

**FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.**

The decision of the Louisiana Supreme Court in an appeal taken by the Times-Democrat from an adverse judgment rendered by a lower court, is destined, we think to be very far-reaching in its ultimate effects, if it stands.

The Times-Democrat had commented upon testimony given in a trial, at a time the jury was out of the custody of the sheriff, and the trial court held that these comments might be read by the members of the jury, and would influence their verdict, and the higher court sustains this view.

The City Item very pertinently says: "If this decision stands and can be cited as a precedent hereafter, the effect will be that as soon as the trial of a case has commenced in one of the courts, a newspaper must not say anything about the matter at issue. Therefore, the best way to muzzle the press would be to take the matter it is desired to hush up into the courts. If it is unlawful to publish anything that may fall under the eye of a jurymen relative to a case on trial, then the public should be excluded from the court rooms, and if the newspapers cannot print comments upon a thing that has actually transpired, the next natural step would be to order the people—the public—not to dare utter any comment upon testimony, or the right, or justice of the cause at trial. Such comment might get to the ears of the jury and influence a decision."

"This is certainly a dangerous as well as extraordinary condition of society. Under such a state of affairs, if a newspaper had undoubted evidence that a great crime was being committed by perjury or conspiracy, or bribery, or through any means, by which justice would be defeated, the press is forbidden to utter any warning to the people. For every injustice done by any cause by publication of facts or comment thereon, there have been thousands of injustices prevented! Were a wrong done through a newspaper, it can be crystallized into a case of individual damages, but to say that a newspaper must not comment upon a case because a jury of twelve men are supposed to be so weak-minded as to give more heed to a newspaper comment than to "the law and evidence," is, to say the least, rather rough on the jury."

It is to be hoped that the matter will be carried up to the United States Supreme Court for final adjudication, when our "five solons" will be apprised of the fact that they have not the power to abridge the freedom of the press, as this decision practically aims to do.

**CUT ON SUGAR.**

In the proposed tariff bill recently prepared by the ways and means committee, a synopsis of which has been published in the city papers, last Tuesday, the sugar bounty is repealed by instalments by providing that the bounty shall be reduced one-eighth part of the respective amounts each year, until the eighth year when it will cease, and then sugar will be on the free list, that is if the Democrats remain in power until that time, for it is more than likely that if the Republicans regain the reins of government, the bounty will be restored.

While the bill appears to be not at all satisfactory to the sugar section, it might have been worse, and all that the planter can in the event the bill as reported is adopted by Congress, is to so adjust their affairs as to make the most out of the situation. However, there is hope left, from the fact that the bill may be amended to the sugar producer's advantage in the Senate, if our senators so mind, because they can demand and secure concessions by uniting with some of the members from the west, whose states are interested in beet cultivation.

**The Entertainment Tonight.**

Much to the regret of the people of our town the Carencro Dramatic Association failed to appear at Falk's Opera House last Saturday as had been advertised. We understand that the failure of the Association to give the entertainment was caused by the sudden illness of one of the members necessitating the postponement of the performance to this Saturday night. Let us hope that the people will attend in large numbers, as the entertainment promises to be fully worth the price of admission, and it is given for a laudable cause, that of build-

ing a Catholic church at Carencro. The theatrical entertainment given at Carencro, a few weeks ago, by this association, was pronounced by those who attended, a very creditable and successful affair, and we have every reason to believe that the members will sustain their reputation tonight. This being the first time that Carencro calls on Lafayette for a little help, it is earnestly wished that all will respond by going to the entertainment with their wives, children and sweethearts.

The question of abandoning the New Orleans mint, as far as minting purposes are concerned, and making the establishment an assay office, is again being agitated in Washington. The cost of maintenance at present is about \$100,000 a year, while to keep it open as an assay office would cost \$12,000. It is claimed that the mints in San Francisco and Philadelphia can do the minting of the government.

A good way to test the popularity of a paper is to count the number of home advertisements carried in its columns, and then compare with its contemporaries. Business men place their money where they have some reason to believe it will bring the largest returns, and if one paper has more advertisements than another, it is an indication that it can give wider publicity, a fact the business people are not slow to recognize.

In the last issue of the Valley of the Teche, its editor, Mr. Charles Delhomme, announces his severance with that paper, on account of his removal to New Iberia. Under the able management of Mr. Delhomme, the Valley of the Teche has always been one of our best exchanges. Breaux Bridge loses a public spirited and progressive citizen, and the cause of Democracy and white supremacy in St. Martin loses an able advocate and a staunch adherent.

That splendid family journal, the Detroit Free Press, is offering to send its famous twelve-page weekly four months on trial for twenty cents—clubs of eight one dollar. No paper in America enjoys a greater reputation for genuine humor and literary excellence. Our readers cannot invest twenty cents to better advantage. The address is Detroit, Mich.

Learn to laugh—laughter will carry you through. Because you can't see any good in the world is no reason for wasting your energies in showing up the bad.

There is no spot on God's green earth where the agriculturist can reap a richer harvest for the labor expended than in Lafayette parish.

The Gazette intends to talk refinery until it becomes a reality. It is absolutely needed, the people know this, and we hope by constantly pegging away at the subject, that it might have the same effect as the constant drops of water—eventually make an impression.

There can be no doubt that if the Western Union would establish an office in the centre of town, to handle only their own business, it would prove a great convenience. As it is now, the railroad operator attends to both railroad and Western Union business, and the former always has precedence, thereby sometimes delaying private despatches to the extent of time given to railroad matters.

Come, gentlemen of the council, let's have that street lamp at Pellier's corner. We'll wager on it, that if you do so, more than one will say "well done."

**General Organization Desired.**

To All Confederate Veterans: I rejoice that a general organization, too long neglected in this place or this surrounding country, may come to an organization. It is a brotherhood all honorable men must approve, and which heaven itself will bless. I call upon you veterans, therefore, to organize in this city, where ex-Confederates may meet in companionship, and particularly rally to the support of the high and peaceful objects to be attained in the "United Confederate Veterans," and move forward until by the powers of organization, and persistent effort, our benighted and Christian purposes are fully accomplished.

A. LISBONY,  
Co. F., 30th La. Vols. Regt., Gibson's La. Brigade, C. S. A.

**Police Jury Proceedings.**

LAFAYETTE, LA., Nov. 25 1893.  
The Police Jury met this day in regular session with the following members present: Ford Hoffpauir, J. G. St. Julien, R. C. Landry, A. D. Landry, H. M. Durke and Alfred Hebert. Absent: C. C. Brown and A. A. Delhomme.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
In order to rectify any and all informalities and discrepancies that might exist in the titles of the public roads of the parish, the

Jury proceeded to appoint, Jury of freeholders, to retrace the main thoroughfares as follows: Be it resolved that the following named Jury of freeholders viz: Thos. F. Webb Jr. Chas. O. Mouton, J. O. Broussard, Albert Landry, Don Louis Herpin, J. E. Bonin, Marcel Melhonn, S. C. Landry, R. U. Bernard and Lucien St. Julien, be and are hereby appointed to trace and lay out a public road forty feet wide according to law, on the old public road lines, starting from the court house at Lafayette, leading to St. Martin parish, at a point known as St. Julien bridge, on Bayou Tortue, adopted.

Be it resolved, that the following named Jury of freeholders viz: Alex Verrot, Ghas. V. Comeaux, Darnas Broussard, Sarrazin Trahan, Sigismond Bernard, Adrien Theall, Prosper Broussard, Eugene Boudoin and Lucien Broussard be and are hereby appointed to trace and lay out a public road forty feet wide, according to law, on the old public road lines starting from the Lafayette, and St. Martin public road, at a point between the properties of J. O. Broussard and Francois Comeaux and running South to the limits of Vermillion parish, said road, being known as the Abbeville road, adopted.

Be it resolved, that the following named Jury of freeholders viz: A. A. Morgan, Emanuel A. Domingue, Ernest Constantine, Oscar Daigle, Ernest Bernard, Valery Guilbeau, Maurice Francez and C. C. Brown be and are hereby appointed to trace and lay out a public road, forty feet wide, according to law, on the old public road lines, starting from Lafayette, running north to the limits of St. Landry parish, at a point known as Carencro bridge. Adopted.

Be it Resolved, That the following named jury of freeholders, viz: Joseph Breaux, Jean Begnaud, P. A. Chiasson, Olivier Chiasson, Louis Soumier, Vincent M. Domingue, Siméon Begnaud, and Jean Billaud, be and are hereby appointed to trace and lay out a public road, forty feet wide, according to law, on the old public road lines, starting on the Opelousas public road, at a point known as the Rosemond Dugas place, and tracing west to the limits of Acadia parish. Adopted.

Be it Resolved, That the following named jury of freeholders, viz: Jasper Spell, Stancus Hoffpauir, Phineas Hoffpauir, C. Doucet, J. S. Whittington, Onézime Trahan, Edw. E. Mouton, Joseph Alvarido, Malachie Perry, and William Foote, be and are hereby appointed to trace and lay out a public road, forty feet wide, according to law, on the old public road lines, starting from Lafayette, running south to the limits of Vermillion parish, at the bridge of Coulee Isle des Cannes, near Onézime Trahan's place. And also to trace and lay out in the same manner a connecting road, starting from the limits of Simon's and Desire Monte's lands, and extending to the long bridge on Bayou Queue Tortue near Alex. Hoffpauir's rice farm. Adopted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

To the President and Members of the Police Jury—  
Gentlemen—The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures of parish funds since last report:  
Sept. 7. To balance on hand \$ 573.57  
Sept. 9. To amount from Tax Collector licenses collected in Aug. 100.00  
Sept. 9. To amt. from Tax Collector, Taxes collected in Aug. 125.08  
Oct. 2. To amt. Geo. Malagarie stock sold, 5th ward. 4.70  
Oct. 3. To amt. Tax Coll.'r Taxes collected in Sept. 143.06  
Oct. 3. To amt. Tax Collector, Licenses collected in Sept. 12.50  
Nov. 10. To amt. Tax Collector, Licenses collected in Oct. 257.50  
Nov. 10. To amt. Tax Collector Taxes collected in Oct. 877.12  
Nov. 23. To amt Tax Collector on acct. taxes collected Nov. 951.00  
\$3044.53

**CR.**

Sept. 9. By 5 per cent com. to Tax Collector on licenses Aug. 5.00  
Sept. 9. By 5 per cent com. to Tax Collector on Taxes Aug. 6.25  
Oct. 2. By 5 per cent com. to Tax Collector on taxes, Sept. 7.15  
Oct. 3. By 5 per cent com. to Tax Collector on Licenses 62  
Oct. 30. By expert testimony of Detroit, Ord. of Judge. 50.00  
Nov. 10. By 5 per cent com. Tax Collector taxes coll.'d in Oct. 43.85  
Nov. 10. By 5 per cent com. to Tax Collector, licenses coll. in Oct. 12.57  
Nov. 27. By witness certificates pl. juror " 383.10  
" Approved orders " 1183.27  
\$3002.61

To cash on hand \$1041.92.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Lafayette, La., Nov. 25, 1893. Parish Treasurer.

The following accounts were approved:  
H. Billaud, feeding prisoners..... \$ 33.95  
A. Cheffer, lumber..... 88.28  
Bernard & St. Julien, nails..... 3.50  
W. B. Bailly, clerk's fees..... 104.32  
E. H. Vanderbaumen, lumber..... 140.65  
There being no further business the Police Jury adjourned until the last Monday in January, 1894, at the usual hour.  
FORD HOFFPAUIR,  
R. C. BREIG,  
Secretary.

**School Board Proceedings.**

LAFAYETTE, LA., Nov. 27 1893.  
The Board of School Directors of the Parish of Lafayette met this day with the following members present: Julian Mouton president, Jasper Spell, H. Theall, D. Bernard, J. O. Broussard, and J. S. Whittington. Absent: Dr. W. W. Lessly and A. C. Guilbeau.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
Mr. P. A. Chiasson was commissioned and duly qualified as member of the School Board.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Whittington duly seconded the resolution of Mr. H. Theall's offering the school lands for rent was amended so as to read as follows:  
That the school lands Sec. 16, T. 9, S. R. 3 E. containing 624.04 acres situated in the 1st ward; Sec. 16 T. 11, S. R. 5 E. containing 556.12 acres situated in the 4th ward and Sec. 16, T. 10, S. R. 3 E. containing 645.36 acres situated in the second ward be rented at public auction at the Court-house at Lafayette on Saturday the 16th day of December, 1893, at 11 o'clock a. m. in 40 acre lots to the highest bidder, after advertisement in the Lafayette Advertiser, Lafayette Gazette and by posters in the several townships during 30 days as required by law, provided that no bids be accepted for less than 50 cents per acre; said lands to be leased for a term of four years from January 1, 1894, payable in yearly installments

with eight per cent interest from maturity, lessee to furnish good and solvent security.  
On motion duly made, it was resolved that Mr. Theo. Hirsch be paid \$2 per quarter for keeping School Board room in order, commencing from July 1, 1893, the time he took charge of said room.  
The contract with Mr. Jules Guidry for the use of his hall for a school room was accepted.  
The following account was approved:  
Joseph Hebert, work on school house..... \$16.10  
Making desks and benches..... \$6.10  
The Board then adjourned to the next regular meeting, Jan. 6, 1894.  
JULIAN MOUTON, President.  
H. E. TOLL, Secretary.

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- C. D. CAFFERY, " "
- W. E. BOWEN, " "
- J. N. SATTERFIELD, " "
- R. W. ELLIOTT, " "
- WM. CLEGG, " "
- R. H. RAND, " "
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**NOTICE.**

Members of Lafayette Lodge No. 3104 K. of H. are urgently requested to attend the next regular meeting, Tuesday, December 12. Business of great importance. By order of the Lodge.  
DR. J. F. MOUTON, Reporter.

**Constable Sale.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA—PARISH OF LAFAYETTE.  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT—5th WARD.  
Geo. Malagarie vs. Ernest Labbe. M. F. Girouard agent for Clairville Breaux vs. Ernest Labbe.  
By virtue of two writs of fieri facias issued in the above mentioned suit, viz: the Hon. S. Greig, Fifth Justice of the Peace, in and for Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and to me directed, I will offer for sale and sell to the last and highest bidder in the town of Broussardville, La., on

**Public Auction.**

As per resolution of the School Board, the school lands embraced in Sec. 16, T. 9, S. R. 3 E. containing 624.04 acres, in the first ward; Sec. 16, T. 11, S. R. 5 E. containing 556.12 acres, in the fourth ward; Sec. 16, T. 10, S. R. 3 E. containing 645.36 acres, in the second ward, will be rented, in 40-acre lots, at public auction at the court house in Lafayette, on

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