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THE GRAND JURY

Request the Police Jury to Investigate a Complaint Against Juror Avant.

The grand jury's report was read in court Thursday afternoon. The jurors report the offices of the sheriff, clerk and treasurer in good order and all public documents well kept and public funds correctly accounted for. The attention of the police jury is called to the general condition of the court-house. The building needs to be painted and other repairs are deemed necessary. An inspection of the parish jail showed it to be well kept and the prisoners properly cared for. The attention of the Police Jury is called to the unsatisfactory results obtained from the use of the hearing process used to do away with the oxal.

In regard to the public roads the jury made the following report: "That Mr. Ben Avant, member of the police jury of this parish, who has in his care oxen belonging to the parish, did on the 9th day of this month, refuse to turn over the said oxen to Mr. Foreman who had instructions from the road overseer of that ward to go to Mr. Avant and get the oxen to do some work on the public road. The reason given by Mr. Avant for not turning over the oxen was that they were not strong enough to do public work, while he, on that very same day, was using the said oxen to break new land for his own benefit. We would further state that Mr. Foreman said that he was satisfied that had he got the oxen he would have been able to do the work required on the public road. We, therefore, request the police jury at their first meeting to give this matter a rigid investigation and have Mr. Avant render an account of his action in refusing to comply with the request of Mr. Foreman."

The jurors concluded their report by tendering their thanks to Col. Breaux for his efficient services rendered during their deliberations.

JUDGE DEBAILLON'S CHARGE.

He Suggests to the Jurors the Propriety of Memorializing the Constitutional Convention.

After delivering the usual charge to the grand jury Judge Debaillon did what some of his contreres in other districts of the State have done since the election of delegates to the constitutional convention. He stated to the jurors that he believed it his duty to express his opinion on the question of the judiciary and to suggest to them the propriety of formulating a memorial to the convention, which has just assembled in New Orleans. Before giving his views on the judiciary the judge stated the great question of suffrage was already receiving the attention of a committee composed of the best men of the State who would settle that vexed problem well and satisfactorily. Judge Debaillon, then gave his views on the movement to change the judiciary, which, considering his long service on the bench, are entitled to no little weight. He stated that with slight changes the present system would be the best the State has ever had; that the trouble was with the mode of procedure rather than with the system itself. He added that he believed the Supreme, Circuit and District Courts should remain as they are now constituted. He stated that he favored the retention of the justice court, but added that this latter tribunal should be vested with more jurisdiction which would empower it to dispose of misdemeanors and cases not necessarily punishable at hard labor. He believed, however, that certain qualifications should be required of the justices of the peace. This is, we believe, the substance of the views of Judge Debaillon as expressed to the grand jury in his charge Monday morning.

Wall paper, window shades and curtain poles, at Moss Bros. & Co's.

OUR FIREMEN.

Three Companies to Organize Permanently Monday Night.

Now that the means to fight that most dangerous of our enemies, known as fire, have been procured, it is only necessary for the citizens of the town to organize in order to have the protection which they should. A few gentlemen having that end in view have taken the initiative in this matter and we are pleased to state that their efforts have already met with the most encouraging results. Enough citizens have signified their willingness to join the movement to insure its success, and it is safe to say that before the waning of many moons Lafayette will have what it has has never had before—fire protection.

The committee appointed to solicit the enlistment of members, composed of T. J. Allingham, Felix Voorhies and Felix Mouton, have done good work, enrolling enough names to organize their companies. They have also divided the town into three districts and located one station at the court-house, one at the store of Mouton Bros. and the other at Moss & Mouton's lumber yard.

DISTRICT COURT

Convened on Monday Morning—Criminal Court Unusually Small.

A regular criminal term of the District Court convened Monday morning, Judge Debaillon presiding. The judge appointed Mr. Auguste Mouton foreman of the grand jury and the names of the following gentlemen were drawn out of the box to serve as jurors for this term: Paul Castel, Charles Cochran, Wm. G. Baily, Alfred Charoais, Preston Benton, Luc Doucet, F. G. Mouton, Ralph L. Foreman, Arthur Couret, Fedorin Estillette, Willie Creighton, Placide Guilbeau, Frank Guidry, Chas. Jenkins, Ralph Dubon. The jury remained in session until Thursday afternoon, returning fourteen indictments and nine "not true bills." Nearly all the cases examined were for minor offenses. The following indictments were brought in: Joseph St. Julien, using obscene language; Ben Avant, embezzlement; Simeon Bergeron, defamation of character; Joseph Edmond, entering a house without breaking; Timonnie Burnette, stealing a ride; Sidney Foreman, striking with intent to murder; Jno. Baptiste Daily, carrying concealed weapon; Willie Brown, larceny; Teresia Watson, obtaining money under false pretenses; Albert Duhon, selling liquor without license; Fernest Kelly, carrying concealed weapon; Florestal Guidry, malicious slander; A. O. Patureau and Geo. Pefferkorn, carrying concealed weapon.

In the absence of District Attorney Gordy who left Wednesday to attend the constitutional convention, of which body he is a member, Col. Breaux was appointed district attorney pro tem.

The petit jurors for the first and second weeks were finally discharged. District Attorney Gordy will be back in court Thursday when indicted parties will be arraigned, and cases will be tried on the third week of the term.

THE INDICTMENT

Against a Public Official For Embezzlement.

In the accusation against Ben Avant, police juror from the second ward, it is alleged that Mr. Avant collected for Thompson Hoffpauir the sum of \$60 appropriated by the Police Jury and due Mr. Hoffpauir for some work done in the second ward, and that instead of turning over to the owner the whole amount collected, he accounted only for \$45.

Carencro News.

Messrs. C. C. Brown, M. Bernard, Maurice Francez, T. Guidroz and Dr. J. P. Francez composing a pleasure party who spent several days on the coast, returned home last week. In spite of the fact that game and fish were unusually scarce, they had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. J. B. Roberts has returned to Carencro after an absence of several months.

Don't forget the grand ball to be given at Sibille's Hall on Mardi Gras night, by the Carencro brass band and social club.

The Attakapas Club intend purchasing a billiard table for their club room.

The appointment of Hon. A. I. Guilbeau to one of the clerkships of the State convention was a source of much gratification to his numerous friends, and a marked compliment to Carencro. Mr. Guilbeau is a prominent citizen of our town, one of its councilmen, and we do not think that those in authority could have made a wiser selection. Our congratulations to the appointee, as well as to those who secured his appointment.

Don't fail to get a "squit" at our magnificent public school building if you should happen to visit Carencro. It will show you how very little it requires to destroy the whole appearance of a town.

Messrs. "Kelly" Andrus, Smith and Armand Andrus, accompanied by several other gentlemen, serenaded a number of their friends a few evenings since. Your correspondent was among those who shared the treat and can attest the musical ability of the gentlemen. Mandolin, autoharp and cornet, form a trio affording excellent music, most pleasing to the ear.

There will be a special train provided on Mardi Gras to carry passengers wishing to attend the carnival at New Iberia. The train will leave Carencro at 9:40 a. m., returning will leave New Iberia at midnight arriving at Carencro 1:13 a. m. Feb. 23rd 1898.

Rev. Father Laforest was called to Texas Landing last week to attend the bedside of Mr. Von Schoeller a former parishioner of his. Father Laforest was accompanied by his nephew, Master Victor Grenier.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Frank Charleville, of New Orleans, to Miss Ella Richard, of Opelousas, Feb. 19, at St. Landry's Catholic Church. Miss Richard is the charming daughter of Mr. T. S. Richard. Mr. Charleville has been in Opelousas a few months representing the cotton firm of Lichtenstein & Bros. Mr. Charleville has a number of friends in Carencro who join in congratulating him.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Guilbeau and children and Miss Birdie Palmer were visitors in Breaux Bridge last Saturday.

Dramatic entertainment, concert and fair at Carencro, Feb. 19 and 20.

Married.

Mr. David Mouton, of this town, and Miss Ida Campbell, of St. Martinville, were married at the latter place Thursday morning. Messrs. Ambrose Mouton and Edwin Campbell witnessed the marriage and returned in the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Mouton, who will make their home in Lafayette.

There will be a meeting of the Catholic Knights of America at the Catholic Presbytery after high mass Sunday.

Are You Weak?
Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than an expensive special course of medicine. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

City Council Proceedings.

LAFAYETTE, La., February 7, 1898.—The City Council met this evening in regular session with the following members present: Mayor Caffery, Councilmen Hahn, Hopkins, Martin and Mouton.

The minutes were read and after a correction in the treasurer's report they were adopted.

The following accounts were approved:

D. J. Veazey, one month marshal, etc.	\$67 00
U. Himel, one month deputy marshal	50 00
H. Hebert, one month deputy marshal	40 00
L. Chopin, hauling 15 loads of brick	11 25
U. Duhon, hauling 6038 feet of lumber	21 03
D. V. Gardebled, sundries	28 90
Ambroise Mouton, attending lamps, Jan.	25 00
A. J. Sprole, 2 1/2 dozen lamp chimneys	2 25
L. M. Creighton, one month work on plank walk	14 00
Wm. Guchereau, brick bats for street	10 50
W. P. Oil Co., three bbls. of oil	18 18
J. D. Cotter, 2 1/2 days helping L. M. Creighton	3 13
I. A. Broussard, feeding prisoners, Jan.	6 00
Wm. Green, hauling dead horse	2 00
Victor Breaux, grading streets	15 00
Reports of officers were called: Collector McFadden reported as follows:	
Regular taxes	\$ 771 65
Special taxes	482 39
Notices on taxes	10
License	141 50
Total amount	\$1395 64
Marshal Veazey's report:	
Fines on stock	\$ 5 00
Six hogs sold	6 65
Total amount	\$11 65
Both reports ordered filed and recorded.	
Treasurer Clegg reported as follows:	
To The Hon. Mayor and Members of City Council Lafayette, La. Following are receipts and disbursements since report of January 3, 1893, of Baxter Clegg, treasurer:	
LAFAYETTE, La., Feb. 7, 1898.	
1898. GENERAL FUND.	
Jan. 3, to amount on hand as per report	\$1382 09
To amounts received from Sid McFadden for regular tax—	
Jan 3	70 91
4	65 57
5	25 49
6	6 97
7	59 61
8	7 83
10	12 11
11	7 20
11, licenses	10 00
12, regular tax	31 06
12, licenses	109 00
13, regular tax	1 73
14	50 40
15	13 01
17	10 80
19	3 00
20	7 55
22	3 37
24	11 42
25	19 22
26	2 02
27	75
27, license	10 00
29, regular tax	2 25
31	3 37
31, license	10 00
31, notice	10
Feb 2, regular tax	37 00
4	26 81
7 C. D. Caffery fines and bazaars	25 50
7 D. J. Veazey fines on stock	11 65
Total	\$2038 86

CREDITS.

Jan. by amounts to—

Moss & Mouton	\$ 417 54
"	67 27
I. A. Broussard	10 80
"	18 40
W. P. Oil Co.	12 12
A. Patin	48 00
F. H. Thompson	48 00
Edwin Campbell	36 50
Henry Fontenot	42 00
T. A. McFadden	54 50
Ulysse Himel	40 00
H. Hebert	30 00
Sterling Mudd	18 75
F. H. Thompson	12 00
Amb. Mouton	12 75
"	25 00
T. A. McFadden	25 50
Alphar Patin	12 00
Mike Hollander	10 50

CREDITS.

Feb. to amt. cash on hand as per report	\$457 84
BAXTER CLEGG, TREAS. W. W. AND	
E. L. FUND.	
DR.	
1898.	
Jan. 3, to amt on hand as per report this day	\$3673 12
To amounts received from McFadden for special tax—	
Jan. 3	47 10
4	44 07
5	17 35
6	4 65
7	39 97
8	5 22
10	8 27
11	4 80
12	21 45
13	1 12
14	33 20
15	8 67
16	7 20
19	2 00
20	4 90
22	2 25
24	7 65
25	12 97
26	1 35
27	50
29	1 50
31	2 50
Feb. 2	24 67
4	17 87
Total	\$3994 19

Moss & Mouton	168 69
T. M. Boissat	2 85
H. A. VanderCruyzer	1 00
F. H. Mouton	4 00
Gus Lacoste	3 00
Henry Hebert	40 00
Ulysse Himel	50 00
Sterling Mudd	4 50
H. J. Mouton	25 00
Amb. Mouton	25 00
Alf. Hebert	11 85
D. J. Veazey	71 90
U. Himel	50 00
H. Hebert	40 00
I. A. Broussard	6 00
Wm Graser	5 55
Wm Clegg	16 50
Lafayette Advertiser	50 00
Geo DeBlanc	2 40
Lafayette Printing Shop	25 75
Moss Bros. & Co.	4 14
L M Creighton	14 00
W P Oil Co.	6 06
Wm Gushreaux	8 50
A J Sprole	2 70
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A communication from the Consolidated Engineering Company, relative to furnishing a marble tablet, with the names of the members of the City Council inscribed thereon, to be used as a corner stone of the waterwork and electric light plant, for the sum of \$25 was received, upon motion of Mr. Hahn, seconded by Dr. Martin, that the proposition be approved. Yeas—Hahn and Martin. Nays—Hopkins and Mouton. The vote being a tie the mayor voted no.

A communication from Mr. C. Lusted, Sr., withdrawing his application as chief engineer of the waterwork and electric light plant was received and recorded.

The application of A. R. Lisbony and Albert Singleton for fireman of the waterwork and electric light plant were filed for reference.

The application of Mrs. G. W. Smitin to remove her household effects from New Orleans to Lafayette was received, and upon motion duly seconded, it was resolved that the goods of Mrs. Smith be admitted upon certificate from the health authorities of New Orleans, that they do not come from an infected residence.

The application of Mr. P. J. Daspit, of Lake Charles, for chief engineer of waterwork and electric light plant was filed for reference.

The application of the City Clerk for an increase of salary was laid over.

The following communication was received:

To the waterworks committee of the town of Lafayette, La.—Gentlemen: We beg to request that as we are nearly ready to turn the waterwork and electric light plant over to the city of Lafayette, that you cause to be inspected all the work done on this contract, as well as have inspected all material, machinery, etc., which have been used in the construction of the plant.

Your truly,
Consolidated Engineering Company Limited, Per H. DASPIT, Secretary.

The above communication was referred to Mr. Zell, city engineer. The following communication was then laid before the Council: LAFAYETTE, La., January 19, 1898.—Hon. Mayor Caffery and City Council of Lafayette—Gentlemen: If you see proper to extend to the Consolidated Engineering Company Limited, the advancement of five thousand (\$5,000) on account, I do not think you jeopardize the interests of the town by doing so, provided you do not pay any more until the plant is completed and tested. With this understanding I will be willing to advise the advancement. Respectfully submitted, ROBERT R. ZELL, Superintendent Engineer.

After considering the same the following was adopted: Resolved, That five thousand dollars, out of the amount due on third payment to Consolidated Engineering Company, be advanced and paid to them provided that balance of said third payment amount be remitted to the final completion and acceptance of plant. Yeas—Four. Nays—None.

The following resolutions were adopted: By Dr. Martin—Be it resolved, that the residence of Father Forge be wired and the supplies purchased therefor at the expense of the town. By Mr. Hahn—Whereas there has been a complaint made about a public nuisance, therefore be it resolved that the mayor appoint a committee to establish a dead line to abate said public nuisance and thereupon the mayor appointed, Mr. Mouton and Dr. Martin on that committee. By Dr. Martin—Be it resolved, That the Council give special instruction to the street committee to give the canal in Mill's Addition and the big ditch needful attention, the contract for same to be let to the lowest bidder, any and all bids subject to rejection and that the mayor be added to the committee for this special purpose. By Dr. Hopkins—Be it resolved, That the mayor appoint an expert electrician to wire the houses under the supervision of the secretary of the waterwork and electric light, also authorize the mayor to procure the necessary fuel to run the plant, to purchase hose of a medium quality, length of hose left to the discretion of the mayor, to purchase a tapping machine, to purchase the necessary wire for outside wiring and also two hundred 16 K. P. incandescent lights and supplies, that the cost of the two hundred be distributed among the first five hundred subscribers. An ordinance relative to issuance of bonds for appliances for waterworks and electric lights: Whereas, act No. 90 of 1896, authorizes the City Council of Lafayette, La., to issue bonds to the amount of \$38,000 to procure, construct and operate a waterworks and electric light plant in the city and whereas there remains \$2000 of said bonds, unexpended therefore. Be it ordained by the Council that for the purpose of procuring a supply of wire, incandescent lamps, etc., also for hose, a tapping machine and other appliances necessary to operate said plants, the said City Council of Lafayette hereby authorizes the issuance of said two thousand dollars of bonds and the mayor is empowered to sign the same, and said bonds to be redeemable March 1, 1906. Adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Hahn, Hopkins, Martin and Mouton. Nays—None.

There being no further business to transact the council adjourned. C. A. CAFFERY, Mayor. F. STERLING MUDD, Secretary.

Household Gods.
The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at Wm. Clegg's drug store.