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THE NICHOLLS CASE.

Times-Democrat.

The Louisiana Supreme Court yesterday overruled the exceptions taken in the case of Mr. W. P. Nicholls, former president of the Bank of Commerce, and charged with wrecking it, and affirmed the verdict of the jury. It refused Mr. Nicholls' appeal for a rehearing; and its refusal makes the final, and sends Mr. Nicholls to the Penitentiary for three years, the term to which he was sentenced. Most of the points taken in the case were technical, covering various legal questions, which Nicholls' counsel declared had not been properly considered or passed on.

The decision of the Supreme Court will be received with public satisfaction, not because it results in the punishment of ex-President Nicholls, but because it must revive public confidence and have a beneficial effect in assuring the proper management of banks and other like corporations on business principles.

The Times-Democrat has no feeling whatever against Mr. Nicholls, but the contrary sympathies with his friends over his troubles, but it none the less realizes that had the jury failed to convict, had it been found that there was no law to cover the offense by which the Bank of Commerce was wrecked, or had legal technicalities been discovered by which the verdict of the jury could have been set aside, the result would have been injurious and destructive to the business interests and financial credit of New Orleans. It would have been accepted as a declaration that any bank official who felt so inclined might set aside and violate all the laws controlling his action as president, cashier or other officer, and taking his own wishes and inclinations as his guide, could handle the money of the bank and the depositors as his own, investing it or speculating with it as it pleased his fancy. It would have been a declaration that any bank official who could claim "good intentions" might wreck the bank without the slightest risk of punishment.

It is needless to say that there are few banks in New Orleans or in any country that could have been managed as the Bank of Commerce was by President Nicholls without the risk of failure; and if the jury or Supreme Court had declared that the officials of a bank or other financial corporation can violate the clear provisions of the law, and yet not be held responsible for any failure or bankruptcy resulting from this act, the chances are that there would be the wildest speculation, the most exaggerated acts, and a host of failures. If Mr. Nicholls had escaped on the ground that his intentions were good, it would have destroyed all public confidence in banks, would have depressed their stock, reduced their deposits, and been an element of danger to the banking institutions of this city. Never was there a case where the strict enforcement of the law was more necessary, not for the punishment of the guilty, but for the protection of the entire community. And we have seen the beneficial effects of the finding of the jury in the prompt restoration of public confidence after a serious panic. The panic in New Orleans in 1896 left no bad effects behind, because it was clearly shown that the laws fully covered all offences against the banks and against depositors, and that officials who disobeyed these laws were certain to be convicted and punished.

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SCOTT DOTS.

The following Scott folks took in the New Orleans Mardi Gras: Mrs. Alf. Delhomme, Mrs. A. Judice, Leo Judice, S. Begnaud, Dr. Ed Perreault and Mrs. J. W. Broussard.

Misses Victoria and Mamie Price, Adelle Delhomme, Birtie McCord, Mr. J. W. Broussard and several others attended the New Iberia festival.

Mardi Gras in Scott was slim this season. Only a few maskers made their appearance on our streets. At night the ball was well attended and the dancers had a good time until the closing of the gay season. Lent now sets in with fish, oysters and picnics.

Mr. Morvant is rapidly erecting his large hotel on Klondyke Avenue.

Mr. P. A. Delhomme will soon erect a livery stable, which will be a great accommodation for the traveling public.

Mr. James T. Mulkern (Jim) is now in Jennings as secretary and treasurer of the McFarlin Irrigating Company. We miss Jim very much.

Scott has five stores, two hotels, two blacksmith shops, three saloons, one tin shop, one furniture maker, two large cotton gins, one fruit dealer, two lumber yards, and still it has no church. But with the brains of the managers of the Scott fair and the will of Providence ere the year '98 elapses we will hear the church bells ringing in Great Scott.

Mr. W. B. St. John, of Rayne, was among us last Tuesday.

Messrs. Paul and Edward Bourdier, of Rayne, were visitors during the week.

Remember June 4 and 5 are the dates of the Scott fair.

ORTON.

Miss Adele Young is on an extended visit to relatives in New Orleans.

Joe E. Mouton will receive subscriptions for the following papers: Times-Democrat, Picayune, Courier-Journal, Home and Farm, New York World and Houston Post.

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Dr. Stewart Weir, of Houston, returned on Tuesday after a stay of some weeks at the home of his parents.

If you enjoy good clean cut comedy don't fail to see A Southern Kid Company at the opera house Saturday and Sunday nights, February 26, 27.

The annual convention of this Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society will be held at the Methodist church on March 3, 4, 5 and 6. The meetings will be at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily. All are most cordially invited to attend.

Mesdames N. P. Moss, E. Mills, Masters Jeff Caffery and Willie Mills returned Wednesday from a visit to New Orleans.

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Misses Lizzie Mudd and Pearl Harmanson returned Thursday morning after enjoying a recreation of several days in the Crescent City.

Proceedings of the School Board.
LAFAYETTE, La., February 7, 1898.—School Board met this day with the following members present: Messrs. Delhomme, Hopkins, Durke, Olivier, Dupuis, Broussard, Whittington and Clegg. Absent: W. G. Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the sheriff's collection of poll taxes was accepted as follows and a

quies granted him. A vote of thanks was tendered the committee.

LAFAYETTE, La., Feb. 5, '98.—To the Hon. the President and Members of the School Board in and for the Parish of Lafayette, La.: We, the undersigned committee appointed by your Hon. Body to examine the account of I. A. Broussard, sheriff, for the collection of the poll taxes for the years 1893-94-95-96, begs leave to file the following report, together with the statement made a part hereof.

After a careful examination of the account of the said sheriff for poll taxes collected for the years first above written, and the vouchers and receipts therefor, we find that the said I. A. Broussard, sheriff, has duly accounted for all polls collected by him; and we therefore recommend that he be given a quies for same, for the years herein mentioned. Respectfully submitted, ED. G. VOORHIES, Chairman; J. O. BROUSSARD, BAXTER CLEGG.

DEBITS.	
Poll taxes on assessment roll 1893	\$ 3206
" " " " " 1894	3480
" " " " " 1895	3321
" " " " " 1896	3741
Sheriff's supplemental list 1893	56
" " " " " 1894	35
" " " " " 1895	38
" " " " " 1896	36
Total amount	\$ 13913
CREDITS.	
Rolls collected and paid over to parish treasurer	\$ 9058
Amt. of polls retained by clerk of court and bal. of polls uncoll'd.	4855
	\$ 13913

The report of Mr. Caffery relative to the leasing of school lands in the parish was accepted as follows:

To the Hon. President and Members of the School Board of Lafayette Parish: I beg to report that in accordance with the resolution of the Board authorizing me to lease the public school lands situated in this parish, the same were offered at public auction at the front door of the court-house on December 11, 1897, and I herewith submit the notes of the successful bidders, and of which the following is a list, and all of which are payable in one, two, three and four years, from Dec. 11, 1897, the term of lease:

- Note of E. Hulot, S. Mallet and Paul Melancon for \$ 69 50
- Note of Paul Melancon, S. Mallet and E. Hulot for 69 50
- Note of S. Mallet, E. Hulot and P. Melancon for 139 00
- Note of Alphe Dubois and B. Boudoin for 69 50
- Note of Philippe Cabrol and H. Theall for 69 50
- Note of Hy. Boudreaux and Sy. dry for 69 50
- Note of Louis Cabrol and P. Cabrol for 69 50
- Note of P. B. Roy and P. A. Duplex for 278 00
- Note of D. Landry and O. Landry for 139 00
- Note of P. B. Roy and P. A. Duplex for 69 50
- Note of B. Langlais and H. Theall for 69 50

- Note of E. Domingue, Pierre Sommer and J. Arceneux for 156 00
- Francois Sensat and P. Chiasson for 234 00
- E. Arceneux and A. A. Delhomme for 62 40
- Adam Maitre and A. Billard for 156 00
- D. Dugas and N. Dugas for 93 60
- Honore Hebert and P. A. Chiasson for 62 40
- Anthony Mouton and Albarado for 156 00

The foregoing are for section 16, township 9, south range 3 east. 19. Note of Thompson Hoffpauir and Finley Floyd for 80 60

20. A. C. Broussard and Eloi Duhan for 161 20

21. Edmond Acre, Willis Foreman Amos Robertson, Rufus Buchanan and E. D. Spell for 306 36

22. M. Perry and Erass Hoffpauir 48 39

The latter are for Sec. 16, T. 10, S. R. 3 E., that is to say for a portion thereof, as there were no bidders for N. E. quarter, north half of S. E. quarter, east half of N. W. quarter and N. E. quarter of S. W. quarter, all of which is said to be too low and unfit for cultivation.

The aggregate for the three sections for the term of the lease (4 years from Jan. 1, 1898) is \$2,628.02, giving an annual revenue of \$657.23. Respectfully, CHAS. D. CAFFERY, Attorney.

The following committee was appointed to try and secure co-operation from the Police Jury in district section 16, T. 10, S. R. 3, of the public school land: Messrs. C. D. Caffery, J. O. Broussard and W. G. Bailey. This committee to also ask an increase in the appropriation made by the budget committee for school purpose. The bill of Hon. C. D. Caffery for one hundred dollars, fees in renting school lands, was approved.

The bill for a black board laid over at the last meeting was approved. Mr. Ben Avant's account, also laid over at last meeting, was approved. It was resolved that no accounts for improvements or fixtures on school properties should be approved in the future unless previously authorized by the board. The board adjourned. C. F. LATOIAIS, Superintendent.

Notice.
There will be a meeting of the U. C. V's. on the first Saturday in March. All the members are requested to attend as there will be important business to transact. T. M. McFADDIN, Adjutant.

Constable Sale.
Olivier Blanchet vs. G. Bte. Colman—4th Justice Court—Parish of Lafayette.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued in the above mentioned suit by the Hon. L. A. LeBlanc, justice of the peace in and for the 4th ward of Lafayette parish, and to me directed, I will offer for sale and sell for cash to the last and highest bidder at Judge LeBlanc's office at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday Feb. 26, 1898, the following to-wit: One sorrel mare; to pay and satisfy the amount of seven dollars and 21 cents and eight per cent interest and costs. F. BOUDREAUX, Constable 4th ward.

Constable Sale.

In accordance with the parish stock law I have taken up and will sell to the last and highest bidder for cash, at Judge McFaddin's office on

Wednesday, March 9, 1898, the following, to-wit: One sorrel horse. THOMAS MOUTON, Constable 3d Ward.

JOHN L. KENNEDY,
Attorney-At-Law,
LAFAYETTE, - LOUISIANA.

Sheriff's Sale.

Amuny & Bro. vs. Katta Kalid—17th Judicial District Court, Lafayette Parish, No. 4,660.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Hon. 17th Judicial District Court in and for said parish in the cause of Amuny & Brother versus Katta Kalid, No. 4,660 of the docket thereof, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession, and will sell to the last and highest bidder for cash, within the hours prescribed by law, at the front door of the court-house in the town of Lafayette, La., on

Saturday, March 12, 1898, the following described property, to-wit: One lot of merchandise situated in the store on Vermilion St., in the town of Lafayette, lately occupied by defendant, as per inventory on file. Sheriff's office, Lafayette, La., Feb. 25, 1898. I. A. BROUSSARD, Sheriff of Lafayette Parish.

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