and the vote as follows: Yeas—Jas. A. Jeter, Robert Lowe, Joseph Beard, and W. A. Lacy. Nays: W. A. Pegram. The vote being in the affirmative, the third and last ordinance was submitted, and the vote as follows: Yeas—Jas. A. Jeter, Robert Lowe and J. Beard. Nays—W. A. Pegram, Robert L. Gilmer and W. A. Lacy. The vote being a tie, R. T. Buckner, president, voted in the negative, so the last ordinance was rejected.

On motion of R. T. Buckner, to provide for the erection of a courthouse, the yeas and nays were demanded. Yeas—Robert L. Gilmer, Robert Lowe, W. A. Lacy and Joseph Beard. Nays—Jas. A. Jeter and W. A. Pegram. The vote being in the affirmative, the following ordinance was adopted:

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, That there shall be appropriated by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to build a court house and suitable offices for the Parish of Caddo. That the said sum of ten thousand dollars be levied upon the tableaux of taxable property of the Parish of Caddo for the year 1856; to be collected by the parish tax collector, and paid into the parish treasury, by the first day of June, 1857. Said tax to be levied in par funds. That said court-house be erected upon the public square in Shreveport.

Be it further ordained, &c., That R. T. Noel, W. A. Pegram and Geo. M. Nichols be, and they are appointed a special committee, to superintend the erection of said court-house, and that they be requested to act; and that said committee be authorised to receive proposals for plans and specifications for said house, with full power to adopt the plan, and contract for the building of the same, with full power also to use the aforesaid sum, by drawing upon the Parish Treasurer for the amount hereby appropriated.

R. T. BUCKNER, President.

N. E. WRIGHT, Secretary.

The board proceeded to the election of a Parish Constable for one year. Thomas McCall offered to perform the duties for $120 00. E. Attaway, sen., offered to perform the duties for $100 00. The yeas and nays being called for, were as follows: for McCall, R. L. Gilmer, Robert Lowe and W. A. Lacy. For Attaway, James A. Jeter, W. A. Pegram, and Joseph Beard. The vote being a tie, R. T. Buckner voted for McCall, who was declared duly elected at $120 00.

On motion the bond of Thos. McCall as Parish Constable for last twelve months was ordered to be cancelled.

On motion of W. A. Pegram, N. E. Wright, esq., was requested to prepare and report to the next meeting of the Board of Police, a rate of fees to be charged by justices and constables for services by them rendered the Parish of Caddo in criminal and penal causes.

There being no further business, the board adjourned sine die.

R. T. BUCKNER,
Prest. Police Jury.

Attest—N. E. WRIGHT, cl'k Police Jury.

SILKS, BRANDY AND CIGARS.—To those who have not examined the statistical returns published annually by the government, the amount paid every year for luxuries will appear fabulous; but the figures do not lie, no matter who may doubt.

We boast of our ability to feed the world, and of the business we are doing in that way now, and few suppose that the silks—piece goods, including ribbons, but not buttons and ornaments chiefly manufactured of silks—brought here for the adornment of republicans and their wives and daughters exceeed in value by eight millions of dollars all the flour that we send abroad. Yet such is the case. In the year ending June 30, 1855, we exported $14,783,394 in flour, and imported $22,370,911 in silks, leaving the balance we have above stated to be charged to the difference between the pride of Americans and the appetite of all the world besides.

Our corn fields, particularly in the west, are the occasion of much national boasting. We measure them singly by miles square, and estimate their aggregate value in hundreds of millions; but the amount of this, our national staple, which we send abroad, is overshadowed by the cost of cigars with which we poison breath and ruin health. In the period we have named corn worth $1,374,077 left our ports, and cigars valued at $3,311,935 were brought in.

The herds of cattle and resulting barrels of beef people never tire talking of. They see in them a large part of the material with which we can fill the maw of all civilised mankind. Our merchants who are in that line watch the foreign markets with great solicitude, and guage their prices by signals from the other side of the water. But of beef, tallow, hides and "horn-cattle" was sold for all other countries only $2,214,554 in the last commercial year, and during that time we bought brandy to the amount of $3,241,408.

We deal largely in tobacco, raise it in quantities, chew and smoke it without limit. It constitutes the third in value in the list of commodities, which this country has to spare. Yet, we export only $11,319,519 in value of this article yearly, and last year we received in return tea and coffee amounting in round numbers to $24,000,000. Even in narcotics the balance of trade is largely against us.

Bacon, lard and live hogs are not unimportant items in our commerce; yet we send abroad only enough of these to buy the linen we wear.

But "cotton is king." That wipes out the pecuniary effect of the follies and extravagances which all have conspired to commit. Of that we sent out last year shiploads enough to swell the aggregate value of the export to the amount of $106,456,000, a sum greater than the value of all other exports, specie included.

WAR WITH ENGLAND.—The reflecting portion of the English press are employing themselves in calculating the cost and consequences of a war with this country. The expenditures of pounds, shillings and pence would of itself be no trifling item; and with the sequence of additional taxation upon a people who are already strained to the very verge of forbearance, the expectation of a rupture with their best customer is sufficient to excite the fears and arouse the interest and anxiety of all classes of her majesty's subjects.

The consequences of a war between the two countries are duly appreciated by the commercial interest of both countries. Which of the two would suffer most from such a calamity could only be determined when a balance should be struck at the termination of the controversy; the loss of life and the moral effects of such a strife between kindred nations being left out of the account.

A leading English paper, which properly comprehends the value of the preservation of peace with the United States, furnishes a table of the exported products of Great Britain to foreign countries, from which we learn that the U. States consume £21,127,631 of the industrial products of that kingdom, while the other foreign countries designated take only the amount of £30,150,500.

The declared value of the raw cotton imported in the United Kingdom in 1854 amounted to £20,173,393. The declared value of the cotton goods exported during the same year, including cotton twist, was £31,745,851. This shows that the people of England, after supplying themselves and their colonies with the manufactures proceeding from this cotton, were enabled to furnish the rest of the world with a surplus to the amount of £11,470,464.

These figures of themselves will be sufficient, we think, to satisfy our friends across the water that their true policy will be to abstain from all interference, directly or indirectly, in the affairs of their American brethren.

HIGH ASPIRATIONS.—The Philadelphia Bulletin remarks that of late years, every other man seems to be aspiring to the presidency, and every other newspaper mentions some Tom, Dick or Harry, the lion of some little locality, but whom nobody else ever heard of, who, by some inscrutable dispensation, has managed to connect his name with the presidency. The Bulletin seems greatly disgruntled that the country should have come to such a pass, and that peaceable and unoffending citizens should be beset at every turn by swarms of political lazaroni, hungry for place and notoriety.

Upon which the Richmond (Va.) Dispatch remarks that the editor of the Bulletin ought to regard the matter in a more philosophical and liberal spirit. It takes all sorts of people to make a world. "Some men are born great—some have greatness thrust upon them;" and others spend their lives in a fruitless pursuit of it. This is a free country, and every man has a right to aspire to the presidency, or to the moon, if he sees fit. Moreover, after some of the elevations which have taken place to that office, there are few individuals, however obscure, in whom it would be presumptiousness to dream of the highest political exaltation which our institutions permit.

The intense frosts of the recent winter have had the effect of greatly damaging brick and stone work in Philadelphia. The Inquirer says hardly a foot of really solid and perfect brick pavement is to be seen in any street, large or small, and some of the finest and costliest marble and brown stone steps have been literally sundered by the action of the cold weather. Well, plant new trees, it is warm enough now to make any thing grow.

Cousin Ben.

"Visitors!" exclaimed Kate Bennett, impatiently, as she laid aside the book she had been reading and in which she had been deeply interested, and took the cards which the servant presented.

"Dear me, how provoking! Just as I am in the most exciting part of the story—and that pert, disagreeable Emily Archer, too," she added, reading one of the cards, "who else I wonder?"

Was there magic in that simple bit of pasteboard, inscribed only with two words, "Richard Warren?" It would almost seem so, so instantaneously did her countenance change.—The frown that had disfigured her beautiful brow disappeared, her eyes sparkled, and without another thought of the book, she hastily assured herself, by a glance in the mirror, that her toilet was unexceptionable, and left the room.

As she entered her drawing room, and greeted her guests with all that grace and elegance of manner for which she was distinguished, Emily Archer surveyed her with one critical glance; but dress, as well as manner, was faultless.

"It must be confessed that Kate Bennett enters a room like a queen," she thought, with a pang of envy and jealousy, as in Richard Warren's face she read undisguised admiration of the lovely girl before them.

What casual observer, who had marked the meeting of these young ladies, would have dreamed that, under all their outward friendliness, each hated the other with her whole heart?

Yet so it was. Kate and Emily were rival belles, and their claims to admiration were so equally balanced that it required no little exertion on either side to gain the ascendency and be acknowledged the victor.

If Kate, with her classical features, queenly dignity, elegant figure, and exquisite taste, at first sight threw her rival into the shade, Emily's piquant style, sparkling, animated countenance, and sprightly conversation, were by many preferred to Kate's statuesque beauty.—It was impossible to decide which was the loveliest; each had their adherents and admirers, but as they were equally numerous, it seemed probable that the season would draw to a close without the all important decision of the question, which had been, par excellence, the belle.

Just at this time, Richard Warren returned from Europe. The arrival of so undeniably elegant, handsome and wealthy a gentleman was an event—all the fashionable world was in a flutter, and the rivals saw at once that the important epoch had arrived. She whose claim he advocated, whom he favored with his admiration, would at once stand upon the precarious pinnacle of belleship. Each left nothing undone to win him to her side, though their tactics were entirely different.

Emily brought to bear upon him the batteries of her sprightly wit, while Kate adroitly laid the mine of apparent queenly indifference. As yet, though it was evident that Richard admired both, his preference was not known—perhaps he hardly knew himself which was the most charming.

But during this exposition of the claims of the rivals, a lively conversation had been going on. The last new novel and the opera had been discussed, as well as some of their mutual friends, and in the midst of some wickedly witty remarks of Emily on a would-be fashionable lady, a loud voice was heard in the hall. It came near the door, and the words could be distinctly understood:

"You no-brained, impudent jackanapes, I'll teach you manners, I'll make you laugh on t'other side of your mouth!"

The door was flung open, and in walked a tall, athlethic and sun-burnt young man, whose really fine form was disguised in an ill-fitting suit of evidently domestic manufacture, and who stood off a moment awkwardly looking around him; then hastily approaching Kate, he flung his arms around her, and gave her a loud smack on the cheek.

She withdrew herself, quickly and haughtily from his embrace.

"Sir!" she said, with freezing dignity.

"Law! don't you know who I be?" exclaimed the new comer, in nowise disconcerted, "waal, I do actually believe you've forgot me. Don't ye know yer cousin Ben? Ye see, I don't like farmin' no how you can fix it; so I quit that and came to the city. Jim Simpson was down to our place. He's doin' first rate here. He said 'twas dreadful hard work to get a start in the city, but I guess I aint a goin' to slump through where he gets ahead. I'll risk it anyhow."

At the commencement of this speech Catharine had alternately flushed and paled, for she was deeply mortified that Richard Warren and Emily Archer should have been the witnesses of such a scene. She caught a triumphant and scornful glance from Emily. It restored all her pride.

With all the grace of which she was mistress, she turned to the new comer:

"You must excuse me, cousin Ben," she said, "that I had forgotten you. A few years make great changes, and I can hardly retrace in your countenance a feature that reminds me of the land who went nutting with me in the dear old woods of Hampton. Allow me, Miss Archer," she added, turning to her, "to present to you my cousin, Mr. Adams. Mr. Warren, Mr. Adams," and with perfect composure she saw his awkward bow and scrape.

Emily Archer at once mischievously commenced a conversation with Mr. Adams, and was proceeding to