

# The Weekly Courier

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See Police Jury Proceedings in another column.

The attention of our merchants going North, is asked to the advertisement of JOHN M. DAVIES, JONES & Co., in another column. They are very heavy dealers in gentlemen's furnishing goods, and manufactures of the celebrated patent shirt—No 104 and 106 William Street, corner of John, New York.

## Things.

On entering our sanctum Saturday morning we are generally confounded and stupified, by the forest of "things" that make the editor's table, groan— notices of which have been crowded out from day to day, during the week, and now that the week is drawing up to a close, and about to expire, they all come rushing upon us, to convince us how little we do, after all. A large hook, over our table dangles with miscellaneous foreign Correspondence—bits of weather twisted fragments of paper with notices, of things unnoticed, all of which must be cleared off, to give place to the fresh receipts of another week, and the ghostly looking collection of unembodied ideas are consigned to the flames, and vanish out of the back chimney-place, into smoke, and thence to nothingness from whence they came. What grieves us most in this connection, is that "Fillibuster" must go unnoticed, and the force of "a Citizen's" keen satire, must be left alone, and we must write under their influence until another week comes in. "A Citizen" in yesterday's Gazette, makes us feel the force of his pen, when he says, "As to the erratic and fulminous slang of the editor of the Comet, it falls harmless against me." the truth of this is apparent. But what does "a Citizen" mean when he talks about helping the ladies "out of a dilemma," and being able to do it, without any of our assistance or "horrid attempts at wit?"

We desire another epistle from "a Citizen" explanatory; we do not like such doubtful compliments. We have never attempted to help the ladies out of "a dilemma," when we do—if "wit" will get them out we shall certainly call on a Citizen to aid us. The most valuable receipt for getting out of a dilemma, is that used by the "man who butt the bull off the bridge"—take the animal by the horns.

A German by the name of Koffman, wandered off from his residence in the North end of this city, on Thursday, and was found drowned in the Comite river on Friday. Koffman was in a state of mental aberration brought on by family difficulties of a very serious character, but of which the law can take no cognizance—and if it did could not furnish relief.—On Friday the Wharf boat run into the steamer Eclipse, tearing away the left side of that elegant water-craft. A batch of our runners were despatched to learn the extent of the damage, and some of them say the pilot of the Eclipse is to blame, we would not forestall public opinion, and "therefore ask the people to suspend their opinion until the case is examined."—"Fillibuster" will be attended to in time.—The National Sabbath.—Our cotemporary of the Gazette says, on this subject "We are exceedingly happy to say the ancient custom of celebrating this day, prevails all over the country to a considerable extent." On reading this paragraph we tore up our article on the subject, and consigned the fragment to

the devouring element.—"We are pleased to say, (says the same paper) that our worthy Mayor, whose energies have long been employed in promoting the good of our little city—has, as a means of protecting the peace and quiet of our town, revived an old ordinance"—where is the lamp post that was to have been placed on the Steam-boat landing?—Maj. C. A. Hou has been appointed by the Governor a delegate to the New York World's Fair. A number of our citizens will be present at the great exhibition—Louisiana will be well represented.—We depreciate the manner in which the loco-foco press, is abusing our staunch Democratic friend the Hon. Thomas G. Davidson; it illustrates in a large scale "the ingratitude of man." A man positively breaks himself down in the traces of the party, and then because he can do no more he is abused. This example should be an example to Democrats who are now, positively impairing their health in the service of the country.—A Washington correspondent says: "The Hon. David Starkweather is here, and will take a commission to the Sandwich Islands if it is forced upon him."

The editor of *La Semaine* published in New Orleans is engaged in writing a work on the subject of Spiritual Manifestations. He says:

"La REVUE SPIRITUELLE est un travail de coeur, d'ame, de conviction et d'amour; c'est comme un faible remerciement à la Providence qui a bien voulu que nous fussions un des premiers appelés parmi ceux qui comprennent la sublimité et les consolations des *Manifestations Spirituelles*."

A Phenological Professor in Philadelphia, says: "The head of Spring the Murderer, was a bad head: the developments were characteristic of the man—the perceptive faculties were strong the reflective weak."—Everything considered, this is a most remarkable discovery.

The news from China gets more important than ever. The probability is that the wealthy and populous city of Nankin is in the hands of the rebels, and the fate of the Manchou dynasty is sealed; though we must not entirely lose sight, of the partial successes the Imperial forces are said to have occasionally met with. The tea and silk trade seem to be all at an end, and the greatest embarrassment to mercantile transaction of all kinds is said to be felt everywhere. In the Northern district of China, there is a complete stagnation of business. At Shanghai, the British Consul has been compelled to take on himself the responsibility of despatching vessels without the usual permit from the Chinese Superintendent of Customs. This measure was necessary by reason of the want of money to pay the duties and port dues and for which the Consul, on receipt of security, renders himself responsible.

The Library of Congress, it is said, will be ready for occupancy in the course of the present month. A large number of books have recently been received, both from Europe and the Atlantic cities of the Union; forming, together with those which were saved from the conflagration, a collection of upwards of 35,000 volumes.

THE LADY TRAVELLER.—Java papers say that the celebrated lady traveller, Madame Ida Pfeiffer, has left Amboyna and the island of Saparoen accompanied by ten natives, with whom she proceeded to Makariki, and thence by foot through Ceram.

The human voice has been heard across the Straits of Gibraltar, a distance of more than ten miles. This only happens in peculiar states of the weather. The sound of a military band has been heard at a distance of seventy miles of a clear frosty morning.

A Deputy-Sheriff in Springfield, Massachusetts, recently levied an attachment on a traveling show that exhibited there, and the following was copied from his return: "By virtue of this writ, I this day attached seven horses, three wagons, one grizzly bear, one Christ and twelve Apostles, one tent with fixtures, and a lot of animals called the 'Happy Family.'"

## [OFFICIAL.] PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge, June 27th, 1853.  
The Police Jury of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, met this day, agreeably to adjournment—were present, viz:

From Ward No. 2, Geo. V. Trudeau; No. 3, I. S. Taylor; No. 4, A. D. Alexander; No. 5, Thomas Devall; No. 6, J. B. Kleinpeter; No. 7, W. L. Burnett; No. 8, J. G. Washington; No. 10, Seth David; No. 11, W. L. Campbell; No. 12, George Garig.  
THOS. DEVAL, Pres't.  
WM. HUBBS, Clerk.

L. E. POWERS, Constable.  
The President called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.  
Resolved, That the overseer of the South end of Road District No. 10, be, and he is hereby authorized to call out the hands of W. W. McCain & Co., to work upon the road.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That Thomas Harbour, be and he is hereby appointed overseer of Road District No. 33, for the ensuing year.

A petition was presented, praying the authority to make a public road from, or near Louis Stirling's plantation, to the rail road; which petition, on motion was laid over, under the rules.

A resolution was presented for the purpose of repealing the resolution adopted at the January session of 1851, requiring all petitions for making new roads, or changing old ones, to lay over until the next regular session for consideration. Said resolution was rejected.

A petition signed by A. D. Alexander, praying for an appropriation of three hundred dollars, for constructing a bridge across Redwood, near James Chaney's, which petition was rejected.

On motion, the Jury adjourned until 21 o'clock, P. M.

## Monday Evening.

The Jury met agreeably to adjournment, present—the same members as in the morning. The President called the meeting to order.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That Louis Stirling, H. R. Graham, C. B. Pipes, S. Davis, J. Zug, and J. Carriena, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners to lay out a road, commencing at, or near the plantation of Louis Stirling (on the Plains Road), thence to the Plank Road. And that Charles B. Pipes be appointed overseer of said Road; and that it be numbered Road District No. 42; and that said overseer be authorized to summon the following hands to work said road, viz: the hands of J. Zug, T. J. Landry, Charles Pipes, C. B. Pipes, Syl. Davis, and A. L. Dixon. Provided, however, that said road shall be of no cost or expense to the Parish, for the right of way. All laws to the contrary notwithstanding, are hereby repealed.

A petition signed by Jos. E. Waller, for loss sustained by him, of twenty dollars, in constructing the fence around the Court House square; was on motion, laid on the table indefinitely.

The following report of Committee in regard to the Jail building, was presented and adopted:

The undersigned Committee to whom was referred the matter of examination of the Jail—find the same in a dilapidated condition and insufficient of holding the prisoners. Consequently, we proceeded to have a plan drawn, and specifications made for building a new Jail, which we hope will meet with the approbation and views of the members of your Honorable Body. Which is respectfully submitted,  
[Signed.] J. B. KLEINPETER.  
ISAAC S. TAYLOR.

The following resolutions in reference to the foregoing, were presented and adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars are hereby appropriated to build a Jail House; and that the President be authorized to negotiate with the Branch Bank of the State of Louisiana, of this place, for the sum above mentioned; payable in three equal annual installments. And that the said President be authorized to execute a Bond in behalf of the Parish of East Baton Rouge for the same.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to advertise to receive proposals, to the lowest bidder, for the erection and completion of said Jail; and the said committee be authorized to superintend the building and completion of said Jail.

The Finance Committee reported favorably on the following accounts—they were allowed, viz:

W. F. Tunnard, for Iron work \$ 11 25  
George V. Trudeau, " " 2 50  
H. V. Babin, Sheriff, for services, 36 58  
Jos. Borskey, for service in burying a pauper, in lieu of \$5 allowed at the last session, - - 10 00  
On motion, Wm. Sowell was appointed overseer of Road District No. 11, west end, in place of Jesse P. Carney, who is absent.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That the hands of J. B. Cotton, be and are hereby placed upon the road in front of his Plantation (No. 4) And likewise on road District No. 39, as was allotted to the former proprietor of the said plantation.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That the Police Jury proceed to elect a Parish Treasurer, to-morrow, the 28th June, 1853.

On motion, the Jury adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

## Tuesday Morning.

The Police Jury of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, met agreeably to adjournment; present, the same members as on yesterday, with the exception of Wm. L. Burnett. The President called the meeting to order, the minutes being read, were approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the Comite Bridge, made the following report, with accompanying specifications; which were adopted:  
REPORT.—We the Committee appointed at the last session of the Police Jury to ex-

amine the Comite Bridge, and report the probable cost of building a new bridge, or repair the one now standing. Your Committee after having examined the bridge carefully, beg leave to report as follows:—That they find the Bents of the Bridge are of cypress timber, and sound, and think that the bridge can be repaired so as to be made as good as new; say to last ten years, at a cost of seven hundred dollars.  
[Signed.] GEO. V. TRUDEAU,  
W. L. CAMPBELL,  
SETH DAVID.

SPECIFICATIONS.—Resolved, That the following repairs shall be made to the Bridge across the Comite, near Major Roberts:—The sleepers shall be made of heart of white oak, 10 by 12 inches; sufficiently long to double on the Bent 12 inches. The bents of the old bridge being good, shall remain; excepting the bent that has settled below the level of the rest of the bents, (which is the third bent from the east bank) which shall be replaced with a new one, and raised to a level with the balance of the bents. The planks to be 24 inches thick, 14 feet long, eight inches wide, of the heart of oak or cypress, to be spiked on the sleepers with five inch spikes, two spikes in each, where it crosses the sleeper. There shall be at ten feet, a piece of timber, three and a half inches thick, 8 inches wide, 18 feet long. The railing shall be the heart of oak, or cypress, 4 inches square, with braces of the same size, to be put on posts of the same, three feet high, mortises to be 34 inches deep in the rail, and the rail to be spiked on the posts; to be braced on the out side at each cross timber with the same kind of material. The posts to be planked up with one inch plank, to be spiked on the post. The contractor for said Bridge shall give a Bond with two good securities, in the sum of five hundred dollars for his faithful performance of the above contract.

The following resolution in regard to the foregoing, was adopted, as follows:—Yeas, Geo. V. Trudeau, S. Taylor, A. D. Alexander, Seth David, W. L. Campbell, George Garig, (6). Nays, Thomas Devall, J. B. Kleinpeter and J. G. Washington (5).

Resolved, That the foregoing report and specifications be adopted, and that the sum of seven hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the above purpose, and that the following named persons, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners, viz: Seth David, B. Williams, Danl. Morgan and Jackson Libbey. All laws to the contrary notwithstanding, are hereby repealed.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of fixing the amount, with specifications, for the wages of the present year, beg leave to report, that the current expenses will require the aggregate of the following specifications, viz:

For Grand and Petit Jurors,	\$ 2000 00
Justices of the Peace and Constables	1000 00
Paupers	1000 00
Corporation Paupers	200 00
Coroner	800 00
Police Jurors	400 00
Parish Attorney	100 00
Parish Auditor	100 00
Parish Printer	140 00
Parish Clerk	100 00
Contingences	2000 00
Elections	300 00
Assessor	100 00
Cost in criminal prosecutions	1000 00
Installments and Interest to La. State Bank	4200 00
Commissioners for collecting \$12,040 at 5 per cent.	627 00

Making the total amount \$13,567 00

Your Committee, believing that the above amount will cover the whole of the current expenses of the year 1853, which is all respectfully submitted.

[Signed.] J. B. KLEINPETER,  
SETH DAVID,  
J. G. WASHINGTON.

On motion, the Jury then proceeded to the election of Parish Treasurer, to fill the unexpired term of William Hubbs. And on counting the votes, it was found that L. Sheppers, was unanimously elected.—Whereupon, on motion, the President appointed Messrs. Trudeau, Kleinpeter and David, a Committee to receive the Bond of Mr. L. Sheppers, as Treasurer of the Parish, for said unexpired term.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That Messrs. H. & W. G. Wallers, be, and are hereby authorized to procure from the Surveyor General's Office, at the expense of the Police Jury, copies of the 5th Township Maps, in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, according to the late surveys, or of such said Townships as have been returned to, and approved by the Surveyor General. And that they be requested to complete the Parish Map ordered by the Special Committee of the Police Jury, on the 18th July, 1849.

The Committee to whom was referred the Sandy Creek Bridge, made the following report, which was adopted.

We find the Bridge across Little Sandy Creek, in a bad condition,—we think it would be cheaper to repair the old Bridge, the frame of which is sound. We would recommend the following repairs; which would make the Bridge safe for three or four years. To put braces to extend from the mud sill, two thirds of the way up to the posts, to be well spiked with iron spikes to the mud sill and post; and to put two posts in place of the pine post that was put under the bridge last winter, and level the sleepers. The bridge to have a new covering of white oak, clear of sap; to be well pinned or spiked to the sleepers, and handrails to be put on and braced. The above work we believe, will require about one hundred dollars. The work to be let out to the lowest bidder.

All of which is submitted,  
[Signed.] W. L. CAMPBELL,  
SAML. W. WATKINS.

The following resolution in regard to the foregoing, was presented and adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollar be, and the same is hereby appropriated to repair the bridge across Little Sandy Creek, agreeably to the foregoing report.—And that Saml. W. Watkins, Robert Dyer, Samuel Goodrich and Samuel Kelley, be, appointed Commissioners to carry out the same.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That the commissioners appointed to receive proposals and superintend the building of the Parish Jail, are authorized to enter into a contract with builders, and to require of said Builders a Bond with security, in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract. And they are hereby authorized to give checks or drafts for the amount of money, as the work progresses. Whereupon, the President appointed Messrs. John B. Kleinpeter, I. S. Taylor and F. Arbour, commissioners for the building of the Parish Jail.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Police Jury be directed to insert in all notices issued to the different overseer of Public Roads in the different Road districts, a copy of the laws shewing that they are compelled to report to the Police Jury, at every June session, the number of hands and number of days worked on their respective road districts. And the same given under oath before any Justice of the Peace, and the amount of the fine for neglect of compliance with the law.

On motion, the Police Jury adjourned sine die.  
THOS. DEVAL, Pres't.  
WM. HUBBS, Clerk.

A letter from Madrid, of the 4th ult., says: "Yesterday some masons, in demolishing an old house, situated outside the walls, near the Port St. Vincent, discovered in the wall of one of the cellars five large vases of silver, full of gold coins, of the age of Ferdinand the Sixth and Charles the Third. The value of the treasure is about £14,000 English."

The New York Woman's State Temperance Convention assembled in Rochester on the 1st inst. The principle subject of discussion was as to whether men should or should not be permitted to hold office in the society.—There was of course, much talk, and the more the women talked the less they could agree, so at last the convention adjourned to next day without taking the vote.

We are authorized to announce CHAS. E. GRENEAUX, as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer subject to the decision of a convention.

We are authorized to announce A. D. JUSTIN DUPONTIER as a candidate for Auditor of Public Accounts for the State of Louisiana. Subject to decision of the Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce H. M. PIERCE as a candidate for Assessor of this Parish.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

John M. Davies, Jones & Co.  
104 and 106  
WILLIAM ST., COR. JOHN N. Y.

IMPORTERS of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, Bus, unders, Cravats, Scarfs, &c., selected in France, England, and Germany, by one of the firm resident in Europe, which ensures to purchasers the newest and most desirable of the celebrated Patent Shirts, Stocks and Ties of every description. Purchasers will find the stock well worthy their attention.  
July 1, 1853.

## Plank Road Notice

Office of the Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Company.  
Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday, July 9th 1853, for clearing off the road, of all obstructions, from Cypress Bayou to Olive Branch, so as to make it forty-five feet in the clear.

Proposals are invited for the whole, or any part of the work, and bidders are requested to propose for the work at a given price per mile—running measure.

By order of the Board.  
ALFRED SHEPPERS, Secretary.

## Sealed Proposals.

Office of Board of Administrators of the Louisiana Institute for the Deaf, and Dumb, and the Blind.

BATON ROUGE, 29th June, 1853.

Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday, the 17th day of August 1853, for the necessary Brick work and Carpenters work, in the erection of the buildings for this institution at Baton Rouge; and for the materials for same. Proposals will be received for furnishing all materials for the Brick work, and erecting the same.—Proposals are invited for the performance of the Brick work alone. Proposals are invited for the delivery of the Brick, Lime and Sand together, or for the delivery of either Brick, Lime or Sand separately.—Proposals are invited for furnishing the required lumber in whole or in part.—Proposals are invited for the Carpenter's work, in whole or in part.

The Lumber at present required consists only of the floor and ceiling joice, the rafters, girders, and studding lumber, for the door and window frames, and the sheathing for the Roof. The present design of the administrators is to erect the building and have it under cover without finishing the inside. For this purpose, the amount of Lumber, which they now propose to contract for, will be about 440,000 feet: the quantity of Brick, about 3,000,000. Contractors will be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the work as well as for the delivery of materials. Plans, specifications, and drawings of the Brick and Carpenter's work, as well as the bill of lumber, and a synopsis of the covenants and agreements to be entered into by the contractors, may be seen at the office of W. S. Pike, Baton Rouge, to whom all proposals will be addressed.

The New Orleans Daily Picayune, Delta and True Delta, will please copy once a week, for four weeks. The Natchez Free Trader, Vicksburg Whig, and Baton Rouge Advocate will also insert for one month once a week.  
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