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OPELOUSAS:

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All aboard for Thibodaux!

Reed's Itch Ointment never fails.

New Irish potatoes will soon be enjoyed by our early gardeners.

Chocolate Ice Cream at the Star Saloon, next to Posey's, to-morrow at 11.

Japan plums and strawberries are ripening and are offered for sale on our streets.

The pews at the Catholic Church will be sold at auction to-morrow after High Mass, for cash.

The Governor has granted a respite to Boree Peterson, who was to be hanged here on the 27th inst.

Our flagstone sidewalk is finished, and it is "a daisy." The price of subscription remains the same.

An obituary notice of the late Achille Dupré was handed in too late for insertion in this issue. It will appear next week.

The civil docket of our District Court was taken up on the 8th, but it is probable the present term will not end before the last of next week.

The Opelousas Brass Band will render some choice selections of music at the Catholic Church, to-morrow, Easter Sunday, at High Mass.

Is the question of building a rice mill at Opelousas being seriously discussed by our business men? We are unable to answer this query, as we have heard nothing about its agitation.

We have received the first two numbers of the Lafourche Comet, a new paper just established at Thibodaux, of which Judge Hiram H. Carver, a veteran newspaper writer, is the editor. It is bright and newsy, and we cheerfully place it on our exchange list.

The past week — Holy Week — has been a solemn and conspicuous one with the Catholic world. To-morrow—Easter Sunday—the grandest epoch in Christian annals will close the sacred Lenten season. It is to be hoped that its due observance will increase the piety of all Christian people.

BASKET PICNIC.—The hospitable citizens of Bellevue will give a basket picnic between the residences of Capt. J. P. Smith and Capt. Montgomery on Saturday next, the 27th. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, and we rest assured that all who go will have a most pleasant and enjoyable time in that delightful neighborhood.

In the death of Mr. Achille Dupré, which occurred on the 15th inst., Washington lost one of her most prominent and highly esteemed business men, and St. Landry parish one of her oldest and best citizens. In common with a host of friends, we extend our sincere condolence to his bereaved children and relatives in their affliction. Peace to his ashes.

The Convent of the Immaculate Conception, in our town, is in a flourishing condition, with good prospects of still greater prosperity. There are, at present, over fifty pupils in that excellent institution, twenty of whom are boarders. The Sisters Marianites of the Holy Cross are able and earnest teachers and command unlimited confidence as thorough and capable educators of girls and young ladies.

As will be seen by the advertisement elsewhere, a grand excursion to Thibodaux will take place on the 28th inst., the proceeds to be devoted to the erection of a public school building in Opelousas. The price of round trip tickets is very low, and we would advise all who desire to spend a pleasant day and pay a visit to one of the prettiest, neatest and most progressive and attractive towns in the State to not miss this tempting opportunity.

Mr. Diomel Durio, the efficient Superintendent of Public Roads, has been doing some excellent work with the road machine during the recent spell of dry weather. During the past week he has been working in Prairie Ronde, a flat strip of country, and to secure good drainage and a high grade, he cut a canal six feet wide, two feet in depth and twenty-one arpents in length. When we urged Mr. Durio's qualifications and appointment as superintendent of roads, we did so with the earnest conviction that he would be "the right man in the right place," and he is proving it.

An elaborate national celebration of the centennial anniversary of Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States will take place in New York City on Tuesday, April 30th. In New Orleans also, as well as in other cities throughout the country, the event will be fittingly commemorated. In New Iberia, for instance, the firemen will have a grand parade, addresses will be delivered at the Opera House, and the Masons will lay the corner stone of their new hall with impressive ceremonies, followed by an appropriate oration. Then will follow the christening of the steam engine of Iberia Fire Co. No. 1, the presentation of a banner to the company and a grand ball at night. Why should we not observe the day in Opelousas in some fitting manner? We might at least have an oration or two to remind us of the noble deeds, the virtues and the sacrifices of our revolutionary sires, the pioneers of American freedom, and the founders of the most marvelous nation in the world's history.

Time to Turn a New Leaf.

Some five months ago we called upon the Town Council for a statement of the financial operations of the last Board, offering to publish the same gratuitously. We also urged them to publish at least once every quarter a similar statement of their own financial operations, offering to publish every alternate one gratuitously. They have been deaf to our reasonable request and suggestions. They have been in office for a year, and no statement showing the amounts collected and disbursed, whether by themselves or their predecessors, have they ever made public. While they have received from the Treasurer of the last Board an exhibit showing the financial operations of the year 1887, they have for some unfathomable reason failed to give their constituents any information whatever concerning the matter. And they also have not only failed to give the people any insight into their own financial transactions, but they seem to not have required any reports on this subject from their own officers charged with the collection and disbursement of the town's revenues! This seems incredible, but after reading the report of the Finance Committee published in our last issue, one can hardly doubt it. That report says: "Your committee make no report from the Street Commissioners as *no books* have been kept by them. We make no report concerning the Constable for the same reason." We would say in all kindness to the members of the Board who are responsible for this state of things, but we say it plainly, that this loose, slip-shod way of attending to the public business will not do. The people are getting tired of it. They expect, and they have a right to expect, that their financial affairs should be managed in a more business-like manner; and they expect—and they have a right to expect—to be informed at least once in two or three years what has become of their tax money.

The month of May has from time immemorial been recognized as the Queen Month of Flowers, but from the gorgeous array of an almost infinite variety of roses, geraniums, pinks, verbenas, lilies, and others too numerous to mention, which have been blooming for some time past in the many beautiful flower gardens of our town, it would seem that April should at least be the "regent" of the rich garniture of spring. The exquisite camelia japonica, which has been in bloom for two months or more, has just cast its last flower and is now putting on a new coat of green, and from now on for months to come the air will be redolent with the most ravishing perfume, and the eye delighted with a never ending variety of beautiful colors. Flowers have been very aptly termed the "Poetry of Nature;" and their rich but delicate tints and delicious odors certainly breathe a sentiment and rhythm of emotion which could not be inspired by any lifeless copy of art. We pity the man or woman who does not love flowers.

At a public meeting held here last week provision was made for the appointment of a committee on raising ways and means for building a public school house in our town. We are pleased to learn that it has already gone to work, and that a dramatic entertainment will soon be given in furtherance of this most worthy object. The ladies have taken hold of the matter, and the success of the movement is therefore assured; for, as every one knows, in the lexicon of beauty there is no such word as fail.

Hon. M. E. Girard, a prominent lawyer of Lafayette, died in that town on the 15th inst., in the 61st year of his age. He was born in France, but came to Louisiana at a very tender age, and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court at Opelousas in 1849. During the war he was District Attorney of the district composed of St. Landry, Lafayette and Calcasieu. He was a leading Mason, having ascended to the 33d degree, and had filled the offices of grand master of the Grand Lodge and grand high priest of the Royal Arch Chapter of the State.

At an election held last Sunday at the Presbytery of the Catholic Church for four members of the Board of Wardens of said church, Rev. J. F. Raymond and Messrs. J. O. Chacheré, Laurent Dupré and Eugène Lavergne were elected; the former to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the President, Rev. G. Raymond, and the three latter in their own stead, their terms having expired. The Board now consists of Dr. V. Boagni, J. J. Thompson, H. E. Estorge, B. Martel, Treasurer, and L. A. Sandoz, Secretary, besides the gentlemen above named.

Meetings of the commissioners appointed by the several parishes under Act 92 of 1888, to equalize the assessments of property belonging to railroads, telegraph and telephone companies, have been called at various points in the State. Those to assess Morgan's Louisiana and Texas road, the Louisiana Western road and Morgan's branch road, with the telegraph and telephone lines in their respective parishes, will meet at Lafayette on Wednesday next.

Mr. Willie Burr killed a very large catamount in the thicket south of town one day last week. As they are very destructive to young pigs, we think Mr. Burr deserves a "roast pig" for putting the "varmint" out of the way of future depredations.

Rich food, and lack of exercise, during the winter months, causes the system to become torpid and the blood impure. A dose or two of St. Patrick's Pills will cleanse and invigorate the system, purify the blood and do more good than a dollar bottle of blood purifier. Sold by F. E. Bailey.

A watch for only two dollars and fifty cents, warranted to keep good time, at R. Mornhinveg's jewelry store.

All aboard for the City of the Wonderful Clock!

Personal.

Mrs. Alcée Dupré is visiting friends in New Iberia.

Mrs. F. F. Halphen is on a visit to friends in Lafayette.

Miss Batille Fontenot, of Opelousas, is the guest of friends in Ville Plate

Miss Lydia St. Gaudin, of our sister town of Washington, is visiting friends here.

Gilbert Baillio, Esq., of Washington, gave us an appreciated visit last Wednesday.

Mrs. Martha Parrott, of Garland Station, was the guest of Mrs. C. B. Andrus on last Sunday.

Mr. P. J. Lefebvre is having his new cottage covered with slate. It will be a charming and attractive residence when finished.

Mrs. Diomel Durio, who has been seriously ill for several weeks past, is reported to be slowly improving, with fair hopes of ultimate recovery.

Mr. Linn Tanner, of Cheneyville, the energetic Farmers' Union organizer, gave us a pleasant call last Wednesday. He was on his way to Acadia parish.

Mr. J. B. Clements, representing the popular firm of F. F. Hansell & Bro., booksellers, stationers and dealers in druggists' sundries, 30 Camp street, New Orleans, was in town this week and favored us with a call.

At a meeting of the St. Landry Bar Association, held on Tuesday morning, Messrs. T. H. Lewis, C. W. DuRoy, W. C. Perrault and W. S. Frazee were appointed a committee to attend the funeral of Hon. M. E. Girard, at Lafayette, the same evening.

District Attorney Jos. C. Gibbs, of Lake Charles, who spent a few days at his old home here with relatives and friends during the past week, gave our office a pleasant call last Thursday. Our friend Joseph is making his mark in his profession, and he reports everything on the road to solid prosperity in the "Lake City."

Mr. Leopold Isaacs, of Abbeville, La., gave us a brief call on Thursday. He is a deaf mute whose father kept a store in the Ealer building, next door to our office, in 1869, and is now canvassing for several very valuable books. He is also agent for the Alpine Safe Co., of Cincinnati, and manifests considerable aptitude for business.

Correspondence.

HAASVILLE, LA., April 15, 1889.

EDITORS COURIER:

During the past week or so every one has wished for rain, and their hopes and wishes were rewarded on the afternoon of the 13th and early morning of the 14th inst. The ground is thoroughly wet now, and all planted crops will grow with a rush. All crops are clean and in splendid condition. Corn looks better than I have seen it at this season for years before. With a few more good rains the corn crop will be an assured fact. Cane is said to be coming up to a good stand; the stubble is reported as being in fine condition and beginning to rattoon.

So far this year I hear no complaint about cotton not coming up to a stand. The land on most if not all places was well prepared before planting; as a consequence the seed come up very quick and are growing off very strong and healthy.

The gardeners have early potatoes, and some very fine ones at that. All garden plants seem to be doing well. The country is building here and there, not so fast but sure, in a business-like way. Health through the country never better.

YOURS, ILLINOIS.

Special telegrams to the N. O. Picayune from Washington, D. C., dated April 15th, say:

It is said to-night that Gen. Thomas C. Anderson is a candidate for collector of internal revenue for the New Orleans district, indorsed by Mr. Coleman. The anti-Colemanites say that the general's indorsement for collector of the port by Senator Sherman was transferred to Hero, but that Sherman when he comes will repudiate the transaction.

Secretary Windom has to-day and altogether discharged fifteen out of nineteen negro laborers employed in the internal revenue bureau.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. E. Bailey.

Eastern and Northern Stock of Planting Potatoes, such as Early Rose, Peerless, Russets and Burbanks, at Bottom Figures, at C. Dietlein's, Union street.

The old, old story is plainly but aptly told in a few words by Messrs. H. D. & G. W. Brown, of Pellville, Kentucky, as follows: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has given the best satisfaction of any cough medecine we ever had in the house." Sold by F. E. Bailey. 27

Genuine Texas Red Rust Proof Oats at New Orleans prices, and best Wheat Bran, at C. Dietlein's.

Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic relieves Sick Headache. Sold by Theo. Posey, Opelousas.

It stands at the head of all Southern newspapers. The Great Times-Democrat of New Orleans, La.—Daily and Weekly. *It has the argest circulation.*

When threatened with cholera morbus a dose or two of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic will save you time and suffering.

DIED—At Washington, La., April 15, 1889, ACHILLE DUPRE, aged 64 years and 7 months.

—At the residence of her son-in-law, Hon. J. L. Morris, at Opelousas, La., April 17, 1889, Mrs. ELIZA A. HUDSPETH, aged 77 years, 8 months and 17 days.

Prepare for the accidents and diseases of the New Year. Buy a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. Sold by Druggists.

Final Report of the Grand Jury.

To E. T. Lewis Judge 13th Jud. Dist. La.

The Grand Jurors of the parish of St. Landry, respectfully submit the following as their report on the questions into which it has become their duty to inquire:

PARISH JAIL.

We have made a careful inspection of the parish jail and have found everything clean and well kept in that institution. The prisoners confined therein say that they receive good treatment and are bountifully provided with food, against quality of which they have no ground for complaint. Upon the whole we have found the administration of the Jail entirely satisfactory and highly commendable to the Sheriff and deputies who have it in charge.

COURT HOUSE.

We visited and inspected the Court House; we find this building neatly kept, but it is now undergoing repairs which are unfinished, and upon this point we are not prepared to make any report.

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

We have visited the Recorder's Office and inspected the documents on record there, with their places of deposit or keeping in said office. In reporting the condition of records, shelving cases &c, we would state that we found many valuable records in a very mutilated condition, caused both by the ravages of time and constant handling, then we found the facilities for putting and storing away said records very meagre indeed there being an insufficiency of both shelving and cases. In view of these facts above recited we would recomend that the Police Jury make such appropriations as may be necessary to have such of these records as may require it, reinscribed and that they also have such as may need it rebound, that they have constructed shelving or pigeon holes or cases with glass doors, so as to protect them from dust and other species of dirt.

CLERK'S OFFICE.

On visiting the Clerk's office we found about the same conditions of affairs existing there; we discovered that the succession index was badly mutilated. As this is a very valuable and important book the loss of any part of which could be replaced with great difficulty we would recommend that the Police Jury make the necessary appropriation to have said index reinscribed in a new book.

Upon examination of the condition of the records filed in said office we discovered that many of them are devoid of the proper covering, to protect them from dust and keep them together; we would suggest that the Police Jury take this matter under consideration and provide the adequate remedy for its relief.

The furniture in said office, though we boast that we are the "Empire Parish" of the State, is attractable only for its primitive simplicity and crudeness, and in style and material belongs to an age long since past, and might possibly be of value to some collection of antiquities, but is out of keeping with the refinement, taste and decency of the present time. We would recommend that the Police Jury, as soon as the straightened circumstances of the parish finances will permit buy a set of tables, desks, and chair etc., that will be more becoming to the situation in which they are to be used.

STATEMENT OF PARISH TEASURER.

We have also looked at the statement of the Parish Treasurer, now on file in the Clerk's Office. As far as we have been able to investigate said statement we find it correct, presented in a neat and business form, and we feel constrained to compliment him on the efficient manner in which he is conducting the financial affairs of the parish.

We were charged by your Honor to examine said statement and ascertain if any management could be suggested by which the witnesses in criminal cases might be paid off in cash. On this point we would report that there is no money in the parish Treasury to the credit of the witness funds, that all monies to the credit of that fund have been expended, that the law provides that the expenses of a year must be paid out of the revenues of that year, and that as the taxes of 1889 are not yet collected it will not be possible to pay the witnesses in cash before fall, unless the Police Jury will accept the following suggestion and recommendation from us. According to the statement of the parish Treasurer there is on deposit in his hands $3450.88 of funds not otherwise appropriated accruing from the collection of 1889. We have been informed that the appropriations for witnesses in criminal cases is about $1500 per annum, and that said appropriation usually falls short about $1000 per annum of meeting the legitimate expenses of criminal court in the way of compensation of witnesses, that this deficiency then laps over, and from year to year becomes a part of the existing debt.

In order to avoid this condition of affairs, we would first recommend that the appropriations for the pay of witnesses in criminal cases be increased at least $1000 per annum. In order to provide for the pay of witnesses at this term of court, we would suggest that the Police Jury, hold a called meeting at as early a day as practicable, and that they consider at that meeting whether it would not be proper to take from the $3450.88 of funds not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient amount say $1000 to $1200 and create therefrom a fund for the purpose of paying witnesses in criminal cases, until the taxes of this year are collected.

There being no further business before us we would respectfully request that we be discharged.

C. J. THOMPSON,
Foreman Grand Jury.

A Move in the Right Direction.

We learn from the Ouachita Telegraph that the following resolutions were adopted at a recent session of the Farmer's Union of Ouachita:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the most effective way to combat the bagging trust is the packing of cotton in small bales, thereby enabling us to use Lowells if need be for a wrapping; and that we recommend that if owners of public gins will not change their presses, that each sub-union procure a press to pack their cotton.

Resolved, that we heartily endorse the establishment of a bagging factory in Monroe and look on it as the most important enterprise to the farmers of Ouachita that could be inaugurated; and that we advise the farmers to assist in the building of it to the fullest extent of their ability.

Theo. Posey will sell you a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic for 50 cents, and tell you what it is good for, free of charge.

General Notes.

Reed's Itch Ointment the best.

The population of Louisiana is about 1,000,000.

Lonisiana pays something like $482,192 annual interest on its debt.

The total assessment of Louisiana will be about $206,000,000.

Barham's hand-made Cisterns are the best. Sold by E. H. Vordenbaumen.

Quist's Selected Stock of Planting Potatoes and Vegetable Seeds at Dietlein's.

The firemen of Alexandria are making arrangements for a grand railroad excursion to Dallas, Tex.

Rev. Father Forges of Lafayette has a beautiful flower garden, and the Advertiser is authority for the statement that he has 1,000 different varieties of roses.

A special election was held on the 6th inst. in the first drainage district of Ascension parish to levy a tax of fifteen mills for drainage purposes and the vote was unanimous in favor of it.

The Georgia Farmers' Alliance, representing 100,000 farmers, resolved last week that every bale of cotton raised by Alliance men should be marketed in cotton instead of jute bagging.

When a person tells you they never had such a cold in their life take their word for it and advise them to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure it. For coughs, colds and hoarseness it has no equal. Sold by F. E. Bailey.

New Iberia Enterprise: Mass will be celebrated on next Sunday in the new Catholic church, and his many friends will be pleased to know that Rev. Father Parmentier has sufficiently recovered from his injuries to officiate at early mass.

President Harrison has requested that April 30th be celebrated as the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of President Washington, and that the people give thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow for the manifold blessings enjoyed during the century.

Iberville South: This parish has appropriated three hundred dollars for the Soldiers' Home. The appeal for help has been sent to every parish in the State and should meet with a hearty and prompt response. In this way only can the Home be supported for the next year. When the Legislature meets in 1890 it is to be hoped that our solons will be more mindful of the claims of the poor soldiers.

Germany is going to try to muzzle the press. France has already passed a law for that purpose, and the United States Senate gives it out that the editor of a newspaper that presumes to criticise the acts of the members of that body will be punished in one way or another. And yet, we will wager that a free and untrammelled press will survive all these petty assaults, and triumph over its enemies.—Boston Herald, Ind.

Monroe Telegraph: The commencement exercises of the State Normal School at Natchitoches will take place on the 18th, 20th and 30th insts. The State Teachers' Institutes, conducted by the faculty of the State Normal School, will be held as follows, continuing one week at each place: Alexandria, Monday, May 13; Opelousas, Monday, May 20; Homer, Monday, May 27; Delhi, Monday, June 3. It is proposed to hold other institutes in the fall at points to be hereafter selected.

Monroe Bulletin: The New Orleans City Item, the newsiest and spiciest newspaper published in the State, and which has a knack of "catching on" to every good item afloat and publishing it first, gives the following political pointer from an experienced observer:

"In my position I meet people from all parts of the State who talk frankly and freely with me, and I am amazed at the revulsion of sentiment that has swept over the popular mind in regard to Gov. Sam. McEnery. If that gentleman keeps his health and he desires that sort of a vindication, nothing can beat him from becoming the Governor of Louisiana next term. Who will be the Governor should McEnery decline to leave the bench to run for it? Why, State Auditor O. B. Steele. That is dead sure. Its dollars to doughnuts."

Commenting on the above, the West Baton Rouge Sugar Planter says:

There can be no question but that "Observer" is correct—so far, at least, as his views in regard to Judge McEnery are concerned. Thousands of people in this State are to-day firmly convinced that in a contest now or two years hence between Judge McEnery and Gov. Nicholls, the former would have a perfect walk-over. So much for the possibilities of the case. As a matter of fact, however, it is questionable whether Judge McEnery would abandon his present exalted position and competence for the ephemeral honor of a "vindication" and the beggarly pittance doled out to the Chief Executive of this great State. Samuel Douglas McEnery needs no vindication. Time, which makes all errors apparent, has vindicated him as no nomination ever could. As for Hon. O. B. Steele, he has made an excellent Auditor, but — Well, stranger things have happened.

NOTICE.

The death of our father will cause no interruption in the business heretofore carried on by him. The same will continued under the same firm name and style of Achille Dupre.

GODFROY DUPRE,
JOS. TERREBONNE DUPRE.

Washington, La.,
April 20th 1889, 1-m.

A CARD.

"TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM," Which was to be performed by the O. P. L. & D. Association on Tuesday, the 23d inst., has been postponed in consequence of a death occurring in the family of one of the principal performers.

Opelousas, April 19, 1889.

TOWN TAX PAYERS NOTICE.

All Town Taxes for the year 1888 and all previous years not paid within the next thirty days will be collected with costs.

JEFF THOMPSON,
Town Tax Collector.

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Proceedings of the Police Jury.

OPELOUSAS, APRIL 8th, 1889.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: E. M. Bosgni, President, E. C. Milburn, P. Robin, E. S. Barry, L. J. Dossman, S. Haas, C. T. Bihm, H. Durio and P. Stagg.

On motion of Mr. Dossman the minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.

A communication from the Farmers' Union relative to taking the sense of the voters of 2d ward as to whether hogs should be allowed to roam at large or not, was received and upon motion of Mr. Robin it was laid on the table.

Mr. E. C. Milburn paid in for Chas. Lafleur, constable 5th ward, $2 for hogs taken up, and for Chas. Stagg, for unbranded stock sold, $20.

On motion of Mr. Milburn, Messrs. D. P. Saizan, J. W. Bailey and Preston King, were appointed a committee to ascertain what repairs are necessary to be made to the draw-bridge across bayou Courtableau at Taylor's ferry, and to let the same out at public auction to the lowest bidder, after due notice.

On motion of Dr. Barry, the petition to open the road near Firmain Jacobs and Jim Blackwell, was laid on the table until next regular meeting.

On motion of Capt. Haas, the petition from citizens of Cany Creek, asking for change of road leading from Godwin's Hill to parish line, via J. L. Perrodin's, as follows, viz: To leave the present road about half a mile east of Perrodin's house, and run as direct as the situation will permit, to the new bridge across Cany Creek, thence west along or near an old road about half a mile and intersect the present road near Perrodin's hog pen.

Same was granted, provided such change be made in accordance with section 9 of road ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Dossman, the report of the committee appointed to lay out public road from mouth of Jesse Malbroux's lane, on road from Washington to Ville Plate between lands of Sam Haas, Madison Fontenot, and Ernest Vidrine and thence again by lands of Sam Haas until it comes to the lane near the place known as the John Deville place and then intersect with the road that leads from Opelousas to Ville Plate be accepted, committee discharged, and the road aforesaid be and is hereby declared a public road.

On motion of Mr. Milburn, Capt. Gibbons and Messrs. Lee McNicholl, C. D. Stewart, V. Bourdin and Carl Wolff were appointed a committee to examine the draw-bridge over bayou Courtableau at Washington, ascertain its condition as also that of the fenders of said bridge and report at the next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. H. Durio, the road inspector was instructed to cause any and all obstructions to the drainage of the public road at Lou Pitre to be removed.

The committee appointed to lay out a public road in Pot Cove reported that they had laid out said road thus: Starting from Mrs. Paulin Hawkins', running north between Daniel Hawkins and Daniel Webster, thence between the lands of Lewis René and Augustin Ledé and Dorsin Durousseau, and Camel Gobert and Augustin Ledée, thence between Mrs. J. B. Gaubert and Sosthene Durousseau, thence between Mrs. J. B. Gaubert and Emile Gaubert, thence between Theodule Gaubert and Emile Gaubert, thence south-east between Lucien Durousseau and Emile Gaubert, thence between Edmond Morain and Lucien Durousseau, thence between Gustave Morain and Adelin Lejeune, thence between Adelin Lejeune and Cleophas Gaubert thence between the lands of Sam Haas and Francois Birotte, thence between Theodule Charles and Francois Birotte, thence between E. Latreyte and Pierre Durousseau, thence between Pierre Durousseau and Louis Esprit, thence to intersect the old public road at Victorin Lemelle's following the old road to the Mallet bridge; from thence between the S. W. La. Land Co. and Sosthene Lavergne, thence between land of J. A. McClelland and S. W. La. Land Co., thence between land of J. A. McClelland and Therence Johnson, thence running south between land of J. A. McClelland and Leon Pitre, thence running east between the land of Leon Pitre and Paulin Carriere to intersect the public road leading from Opelousas to Prud'homme City.

When on motion the report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the road as laid out declared to be a public road.

On motion of Mr. Milburn the petition from citizens of the 11th ward relative to hogs running at large, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Robin, the report of the Parish Surveyor relative to re-locating public road between the lands of Frozard, Castille and others, was laid on the table until next regular meeting on account of the absence of the Parish Surveyor.

On motion of Mr. Durio, the chair appointed Messrs. J. O. Chacheré, Homer Durio, Diomel Durio and André P. August as a committee to view out a change in the public road from the west end of the Greenwood lane on the south side to Malveau's bridge, so as if possible to make said road run on the line between the lands of H. L. Garland and estate of Peter Marcy and Malveau, said change to be made according to Sec. 9 of Road Ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Dossman, Be it resolved, that whereas Act 44 of the General Assembly, Session of 1877, provides:

"That in all civil cases in which a jury may be prayed for and allowed, it shall be the duty of the party praying for the jury to deposit with the Clerk of the Court twelve dollars as jury costs, and no jury shall be ordered in any civil case unless the said cost is paid; provided, that in cases in which the Judge ex-officio shall order a jury in a civil case, the plaintiff shall advance and pay to the Clerk the jury costs of twelve dollars, which shall finally be taxed as costs against the party cast in the suit. In case the plaintiff does not advance the cost so ordered, the case shall be continued to the next term of the court; and should he fail to advance the said costs by the next term of court, the Judge shall dismiss the case as in case of non-suit. At the close of each jury term of the District Court the Clerk shall pay over the total civil jury tax for the term to the Parish Treasurer; and this fund shall be expended for no other purpose than that for which it was deposited; provided, nothing herein shall be so construed as to require by any party payment of such jury costs more than once.

As I am aware that such cases were tried at the last term of the civil court, I have asked the Parish Treasurer and he informs me that no such money has been deposited with him. So be it resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon the Clerk of the District Court and see how much of such money he has collected, and turn same over to the Parish Treasurer. And be it further resolved that every three months the Clerk of the District Court be ordered to file a statement of such money turned over to the Parish Treasurer, with the Clerk of the Police Jury, and the same be spread on the minutes.

Whereupon the chair appointed Messrs. Dossman, Haas and Robin on said committee.

On motion of Mr. Haas, be it resolved, that the President be and is hereby authorized to employ a surveyor to locate all lands belonging to the parish of St. Landry lying in and near the town of Opelousas.

On motion the Police Jury took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order.

Present: E. M. Boagni, President, E. S. Barry, L. J. Dossman, E. C. Milburn, P. Robin, C. T. Bihm, H. Durio, P. Stagg and S. Haas.

On motion of Mr. Durio, be it resolved, that E. M. Boagni be and is hereby selected as the member from St. Landry of the Board of Commissioners to equalize the assessment of Railroad, Telegraph, etc., as provided by Act No. 92 General Assembly 1888.

On motion of Dr. Barry, whereas the committee appointed on Oct. 8, 1888 to sell the contract to repair the St. Landry end of Carencro bridge, and whereas said committee failed to do so, be it resolved that said committee be discharged, and the amount appropriated for that purpose be cancelled.

On motion of Dr. Barry, be it resolved, that the following appropriations be made out of funds of 1889, under supervision of road overseers, namely: $10 on road from Dick Smith to Reyaud's leading to Acadia parish; $15 on road leading from Ovide Guidry to Dick Smith; $60 on road leading from Alex. Cummings to Church Point.

On motion of Dr. Barry, be it resolved, that on account of scarcity of road hands on the new road leading from Garland Peck to Dimmick's, that the road overseer be and is hereby authorized to order hands from the road leading from Bourbeux to Mme. J. B. Lavergne, namely: Victor Richard, Eugene V. Lavergne, Eugene C. Lavergne, Adam Lavergne, Joseph Richard and Amédé Provost.

On motion of Dr. Barry, be it resolved, that the road superintendent be and is hereby instructed to show the road overseer where the line runs of the road leading from Alex. Cumming's to Church Point.

Mr. J. J. Thompson in behalf of the committee appointed by the Police Jury to wait upon the School Board, reported that the School Board had appointed a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Police Jury relative to the advisability to purchase a safe.

On motion of Mr. Milburn the report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged. On motion of Mr. Milburn, be it resolved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the School Board relative to the purchase of a safe. On motion of Mr. Dossman be it resolved that the motion of Mr. Milburn be laid on the tabe—yeas, P. Stagg, J. L. Dossman, P. Robin and Bihm. Nays, Haas, Barry, Milburn and Durio; being a tie the chair voted nay.

Mr. Milburn's motion was then adopted. The chair appointed Messrs. Milburn, Dossman and Haas on said committee.

Messrs. Haas, Dossman and Stagg having been appointed a committee to examine the claims filed against the parish, reported through their chairman, Mr. Haas, that they examined and found correct the following claims, viz:

E. W. Lyons, Sheriff of Acadia	$ 9.50
J. Meyers & Co., spikes	8.00
St. Landry Democrat, printing licenses	3.50
W. H. Haw, building bridge	50.00
L. M. Furgerson, building bridges	50.00
Martin Budd, glasses, etc	0.25
L. E. Littell, surveying	15.00
T. L. Doublen, repairing bridge	15.00
D. Ross, sundry articles for jail	59.95
" " " "	21.55
M. Fontenot, building bridge	50.00
Opelousas Courier, assessment blanks	64.00
" " " "	3.00
" " " "	2.25
" " adv'g. sale of bridge	1.50
" " " order of Court, etc.	24.00
Sam Haas, lumber, etc	22.50
St. Landry Democrat, adv'g. proposals and License Ordinance	30.12
St. Landry Democrat, order Police Court	23.50
Jos. Bloch, sundry accounts	26.80
E. A. Guidry, magistrate fees	41.15
E. P. Gundry, constable fees	44.00

On motion of Mr. Robin, be it resolved that the report be adopted and committee be discharged.

REPORT OF SHERIFF.

Statement of T. S. Fontenot, sheriff and ex-officio Tax Collector for the parish of St. Landry for collection of Parish Taxes and Licenses, during the month of March, 1889:

To collection on Parish Taxes of 1888		$ 664 40
" " Corporation Crim'l Tax of 1888	$17 77	55 00
To collection of interest on taxes of '88,	15 62	33 39
Total		$ 752 79
Less 5 per cent Com. for collecting		37 63
Net for the parish		$ 715 16
To collection of Parish License	$1410 00	
Less 5 per cent com for col	70 50	
Net for the Parish	$1339.50	1339.50
Aggregate for the Parish		$2054 66

The above is a true and correct abstract from the cash books and License Register as audited by the Parish Auditor in my office on April 2d, 1889.

T. S. FONTENOT.

Mr. Oscar H. Terwilliger reported that he discovered twenty three thousand acres of land not assessed.

On motion the Police Jury adjourned until Monday June 10th, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Attest:
E. M. BOAGNI, President.
H. E. ESTORGE, Clerk.

ORDER OF COURT.

BY virtue of the authority vested in me by law it is ordered that a Special Jury term of the 14th Judicial District Court of Louisiana be held in and for the parish of St. Landry, beginning Monday, June 10th, 1889, and ending Saturday, June 22d, 1889, for the disposal of civil business. And it is ordered that the clerk of this Court enter of record this order and give public notice of the same according to law for the period of thirty days and before the 10th of June, 1889.

Given at Opelousas in open Court this 15th of April, A. D. 1889.

E. T. LEWIS,
Judge 13th Jud. Dist. La.

BY virtue of the above order we the undersigned Jury Commissioners, have proceeded this day April 17, A. D. 1889, to comply with the same and have drawn from the Venire Box sixty jurors required by law, of which the following is a list:

FIRST WEEK

Of Court, June 10th, 1889.

1 Charles Teal ..... Chicot
2 J. J. Thompson ..... Opelousas
3 Louis Bihm ..... Plaquemine Ridge
4 Lucien Landreneau ..... Mammouth
5 Valsin Richard ..... Grand Coteau
6 Henry Clay ..... Arnaudville
7 Edward Moreau ..... Mallet
8 Cornelius Donato ..... Opelousas
9 C. A. Frazee ..... Bellevieu
10 David Conklin, Jr ..... Washington
11 L. A. Black ..... Opelousas
12 J. A. Guidroz ..... Arnaudville
13 A. J. Grimstead ..... Opelousas
14 Antoine Frangebois ..... Plaisance
15 Francois Miller ..... Grand Coteau
16 Ducoudré Ledoux ..... Plaisance
17 H. L. Frugé ..... Whiteville
18 Joseph Sibille ..... Grand Coteau
19 Ernest Clements ..... Opelousas
20 Forestier Richard ..... Bayou Teche
21 Derneval Roy ..... Arnaudville
22 Alexandre Moreau ..... Bayou Teche
23 Homere Bourgeois Plaquemine Ridge
24 A. A. Quibedeau ..... Bayou Teche
25 Hildevert Deshotels ..... Old Od Prairie
26 James Washington ..... West Melville
27 E. V. Barry ..... Grand Coteau
28 André Mallet ..... Bayou Teche
29 Jules Prilot ..... Prairie Laurent
30 Thomas Morris ..... Beaver Creek

SECOND WEEK

Of Court, June 17th, 1889.

1 Emile Robin ..... Bayou Teche
2 Peter Johnson ..... Plaisance
3 Joseph Ancelin ..... Old Grand Prairie
4 Adolphe Donato ..... Opelousas
5 A. L. Stagg ..... Barbreck
6 J. S. Foglemen ..... Big Cane
7 F. L. Lastrapes ..... Opelousas
8 Jos. Thompson ..... near Washington
9 Wm. Higgins ..... near Opelousas
10 Edgar Launey ..... Mallet
11 Mike Walker ..... West Melville
12 M. D. Levy ..... Grand Cotean
13 Louis Arnaud ..... Prairie Laurent
14 Don L. H. Fontenot ..... Paquetaloque
15 Wm. Eves ..... Washington
16 Ernest Morrow, Jr ..... Morrow
17 Louis Jolin ..... Grand Prairie
18 Calawal Ely ..... Bayou Teche
19 E. J. Conway ..... near Vile Plate
20 Emile Mèche ..... Grand Coteau
21 Preval Chrétien ..... Plaisance
22 Jack Melancon ..... Opelousas
23 James Aikenhead ..... "
24 Adelin Durio ..... Arnaudville
25 Ludger Lastrapes ..... Prairie Laurent
26 Arville Rider ..... Teche
27 Jack Donato ..... Opelousas
28 Cleophas Tate ..... Tate Cove
29 T. A. Clayton ..... near Washington
30 John I. Bell ..... Morrow

P. STAGG,
F. LASTRAPES,
L. M. ROGER,
C. M. THOMPSON,
Clerk.

A true copy,
W. R. COCHRAN, D'y. Clerk. Apr. 20.

GRAND EXCURSION

—TO—

THIBODAUX

—ON—

SUNDAY, APRIL 28,

For the Benefit of the

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

OF OPELOUSAS.