

PUBLIC OPINION

Reflected in the Papers of this Great State.

While the bill as reported to the Senate is not what the Louisiana planters expected, it is much better than the Wilson bill, and we believe that it will give a fair rate of protection, still it is not a law and the House may yet demand a compromise which would no doubt result in good for the sugar industry.

The perennial and irrepressible conflict between the Louisiana Republican factions for the loaves and fishes, of Federal patronage goes merrily on, and President McKinley is confronted with the same fragment exposition of political dirty linen that is thrust under the nose of every Republican president at the beginning of his administration.

The Progress is glad to see so many papers and people endorsing the views on the outlet system it expressed five years ago, when it first started on its career. We contended then and do now, that the all-levee system is the most costly, devastating experiment Congress and the people ever adopted.

The announcement that the defaulting bank officials out in Chicago are to be prosecuted is rather surprising to them. They were under the impression that the hard work they performed last year for the preservation of the nation's credit would give them immunity from petty litigation of this nature.

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Police Jury Proceedings.

Lafayette, La., May 6, 1897.—The Police Jury met this day in regular session with the following members present: R. C. Landry, C. C. Brown, Ben Avant, Martial Billeaud, Jr., J. E. Primeaux, John Whittington, Alonzo Lacy, and Alfred Hebert.

The committee appointed to settle with the sheriff and tax collector for parish taxes of 1894 and 1895, reported that after a thorough examination and verification of the statements and deduction lists, submitted by the collector for said taxes, all of said monies were found properly accounted for and a quietus had been granted unto the said tax collector for all taxes due the parish for said years.

By motion M. T. Martin was appointed to assist the assessor in the assessment of lands, and \$100 allowed for such service.

Mr. Hebert reported that he had sold the scaffold lumber for \$7.50. Approved.

By motion of Mr. Primeaux the following jury of freeholders were appointed to trace and lay out a public road 40 feet wide according to law, from the corner of J. A. Lanewille's and P. R. Landry's land running south to the limits of Vermilion parish;

O. Cade, Ben Flanders, Sidney Duplex, Octave Theriot, Clement Romero and Aurelien Primeaux.

By motion of Mr. Primeaux the following jury of freeholders were appointed to trace and lay out a public road 40 feet wide according to law, from Royville, near A. L. Dyer's store, to connect with the road running from said town; O. Cade, Ben Flanders, Sidney Duplex, Octave Theriot, Clement Romero and Aurelien Primeaux.

By motion, Sheriff Broussard was allowed 45 cents per day each for feeding prisoners provided that he maintains a keeper in the jail and obligates himself to keep said jail in proper sanitary condition.

The petitions of Mrs. C. Willy and F. Trahan, for pensions, were again refused.

The sum of \$25 was granted unto Geo. Gaspar and wife, indigents.

The treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To bal on hand at last report \$3998 90

April 1, A. Cummings con stock sold 4 00

April 3, Thos. Mouton con stock 7 50

April 16, A. Billeaud con stock 2 65

April 19, tax coll'r taxes and int. coll'd in March 252 82

April 19, tax coll'r licenses coll'd in March 960 00

April 23, clerk of court jury costs in case P. T. C. Co. vs. L. W. R. R. Co. 411 20

Total receipts \$5637 07

April, by 5 per cent com— Tax coll'r taxes and interest coll'd in March 12 64

Tax coll'r licenses coll'd in March 48 00

By approved orders 1504 87

By jurors' certificates 35 90

By witnesses' certificates 29 00

SEPT. 7, 1897. Rep't of Oct. 5, '96, fines, permits 25 50

Rep't Nov. 2, '96, fines, permits 53 75

Rep't Dec. 2, '96, fines, permits 62 70

Rep't Mech. 1, '97, fines, permits 37 00

Coll'd since Mech. 1, '97, fines, permits 9 75

On account old license 10 00

By cash to treasurer— Oct. 5, 1896 525 50

Nov. 2, 1896 53 75

Dec. 2, 1896 62 70

March 1, 1897 37 00

May 3, 1897 19 75

The coll'r has been paid his commission of collection of taxes and licenses only up to Jan. 5, 1897; since then he has coll'd and paid to treasurer, as per report March 1, 1897 \$1876 40

And as per report this day 1399 95

Total licenses and taxes collected 5275 45

On which he's entit'd to 4 per cent com., making 131 01

To which add amt. overpaid as per this report 37 65

For which amount of \$168 66 The collector should get a warrant.

We recommend that the mayor, collector, and treasurer be each given a quietus, and full discharge for all monies collected by them in their respective capacities.

Respectfully submitted, ORTHER C. MOUTON, LEO DOUCET, Finance Committee.

Ordered filed and spread on minutes. Upon motion the secretary was instructed to issue a marshal warrant for \$168.66 as per report of finance committee.

Moved by O. C. Mouton, seconded by Dr. Trahan that mayor, collector and treasurer are hereby granted a quietus for all monies received by them up to date.

On hand as per report, special tax \$1819 77

Received from Sid McFaddin 37 65

May, By cash received from— Sid McFaddin, special fund 45 17

Sid McFaddin, special fund 80

Total cash on hand special tax \$1903 40

Respectfully submitted, D. V. GARDEBLEU, Treasurer.

Ordered recorded and filed. MAYOR'S REPORT.

DR. Mayor reported having collected— Fines 7 50

Bazaars 2 25

On account old license 10 00

CR. APPROVED ACCOUNTS.

Sid McFaddin, salary marshal 50 00

Ulysse Himel, salary marshal 50 00

W. P. Oil Co. 13 18

Baxter Clegg, salary 1 year secretary 75 00

Victor Breaux, fixing bridges 2 50

Leon Plonsky, blankets for jail 2 50

Theodore Richard, hauling 2 50

Mrs. M. Landry, boarding and lodging Judy woman 1 00

Gabi Hebert, hauling fish 5 00

Ambrose Mouton, attending lamps 25 00

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