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Have you paid it yet?

The police jury and town council held a joint conference Wednesday afternoon with a view of devising ways and means to solve the ferry problem, but no conclusion was arrived at. Another meeting of the two bodies will be held at the courthouse at noon next Wednesday, and it is to be hoped that some way out of the pending dilemma can be found.

Lots of citizens right here in Ascension are going to allow themselves to be disfranchised next year by not paying their poll taxes before the 31st of next month. And when they will be anxious to take a hand in the fight being waged all over the country against corporate greed, political graft and boss rule, it will fill them with anger and chagrin to find that their own neglect has deprived them of the right to cast a ballot.

Ulysses J. Esneault, a son of Cecilien Esneault of Faubourg la Pipe, was severely scalded about the right side last Sunday afternoon by the bursting of a water pipe in the Oak Alley factory, St. James parish, where he was employed as water-tender. The young man was attended by Dr. Numa Himel and brought home that evening, and while his injuries caused him great suffering, The Chief is glad to note that he is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Among the local items appearing in last week's issue of The Chief was one to the effect that Arnold Ramirez, "a former Donaldsonvillian who for the past several years has resided in New Orleans," had spent several days here as the guest of relatives and friends. Mr. Ramirez calls our attention to the fact that this statement may create the impression that he is a permanent resident of New Orleans, which is not the case. He adds: "My legal residence is still Donaldsonville, Ascension parish, where I am a registered voter and where I pay my poll taxes."

### Death of Mrs. Ferdinand Lachese.

Mrs. Ferdinand Lachese, nee Maillete, died at the home of James Fortier, in Chetimaches street, at 11:30 o'clock a. m. last Saturday, the 10th inst., aged 87 years. Mrs. Lachese was a native of France, but had lived in this town for upwards of half a century and was highly esteemed by a large number of friends and acquaintances. Her remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at 9 o'clock Sunday forenoon, after impressive services at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Deceased was an aunt of Mrs. James Fortier, of Donaldsonville, and Mrs. A. E. Truxillo, of A Bend, to whom The Chief begs leave to tender assurances of sincerest sympathy.


### Had a Close Call.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickel, Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the salve completely cured it." Cures cuts, burns and injuries. 25 cents at J. J. Leche's drug store.


### District Court.

Sessions of district court were held on Tuesday and Wednesday of the current week, with Judge Paul Leche presiding and a full attendance of other officers and members of the local bar. A record of the business disposed of is contained in the following summary:

Frank P. Lions vs. Mrs. J. S. Webster; answer filed.

J. H. Menge & Sons vs. Donaldsonville Iron Works; judgment for plaintiffs.

L. E. Bentley et als. vs. Mrs. Rene Cavalier; re-assigned to Thursday, Jan. 3, 1907.

Foster Creek Lumber Co. vs. Ascension Land and Improvement Co.; exception of no cause of action sustained.

J. D. Simms vs. J. M. Ourso, Jr.; judgment for plaintiff for $40, plaintiff's other demands being rejected.

Isom Smith, receiving stolen goods; tried and convicted; remanded for sentence.

### Methodist Notes.

There will be services at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock a. m. and 3:30 and 7 o'clock p. m. tomorrow. Seats are free and the general public is extended a cordial invitation to be present.

Gospel meetings were held daily during the past week, with Rev. C. D. Atkinson officiating. R. N. Jeffery, the noted singing evangelist, led the music.

The young people and children of the Methodist congregation will participate in a grand rally at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Jeffery will lead the singing.

A conference of laymen was held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon for the purpose of promoting interest in church work in this section. Rev. T. J. Worlick, of New Orleans, presided, and those in attendance were J. I. Conklin of Plaquemine, Rev. P. O. Lowery of Melville, and H. L. Baker of Plattenville.

### Meeting of Vigilant Hose Company.

A rousing meeting of Vigilant Hese Company No. 3 was held at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, with President Jasmin Tobias occupying the chair and a large number of members in attendance. Much business of importance was transacted, including the ratification of the president's action in purchasing a horse to draw the company's handsome new fire apparatus. Applications for membership submitted by George Dugasson, C. S. Stuckey, C. Chambers, Abe Samuelson and Habib Shaheen were read and favorably acted upon. John Braud was elected second assistant foreman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ernest Ganel, who recently removed to Alexandria. Extensive repairs will shortly be made to the company's premises in Railroad avenue, and when the allotment of new hose is received the Vigilants will be one of the best-equipped fire fighting organizations in this section of the state.

### Pay Your Poll Tax.

Following is an extract from a speech delivered by Benjamin T. Waldo, president of the New Orleans Poll Tax Association:

"The man who does not pay his poll tax is a more serious menace to the city and the state than the anarchist or the professional agitator. The lack of interest in politics on the part of the average young American constitutes a greater danger to the republic than even the influence of the money power or the trusts. If there was an electorate of 40,000 in New Orleans there would be better government; if every man in the south devoted half the time to politics that he does to speculating on evils that do not exist there would be no 'courthouse rings' honeycombing this section from the Ohio to the gulf; if Americans would devote a tenth of the time to a study of their country's needs that they do to golf, to baseball or to autocars there would be no such spectacle presented as that of a United States senator posing as a tribune of the people at home and accepting the bounty of the Standard Oil Company in Washington."

What applies in New Orleans, applies in Donaldsonville and Ascension parish.

Pay your poll tax.


### No Poison in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

From Napier, New Zealand, Herald: Two years ago the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales, Australia, had an analysis made of all the cough medicines that were sold in that market. Out of the entire list they found only one that they declared was entirely free from all poisons. This exception was Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, made by the Chamberlain Medicine Company, Des Moines, Iowa, U. S. A. The absence of all narcotics makes this remedy the safest and best that can be had; and it is with a feeling of security that any mother can give it to her little ones. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is especially recommended by its makers for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.


### Educational Rally at Gonzales.

A well-attended meeting of public school patrons was held Friday afternoon, the 2nd inst., at Gonzales, in the interest of the new school building which it is proposed to erect at that place. President E. N. Pugh and Superintendent D. B. Showalter of the parish board of education were present and addressed the gathering, which included a large number of ladies, and after an enthusiastic discussion of the matter, the following committee on ways and means was appointed: Dr. J. B. Easterly, chairman; Mrs. McHenry, vice chairman; Mrs. J. A. Marchand, secretary, and Mrs. Jos. Gonzales, treasurer. The committee decided to give a fair and a picnic to raise funds to defray the cost of the building, and to judge from its personnel and the enthusiasm and public spirit shown by the ladies and gentlemen in attendance at the meeting, there is no doubt but that Gonzales will be able to boast of an up to date school building in the near future.

State Superintendent H. L. Whitfield of Mississippi and State Superintendent J. B. Aswell of Louisiana will address an educational rally to be held at Gonzales next Thursday, at 1 o'clock p. m., in the interest of the new school building, and at the conclusion of the meeting will drive to Donaldsonville to speak before a meeting of teachers and patrons to be held in the Gondran Theater that evening at 8 o'clock. The public in general, and the ladies especially, are cordially invited to attend these meetings.


### On the Safe Side.

Neglected coughs and colds put one on the unsafe side. There is no need to take these chances. Royaline Cough Cure, taken in time, will quickly put you on the safe side. You will find nothing better for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Contains no opium. Pleasant, safe, sure. Keep it on hand. 25 cents. Money back if you want it. Get a bottle today. For sale by F. L. Trepagnier, J. J. Leche and Edmond Richard.


### Cooper--O'Fallon.

Linton L. Cooper, formerly of this parish, but for the past two years a resident of Baton Rouge, and Miss Leila O'Fallon, an attractive young lady of Hope Villa, were married Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist church at the latter place, Rev. A. I. Townsley, of Baton Rouge, officiating. The sacred edifice was attractively decorated with quantities of lovely chrysanthemums, palms and ferns, and presented a most beautiful appearance. Back of the pulpit was a great pyramid of white bride roses and feathery ferns, while suspended over the chancel were two hearts of white chrysanthemums, entwined, under which the bridal party stood while the solemn ceremony was performed. Miss Ella Knox, of Baton Rouge officiated as organist.

Miss O'Fallon is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hillman, and is an exceptionally prepossessing and accomplished young woman. Mr. Cooper is an assistant professor of mechanics at the Louisiana State University and A. and M. College, from which institution he graduated with high honors in June, 1904. He is held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of knowing him, and bids fair to achieve much prominence in his chosen field of endeavor. The Chief takes pleasure in extending the happy couple hearty congratulations and cordial good wishes.

### Strayed or Stolen—Two Mules.

Col. Jas. S. Webster, of Cofield, has been busy telephoning up and down the river since Monday last in an effort to locate two mules which either strayed or were stolen from Point Houmas plantation. One of the animals is described as a black mare mule about fifteen hands high, ten years old, branded "O" on left cheek, well formed, with mane clipped. The other is a light bay mare mule, fifteen to sixteen hands high, between four and five years old, branded "O" on left cheek, with small scar on outside of left hind foot and a few roan hairs on hips and coupling, mane closely clipped, tail not shaved since last winter. Both of the animals are in good condition.


### A Year of Blood.

The year of 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tacket, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood, which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tacket's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me to death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds by J. J. Leche. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.


## SUGAR SQUIBS.

**Items of Interest from Field and Factory. Progress of the Grinding Campaign in Ascension and Elsewhere.**

The weather during the past week has been decidedly variegated and peculiar, and at this writing is still in an unsettled condition. Sunday, like its immediate predecessors, was almost unprecedentedly warm, but during the night the mercury took quite a tumble and Monday dawned clear and cold. Tuesday was equally as clear but somewhat colder, the mercury in Observer W. D. Park's government thermometer registering 33 degrees at 7 a. m. Frost was plentiful and it is said that ice formed in secluded places, but this must be taken with a grain of salt. The temperature rose to above normal Wednesday forenoon and shortly after midday a hard rain fell for a period of about twenty minutes, the total precipitation aggregating approximately half an inch. The remainder of the day was clear and warm, the sun shining with such intensity that all traces of the welcome shower were removed within a few hours. Thursday was warm and cloudy, and the same conditions prevailed yesterday, with the addition of a high wind that arose during the afternoon and blew right merrily until after nightfall. Today the weather is warm, cloudy and altogether unseasonable. Indications point to rain, but there is no telling what may happen in a meteorological way at this season of the year.

Wilbert's Sons' well-equipped Myrtle Grove factory in Iberville parish got under way on the 30th ult., and so far nothing has occurred to cause a cessation of operations. As previously noted, D. Ohlmeyer, of Donaldsonville, is holding down the position of chief sugar-boiler at Myrtle Grove, which is tantamount to saying that the sugar and molasses turned out at this house will command top prices on the market. Mr. Ohlmeyer is assisted by Theodule Michel, of this place, and Lucas Melancon, of Plattenville. Alexis Poirrier, also of Donaldsonville, is in charge of the double-effect.

J. C. Klos, of Belle Helene, was in Donaldsonville Wednesday attending the regular monthly meeting of the police jury, of which body he is a prominent and influential member. In response to an inquiry as to what progress is being made at the big Belle Helene central factory, Mr. Klos said: "Well, we run a little and close down a-plenty. However, everything is working smoothly and when we do run we travel some." The Newell crusher recently installed at Belle Helene on trial is operating without a hitch and will probably be retained. The claims of the manufacturers that the crusher will increase by 25 per cent the capacity of any mill to which it is affixed seem to be fully sustained, and the latest addition to the mechanical equipment of the Belle Helene factory promises to prove a valuable "find."

Col. J. S. Webster's Point Houmas factory will begin grinding next Monday morning, an earlier start having been eschewed because of the immature condition of the cane.

Both the cold snap and the shower of the past week were gladly welcomed by sugar planters in this locality, the former being needed to hasten the process of maturity and the latter to abate the dust and facilitate the work of stripping the leaves from the cane being cut for the mill. If we should be vouchsafed a spell of clear and reasonably cold weather the work of harvesting the cane crop will be greatly facilitated and the output of sugar materially increased, but if there should come a sudden freeze, followed by temperatures such as have succeeded this week's cool snap, it will spell disaster to the sugar interests and put the finishing touch on what is already a very disappointing and unsatisfactory season.

### Teachers' Institute.

The regular annual parish teachers' institute will convene in the local high school building at 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday, the 19th inst. All the teachers of the parish are expected to be in attendance.

Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Chas. Maurin, Hon. E. N. Pugh, president of the parish school board, and others.

Prof. J. W. Heckert, training teacher, and Miss Jessie Bowden, critic teacher of the State Normal School, have been secured as instructors. State Superintendent J. B. Aswell and State Institute Conductor J. E. Keeny will be present during the week.

On Thursday night State Superintendent H. L. Whitfield of Mississippi and Superintendent Aswell of Louisiana will deliver public addresses at the Gondran Theater. Prof. Mayer, a well-known vocalist of Baton Rouge, has been engaged to sing on this occasion. A real treat is in store for all who attend. Admission free.

The regular work of the institute embraces the following subjects: The business of the public schools, home and the school, functions of school officials, duties of teachers inside and outside of school, lesson plans, teaching of various subjects, discipline, school libraries, school gardens, normal training, consolidation and transportation, local problems, etc.

Thursday, Nov. 22, will be "Patrons and Directors' Day," and while patrons, directors and friends of education generally are invited to be present at all the sessions of the institute, it is particularly hoped they will attend in large numbers on Thursday, as matters of special importance will be discussed on that day.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the sessions and exercises of the institute.

D. B. SHOWALTER,
Superintendent and Secretary.

## Proceedings of the Police Jury Parish of Ascension.

REGULAR MEETING.

Donaldsonville, La., Nov. 14, 1906

The police jury of Ascension parish met this day in regular session, at the courthouse, and was called to order at 12:30 p. m. Present—Sidonius Goette, president pro tem., third ward; L. W. Armitage, fifth ward; J. C. Klos, sixth ward; M. G. Sevario, seventh ward; J. T. King, eighth ward; R. Prosper Landry, clerk. Absent—G. B. Reuss, president, first ward; George Bergeron, second ward; Albert Esneault, fourth ward.

The reading of the minutes of the last preceding meeting was dispensed with.

The following communication was read and received:

Donaldsonville, La., Oct. 6, 1906.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Ascension:

Gentlemen—During the two years of my lease-ship of the ferry privilege at Donaldsonville I have made a consistent and earnest test of the tariff of tolls placed in operation by you, and, with the exercise of the greatest econo y in operating expenses, I have found that under the rates as established it is impossible to operate a steam ferry at this point without heavy loss.

I therefore ask that joint action on your part looking to an amendment by increase of the rates be had, in order that through this relief to me I may be enabled to continue my contract.

Respectfully,
H. C. WHITEMAN, Ferry Lessee.

A communication from the secretary of the town council of Donaldsonville, accompanying a copy of the resolution adopted by that body at a special meeting held Oct. 29, 1906, was read and received.

On motion of Mr. Sevario, seconded by Mr. King, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved by the police jury of the parish of Ascension, That whereas in a contract executed before B. J. Vega, notary public, by and between the police jury of the parish of Ascension and the town of Donaldsonville on one part and H. C. Whiteman on the other part, under date of the twenty-fourth day of August, 1904, it is stipulated and agreed that the said H. C. Whiteman, lessee of the franchise and privilege of running and conducting a steam ferry between the town of Donaldsonville and Darrowville, in the parish of Ascension, for the carriage of passengers and freight, shall at all times furnish a strong and substantial boat capable of carrying not less than six vehicles and one hundred passengers and provided with two cabins, one for white and one for colored passengers, and all of the requisites of a well-appointed boat, the said boat to be kept in constant operation during the existence of the said lease and up to its expiration; and, whereas, the said H. C. Whiteman, lessee aforesaid, is actively violating the terms, conditions and stipulations of the aforesaid contract of August 24, 1904, especially and particularly in not furnishing a boat of the kind and dimensions as required by said contract, the boat now being used by said lessee being a tug and not a ferry boat and not answering in any particular the boat required to be furnished under the contract; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said H. C. Whiteman is in default under his said contract and has actively violated the same.

Resolved further, That the said H. C. Whiteman, lessee, and the said E. K. Sims and J. R. Duke, sureties, be and they are hereby called upon to comply at once with the terms and conditions of the said contract.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to H. C. Whiteman, lessee, and also to E. K. Sims and J. R. Duke, the sureties on his bond guaranteeing the faithful performance of the contract aforesaid.

The public accountant engaged to audit the accounts of the parish treasurer submitted the following report, which on motion of Mr. Klos, seconded by Mr. Armitage, was unanimously adopted:

New Orleans, La., October 12, 1906.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of Ascension Parish:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit to you the result of my audit of the accounts of the parish treasurer.

My first step was to analyze the bank accounts covering that period from July 1, 1904, to June 30, 1906, inclusive.

BANK OF DONALDSONVILLE.

I found this account, on the parish books, showing a debit balance at the close of day June 30th, 1906, of $4209.84, while the statement furnished by the bank at the same time showed a balance of only $1754.84, after crediting outstanding checks. It was evident here that some omissions and errors had been made either by the bank in crediting deposits or by the treasurer in giving proper credit to the bank for checks or vouchers issued. A thorough checking of the deposits disclosed that $86,237.13 had been deposited in the Bank of Donaldsonville, the bank statement showing $85,232.68, a difference of only $4.45. That difference is covered by an error of 45 cents made by the bank, $596.95 being credited as $596.50 on Feb. 7, 1906, and a deposit (apparently made June 19, 1906) of $4.00. The bank can find no record of this latter deposit and no duplicate deposit slip could be found, but the treasurer has an entry in his cash blotter showing a deposit for $4 00.

The bank statements show that parish vouchers to the amount of $71,243.42 had been paid by the bank, which amount agrees exactly with the treasurer's books.

There still remained $2450.55 unaccounted for, and that was finally located after a thorough checking of the school account. I found that a credit balance, taken for granted as correct, in the opening of the school funds account, was wrong, an error of $834.26 increasing said balance. The statement furnished to the school officials by the treasurer showing revenues from police jury tax, for year ending Dec. 31, 1905, to be $7834.26, instead of the actual amount received, which was $7000. Finding that the parish and school funds had become mixed, I compared the school checks paid by the bank with amount credited to the bank, as follows:

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| Checks paid by the bank | $39518 42 | |
| Checks outstanding | 448 50 | |
| Total | $39966 92 | |
| Checks credited | 38350 63 | |
| Difference | $ 1616 29 | |

The $1616.29 added to the error above balancing the remaining difference of $2450.55. The Bank of Donaldsonville was now given due credit on the books of the parish and a reconciliation shows:

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| Bank balance, June 30, 1906 | $3280 09 | | |
| Vouchers outstanding $1076 75 | | | |
| School check | 448 50 | 1525 25 | 1754 84 |
| Add error deposit Feb. 7, 1906 | | | 45 |
| Add deposit June 19, 1906 | | | 4 00 |
| Cash book balance | | | $1759 29 |

BANK OF ASCENSION.

The statement from Bank of Ascension showed, June 30, 1906, balance of $1131.23, the bank making an error of .02 cents, which is not here considered. The balance, reconciled, is as follows:

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| Bank balance, June 30, 1906 | $1131 25 |
| Vouchers outstanding | 3 15 |
| Cash book balance | $1128 10 |

PEOPLES BANK.

The Peoples Bank statement, after reconciliation, compared exactly with the cash book, and is as follows:

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| Bank balance, June 30, 1906 | $14477 62 |
| Vouchers outstanding | 130 97 |
| Cash book balance | $14346 65 |

At the end of each month the treasurer should check his cash and bank accounts, and prepare a reconciliation statement. A special book, ruled to three columns, should be kept for this purpose. To illustrate the idea I submit an example on a form attached to this report. At the end of a month when the treasurer receives his bank statement, he finds that the bank reports more cash on hand than his own cash book shows. Some vouchers issued and credited to the bank by the treasurer have not been presented for payment previous to the close of the month. He then proceeds to reconcile the account as exhibited on attached form. The outstanding vouchers of the longest duration come first on the list, and thus a quick reference tab is kept upon them, and after a sufficient length of time has elapsed, duplicates may be issued, or steps taken to cancel the payment of the outstandings vouchers, as the circumstances may require.

TRIAL BALANCE.

Following is the trial balance taken after closing the ledger:

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| DR. | | |
| Cash, Bank of Ascension | $ 1128 10 | |
| Cash, Bank of Donaldsonville | 1759 29 | |
| Cash, Peoples Bank | 14346 65 | |
| Bills receivable | 125 40 | |
| Budget, June 30, 1906 | 7225 07 | $24584 51 |
| CR. | | |
| Schools | $ 6111 98 | |
| Public roads, 2d district | 1347 40 | |
| Public roads, 3d district | 1185 63 | |
| Normal school student | 14 25 | |
| University student | 135 75 | |
| Bayou Conway drainage dist. | 1 84 | |
| Indexing conveyance book | 800 00 | |
| Donaldsonville bridge | 8766 49 | |
| Bills payable | 362 70 | |
| Budget, year June 30, 1904 | 5 95 40 | |
| Budget, year June 30, 1905 | 923 08 | $24584 51 |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

I herewith furnish an accurate tableaux of your receipts and expenditures:

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| RECEIPTS. | | |
| Cash on hand July 1, 1905 | $22374 28 | |
| Taxes, 1904 | 10 83 | |
| Interest | 3 50 | |
| Taxes, 1905 | 27560 13 | |
| Interest | 218 83 | |
| Licenses, 1905 | 1900 50 | |
| Licenses, 1906 | 4462 50 | |
| Bayou Conway drainage dist | 2771 06 | |
| Donaldsonville bridge | 263 65 | |
| Board of health | 314 60 | |
| Pauper fund reimbursed | 8 00 | $59887 89 |
| EXPENDITURES. | | |
| Assessor | $ 1124 64 | |
| Clerk of court | 200 00 | |
| Clerk of police jury and treas | 1200 00 | |
| District attorney | 750 00 | |
| Coroner and jail physician | 600 00 | |
| Sheriff's fees and maintenance of prisoners | 2700 01 | |
| Tax collector | 1849 98 | |
| Justices of the peace | 552 00 | |
| Constables | 657 00 | |
| Police jurors | 578 00 | |
| Grand jurors | 343 90 | |
| Petty jurors | 1069 80 | |
| Coroner's jury | 104 00 | |
| Witnesses | 742 80 | |
| Transportation | 251 35 | |
| Contingent | 2204 86 | |
| Repairs to Donaldsonville bridge | 173 08 | |
| Phoenix Fire Co. | 200 00 | |
| Smoke Bend school | 200 00 | |
| Janitor | 300 00 | |
| Parish printing | 345 50 | |
| Public roads, 1st dist | 1866 19 | |
| Public roads, 2d dist | 831 90 | |
| Public roads, 3d dist | 1368 34 | |
| Board of health | 6374 29 | |
| Paupers | 566 00 | |
| Schools, $8.00 less $834.26 | 7165 74 | |
| Normal school student | 135 75 | |
| University student | 114 25 | |
| Fire department | 360 00 | |
| Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital | 150 00 | |
| Bayou Conway drain. dist. | 7345 41 | |
| Ascension High School | 5000 00 | |
| Stenographer | 300 00 | |
| Budget, prior to June 30, '05 | 139 75 | |
| Special school appropriat'n | 300 00 | |
| Note due Sept. 1, 1905 | 369 30 | 48565 83 |
| Balance | | $11122 06 |
| RECAPITULATION. | | |
| Total receipts | | $59887 89 |
| Total exp'tu's | $48765 83 | |
| Cash in B'k of Ascension | $ 1128 10 | |
| Cash in B'k of Don'ld's'v'e | 1759 29 | |
| Cash in Peoples Bank | 14346 65 | |
| Less school funds | 6111 98 | 11122 06 |
| | | 59887 89 |

BUDGET BALANCE.

I call your attention to the balances, in the "budget appropriation accounts," carried over from year to year, as I deem it unwise to do so because your revenues cannot cover your current yearly expenditures and also the credit balances carried from previous years. It is preferable to close these accounts yearly, but should it be the sense of your honorable body not to do so, I recommend as an improvement the opening of a "budget reserve account" and the writing off yearly of all balances into that account. However, I think the latter a very poor substitute for the former. The budget is merely an estimate of revenues, and, based upon the revenues to be derived for a current year, a tableaux of probable expenditures is made. The main purpose of the budget is to guide against over-expenditures, and to make disbursements upon an equitable basis. I would carry in my ledger the amounts budgeted (in red ink) only as a memorandum to prevent over-payments, and at the end of a fiscal year would balance my ledger by showing the revenues and disbursements, and the cash balance or overdraft. I suggest this from the viewpoint of correct accounting and should you decide to act upon this recommendation, you will act wisely.

SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING.

The system installed by Mr. Von Borries is a splendid one, thorough in every particular and yet extremely simple. The books of account used are necessary and requisite, but the voucher register is the central figure of the group—the final results culminating in ledger entries. Beyond question, the main consideration sought has been simplicity and correctness, with a minimum of labor, the completed result being an abstract statement of receipts and expenditures well analyzed.

The only change I suggest is the form of voucher and I attach a form which I urge you to use. It is not necessary to have a stub to the voucher and it is far better to have them in pads, numbered consecutively beforehand. The entry in the voucher register shows everything the stub would show, and in a form far superior for reference. Every voucher should be accounted for. In case of an error being made and a voucher cancelled, the spoiled form should not be destroyed, but should be filed with the paid vouchers.

A file for paid vouchers should be provided for, and I suggest as a suitable one a document file section.

VAULT OR SAFE.

I cannot too strongly urge the necessity of a vault or safe for the safe-keeping of the treasurer's books, records and papers. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

BRIDGE AND FERRY NOTES.

It appears that during the yellow fever epidemic in the autumn of 1905 the lessee of the Donaldsonville bridge failed to pay three notes of $225.08 each, due Sept. 8, 1905, Nov. 8, 1905, and January 8, 1906. During the same period the lessee of the Donaldsonville ferry detained payment for one note for $25, due Oct. 21, 1905. He also failed to pay the note due Aug. 21, 1906.

The finance committee should take some action on these notes. Either enforce payment by legal proceedings, if they deem payments just under the conditions prevailing at the time, or take some measures to cancel the notes.

SCHOOL FUNDS.

It is absolutely necessary to eliminate the school funds from the parish funds. To prevent errors, or lessen the liability of same, the school funds should be deposited in a bank where no parish funds are kept. I cannot too strongly emphasize the necessity of separate bank accounts, especially under present circumstances, and I trust that the finance committee will act promptly upon this suggestion.

There should be but one school account in the parish ledger and the only items posted there should be the amounts paid to the schools as per budget appropriation. The method of apportionment is wrong and unnecessary. The school account should show only actual payments made. A voucher should be made in favor of the school board, whenever cash is paid to schools, said voucher to be approved and signed just the same as other vouchers. The treasurer can then, after proper endorsement, deposit said vouchers to the credit of the school fund, and the parish record remains complete.

In conclusion I desire to thank Treasurer Landry for his very courteous treatment of me, and I extend cordial thanks, particularly, to Messrs. Frank K. Sims and H. G. Von Borries, for their assistance and many courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILE BIENVENU,
Public Accountant.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Klos and seconded by Mr. King, was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Be it resolved, That a committee of three, composed of President Reuss and Jurors Goette and Armitage, be and the same is hereby appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what repairs are necessary to the courthouse and also to make arrangements for converting the small room on the left-hand side of the entrance to the courthouse into a fireproof vault, or to purchase a fireproof safe for the treasurer's office, and to make its report at the next meeting of this body.

The jury adjourned.

A true copy: R. PROSPER LANDRY, Clerk.


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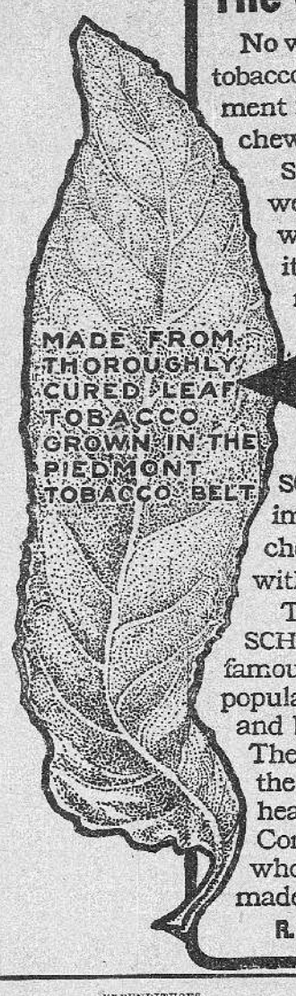


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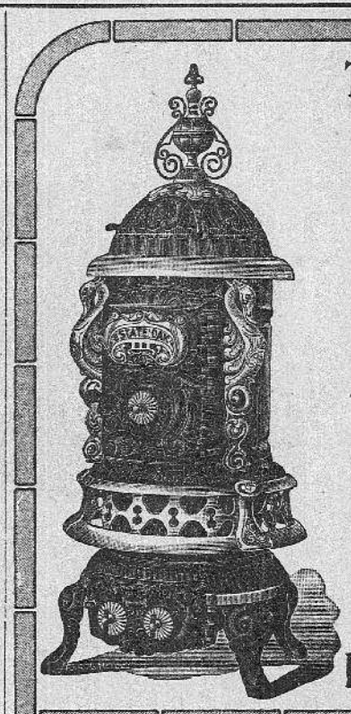

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## Homestead Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE, New Orleans, La., Oct. 19, 1906.

NOTICE is hereby given that LUCIEN BERCEGEAY, of Gonzales, La., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 26,052, made Oct. 24, 1903, for the s½ of s w¼, sec 35, tp 9, s r 3 e, La. Mer., and that said proof will be made before James S. Barmen, clerk of court at Donaldsonville, La., on Dec. 24, 1906.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: Richard Gautreau, Armand Bercegeay, Ambroise Mire, Eloi Mire, all of Gonzales, La. WALTER L. COHEN, Register.


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