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ASSESSMENT ROLLS

Completed—A Twenty Per Cent Increase is Shown.

Assessor Martin assisted by Messrs. Aymar Labbe, Jos Ducote and Jerome Mouton, has completed the assessment rolls of the parish and forwarded a book to the State auditor. There is an increase of \$377,433.00 over last year's assessment, which is equal to very nearly 20 per cent, as good a showing as that of any other parish in the State. The parish of Calcasieu prides itself on an increase of 11 per cent and St. Landry boasts of \$140,500.00 over last year's total valuation. St. Landry is about five times the size of Lafayette and has a total valuation of about \$4,500,000, while Lafayette, notwithstanding its small area, shows up with \$2,348,827.00 as a grand total, and nearly three times the increase of St. Landry. Moreover, in the latter parish, the amount of valuation on steamboats, barges, etc., was quite an item, which this parish does not enjoy. All in all, the tabulation shows conscientious and faithful work on the part of Assessor Martin and his assistants, who had in view an equal distribution of the taxes of the parish and who equalized as much as possible the burden of taxation. Considering the fact that Lafayette parish is the third smallest in area in the State, its citizens should be satisfied with these results.

The poll taxes also show an increase of nearly \$300.00.

The following is the result in tabulated form:

FOR THE CORPORATION.	
Value of lands.....	\$ 3,000 00
Value of lots, etc.....	235,015 00
Value of merchandise.....	59,680 00
Value of capital stock in shares.....	35,000 00
Total white.....	304,065 00
Total negro.....	34,625 00
Corporation non-residents, railroads, etc.....	183,340 00
Parish non-residents.....	353,382 00
Supplemental list.....	1,435 00
Grand total of the parish including the above:	
Value of lands, etc.....	\$1,023,243 00
Lots, etc.....	340,965 00
Horses, etc.....	192,255 00
Merchandise.....	90,185 00
Vehicles.....	26,223 00
Capital stock in shares.....	49,300 00
Other property.....	626,656 00
Total white.....	\$2,309,278 00
Total negro.....	139,549 00
Grand total.....	\$2,348,827 00
AMOUNT OF TAXES.	
State tax.....	\$14,091 94
Parish tax.....	19,258 05
Corporation criminal fund.....	1,566 10
Poll tax.....	3,964 00
Total tax.....	\$37,880 09

Inspecting Paris Green.
Wood Lee, of the State Bureau of Agriculture, was in Lafayette Thursday for the purpose of inspecting, or rather of gathering samples of the paris green on sale in this section. The samples are sent either to Baton Rouge or the experimental station at Audubon where they are analyzed and tested. This inspection is made to protect the farmers against any impure paris green, and in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature regulating the sale and purity of paris green as an insecticide in this State. Mr. Lee informed The Gazette that so far caterpillars were reported in only a few sections of Louisiana. Mr. Lee left Thursday for Opelousas.

At the Park To-morrow.
A. J. Sprole, manager of the Oak Avenue Park, informs The Gazette that there will be some genuine sport at the park to-morrow.

A baseball game between a crack team from Opelousas and a Lafayette nine will be played. Two bicycle races will take place to be followed by a half-mile pony race. Some of the best players in the State will take part in the baseball game.

Spectacles at Biossats jewelry.

LICENSE PAYERS.

Assessor Martin Compiles a List of Those Who Pay Licenses.

Assessor Martin, has, at the request of the Police Jury, prepared a list of license tax-payers of this parish, which we print below. We leave out the names and simply give the number of each class. The list is as complete as the assessor could make it under the circumstances. It seems to be a generally conceded fact that a large number of foot-peddlers escape the payment of their licenses, which, if collected, would considerably raise the public revenues. With this end in view the Police Jury passed some time ago the following ordinance to which The Gazette calls the attention of the executive officers of this parish. It would be an easy matter for the various ward constables to see that the army of foot-peddlers are made to carry licenses as it is in the country districts that they do business. The ordinance reads:

"Provided that no person or peddler shall be allowed to sell goods as clerk or clerks of a peddler or hawker, but that he or they must pay a license in his or their own name; but this proviso shall not apply to watercraft.

"Provided further that all executive officers of this parish are hereby empowered and directed to cause all peddlers or hawkers to exhibit their parish licenses, and the said peddlers or hawkers failing to exhibit or produce the same, the said officers are directed and empowered by this act to seize the stock and merchandise of said peddlers or hawkers, and turn the same over to any court of competent jurisdiction, with due information as to the violation of this act. The said executive officers shall be entitled to receive as fees the sum of \$5.00 for each and every case, from any peddler or hawker, clerk or clerks employed by said peddler or hawker, when peddling without a license in violation of this act."

The following has been made up from the list furnished to the Police Jury by Mr. Martin:

Merchants.....	96
Liquor dealers.....	40
Physicians.....	26
Lawyers.....	8
Editors.....	2
Livery stables.....	4
Boarding houses.....	3
Restaurants.....	7
Millinery.....	1
Jewelers.....	2
Soda water.....	3
Peddlers.....	14
Lodging house.....	1
Druggists.....	8
Grocery and fruits.....	6
Lumber and coal yards.....	3
Fruit dealers.....	3
Retail clothing house.....	1
Lunch stands.....	4
Groceries.....	4
Opera house.....	1
Lumber dealers.....	3
Hotels.....	4
Boarding and lodging.....	2

Good Work.

J. C. Couvillon informs The Gazette that St. Charles Avenue is now in better condition than it has ever been. It is due to the efforts of Ludovic Billeaud, Adelma Martin and Gilbert Comeau that this popular avenue has been put in such thorough shape from Mr. Couvillon's to Mrs. Lagrange's plantation.

Amusements at Broussard.

Ball in the new hall on Sept. 18, to be given by Alcide LeBlanc and Alcin Comeau.

Ball on Oct. 3, under the management of D. M. Landry in Landry's hall.

'Tis true that music had charms to soothe the savage breast and 'tis equally true that a mile of table laden with eatables will appease the hunger of the vast multitude at the Great Scott Fair and World's Exposition, Oct. 9 and 10.

Spectacles at Biossats jewelry.

AT SCOTT

News Items Picked Up by The Gazette Correspondent.

The Breaux Bridge Band, Jr., passed through Great Scott last Friday en route to Point aux Loups Springs, and serenaded the Scott folks.

A wedding ball was given at the Scott opera-house last Monday. The Duhon Band discoursed sweet music as usual.

Several tickets were sold in Scott for the races at Rayne, Sept. 5.

We are afraid the printing offices will run short of ink before our hustling advertising agent gets through with the Great Scott Fair. He surely does sling printers' ink and draws the crowd.

The painters are at work on Mr. Justice's large store. It will be an ornament to Scott.

Mr. A. Justice is having Justice Avenue put in a first-class condition. It will be thoroughly cleaned and graded and will be a pleasant avenue for the large crowd that will attend the fair Oct. 9 and 10.

A solid train of some 2000 people will leave New Orleans Sunday morning Oct. 10, for the Scott fair. Among the excursionists will be a large delegation of prominent New Orleans merchants. This proves that the people of Great Scott have managers of brains and talent.

Mr. T. Robichaux, of Franklin, was visiting friends in Scott last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Clark of Lafayette dined Sunday last with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Price.

ORTON.

For the Carencro Public School.

Claude Latiolais, parish superintendent of public schools, was in Lafayette Thursday, making the necessary preparations for an entertainment which he, assisted by the people of Carencro, proposes to give on Sunday, the 12th of September, for the purpose of raising funds to add to the appropriation made by the School Board to build a school house at Carencro. On the day mentioned an excursion will be given to Huron where extensive arrangements will be made for the accommodation and entertainment of a large crowd of people. A game of ball will be played by the Century Club nine and the invincible team of the Attapas Club of Carencro. A race by three fleet-footed athletes of State-wide reputation will be one of the main features of the program. The round trip fare from this town will be 75 cents and from Carencro 50 cents. Children will be charged half price.

Baseball at Pilette.

There will be two games of baseball at Pilette to-morrow. At 12 o'clock a game will be played by the Pilette and Scott clubs and at 3:35 in the afternoon the same clubs will play another game. At night the people of Pilette will give a dance in honor of their guests.

There is a class of politicians in this State who stand in perpetual fear that Foster will catch them and put them into a hole, or as the Boston congressman said, "deposit them into a cavity." Those unfortunate fellows have our sympathy. They deserve it. They are in a bad fix politically speaking. To be tortured by such a ridiculous notion is worst than martyrdom to an aspiring politician. To be laboring under the belief that at any time Foster is liable to grab him and knock the sawdust out of his political aspirations, cannot be at all reassuring, and is not calculated to make him feel well these convention times.

The Ladies' Club

On Thursday afternoon the Five O'clock Tea Club held its fortnightly meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter J. Mouton. It being the first of the month the business program was unusually lengthy. Refreshments were served on the lawn and since the formality of table etiquette was not required, these dainties were enjoyed more than ever. The diversion of the evening was "Gamut," at which one must don her thinking-cap and not be found nodding. The first prize, a handsome powder-box and puff, was allotted to Miss L. Mudd. The booby, a tiny piano, was awarded Mrs. Baxter Clegg, with the advice "to practice." Thus ended an afternoon fraught with unbounded pleasure. The next hostesses are the Misses Mudd. Mrs. N. P. Moss kindly extended an invitation to the club members for next Thursday night. Needless to say it was unanimously accepted, and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

Mad Dog on the Warpath.

Considerable excitement was caused at Broussardville last Monday by the appearance on the streets of a mad dog. After frightening the people of the neighborhood, the dog bit other canines, a hog and a horse. The latter belongs to V. G. Broussard and is said to be a very valuable animal and it is feared that he has been infected with the disease. The mad dog, and the dogs and hog that he had bitten, were killed.

Death of Mrs. Martha Cade.

Mrs. Martha Cade, aged 81 years, died Saturday, Aug. 28, at 9:20 p. m., at New Iberia.

Mrs. Cade was the mother of Hon. Overton Cade of this parish, Capt. C. T. Cade of New Iberia, and Mr. William Cade of Vermilion. She leaves a large number of grand children.

Billeaud & E-torge are building a switch to their lumber yard at Broussard. The increase in their business has also necessitated the erection of a large shed.

Bicycle Race of the Season.

The most interesting bicycle race of the season will take place at the Oak Avenue Park to-morrow. The following well-known wheelmen have already entered the race: Albert Durand of St. Martinville, A. L. Stokie of Jeanerette, Gordon Sandoz of Opelousas, Thompson of New Iberia. There will be other races.

Ball at Carencro.

A ball will take place in the new and commodious Sibille Hall at Carencro to-night. Arrangements have been made to insure a good time to all who will attend. The following committees are in charge of the ball:

Committee of Arrangements—D. A. Dimitry, chairman; Albert Lamulle, Frank Abbadie, Jos. Trahan, Odon Guidry, August Vergez, Clifford Estilette, C. Smith.

Floor managers—Olivier Couvillon, chairman; Sam P. Brown, Clifford Estilette, Leonce Dupuis. Reception Committee—A. B. Trahan, chairman; Kelly Andrus, Oscar Couvillon, Armand Andrus, Theo. J. Breaux.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Wm. Clegg.

We employ the best of watch-makers and you can rest assured your watches will give you perfect satisfaction. T. M. Biossats, jeweler.

Changes in the Judiciary.

A number of lawyers from different parts of the State met at Alexandria on Wednesday for the purpose of formulating a plan for the guidance of the constitutional convention in remodeling the judiciary.

The convention has not, at this writing, agreed upon any particular plan, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be for the following changes in the judiciary:

The abolishment of the offices of district judge and district attorney, and have instead a parish judge and a parish attorney.

The retention of the circuit court with a different system of electing the judges.

The retention of the justice of the peace's court with certain changes.

High School.

The Lafayette High School will open on Monday, Sept. 6, at 9 o'clock a. m. Patrons of the school are requested to send their children as soon as possible in order that they may be classified.

CHAS. F. TRUDEAU, Principal.

"Pineapple smash, please." They are served at the Moss Pharmacy soda fountain, and they are certainly enjoyable.

Mrs. Charlotte Smith, the estimable lady who has started a crusade against the bachelors of the Empire State, was the subject of an animated discussion between two fellows whose hearts have always been impervious to Cupid's arrows. One of them said that he appreciated the high motive of the gentle Charlotte, but he'd be—if there was a petticoat reformer on God's green footstool who would make him renounce the pleasures of single blessedness.

Sister Camille of the Mount Carmel Convent of Abbeville was in Lafayette this week on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Louis Mouton. Sister Camille returned to Abbeville with her niece, little Clara Coleman, who will enter the convent.

Watches repaired at Biossats.

Prof. C. E. and Clarence Ives, who are here in the interests of the fraternal order of Woodmen of the World, have met with considerable success and will in a few days organize a camp in this town. The new camp will have in its membership citizens from different sections of the parish.

Prof. Chas. F. Trudeau, principal of the Lafayette High School, returned from Point Coupee parish where he spent three months enjoying a much-needed rest among his relatives and friends at his old home. Prof. Trudeau is feeling very well and is prepared for a session of hard work.

Miss Mary Littell has returned to Lafayette and resumed the management of the Western Union Telegraph office after an absence of one month spent with relatives and friends in New Orleans and Opelousas. Miss Sallie Alexander, who replaced Miss Littell during her absence, returned to her home in Abbeville Thursday.

The soda water season promises to be a long one this year, judging from the way the Moss Pharmacy soda fountain is being patronized each day.

Miss C. Delahomme arrived Monday after spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in Lafayette and Breaux Bridge.—Daily Iberian.

Judge McFaddin, of the third ward, has sent over fifty cases to the District Court, which convenes Monday next. From all appearances there will be quite a heavy docket, but nearly all the cases are of a minor nature.

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DEMAS' APPOINTMENT.

Henry Demas, the negro politician from St. James, has been given the fatted Federal office in Louisiana. He was appointed naval officer at New Orleans by President McKinley. Democrats have nothing to say concerning Demas' appointment simply because it's not their funeral. As to the Republicans they have no reason to complain. It is true Demas is rather dark, but he is thoroughly in sympathy with the principles and policies of the g. o. p. Demas' appointment means Wimberly's selection for collector of the port and the recognition of the negro wing of the Republican party in Louisiana. The Hon. H. C. Minor and his lily white friends will have to be satisfied with a duty on sugar, for it is clearly evident that they stand no more show with Mark Hanna than a stump-tailed bull in fly-time. Hanna knows where the strength of the Republican party lies in the South and he is throwing out his lines accordingly. Just now the eminently practical Mark needs the coon vote in his senatorial campaign in Ohio and must demonstrate his love for the brother in black in a substantial manner; hence the appointment of St. James' dusky statesman at the present time. It may be also taken as a significant fact that the Ohio senator has retained the services of Henry Demas who will use his persuasive oratory to show the bucks of the Buckeye Commonwealth what a good friend the great Marcus Aurelius Hannus is to the down-trodden and ill-used Southern negro.

Those boneless hams at 25 and 35 cents a piece, are a real treat. You buy them at Moss Bros. & Co's.

An Unfortunate Illustration.

St Joseph (Mo.) Herald.
An unusually good joke has leaked out at the expense of one of St Joseph's able orators, who accepted an invitation to speak at a Fourth of July celebration in a neighboring town. Unfortunately the enterprising weekly in the said village saw the point, and that's what hastened the orator's summer vacation. The breach has not fully healed yet, however, and perhaps it were best to enjoy the little story without attempting to substantiate the facts from the party most interested. The celebration was all that was desired, and the orator saw his opportunity and made the best of it. He was in the midst of his oration when a point was reached where the growth of these great United States was described. To make the effect more forcible the speaker pointed to a woman in the crowd who held a babe in her arms. In a flight of impassioned oratory he exclaimed:

"Look at that innocent babe as it nestles in its mother's arms; just as it draws nourishment from its mother's breast to sustain life, so has the country drawn aid and support from the people who are upholding its integrity and honor."
The orator observed that the woman with the infant in her arms turned red, white and blue in the face, but he took it to be an outburst of genuine patriotism. A second glance, however indicated that something was wrong. At the conclusion of the address the orator was advised by well-meaning friends to keep out of the way of the woman to whom he had directed his remarks. Inquiry brought out the fact that she was a confirmed old maid, who had not spoken to a man for at least seven years. She was merely holding the baby for one of her neighbors. It is reported that the speech-maker of the day got his hat and walking-stick and soon severed his connection with the assemblage. In the future it may be wagered upon that the orator will hew close to his text.