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CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

The Congress of the United States adjourned last Wednesday, at noon, after a very interesting session, in some respects.

Little was accomplished during the closing hours on account of the bitter partisan feeling caused by the high-handed action of the Republicans of the House in unseating Mr. Butler, (Dem.) of Missouri, after the Democrats called attention to the fact that a quorum was not present. The Congressional Record showed that the Democrats were right in claiming that there was no quorum; but notwithstanding this Mr. Butler was unseated. To retaliate the Democrats pursued a policy of filibuster to the fast, and succeeded in preventing the rushing through of public bills.

On the trust measure, the most important bill before Congress, the Democrats, while the bill passed was not framed as many would have liked it, supported the Republican measure. They also worked with some of the Republicans in defeating the Mark Hanna's ship-subsidy bill, a scheme planned by wealthy ship owners to rob the U. S. Treasury to get protection for an industry that needs no protection.

Before the adjournment of the Fifty-seventh Congress, President Roosevelt called an extra session of the Senate, claiming that there were matters to be settled of such importance as to justify his action. The extraordinary session of the Senate began this week.

OYSTER SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

In spite of the bad weather this has been a good season for the oyster shippers of Houma. We have no authentic figures of the number of oysters shipped from Houma since the season opened; but we have it from good and reliable authority that there has been a great increase over former years, and the prices too have been more satisfactory than for several years past. This would seem to indicate that the local shippers have made money this year. Next year promises to be the banner year in the oyster industry of Terrebonne, as there is talk of establishing several other large canneries in the vicinity of Houma and of adding to the supply by drawing from beds that, heretofore, have not been accessible to this point.

One of the large canneries of Houma, we understand, has private beds that will yield all of the oysters it can ship, next season; and will fish, can, and ship oysters from its own beds.

The outlook, therefore, is very bright for the Terrebonne oyster industry, which seems to be steadily growing, and promises, one day, to assume proportions that will astonish the natives.

The shipping business, if properly managed, affords a splendid field for the investment of capital, and as the demand for the bivalve is increasing all of the time there ought to be no such thing as "over doing" the shipping business for some years to come.

Continued from last week's issue.

Oct. 11. Ulysse Adoue, 1 month salary 41.00

12. T. E. Wright, 1 month salary 41.00

13. Mrs. A. Bergeron, 1 month pension 41.00

14. J. P. Lacroix, 1 month salary 41.00

15. Taylor Napier, 2 months pension 82.00

16. Bebe Boykin, working on road 5.00

17. J. P. Lacroix, witness certificate 2.00

18. W. H. Blain, 1 month salary Oct. 1902 41.00

19. Mrs. T. L. Lester, 1 month pension 41.00

20. Bank of Houma, interest on Jail Notes to 11-1-02 137.00

21. A. L. LeBlanc, deputy sheriff election 25.00

22. A. M. Boudreaux, deputy sheriff election 25.00

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Table of Police Jury Proceedings with names and amounts.

Total Expenditures, \$1176.48

Feb. 25th, Balance on hand, \$1590.37

DRAINAGE DIST. NO. 1.

1902. Dr. Aug. 18, Bal. on hand as per last report, \$414,054.00

1902. Cr. Sept. 15, A. W. Connelly sup. Dra. Tax 1901, 48,485.00

1902. Cr. Sept. 15, " " Interest on same, 79.00

1902. Cr. Oct. 15, " " Spe. Dra. Tax 1901, 196.00

1902. Cr. Nov. 17, " " Spe. Dra. Tax 1901, 125.00

Total, \$465.54

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1902. EXPENDITURES. Aug. 25, F. X. Bourg 1 month salary, \$6.25

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public road, on the left descending bank of the Bayou Black in this Parish, at or near the upper line of the plantation of Mrs. T. H. Sampson to connect said Bayou Black with his swamp lands in the rear, for the purpose of hauling and transferring logs and other timber from his swamps in the rear to the said Bayou Black, said railroad to be so constructed as not to injure or obstruct travel and that said baysou be placed on the banks of said baysou at the termini of said railroad in order to protect the banks of said baysou from attrition that might occur when rolling timber into said baysou.

The petition of J. E. Wright, Parish Treasurer, for an increase in salary was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at next meeting of the Police Jury the advisability of adopting a new method of keeping the different funds of the Parish, style or set of books to be used, on being put to a vote, same was carried.

On motion of W. P. Tucker, seconded by F. E. Gaidry, the Oyster Fund amounting to \$13,600 was ordered transferred to the General Fund.

It was moved and seconded, that in future the Road Inspector should make a full report of all expenditures for roads and bridges, and that the sum of \$500.00 be set aside for his expenditures between meetings, whereupon W. P. Tucker moved, seconded by Leo Lirette, that an appropriation of \$500.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary be made out of the General Fund, to be used by the Road Inspector, in repairing the public roads and bridges throughout the Parish.

Roll was called, and all members voting for said appropriation, same was carried.

On motion of W. P. Tucker, seconded by Ernest Ellender, that a committee of 3 be appointed, and that the President be Ex-Officio Chairman of said committee, to hear complaints and adjust the salaries of the several Justices of the Peace and Constables and that said committee report at next regular meeting of this body. The Chair appointed the following: W. P. Tucker, Xavier St. Martin and Leo Lirette.

Mr. Aurelien Ayo appeared before the Police Jury and requested permission to erect a rice pump on the bottom in front of Lock Field plantation, he agreeing to erect said pump, at least 80 or 90 feet from the public road and further to erect and maintain a high board fence around said rice pump to prevent horses from being frightened; on being put to a vote same was carried.

On motion of E. B. Hobert, seconded by Leo Lirette, the sum of \$300.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary was appropriated to dig the bayou Terrebonne from the upper plantation of Woods Bros., to Schriever; it was further moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. E. B. Hobert be authorized to have the work done.

The election of a new Board of Health being in order, it was moved by W. P. Tucker, seconded by F. E. Boudreaux, that the President appoint a Board, whereupon Mr. W. P. Tucker, Hon. Alex. McCall and Dr. G. A. Duval were appointed members of said Board.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the salary of the Health Officer was fixed at \$60.00 per month, payable on his own warrant, he agreeing to treat all Pest House cases and all the other duties incumbent upon him as Health Officer and Coroner, free of charge.

F. X. Bourg was appointed Secretary of Board of Health, and on motion, duly seconded and carried, the salary of Secretary was fixed at \$25.00 per year.

F. E. Gaidry moved, seconded by Leo Lirette, that the Chairman appoint a committee of 3 and that the President be Ex-Officio Chairman of said committee to examine the Parish Township Maps and General Index, with a view of repairing or making new ones. The Chair appointed W. P. Tucker and Felix Gaidry, with instructions to report at next meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned subject to call of the President. ALEX. MCCOLLAM, Pres. F. X. BOURG, Sec.

CONSTABLE SALE.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

8th Justice Peace Court, Parish of Terrebonne.

Henry Walker vs. Payton Cross.

By Virtue of and in obedience to a Writ of Fieri Facias, emanating from the above named court in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder in front of the 8th Justice Court, in the village of Gibson, on

SATURDAY, THE 28th, DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1903,

between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., the following described property, to-wit:

"A certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Terrebonne, about 24 miles from the town of Houma, measuring one arpent front on the right descending bank of Bayou Black by depth of survey with lines converging towards the rear in accordance with the surveys; bounded above by land of David Cross and below by land of Mrs. Adele Mahoney & als., formerly now belonging to Conway Falls; together with all the buildings and improvements thereon."

Terms—Cash in U. S. Currency. W. F. ROSS, Constable 8th Ward, Gibson, La., Feb. 28th, 1903.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified that hunting, nose-picking and trespassing is hereby forbidden under penalty of the law on the described plantation, Lower Bayou Black. SCOTT HATCH.

J. C. DUPONT, President.

DR. R. E. McBRIDE, 1st. Vice-President.

DR. C. M. MENVILLE, 2nd. Vice-P.

The Terrebonne Building & Loan Association.

Office in Opera House, Houma La.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$1,000,000.

Subscribed Stock Over \$100,000.