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## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To The Honorable President And Members of The Police Jury of The Parish of St. John the Baptist.

Reporting on my audit of the Books and accounts of the Parish Treasurer and of the Secretary of the Police Jury for the second quarter of the fiscal year 1916-17, two months ending Dec. 31st 1916, I beg to state that except as noted below I have found these accounts properly kept, the books in balance, all bills correct as paid, and all properly approved for payments. The balance of \$161.12 as shown by the Treasurer's Cash Book corresponds with the balance to the credit of the Parish General Fund in the Bank of St. John as evidenced by the Bank Pass Book, after allowing for checks outstanding, and a difference of 2c over-deposited as previously reported.

The bill of the Brady, Granier Co Ltd., dated Aug. 1st and amounting to \$1.25 on Nov. 2nd, by voucher 3390, resulting in an under payment to this firm of twenty-seven cents.

I respectfully call to your attention, for further investigation by your Honorable body, two bills of Sheriff Wm. J. Hart, for conveying prisoners to State Penitentiary and insane persons to the Asylum, in which the sheriff makes additional charges besides his mileage and the \$5.00 per prisoner or insane, as specifically mentioned in the Act covering these fees or charges; while I am assured that the sheriff made these charges in good faith, I am of the opinion that there is a misinterpretation of the law on the sheriff's part. The bills are as follow:

Oct. 15 '16	Conveying S * * * S * * * to Asylum	5.00
	Sheriff's mileage 166 miles	16.60
	Deputy's mileage 166 miles	16.60*
	Hack, McManus to Jackson	1.60*
	Hack, Jackson to McManus	1.00*
Oct. 26 '16	Priestly Jack and Ed. Louis to Pen.	10.00
	Sheriff's mileage 130 miles	13.00
	Deputy's mileage 130 miles	13.00*
Dec. 6 '16	Conveying M * * * K * * * to Asylum	5.00
	Sheriff's mileage 166 miles	16.60
	Deputy's mileage 166 miles	16.60*
	Hack, McManus to Jackson,	1.60*
	Hack, Jackson to McManus,	1.00*

My belief is that the items marked with an asterisk (\*) are erroneous charges, although I think the sheriff could properly charge at the rate of 10c per going and coming for the distance traveled from McManus to Jackson, be it more or less than the \$2.50 now charged for the hack hire.

If your auditor's interpretation of the law is at fault, he stands ready to be corrected, but he thought it best to bring the matter up for investigation and settlement once for all.

Voucher No. 3496, dated Dec. 7th, was issued to Dameron-Pier son Co Ltd., in payment of a mere Statement from this firm; it is an unusual business procedure to pay a Statement, unless the item ized invoice is on hand, which is not so in this case; your auditor has written the Dameron-Pier son Co Ltd for an itemized invoice.

On the following page is given a condensed Tableau of the Cash Receipts and Disbursements for November and December 1916, October having been included in the previous audit, together with a reconciliation of the Cash Balance with the balance as shown by the Pass Book of the Bank of St. John, and a itemized list of outstanding checks, all of which correspond with the Parish Treasurer's Cash Book.

### TABLEAU OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

1916			
Nov 1	Balance as per Report for First Quarter,		4,338.62
	Received during Nov. and Dec. 1916:		
Nov 2	Interest on deposits,	9.30	
Dec 1		4.30	
			13.60
Dec 7	Parish Taxes,	415.51	
	Refund by Launch Paul for freight paid		
	twice on furniture for sheriff's office,	4.80	
	Ferry Lease, S. H. Labiche,	15.00	
	Jules Fourroux,	25.00	40.00
	Note discounted at Bank for	500.00	973.91
	temporary funds		
			5,312.53

### Less disbursements during Nov. & Dec. 1916:

Salaries,	870.00
Land, Petty & Coroner's Jurors,	328.40
Public Road, Left Bank,	162.65
Public Road Right Bank,	394.16
Repairs to Court House,	19.30
Repairs to Jail,	30.00
Sundry Supplies,	90.01
Stationery and office supplies,	273.00
Elections,	481.50
Sheriff's Fees in criminal cases,	125.00
Sheriff's attendance at Court,	15.00
Sheriff conveying prisoners & insane persons,	125.40
Attorneys' fees in six interdiction proceedings	90.00
Parish Journal,	100.00
Board of Health recording births & deaths,	40.50
Salary farm extension agent,	50.00
Beneficiary cadet André Triche, Jr.,	125.00
Clerk of Court's costs,	48.70
" " as Registrar of voters,	19.44
Furniture for sheriff's office,	90.80
Coroner for views and inquests,	97.00
Removing dead horse,	5.00
Physician's attendance on three prisoners,	30.00
Stenographer's fees,	9.50
Assessor's commission,	1,110.50
Expenses at National Farm & Live Stock Show,	27.30
Expenses of dogs, etc. in tracing thieves,	27.25
	5,161.11

Balance, 161.12  
As follows: In Bank of St. John, 844.24  
Less checks out:

Feb. 8	Joe Bonnaville No 2774,	6.00
April 6	No 3046 Danies Keller,	9.20
May 4	" 3108 Alberic Millet,	4.30
Nov. 2	" 3338 Danies Keller,	1.60
	" 3350 Pierre Leiche,	1.70
	" 3360 C. A. Cassagne,	1.80
	" 3351 Olivier Waquespack,	4.80
	" 3404 E. A. Leger,	50
	" 3405 Clement Vicknair,	1.50
Dec. 2	" 3430 Gustave Chamez,	20.00
	" 3441 Thomassin Hymel,	50.00
	" 3452 Emilien Landumica,	5.00
	" 3458 S. K. Abadie,	6.00
	" 3475 René Pansaine,	25.00
	" 3479 F. E. Edrington Jr.,	45.00
	Overdeposit by Treasurer, previously reported,	00
	Balance, as above,	161.12

Respectfully submitted,  
C. J. TASSIN,  
Auditor.

Edgard, La., 2/28/17

## GREAT MISSION at the St. Peter's Church

Beginning Sunday, March 4th, 1917.  
Ending Sunday, March 11th, 1917.

French and English Sermons on the most interesting, practical and up-to-date questions, by the well-known-

**A. BIEVER, S. J.**

Everyone and all the members of the Congregation are earnestly requested to attend and will find a very cordial Welcome.

Those who like to hear the TRUTH wonderfully announced will be more than pleased to hear a real Apostle, the most eloquent Missionary in the South.

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## Meeting of Holy Name Society.

The Regular monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society will take place Sunday the 11th inst after High Mass, in the Auditorium, of the Edgard High School. All the members are cordially urged to be present. The names of candidates for admission will be received at this meeting.

The Tridium mentioned in the last issue of The Meschacébé is to begin Thursday the 22nd inst, instead of Sunday the 18th as was first announced. The invitation to attend these sermons, which will be preached at night, is again extended to all.

Count von Zeppelin, the creator of great airship is dead according to Reuter's telegram.

## Col. Nicholson, 77, Of L. S. U. Faculty Dangerously ill.

Sons and Daughter Called to Beside of Veteran at Baton Rouge.

Colonel James W. Nicholson, for many years head professor of mathematics at the Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge La., admired by all present and former students of the institution and widely known throughout the State, has been very dangerously ill during the past few days as a result of a severe attack of la grippe; aggravated by complications. Col. Nicholson has been in feeble health for several weeks.

His three sons, Gordon, Malcolm and Wilber, of Houston, Texas, and his daughter, Mrs. Luther Stovall, of Dodson, La., have been called to his bedside. He is 77 years of age.

## LOCAL PERSONALS.



Miss Eliska Bienvenue, a charming young lady of Gramercy, La., is the attractive guest of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph D'Arensborg, and family this week.

Mrs. Horace D'Arensborg returned to her home in the First Ward during the week after a most delightful visit to her daughter Mrs. L. D. Perret, Jr. at Lions, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton D'Arensborg, and dainty little daughter Marie returned to Lucy last Monday night after spending a few days in New Orleans.

Mrs. Adolphe D'Arensborg has returned from Litcher, La., after spending a pleasant week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Alphonse Decareaux, and son are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe D'Arensborg, and family this week.

Mr. John Borne, of Donaldsonville, La., paid a visit to relatives in the First Ward on Wednesday.

Mr. John D. Ory spent Monday in New Orleans.

Mr. Sidney L. Hymel, of Edgard, La., was in the First Ward on Sunday. For the past few years Mr. Hymel has been one of the devoted clerks of E. J. Caire's Store of the People. His numerous friends in this vicinity regret to learn that he will soon leave for Litcher, La. where he has decided to open up a business of his own.

Mr. Hymel will open up a store in the building formerly occupied by Netter & Meyer.

Good luck, and best wishes to our friend in his new enterprise.

Hon. Eugene Dumez, our genial levee commissioner has recently completed a long tour of inspection of the levees of the right bank.

Commissioner Dumez accompanied by his Chief Inspector Hon. Albert J. Lacaze visited the work now in progress at the lower end of the First Ward and both the Commissioner and the inspector expressed themselves as well pleased with the good work now going on and with the result accomplished so far on our levees of the right bank.

No efforts are being spared to protect us when the Mississippi will rise.

Hon. Paul Berthelot, accompanied by Attorney Louis M. Reynaud were mingling with their numerous friends in the Second Ward on Friday.

Judge J. L. Pancaire returned to his home in the First Ward last Monday after spending a few days with relatives and friends in New Orleans, La.

Mr. Charles E. Gendron of Edgard, La., was a New Orleans visitor at the beginning of the week.

State engineer Klorer, of New Orleans, La., visited the work now progressing on the Bonnet Carré Point levee in the First Ward.

J. H. Elliot, General Manager of the Texas & Pacific Railway has recently issued the following Notice headed "TO THOSE WHO DRIVE or RIDE IN AUTOMOBILES": The constantly increasing number of automobile accidents at grade crossings prompt the issuance of this warning to all who own, drive or ride in automobiles to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before passing over any railway grade crossing.

Crossing gates, automatic warning bells, electric headlights and engine signals, if not heeded by those for whose protection they are intended, are unavailing.

I will be glad to receive and consider suggestions intended to reduce automobile accidents at grade crossings, for the railroad is anxious to do its full part.

However, if every person who owns, drives or rides in an automobile will STOP, LOOK and LISTEN at grade crossings, the danger will be entirely eliminated.

## St. John Court Convenes

### New Grand Jury is Selected.

The regular criminal term of our district court convened at Edgard, La., last Monday morning at 11 o'clock, with Judge John E. Fleury, presiding, and with the new district Attorney Hon. L. Robert Rivarde and the various parish officers at their respective posts: The new parish grand jury was selected with Mr. J. J. Reine, a prominent business man of La Place, La., as Foreman. After hearing several cases that had been fixed for trial court adjourned until next Monday morning when several cases will come up for trial.

Judge Fleury delivered a strong charge to the new grand jury, and pointed out to them the various duties of a grand jury. The judge stated that St. John could now boast of having an up-to-date, and modern court building and urged upon the new grand inquirers the necessity of having new furniture placed therein.

The following gentlemen compose our new grand jury:

J. J. Reine, La Place, La., foreman; Sylvere Millet, La Place, La.; Alcide Borne, Lucy, La.; André Borne, Wallace, La.; A. L. Delaneville, Reserve, La.; Claude Songy, Wallace, La.; Gustave Weber, Edgard, La.; Paul J. Ganier, Wallace, La.; Frank Schexnaydre, Wallace, La.; Francis Chassez, Lucy, La.; Maurice Granier, LaPlace, La.; and Carroll Delery, Garyville, La. The new grand jury assembled several times during the week.

## Exception in Babin Case to Be Decided Saturday.

A suit to oust Hon. Cyrille Babin who is at present sitting as Police Jurors from the Sixth Ward has recently been instituted on the ground that Mr. Babin is not qualified to act as Police Juror, not having the property qualification.

Attorney Hamilton N. Gautier representing Mr. Babin recently filed an exception stating that a similar case is now pending in the Court of Appeals against the police juror of the sixth ward.

This exception was argued in the District Court at Edgard last Monday before Judge John E. Fleury.

The matter was taken under advisement by Judge Fleury and a decision will most probably be rendered to-day.