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RICE FARMING IN DANGER.

A correspondent of the Crowley Signal sizing up the situation of the rice farmer says:

I am no acalmity howler nor a pessimist, but it seems to me that the present financial depression of the rice belt is assuming serious proportions. Not so much what will be lost in dollars and cents, but the effect it will have from a moral standpoint. The farmer deep in debt to the local merchant, the low price of rice he cannot pay out; the local merchant in debt to the wholesaler, jobber or manufacturer, can't collect, can't pay—and here we are. The big merchant jumps on the little merchant, and the latter jumps on the farmer—and the farmer, his rice in the mill or elsewhere, pledged, can't move a peg. Some are driven to do things which they should not—not driven by physical force if you will, but there are those who feel that they must keep in reserve some resources for the future; therefore, they resort to doubtful methods to evade debt, or as they may think, protect themselves. However, there are some, I am good to say, who have the strength of character, the high sense of honor and honesty to face the storm and go down in adversity rather than tide over a wave of prosperity by dishonor. Such adversity tests mean true character and they stand out as monuments worthy of emulation. There is a better day for such men; they deserve it.

THE WEATHER CALENDAR.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co. the manufacturers of Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black Draught have just issued the 1905 edition of their Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. These weather signals illustrate the forecasts of Prof. Andrew J. DeVoe who achieved great prominence by his accurate predictions of the great Galveston, St. Louis and Minnesota storms and cyclones. So great is the popularity of these predictions that they are printed in 2,500,000 of these calendars and in 18,000,000 of the Ladies' Birthday Almanacs. We understand that a copy of this weather chart and calendar may be secured by sending 10c. in stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn. or by calling on their druggist.

The political situation four years hence is already being discussed, not only at home, but abroad. We are just out of a contest and it seems rather early to be discussing the probable Governor, four years hence. You don't want to make any pledges for you might find it distasteful to keep them later on. There'll be plenty of time to square all matters, and it may not be a one sided settlement. It's a losing game to make governor early; for its the loudest of voice who lose; the successful man muffles his plans as he moves along.—Assumption pioneer.

DIED.

At 5:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., Mrs. P. Rodolphe Roy, nee Marie Josephine Heloise Olivier, died at her home, in this parish, at the age of 27 years 4 months and 27 days. She was a daughter-in-law of P. B. Roy of Royville.—St. Martin Messenger.

Louisiana is reported to have a larger crop of oranges this year, than it has had in a number of years. The fruit is said to be exceptionally fine.

NEGROES IN THE SOUTH.

Springfield, O., Nov. 17—Representative Charles Littlefield of Maine, in his address before a cultured audience at the First Lutheran Church, gave a solution of the race problem, and took issue with Gen. J. Warren Keller of this city on his project to reduce the representation in the South. In the opinion of the speaker the effort, if there should be one in the next Congress, to reduce the representation of the South to correspond with the actual voting population would probably fail, because of that ancient but tenacious custom of the United States Senate, known as "Senatorial courtesy" which had in years past, and probably would for an indefinite time to come, block all legislation which is obnoxious to any particular group of Senators by their right under this custom of unlimited debate.

Mr. Littlefield closed the argumentative portion of his address by stating that education was the only solution of the race problem. He said that in many parts of the south the negro had accumulated property, was a steady, sober-minded citizen. He also maintained that the negro will in the end get a squarer deal in the South in the way of accumulating property and advancing himself as a man and a citizen than he will in the North provided always that he keeps out of politics.

Revolution imminent.

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From the quality of the South's present congressmen it wouldn't hurt us seriously to have the number reduced a hundred or more.

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Iowaville, Sedgwick county, Kansas, "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1 at Godard's drugstore.

The St. Mary Banner "regrets, deeply, the defeat" of the tax exemption for newly constructed railroads. Our contemporary must have been fishing and used up all the bait.—Shreveport Journal.

Now is the time to buy that stove before cold weather comes. The largest assortment at Vermilion Hardware Co. No. 8, 4-hole steel range high shelf, for \$25.

ORDER.

State of Louisiana—17th Judicial District Court—Parish of Vermilion.

The Order of Court of date September 3rd, 1904 fixing the 4th Monday of May and the 4th Monday of November of each year, as the beginning of the regular criminal or jury terms of this Court, is hereby rescinded and set aside.

A Grand Jury will be impaneled on January 16th, 1905, and a petty jury will be in attendance upon the session of the Court during the week beginning January 23rd, 1905, and also during the week beginning January 30th, 1905. The jury commission will, in due time, be ordered to draw and have summoned jurors for service for said weeks as provided by law.

The Clerk will enter this order upon the minutes of the Court, post a copy on the front door of the Court House, and cause it to be published in the official Journal of the Parish.

Given in open Court, at Abbeville, La., this 15th day of December, 1904.

WILLIAM PIERREPONT EDWARDS,
Judge 17th Judicial District, La.
Filed December 15th, 1904.

SIMONET LEBLANC,
Clerk of Court.

Invest your savings in the Acme Saving Association stock.

Police Jury Meeting

Abbeville, La., Dec. 12, 1904.

The police jury of Vermilion parish met this day in regular session. Present: E. M. Stebbins, president; P. Dupre LeBlanc, Jules Thibodeaux, Sidney Andrus, Thos. Hoffpauir, Ernest Broussard, J. M. Mezepey and J. N. Foutz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The question of reconsidering the report of jury of freeholders, on road near Grosse Isle Gap, was taken up and after discussing the matter, the clerk of this body was instructed to notify the jury of freeholders, who traced the road, to appear before this body at its next regular meeting.

On motion of Ernest Broussard, duly seconded, Messrs. Ove Sellers, Sypbroyea Simon, Ernest Darte, Ambroise Broussard, Ducoisel Broussard and Mentor Guidry were appointed a jury of freeholders to trace a public road, commencing at corner common to sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, running thence to the southwest corner of N W 1/4 of section 27, and the southeast corner of N E 1/4 of section 28, all in township 12, S R 1 E, in Vermilion parish. Adopted.

Messrs. Wise and Foote, representing the Abbeville Canal Co., appeared relative to the building of a bridge on public road across said canal, and after discussing said subject, the Canal Co. was given further time (30 days) and Mr. Hartman was given charge of said matter until next meeting.

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. Ernest Broussard is hereby appointed to locate and define the lines of the 4th and 19th road districts of the 9th ward.

On motion the claim of G Choate for carrying the election boxes to Chenier au Tigre and Pecau Island was allowed.

On motion E. M. Stebbins & Co. were allowed the sum of \$306.26 interest on claims for bridge lumber furnished this parish.

The following was received from the finance committee and ordered spread on the minutes:

Abbeville, La., Dec. 10 & 12, 1904	
To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of Vermilion Parish:	
Gentlemen: Your finance committee beg to submit the following report of settlement with J. O. Hebert, tax collector, for collections on rolls 1903 during month of August, 1904, as follows:	
To balance on hand last report roll, 1903.....	\$1,243.48
Cr by the following receipt from parish treasurer.....	56.65
Cr by the following receipts from interest.....	7.93-61.53
To balance on roll 1903.....	1,178.90
To amt charged on roll 1904, parish tax.....	35,746.05
To amt charged on roll 1904, 5th ward road tax.....	1,630.08
To amt charged on roll 1904, 8th ward road tax.....	4,009.16
Total amount of rolls.....	\$41,385.29
Credited by Receipts of Parish Treasurer	
On parish tax, Sept. 1903.....	\$129.13
On parish tax cor. Sept. 9 37.....	9.37
On 8th ward road tax.....	17.03
Total.....	155.53
To balance on rolls 1904.....	\$41,229.76
By receipts of par treas. Oct 1904.....	666.63
By receipts of par treas. corp Oct 1904.....	99.04
By receipts of par treas. 5th w'd road tax Oct '04.....	33.33
By receipts of par treas. 5th w'd road tax Oct '04.....	52.81
By receipts of par treas. par road tax Nov '04.....	2,257.32
By receipts of par treas. corp road tax, Nov '04.....	133.82
By receipts of par treas. 3th w'd rd tax Nov '04.....	160.36
By receipts of par treas. 5th w'd rd tax Nov '04.....	60.51
Total.....	3,963.62
Balance due on roll 1904.....	\$37,266.14

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Eldredge,
P. Dupre LeBlanc,
E. M. Stebbins,
Finance Committee.

Abbeville, La., Dec. 9, 10 & 12, 1904.

Settlement had with J. O. Hebert, sheriff, with Treasurer for collections, etc., for August, 1904.

To balance on hand last report of rolls 1903.....
 \$1,243.48 |

Credited by following receipts from Treas. col. for August.....
 \$56.65 |

Interest.....
 7.93 |

Total.....
 64.58 |

To bal. amt due rolls '03.....
 \$1,178.90 |

Abbeville, La., Dec. 10 & 12, 1904.

To amounts charged to Sheriff and Tax-Collector on Rolls for 1904.

So amt parish tax.....
 \$35,736.02 |

To amt 5th w'd rd tax.....
 1,630.08 |

To amt 8th w'd rd tax.....
 4,009.16 |

Total on rolls for '04.....
 41,385.29 |

By receipt from Parish Treasurer on following:

On parish tax for Sept. 1903.....
 \$129.13 |

On parish tax for corp. 9 37.....
 9.37 |

8th ward road tax.....
 17.03 |

Total receipts on tax.....
 \$155.53 |

Total.....
 152.53 |

So bal. on rolls for '04.....
 \$41,229.76 |

By receipt par treas tax Oct 666.63

By receipt par treas corp 99.04

By receipt par treas, 8 w'd rd 33.33

By receipt par treas 5 w'd rd 52.81

By receipt par treas parish for November 2,257.32

By receipt par treas, corp 133.82

By receipt par treas, 8 w'd rd 160.36

By receipt par treas 5 w'd rd 60.51

Total.....
 \$37,266.14 |

Signed: M. L. ELDRIDGE,

P. D. LEBLANC,

E. M. STEBBINS, Chairman.

The following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE preventing the roaming at large of live stock within the limits of 5th ward of Vermilion Parish.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of Vermilion parish in regular session convened, That all owners of live stock, such as horses, cattle, sheep, mules, goats, Hogs, or any other live stock are hereby forbidden to allow them to roam at large within the limits of that (5th) fifth ward of Vermilion parish La.; And at that the owners of aforesaid stock found roaming at large shall be responsible for all damages done by the said stock, (or animals) to crops or fields of other persons, and it shall be lawful for the owners of any crops or fields damaged by said animals to pen them, and take proper care of them and shall immediately advertise said animals in at least three places in the neighborhood for ten days describing such animals and advertising them for sale to the highest bidder, by said taker up or some person he may select, on a day, hour and at a place specified in said notice, for the payment of all the damages done by said animals and the expense of keeping same, which damages shall be assessed by two disinterested parties, one to be chosen by the taker up of the animals, and the other by the owner if he can be found and if not found, or refusing them, by the taker up said animals may be sold to the highest bidder after ten days notice as aforesaid, and the damages and expense to be paid out of the proceeds of sale and the surplus, if any be paid into the parish treasury; Provided that the owners of said animals may at any time before said sale, or paying the assessed damages, and expense take said animals, otherwise they shall be sold as above provided by such taker up or such person as he may select. This ordinance to take effect after due publication.

E. M. STEBBINS, President.
J. N. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

Bids for the keeping of the bridges ferries, etc., as advertised for, were opened, and the following awards were made; the parties to furnish good and solvent surety before taking charge of work: For keeping bridge at Abbeville, Alexandre Broussard, \$250; for keeping bridge at Perry, Sosthene Hebert, \$150; for keeping ferry at Bancker, Wm. Knedding, \$180, provided he accepts said amount; for keeping ferry at Campbell's, Alex Campbell, \$180; janitor of courthouse, E. J. LeBlanc, \$250; constable of police jury, C. B. Upchurch, \$50.

On motion, duly seconded, the President of the Bayou Tigre Canal Co. be and is hereby notified to repair immediately the bridges on their canal or this body will cause the said bridges to be repaired or removed at the expense of the said company.

On motion the bill of J. D. Labit was allowed.

On motion, duly seconded, it was resolved that the finance committee be instructed to report to this body, as near as possible, the amount paid by this parish, yearly, to the sheriff for criminal expense; and the said officer is requested to submit a proposal for the performance of said work, per year, i. e. at a fixed salary.

A communication was received from the courthouse committee, relative to repairs needed on said building. The said committee are instructed to readvertise for bids for said work.

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent the killing of, or otherwise destroying the alligators within the limits of Vermilion parish.

Be it ordained by the police jury of Vermilion parish in regular session meeting convened, That it shall be unlawful for any person to kill, or otherwise destroy the alligators, or to have in possession hides thereof, within the limits of Vermilion parish, for a period of five years from the publication of this ordinance; and that to better enforce the observance of this ordinance it is further ordained that a fine of \$25.00 be imposed for each and every violation thereof, and upon the failure of party paying fine, then they shall be condemned to work on public roads of this parish for a period of thirty days; said fines to be imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction.

E. M. STEBBINS, President.

J. N. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

On motion, duly seconded, Messrs. L. O. Broussard et. als. are requested to appear before this body at its

next regular meeting, with propositions, relative to aiding the police jury in the payment of all back claims, i. e. in placing the finances on a cash basis.

The following claims were then allowed:

E. Wise & Co., sundries.....	\$60.00
E. M. Stebbins & Co., lumber, 2d ward.....	55.49
55.49; 5th ward, \$31.54; 5th ward.....	31.54
31.54; 6th ward \$37.03; 7th ward.....	37.03
37.03 total.....	154.56
Jean Mire, building bridge 5th ward.....	77.95
J. D. Labit, building bridge.....	300.00
Traban & Viator, nails.....	1.00
J. M. Dubois, nails.....	1.00
Dr. C. J. Edwards, request and autopsy, Me-lancon etc.....	5.00
J. O. Hebert, J. Mire, R. H. Massarici, request at \$2 amounting in the aggregate to.....	16.00
Dr. K. J. Young, expert vs. Isaacs, etc.....	16.00
Simonet LeBlanc, costs in same case.....	12.15
Simonet LeBlanc, jury com. for Nov. term.....	10.00
William Meaux, Adrien Nunez, P. Numa Joski, jury commissioners, amounting in the aggregate to.....	15.00
Jos. S. Nunez, E. J. LeBlanc, witnesses at jury commission at \$1.60 each, amounting in the aggregate to.....	3.20
Louis Valle, assign J. Lemaire et al, witness.....	4.00
Alcibiades Foreman, witness Hoffpauir and Spell.....	10.00
part Smith witness Hoffpauir and Spell.....	10.00
F. Smith, cons. salary end July 5, 1904.....	12.00
E. P. Putnam, coal for courthouse.....	21.00
E. Erath, coal for courthouse.....	21.00
J. O. Hebert, repair to courthouse.....	14.00
George Rice, repairs to courthouse.....	3.00
Carroll Co., Houston, Texas, record for Clerk's office.....	12.00
Clerks & constables of election, see list D Boney Printing Co., Dallas, Texas, record for 1 clerk's office.....	19.00
1 judge LeBlanc, severance Oct and Nov.....	16.00
Otis Hoffpauir, serving notices on constables of election.....	17.00
G. Choate carrying boxes to Chenier au Tigre and Pecau Island.....	60.00
Thomas Hoffpauir, services as police juror ending October 12, 1904.....	40.00
Sidney Andrus, same.....	45.00
J. N. Foutz, same.....	45.00
Total.....	624.00

The police jury then adjourned to the next regular meeting.
E. M. STEBBINS, President.
J. N. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

ORDER.

State of Louisiana—Vermilion Parish—17th Judicial District Court.

Messrs. H. M. Durke, Cornelius Harrington, Joseph G. LeBlanc, Augustin Morton and A. H. Nunez are hereby selected and appointed as Jury Commissioners, who with Simonet LeBlanc, clerk of the district court, or in case of the inability of said clerk to act, for any cause, his chief deputy, as a member thereof ex-officio, shall constitute the jury commission for the parish of Vermilion.

The clerk will enter this order upon the minutes of the court and at once notify the persons appointed to appear in open court on Thursday next, the 15th day of December, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of being sworn.

Given in Open Court, at Abbeville La., this 13th day of December, A. D. 1904

WILLIAM PIERREPONT EDWARDS,
Judge 17th Judicial District.

Filed November 13, 1904.

FELIX J. SAMSON, Dep'y Clerk.

Recorded in Criminal Minutes, vol. 3 p. 388 on Dec. 13, 1904.

Felix J. Samson, Minute Clerk.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Abbeville, La., Dec. 1, 1904.
The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Abbeville, La., will be held at the Banking Rooms in the town of Abbeville, La., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. Shareholders are requested to be present, or represented by proxy.
A. J. GOUDEN,
Cashier.

STRAY BEEF.

The public is hereby notified that a stray beef about 3 years old, speckled, dove colored, bald face, bob tail, branded on hip. Has been in my pasture for the past two years, and the owner is hereby called upon to come forward, claim animal and pay the charges.

Brand can be seen at this office.
SIMEON BROUSSARD,
Abbeville, La., Dec. 3, 1904.

PAINTING WANTED.

Sealed bids are hereby invited by R. A. Broussard, secretary of the building committee, for the painting of the Erath High School. Bids will be received until noon of Thursday, Dec. 8, 1904, when the contract will be let. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
R. A. BROUSSARD.

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