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To the Public.

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School Board Proceedings.

Abbeville, Nov. 10th 1877.

A special meeting of the Board was convened this day pursuant to a call made by the president.

Present: Jas. N. Williams, President, Ben Faulk, F. R. King, Daul. Paul, John Lenoire and Isaac Wise; absent, P. J. Mouton, Archie Young and J. Abshire.

The minutes of last meeting were adopted as published.

On motion a colored school was established in 4th ward, near the residence of Mr. Lazare Broussard. Mr. M. C. Broussard, parish treasurer being present, it was agreed that all school lands situated in this parish be leased, and that the president and secretary of the board together with the parish treasurer be authorized to lease said lands upon such terms as they may deem proper.

On motion, resolved that the president and secretary of this board together with the parish treasurer be authorized to estimate the amount of rents due this board by parties who are residing and have heretofore occupied school lands, and hand over the above estimates to the school board attorney for collection.

Be it further resolved that the school board attorney be authorized to collect the rents as above estimated and if necessary to institute legal proceedings.

On motion resolved that the school board attorney be allowed ten per cent on all collections made by him in suits or otherwise.

On motion resolved that the location of the school established in the 6th ward at Mr. P. J. Mouton be changed to the residence of Mr. Gustave Laurents.

On motion resolved that Mrs. Martha Nixon be employed to teach the school established at Chienere aux Tigre, provided she can obtain a sufficient number of pupils according to law.

On motion Mr. G. Labauve was employed to teach the first ward school provided he can obtain a sufficient number of pupils.

On motion the president and secretary of this board was authorized to issue a warrant in favor of Mr. M. C. Broussard, treasurer of the school funds, for three per cent on all amounts paid out by him.

On motion Mr. G. Labauve was authorized to teach the French language during one hour each day.

On motion, Mrs. E. A. Scarborough, assistant in Abbeville grammar school, was suspended at the expiration of the present scholastic month for want of funds.

On motion, Mr. Alex Broussard was allowed five dollars out of the contingent fund for transporting and keeping school furniture.

On motion the sum of one dollar was allowed Mr. Isaac Wise out of the contingent fund for stamps.

On motion resolved that the salary of the secretary of this board be raised to one hundred dollars per annum dating from Aug. 11th., 1877.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAS. N. WILLIAMS, President.

ISAAC WISE, Sec'y.

Notice.

Concerning the Butchery at Abbeville. The undersigned informs his customers that he will spare no efforts to furnish meat of the first quality during the coming fall and winter; but being compelled to pay his cattle cash, he can no longer afford to credit any one for market meat.

OPHELIAS BOURQUE, September 29th. 1877.

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June 2, 77

Police Jury.

State of Louisiana,

Parish of Vermilion.

On this day, Monday, the first of October eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the police jury of said parish met in regular session at the Courthouse.

On the roll being called, the following members answered to their names, viz:

Howard Hoffpauir, esq. president.

1 district absent.

2 do vacancy.

3 do Solomon Wise.

4 do absent.

5 do Nathan Perry.

6 do vacancy.

7 do vacancy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Art 1 Resolved that the president of the police jury be, and he is hereby authorized to cancel the bond furnished by John C. White as late parish Treasurer.

The finance committee submitted the following report which after being read was adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

Abbeville, Oct. 1st 1877.

To the hon. president and members of the police jury of the parish of Vermilion.

Your finance committee met on the 22d day of August eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and furnished the attorneys employed by the parish, with papers and other evidences to assist them in making up their account in the suits: parish of Vermilion vs John A. Brookshier, et als, etc.

No parties having appeared to make affidavit of lost tax receipts authorized by a resolution of the police jury at their meeting on the 15th of August eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

The committee recommended the police jury to rescind said resolution as a dangerous precedent.

This committee further report that Jos. S. Nance has called up to this time to make settlement, altho' solicited to do so frequently.

Geo. M. Eldridge, Chairman.

A. G. Maxwell, Secretary.

Attend:—A. LACOUR, clk. P. J.

Whereas, a contract has been made and entered into between the parish of Vermilion and E. K. King, esq., to perform certain professional services as therein stipulated.

And whereas, there are no funds in the parish treasury at this time to pay the said king;

Now, therefore, in order to make provision for the amount due said king, as per said contract, and to secure the payment of the same, and to carry out said contract;

Art 2 Be it resolved that the sum of four hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to enable the parish to comply with its contract with said king; said amount to be paid out of any funds collected this year, that may be found available for the purpose at the end of the year; and if on the expiration of the year it be ascertained that there remains in the parish treasury no funds which can be applied to the payment of said amount, then and in that case, one mill or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby levied on the amount of taxable property of this parish as per description rolls of 1877, to be collected next year and applied towards the payment of said amount due to said king.

Art 3 Resolved that resolution No. 6 adopted August 15th eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Art 4 Resolved that the clerk of the district court be and is hereby authorized to enter satisfaction of judgment, for the principal and interest only, in the case of the State vs Joseph Rozier for selling spirituous liquor to minors.

Art 5 Resolved that Nathan Perry, B. Faulk and Jos. T. Gindry be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to meet the bridge committee of the Abbeville corporation, for the purpose of making an examination of the Abbeville Bridge, and report to this body on the 20th inst. on the feasibility of repairing said bridge; to report also whether it is advisable to levy a tax to repair the same, or to convert it into a toll bridge, that in case said committee decide to make a toll bridge, then the following rates of toll shall be levied and paid, viz: footman, 5 cents; man and horse, 10 cents; Buggy and one horse, 15 cents; Buggy and two horses 20 cents; empty wagon, 25 cents; and loaded wagon, 35 cents.

Art 6 Resolved that A. G. Maxwell be and he is hereby appointed to keep a public ferry on the bayou Vermilion, opposite Abbeville in accordance with his written proposition submitted to this body; and that he be allowed a salary at the rate of forty dollars per month; he shall also be entitled to charge the following rates of toll to non-residents, viz: footman, five cents; man and horse, ten cents; vehicle, twenty-five cents.

He is further authorized to charge each resident the above rate of toll between sunset and sunrise.

Art 7 Resolved further, that the said A. G. Maxwell shall furnish bond with good security in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, conditioned according to law, as a guarantee of his fulfillment of his contract as ferryman aforesaid.

Art 8 Resolved that the parish tax collector be and he is hereby authorized to suspend until the first of December eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the collection of the parish taxes due by the following named persons for the years therein mentioned, viz: M. C. Broussard, for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two; Jules Broussard, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-two and seventy-three; Ouldou Prejean, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-two and seventy-four; Emile Dubon, for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three and

Aurelien Dubon, sr., for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

The jury took a recess until two o'clock p. m. The jury re-assembled; all the same members were present.

Art 9 Resolved that for the delinquent parish taxes payable in warrants, due previous to the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, the tax-collector shall be and he is hereby authorized to receive in payment, warrants issued in either of the years eighteen hundred and seventy-two, three, four and five; that for the parish taxes of eighteen hundred and seventy-five payable in warrants, he shall receive in payment thereof, warrants issued in either of the years eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and for taxes due in eighteen hundred and seventy-six payable in warrants, he shall receive warrants issued in eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Art 10 Resolved that the amount of fines imposed by the district court at its last September session, in criminal prosecutions, shall be collected in currency, and the amount when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the contingent fund.

Art 11 Resolved that the special tax of four mills and that of two mills for jail purposes levied on the rolls of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, shall be, and is hereby appropriated to pay for keeping the public ferry established opposite Abbeville.

Art 12 Resolved that the road overseers in whose districts the bridges have been carried away or partly destroyed during the last storm by the flood, be required to have the same repaired or replaced; that to effect that end, they are empowered to call out all the men subject to road duty to work on the same without delay.

Thesime Nebert was appointed road overseer for the 13th road district vice H. B. Bartels exempted as jurymen; E. W. Huff was appointed overseer for the 1st district vice Alex. Broussard who was excused for just reasons.

Art 13 Resolved that the matter in dispute with W. M. Hanehett in relation to the public road passing through his land, be referred to the finance committee.

Art 14 Resolved that the parish tax collector be notified to make a full and complete settlement immediately with the parish treasurer up to the first day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Art 15 Resolved that Solomon Wise be and he is hereby authorized to purchase the following books, viz: One black assessment Roll for parish taxes; one black warrant book and one record book for the clerk of the district court, and to present his detail account for the same to this body.

"THE LOST CAUSE."—A magnificent picture 14x18 inches in size represents a confederate soldier after the war returning to his home, which he finds lonely and desolate. In front of the ruined cottage are two graves with rude crosses, on one of which some friendly hand has hung a garland. To the right the calm river and rising moon indicate peace and rest. The stars, seen through the trees, represent the Southern Cross. It is a picture that will touch every Southern heart, and should find a place in every Southern home. One copy sent by mail mounted on a roller and post-paid on receipt of 25 cents, or three for sixty cents. Address A. GREGAR & Co. No. 168 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tenn. Agents wanted every where to sell our cheap and popular pictures, stationary packages etc. \$2 to \$10 per day easily made. No money required until the pictures are sold. Send stamp for catalogue and terms.

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E. MONTAGNE, Abbeville, Vermilion.

21 juillet '77.

Official Directory.

District Judge, ERASTE MOUTON.

District Attorney, J. A. CHARGOIS.

Clerk of District Court, LASTIE BROUSSARD.

Representative, ADRIEN NUNEZ.

Parish Judge, WILLIAM KIBBE.

Parish Attorney, W. A. WHITE.

Sheriff, G. B. SHAW.

Recorder, LEON PERRET.

Tax-Collector, J. S. NEZÉZ.

Police Jury, HOWARD HOFFFAUR President, S. WISE, D. O. BROUSSARD, F. D. LELEU, N. PERRY.

Town Council, LEONCE PERRET, Mayor.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, J. ABADIE, S. WISE, J. BOYANCE, GEO. E. LYONS, Constable.

Justices of the Peace, 3d. Ward: F. B. PATTEN, W. A. WHITE.

Depty. U. S. Surveyors, F. FERAY.

STATE of Louisiana—Parish Clerk—Parish of Vermilion—No. 526.

Succession of Paulin Fontelien.

Application of W. F. Schwing.

Whereas said applicant has filed in the office of the clerk of said Court, a petition praying to appointed administrator of the aforesaid succession:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, or those interested therein, to make opposition, and also to give their reasons, if any they have, why said petitioner's prayer should not be granted by filing the same in writing in the office of the clerk of Court within ten days from the date of the present notice.

Given under my official signature at office, in the town of Abbeville, this 25th day of August A. D. 1877.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, Clerk.

AVIS

Concernant la Boucherie d'Abbeville.

Le soussigné informe ses clients qu'il va redoubler d'efforts pour leur fournir de la viande de première qualité durant l'automne et l'hiver prochain; mais qu'étant obligé d'acheter tous ses animaux un comptant, il se trouve dans la dure nécessité de ne plus pouvoir accorder aucun crédit à qui que ce soit.

OPHELIAS BOURQUE, 29 sept. 1877.

Wm. MOUTON, Attorney at Law, Abbeville, Louisiana.

F. B. KING, AVOCAT, Abbeville, Louisiana.

To the Editors of the State of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Bureau of Immigration is receiving many letters calling for information for farmers, mechanics laborers, business men, and capitalists, who desire to settle in this State, or invest capital here. Our bureau has issued two descriptive circulars, with maps for the benefit of such inquired. We have sent off many circulars, and copies of Louisiana & It Is, and written answers in response to letters of inquiry.

Our bureau has opened books to receive descriptions of lands, for sale, propositions to lease lands, or to have lands, worked on shares—any proposition that may enlighten the immigrant who wants to come to Louisiana.

We will record all such descriptions of lands and propositions in our books, which will be open to strangers and persons wishing to purchase, and these descriptions will furnish the bureau with an additional fund of valuable information for future circulars, and to be used in our letters in reply to inquiries.

As our board has no funds and no income expect the small amount furnished by merchants and others in New Orleans who subscribe to assist us in our labors, we respectfully beg the editors of the State to published this notice, for a few weeks or months, without charge to the board, for the benefit of immigration and the State.

WM. BOGEL, President, Office Louisiana Bureau of Immigration, No. 8 Commercial Place New Orleans, La., Oct. 6, 1877.

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In front of the ruined cottage, telling a sad tale of the miseries of war, are two graves with rude crosses, on one of which some friendly hand has hung a garland. The graves are overhung by a weeping willow, in the shadow of which stands the returned soldier with bowed head, as if thinking of the past. To the right the calm river and rising moon indicate peace and rest. The stars seen through trees represent the Southern Cross, draped over the graves, an emblem of the Confederate flag as well as a harbinger of brighter days to come.

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