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Police Jury.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Vermilion.
The Police Jury of said State and parish met this day, the 4th of February, A. D., 1878, pursuant to adjournment.
Present; Hon. Nathan Perry, President, and Messrs. Broussard, Leleu, Hoffpauir and Wise.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Wise on behalf of the Finance reported verbally, that they were unable to effect a settlement with the tax collector and treasurer in consequence of the former being in the city of New Orleans at the time the settlement should have been made with him.

Mr. E. I. Addison, publisher of the *Meridional*, being present, proposed to the Jury to do all the parish printing in the same manner as he did last year, such as publishing the proceedings of the police jury, all the necessary blanks for the use of said jury, the jury list of the District Court, and such other matters as may be ordered to be printed or published during one year from the 1st of January, 1878, for the price and sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars—payable quarterly.
It was thereupon

ART. 1. Resolved, That the proposition of E. I. Addison, publisher of the *Meridional*, as above stated, be and the same is hereby accepted by this body.

An Ordinance Relative to Fences.
SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury in and for the Parish of Vermilion, &c.

That hereafter all fences enclosing land for purposes of cultivation shall be made at least four feet high, with not less than four pieux to the panel. The lowest pieux to start at a distance of not more than one foot from the level of the ground, and there shall be a ditch twelve inches deep, twelve inches wide, and eighteen inches from the outside of the fence; the space between the bottom pieux and the level ground to be filled with dirt.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, &c. That the respective owners of any animals of whatever species which may break into a field or fields protected by such a fence shall be held pecuniarily liable to the parties damaged, for the amount of damages caused by said breaking, and to a fine of ten dollars for each offence, the same to be collected before any court of competent jurisdiction; the damages to be sued for by the party entitled thereto, and the fine to be sued for in the name of the parish by the District Attorney pro tem.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, &c. That no one whose fence does not come up to the standard above established shall be entitled to damages on account of stock or other animals breaking into their enclosures. And all such persons who shall be guilty of shooting, hurting, or in any way injuring any animals breaking into their fields, not provided with such a fence, shall pay a fine of twenty dollars, to be collected by the District Attorney pro tem., as above, and shall be liable to the owners of the animals so shot, hurt or injured, for any damages by them sustained thereby.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, &c. That all fines collected under and by virtue of this ordinance shall, after the fees of the District Attorney pro tem. are deducted be paid one half to the parish treasurer for road purposes and one half to the parish board of school directors for the support of the public schools of this parish.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, &c. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances passed heretofore and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Walter A. White, esq., was duly elected as parish and district attorney pro tem. to serve one year from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 31st of December, 1878.

and his salary was and is hereby fixed at three hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

ART. 2. Resolved, That the parish tax collector be and he is hereby ordered to make a full and final settlement for all parish taxes and licences by him collected to the 1st of January, 1878, with the finance committee on or before the 20th inst.

ART. 3. Be it further resolved, that in case of the failure of said collector to make said settlement by said date, that the president of the police jury be authorized to institute suit immediately to enforce said settlement.

ART. 4. Resolved, That the parish treasurer be ordered to make a similar statement with the finance committee to the 1st day of January, 1878, for all moneys received by him as such treasurer on or before the 24th inst., and in case of his failure to do so then the provisions of the above Art. 3. shall be also applicable to him.

ART. 5. Resolved, That the finance committee be and they are hereby required to make an estimate or budget of the probable expenses for the year 1878, and make their report to this body at its next meeting.

ART. 6. Resolved, That warrant No. 1796, dated April 4, 1877, in favor of Nicholas Boudreaux, and drawn on the criminal prosecution funds of 1877, be exchanged for one of the same amount, to be drawn on the contingent fund of 1877; when there shall be sufficient money in the treasury to the credit of such fund; the said warrant to be drawn in favor of Solomon Wise as transferee.

Mr. Martin Bagly was appointed road overseer for the 1st road district, vice E. W. Huff, excused.

The following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid out of their respective funds:
Collector and assessor's fund for 1878:

Vilmont Breaux,	\$92 25
Printer's and stationer's fund for 1877:	
E. I. Addison,	\$25 00
Isaac Wise,	8 65
Solomon Wise,	52 00
Out of same funds of 1878:	
Isaac Wise,	\$6 10
Out of the contingent fund of 1877:	
Joseph S. Nunez,	\$47 00
Leo Perret,	13 00

On motion of Mr. Wise the jury adjourned sine die.
(Signed) N. PERRY,
President Police Jury.
AMBROISE LACOUR,
Clerk Police Jury.

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School Board Proceedings.

Abbeville, Feb. 16th, 1878.
The School Board met this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, Jas. N. Williams, Ben. Faulk, Daniel Paul, Archie Young, Isaac Wise, J. Abshire and C. H. Remick; absent F. R. King and John Lenoire.

The minutes of last meeting were read, same were amended by adding the name of Mr. C. H. Remick as being present, on motion same were adopted as amended.

On motion Mr. Wm. R. Richardson was employed to teach the fourth ward school near the residence of Mr. David Meaux, provided, however, that he should receive no compensation from the board unless he can obtain an average attendance of ten pupils according to law.

On motion Mr. C. A. Mousset was allowed eight dollars for teaching during the first week in January last.

The resignation of Mr. Theogene Hebert, trustee in second ward, was presented. On motion the same was accepted, and Mr. Desire Hebert elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion Mr. Ernest Montague was employed to teach the school at Spring Hill, formerly kept by Mr. J. A. McGill.

On motion it was resolved that the schools in third and seventh wards be closed at the expiration of the scholastic month in March on account of lack of funds.

On motion resolved, That the warrants now in possession of Mr. G. J. Young for teaching for the months of November and December last, be destroyed, and the President and Secretary of this body be authorized to issue a warrant in favor of Mr. G. J. Young for fifty-eight dollars, being in full payment of his salary as teacher in second ward for the months of November and December last; said warrants to be issued as soon as Mr. Young shall deposit his school register in the office of the Secretary of this board.

The president appointed Mr. Beal, clerk of the committee to examine the books and accounts of the treasurer of school funds for this parish, in the place of Mr. F. R. King, resigned.

Mr. Baptiste Baker was elected trustee of the school in seventh ward, kept by Mr. A. Laour.

On motion the sum of ten dollars out of the contingent fund was allowed to W. A. White, esq., for professional service in suit of G. J. Young vs. I. Wise, secretary of school board.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAS. N. WILLIAMS,
President.

ISAAC WISE,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Abbeville, January 9, 1878.

The Board of Town Council of Abbeville, met on this day in special meeting.

Members present: Leonce Perret, mayor; Lastic Broussard, S. Wise, J. Boyance and J. Abadie.

The minutes of last meeting were read, and on motion of Lastic Broussard, the same adopted.

On motion of J. Boyance,

That, whereas most of the residents of the town of Abbeville have heretofore neglected the cleaning out of their chimneys and flues, and that with a view to avert the danger of fire to the owners of property in said town and others, by the burning out of the same when strong winds may be blowing.

Therefore, Be it Resolved that it shall be made the duty of each occupant of a house in said town to have their chimneys and flues thoroughly cleaned twice during the year, to wit: the 1st day of the months of January and October.

And further it shall be made the duty of the Constable to see that said resolution be carried into effect, and to give all occupant's notice to have the same done within the first thirty days of said months above mentioned, at the expiration of which time after having been notified as above mentioned the party or parties failing to comply with the provisions of this resolution shall be subject to pay a fine of five dollars, recoverable before mayor or any court of competent jurisdiction, one half of said fine to be paid into the treasury and the other half to belong to the Constable.

On motion of Mr. Wise, Resolved that the Constable-Collector be, and he is hereby authorized to receive for that portion of the licenses of the year 1878, payable in warrants, being one-half thereof, the judgment of Dr. W. D. White, together with costs incurred therein.

On motion the Council then adjourned until next regular meeting.

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L. C. LYONS, secretary.

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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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Respectfully,
A. D. MARTIN.

TAX NOTICE.

THE tax-payers of Vermilion Parish are hereby notified that I am now ready to collect all taxes and licenses due the State, and to come forward and settle the same without further delay.

JOS. S. NUNEZ,
Tax Collector Vermilion Parish.

feb 23—78

To the Editors of the State of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Bureau of Immigration is receiving many letters of inquiry from various sources 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 inquirers. We have sent off many circulars, and copies of Louisiana As 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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