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DISTRICT COURT.

Grand Jury Reports a Number of True Bills—Arraignments Made and Parties Pleaded Guilty.

The following Grand Jury was impaneled last Monday: Paul L. DeClouet, foreman; G. H. Guilbeau, Sam P. Brown, T. S. Singleton, J. M. Jones, Alfred D. Breaux, Silas Hoffpauir, T. A. McFadden, P. A. Chiasson, Louis Lacoste, Conrad Brandt, Lucien S. Broussard. The Jury was in session from Monday until Thursday, and during that time disposed of a large number of cases. Though not completely recovered from his recent illness, Judge DeBaillon was in court nearly every day and attended to all the preliminaries for the trial of cases next month.

The Grand Jury returned the following true bills:

Philibert Crouchet, violating the Sunday law.

Senac and Ingouf, violating the Sunday law.

Emmanuel and Raoul Pellerin, violating the Sunday law.

Eloi LeBlanc, assault with intent to rape.

William Lindon, colored, crime against nature.

Camille Frank, colored, larceny. Numa Domingue, larceny.

Walter Williams, Jr., colored, murder.

Rosemond Olivier, larceny.

Joseph Anselet, using loud and obscene language near a residence.

Chas. McDaniel, assault and battery.

John Bruce, colored, assault and battery.

Alphonse Narcisse et al, colored, shooting with intent to murder.

Monroe Joseph, colored, larceny.

Monroe Joseph, colored, horse-stealing.

Elizabeth Clark, shooting with intent to kill.

Eli Foreman, shooting with intent to murder.

Alcee Fils, Ambrose Fils, Avery Robertson, colored, lying in wait and shooting with intent to murder.

Dr. W. W. Lessly, refusing to report vital statistics to Board of Health.

Mrs. Ovide Landry, Mrs. Emeranthe Constantin, Mrs. Laurent Richard, Mrs. Elzire Harvey, Mrs. Sallie Reynolds, refusing to report vital statistics to Board of Health.

Ignace Williams, violating labor contract.

Emerite Jefferson, assault and battery.

James Buchanan, running horses on public road.

Boy Moses, colored, carrying concealed weapon.

No true bills were reported in following cases:

Joseph Romero, trespass.

Ode and Bet Romero, larceny.

Jules Mallet, colored, burglary in the night time with intent to commit a felony.

Joshua Porter, colored, shooting with intent to kill.

The following parties pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the Sunday law:

Senac and Ingouf, Emmanuel and Raoul Pellerin.

Walter Williams, indicted for murder, pleaded guilty of manslaughter. This plea was accepted by the State.

Joseph Anselet, pleaded guilty to the charge of using obscene language near a residence.

Anthony Lindon, Willie Lindon, Louis Stafford, Taylor Clautier and Norah Burns, colored, against whom information had been filed for violating the fish law, pleaded guilty. Each was fined \$50 and costs.

Cases were fixed for trial as follows:

Eloi LeBlanc, assault with intent to commit rape, Nov. 20.

William Lindon, crime against nature, Nov. 18.

Camille Frank, larceny, Nov. 19. Numa Domingues, larceny, Nov. 19. Rosemond Olivier, larceny, Nov. 19. Lucien, Treville and Alphonse Narcisse, shooting with intent to murder, Nov. 25. Monroe Joseph, larceny, Nov. 20. Monroe Joseph, horse-stealing, Nov. 20. Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, shooting with intent to kill, Nov. 18. A number of misdemeanors were fixed for trial.

REPORT

Of the Grand Jury—Reference to Public Roads.

LAFAYETTE, La., Oct. 10, 1901. To the Hon. C. DeBaillon, Judge, 18th Judicial District Court, Lafayette Parish, La.:

The Grand Jury impaneled for the present term of this Honorable Court having completed their investigations, before asking your Honor to discharge them, beg leave, through their undersigned foreman, to respectfully submit the following report:

We have examined the parish jail and found the prisoners therein confined properly and humanely treated. The jail building is in good condition with the exception of some water and discharge pipes which the jailer complains as not being sufficiently large. The lights were also reported by the jailer to be out of order and insufficient. We found confined within the walls of the jail three unfortunate demented persons. We deem these helpless creatures should not be treated as criminals and confined among them, and we therefore recommend that the Police Jury have a separate place to keep them until they can be received at the asylum.

We have visited the sheriff's office and found everything therein well kept and correct. The clerk's office was also visited and found to be also well kept and in good order. The clerk suggested to the Grand Jury the same improvements in the shelves and cracks in the building as already suggested by previous Grand Juries, and we think the matter should be attended to.

We have examined the treasurer's books and found them all correct. The assessor's office was also visited and found to be nicely and systematically carried on.

We have called before us the superintendent of public education, Prof. Alleman, whose report we submit with ours. Besides Prof. Alleman's report we have found out from him that the school buildings generally are too small. The school lands, he also informs us, are rented for less than current prices, and we therefore call the attention of the School Board to this matter, and we also recommend that more facilities be extended the superintendent of public education in the way of accommodation for the safe-keeping of the records of his office.

Without any intention to go beyond the bounds of its legitimate attributions, but as representatives of the people, actuated by a sense of duty and consideration of reform and of economy, this Grand Jury deem to insist upon a subject which has been treated by former Grand Juries and frequently by the parish papers, but to no avail. Several methods have been suggested for the improvement of the public roads of the parish, and especially by the Grand Jury making its report on March 25, 1899, but in spite of all the suggestions and of general public complaint the same old state of affairs exists, and there has been little if any improvement.

If all the methods proposed have been found impracticable why don't the Police Jury, whose duty it is to study the subject and attend to the matter, adopt some system by which the desired end would be reached. Having failed in our researches to place the blame upon any public official we have arrived at the conclusion that there must be something wrong in the prevailing system.

And we now join our voices to those of others before us in demanding that the Police Jury come to an understanding and adopt some methods by which the parish of Lafayette, like other parishes to our knowledge, will have public highways to represent the amount of taxes collected for their building and maintenance. The adjoining parish of Saint Martin succeeds in keeping its roads in good order, and we fail to see why the equally intelligent Police Jury of this parish should not accomplish the same thing. We have seen by the treasurer's books \$4,803.20 had been expended on public roads and that a

balance of \$1,016.26 is left available.

Knowing as we do the general conditions of the roads throughout the parish, we are under the impression that the large amount expended has been injudiciously expended. But within the limited time at our disposal we have been unable to scrutinize sufficiently into the detail of disbursements pertaining to this fund to find out exactly for what each dollar has been spent.

Having disposed of all the criminal cases presented before us, we now beg to be discharged. But we wish before to extend our thanks to the District Attorney for his valuable assistance and courtesies. Respectfully submitted,

P. L. DECLOUET, Foreman.

W. V. Nicholson is handling the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines. No. 9 has the latest improvements, is noiseless, light running and has no equal for quality and quantity of work.

FOR THE BAND'S BENEFIT.

The Flying Horses Monday and a Ball at Falk's Opera-house Wednesday Night.

The Lafayette Band, which was organized a short time ago, has made remarkable progress. The leader and members deserve much credit for the interest they are taking in the success of the organization and they should be helped liberally by the people of the town. The members not only give their time, but they contribute largely toward the maintenance of the band, and that portion of the community who appreciate the splendid benefits derived from a well-managed musical organization should respond to the appeal for financial aid. No town, unless it is dead or on the eve of seeking the services of the undertaker, should be without a first-class brass band. Lafayette is now offered an excellent opportunity to have a band which, in point of artistic merit, will be equal to any other amateur musical organization in the whole country. But in order to attain to that degree of excellence it must have the united backing of the people. It must be equipped with the necessary instruments, and other expenses are incurred and must be paid.

For the purpose of raising much needed funds the management of the flying horses has been prevailed upon to give a benefit for the band on Monday evening and on Wednesday night a ball will be given at Falk's hall for the same worthy cause.

J. R. Domengeaux will write insurance on your life, your house, store, stock of merchandise, furniture, barn, cotton gin, in fact, all classes of risks placed at current rates.

Mr. James Hannen and family will leave Monday to make their home at Shriever. Mr. Hannen has accepted a position with the Southern Pacific Company.

I have a full line of Morris chairs at right prices. B. J. Pellerin.

B. A. Wickstrom, the well-known New Orleans artist, is spending some time in Lafayette. He is the guest of Dr. F. E. Girard. While in this section Mr. Wickstrom's brush is not idle as he is availing himself of the opportunity afforded by the beautiful natural scenery along the Vermilion.

H. M. Durke has some fine mules for sale. See or write him about them.

We note that in certain parishes the press commends the action of the courts in imposing a fine of \$25 for each violation of the law against the carrying of concealed weapon. Judge DeBaillon, of this district, has fined violators of this statute as much as \$75 and \$100 and costs, and as he has made up his mind to do his best to break up this pernicious habit, which has been the cause of nine-tenths of the homicides committed, the penalty may be increased.

A solid car of rust-proof seed oats just received at Tanner's.

Don't neglect to attend to that insurance business. Phone or write to Felix Mouton and he will call on you.

SO. PAC. SCHEDULE.

West Bound.		East Bound.	
ARRIVES.	LEAVES.	ARRIVES.	LEAVES.
No. 7	1:55 a. m.	2:15 a. m.	
No. 5	1:50 p. m.	2:10 p. m.	
No. 9	3:30 p. m.	3:50 p. m.	
No. 8	3:20 a. m.	3:35 a. m.	
No. 6	11:45 a. m.	12:05 p. m.	
No. 10	1:25 p. m.	1:45 p. m.	

ALEXANDRIA BRANCH.
No. 78, arrives at 11:40 a. m.
No. 79, leaves at 2:25 p. m.

Church Notices.

METHODIST CHURCH.
C. C. Wier, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Epworth League, Sunday evening 7:15. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Song service, Friday 7:30 p. m.

ALL LAWS MUST BE ENFORCED.

While the court and grand juries in this parish have done their duty toward the enforcement of the Sunday law, it is a well-known fact that in many of the adjoining towns there has been a shameful disregard of that statute. In his charge to the grand jury Judge DeBaillon very truthfully said that a failure to enforce one law breeds contempt for all laws, and a contempt for the laws leads inevitably to anarchy. The judge is right. Every law upon the statute books should be respected, regardless of its popularity or unpopularity.

If it were left to the citizen to select those laws which, in his opinion, should be enforced, and those which should not be enforced, society would before long drift into anarchy. There is no law which is not distasteful to some, for no one has yet "felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law." The horse-thief doubtless thinks that the law against horse-stealing is a legal iniquity, intended to deprive him of one of his time-honored rights. The hog-thief naturally looks upon the law punishing larceny as an infringement on one of his dearest privileges. The highwayman no doubt considers the law against robbery an iniquitous invention of society to put a stop to an exciting and lucrative form of amusement.

It is not the business of the officers and the grand juries to decide whether or not the law is wise. The law is always wise, and it is always the part of wisdom to obey it. Judge DeBaillon's charge to the jury had the right ring, and we believe it is calculated to bear good fruit.

Texas rust-proof seed oats for sale at Tanner's.

The Gazette has received, with the compliments of David Pelletier, a neatly printed catalogue of the Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe Company, containing brief sketches of the fifty salesmen in the employ of that well-known firm. Mr. Pelletier is the representative of the firm in this section.

A big line of window shades just received at Pellerin's Furniture Store.

An agency of the Martin Library Company has been established in Lafayette with Miss Annie Betts as librarian. Three dollars will entitle the subscriber to have access to the library, consisting of at least fifty volumes, during a term of five years. An additional fee of 10 cents will be paid quarterly. The books will be changed four times a year, thereby making it possible to secure all the current works of merit.

White oats, wheat bran, Timothy hay and shelled corn for sale at Tanner's.

Frank Mouton left Thursday to enter the New Orleans College of Pharmacy.

Asbestine paint is the cheapest and most durable. For sale at Nicholson's.

Dr. J. A. Martin visited New Orleans this week.

Insurance in fire, life, and accident, by J. R. Domengeaux.

The young men of Broussard will give a dance to-night.

Miss Lena Miller returned from Morgan City Tuesday.

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