

ST. LANDRY PARISH CLARION.

"Here Shall the Press the People's Rights Maintain, Unawed by Influence and Unbribed by Gain."

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Communicated.

TO THE PUBLIC.

OPELOUSAS, Nov. 16, 1893.
When the undersigned went into the business of purchasing cotton seed with Mr. T. J. Thompson, he gave his word and published a card stating to the people that he would pay at the Thompson Warehouse, the highest market price for seed. What was meant and what was stated to the public was the proposition that we would pay within three dollars of the New Orleans market, the by giving to the planter all that he could legitimately get, and at the same time making for the firm I represented the legitimate commission, viz: \$1.00 per ton. The majority of the people stood nobly by us and we obtained nearly or quite three-fourths of the seed from the 24th day of September to the 7th day of November.

Notwithstanding the pledges we had made Mr. T. J. Thompson and Mr. C. R. Steele without my consent, entered into an understanding with Messrs. Ike Roos and Thos. Isacks, by which the three firms were to pay less than the legitimate price, thereby making two dollars per ton, or one more than the people should stand.

Mr. Thompson may have been justified in his course from the fact that many people patronized the opposition for the inducement thrown out, that inducement being offered by Mr. Roos in the magnificent offer of from ten to fifteen dollars per ton, which amount had to be a dead loss to the buyer, as it was bound to come out of his commission.

Now, I write this card to say that, since the above agreement was entered into, I have not been responsible for whatever way the seed market went. I have utterly repudiated a compact and have withdrawn from the seed market for this year.

I asked for and obtained from Mr. Thompson and his associate, Mr. C. R. Steele, the amount of money I offered to either take or give, so on that score I am satisfied.

In conclusion will say that the Union Oil Co.'s manager, I can be assured, will also repudiate anything that will make the people lose any more than what is legitimate and fair.

M. L. SWORDS.

J. T. Stewart wants two thousand bushels of corn, and carries a full stock of lumber, four grades of shingles, coal and painters' supplies, and defies competition.
oct28 3m J. T. STEWART.

Communicated.

WATERWORKS.

OPELOUSAS, LA., NOV. 15th, 1893.

Mr. Editor.—But few of our people will be found who will not admit that a system of waterworks, for extinguishing fires, reducing insurance, sprinkling the streets, etc., is one of the absolute necessities of this town. In conversation with a prominent citizen the other day he stated that the smallest system of waterworks here would cost not less than \$30,000.

The cost is certainly a very important element in the consideration of this subject, and in order that the people may be informed, I have taken the trouble to ascertain the cost of some of the items.

A stand pipe 18 feet in diameter and 86 feet in height, containing 153,000 gallons of water, with all connections complete, put up on a foundation to be erected by the town, fully guaranteed and painted, can be had now for \$4000.00. The cost of foundations should not exceed \$250.00 or \$300.00. This stand pipe should be erected on Main or Court streets, and the mains laid north and south therefrom, say 1500 feet in each direction, at a cost, laid, of \$1.50 per foot, equals \$4,500; lateral branch pipes may be very much less in size and cost, say 75 cents a running foot; hydrants cost about \$30 to \$45 according to size and height, and there should be not less than one on each square of the lines; a pumping engine and boiler complete should not cost to exceed \$5000, and may be located away from the stand pipe (which should be in the center of town), and the power might be utilized for running machinery of different kinds, thus bringing the town a revenue, besides pumping water into the stand pipe.

In regard to the supply of water, I would rely for the present on pools made by building dams on Bayou Tesson, say to locate the pumping machine in the lower portion of town and have three dams on the bayou, thus making three pools which would contain two or three times the contents of the stand pipe and would be sufficient for all purposes. When the lower pool was exhausted the contents of the next one above could be admitted to it; thus the town would have a supply of water amply sufficient for the extinguishing of fires at all times. Artesian wells can be tried as the needs of the town are increased, and if found to be sufficient the power furnished by the stand pipe can be sold for all manner of useful purposes—sawing of wood, driving of fans, and running of small machinery, etc.

I believe that the town can have in this manner a system of waterworks, ample for all present purposes; putting out fires and sprinkling streets, and the saving to the town in ten years will pay the cost, which need not exceed, in my opinion, fifteen thousand dollars.

If the town has to be still more economical they can have a wooden tower 63 feet high for \$574.00, or an iron tower, same height, for \$16,000; or a wooden tower 75 feet high for \$706.00, or an iron tower, same height, for \$25,000, to support a cistern of 25,000 gallons capacity (625 barrels), which cistern would cost \$222.00, and they could lay six inch mains and four inch laterals; a system that would be indefinitely preferable to the present system, in fact which would be ample for watering the streets and for all ordinary fires, could be got up for six thousand dollars.

These ideas have been hastily set down, but the figures are from respectable sources. Very Respectfully,
GEORGE O. ELMS.

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

OPELOUSAS, Nov. 13, 1893.

The Police Jury met at 12 m., pursuant to adjournment; present: J. B. Bergeron, president; Messrs. Dupre, Courtney, Guidry and Evans. There being no quorum, the police jury adjourned till 3 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Police Jury met at 3 p. m. Present: J. B. Bergeron, president; Mess Dupre, Fontenot, Courtney, Guidry and Evans. Mr Evans in the chair.

On motion of Mr Bergeron, the petition of citizens of the 5th ward praying for a change of road was laid on the table till next meeting.

Mr Bergeron in the chair.
On motion of Mr Fontenot, the petition of citizens of Grand Prairie praying for a change of the hog law line was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr Fontenot, the petition of citizens of Grand Prairie praying for a change of the hog law line was granted and said change of line to run as follows: from Alcide Vidrine's saw mill following the public road to the Grand Prairie school house, thence down the Washington road to the line of Gardin and Mrs Robertson, thence directly to Bayou Cocodrie.

On motion of Mr Courtney, the petition of citizens of Cocodrie and Elm Bayou praying for a change of road, was tabled for future consideration.

Mr Fontenot in the chair.
On motion of Mr Bergeron, he it resolved, that the bridge built by Mr V Boagni (at his expense) across the canal on the St Mary Plantation on Bayou Teche, be accepted by the parish of St. Landry, and Mr V Boagni forever relieved from all responsibility in the matter.

Mr Bergeron in the chair.
On motion of Mr Courtney, he it resolved, that whereas, the road leading from Bayou Chicot, near H D Courtney, the public road from Chicot to Ville Platte at place known as the Chicot colored church, has been a public servitude for as many as thirty years; and whereas, the neighborhood is in need of, and will ever be, of the said road; therefore, be it resolved, that the said road be and is hereby declared a public road.

On motion of Mr Dupre, the sum of twenty dollars was appropriated out of Internal Improvement funds of 1st ward to build a bridge across Lapass Gully.

On motion of Mr Dupre, the police jury adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a. m.

NOVEMBER 14.

The police jury met at 10 a. m. Present: J. B. Bergeron, president; Messrs Fontenot, Courtney, Guidry and Evans.
There being no quorum present, the police jury adjourned till 12 m.

The police jury met at 12 m. Present: J. B. Bergeron, president; Messrs Fontenot, Dupre, Courtney, Guidry, Evans and Buller.

On motion of Mr Buller, the petition of Louis Andreau, praying for a change of road, was granted; said change to be made from the line of the said Andreau and that of Cyprien Landreneau.

On motion of Mr Courtney, he it resolved, that whereas, under a resolution of the Police Jury of St Landry, appointing a committee of three to disburse the money of the School Board granted by the Police Jury, composed of the following named gentlemen to-wit: Dr R M Littell, Messrs Arthur Simon and A C Devilliers; and whereas, Mr Devilliers has moved from the 1st ward, being the ward he represented; therefore, be it resolved, that the chair be and is hereby authorized to reappoint a committee. The chair appointed Dr R M Littell, Mr Arthur Simon and Dr S Bayou.

On motion of Dr Clopton, the report of the committee appointed to sell the contract to build a bridge near Rosa station, was received, committee discharged and the sum of seventy dollars credited to Mr G L Havard out of Internal Improvement funds of 4th ward.

On motion of Mr Buller, the petition of Mr Bartholemeu Lafleur was taken from the table and petition granted. The road as changed to run as follows: from old road to the line between said Lafleur and Fabius Vidrine, thence between said Lafleur and Theogene Manuel; connecting old road running to Charitaigner Catholic church and at Faquetique, connecting at said Lafleur's residence.

On motion of Mr Lafleur, the police jury adjourned till 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The police jury met at 2 p. m. Present: J. B. Bergeron, president; Messrs Dupre, Fontenot, Courtney, Guidry, Clopton, Lafleur, Buller and Evans. On motion of Mr Buller, the petition of citizens of Mamou, praying for a change of road was taken from the table and petition granted. Said change to be as follows: to start from public road running from Johnny Keed's crossing on Bayou LesCannes and Bayou Nezpique and run north between lands of Dorsin McGeie and Paul Stagg, again north between lands of Olivier Fruge and Onile Manuel, north between lands of Don Louis Young and Onile Manuel, north between Wid. Lastie Granger and a tract of land belonging to Don Louis Young, north between Wid. Hypolite Thomas and Francois Reed, where it will again intersect the old public road.

On motion of Mr Lafleur, the police jury went into session of the whole for the purpose of passing on claims.

Mr Fontenot in the chair.
The committee of the whole having risen, reported through their chairman, Mr Fontenot, the following claims having been examined and found correct:

J H Phillips, hauling lumber, and for spikes, 5th ward.....	\$ 9 00
J M Jackson, conveying prisoners to jail.....	10 00
J B Bergeron, spikes and nails, 3rd w.	4 36
Aug Bernard, repairing bridge, " " " "	10 00
Asin Thompson, rebuilding bridge, 6th ward.....	20 00
Cephas Lafleur, broken ax on road in 5th ward.....	1 25
E C Quirk, repairing bridges and furnishing spikes, 5th ward.....	35 00

T A Hicks, lumber for bridge, 4th ward	4 00
Artemon Lafleur, making coffin for indigent.....	10 00
C F Burr, 23 days as witness clerk.....	52 00
W Evans, lumber for 1st ward.....	25 45
Willis Watley, repairing bridges, 6th w	40 00
David Meche, arresting and conveying prisoners to jail.....	9 10
Dr H C Milburn, expert testimony.....	10 00
Dr G A M Cooke, expert testimony.....	10 00
T M C Hyman, cost in sundry suits in cases of appeal from St Landry.....	45 35
Joseph Bordonel, serving notices for inquest.....	4 00
Dr R M Littell, examination of Mrs Pleyune.....	10 00
Dr D P Salzan, examination of Mrs Pleyune.....	10 00
Dr G Ray, examination of Mrs Pleyune.....	10 00
L Skinner, mixing paint for jail.....	1 50
L Skinner, repairing jail and furnishing lock.....	6 00
Olde Fontenot, spade broken on road 5th ward.....	1 00
T S Fontenot, cost in sundry suits relative to traction engine ordinance.....	96 55
S J Gosselin, cost in road suit.....	2 50
J A McClelland, cost in road suit.....	2 00
L C Skinner, making key.....	37 80
Gibbons & Nicholson, lumber, 5th wrd	23 60
Gibbons & Nicholson, lumber, 5th wrd	18 58
T S Fontenot, cash paid for lumber and medicine (not otherwise appropriated fund).....	1 47
T S Fontenot, arrest prisoners out of parish, attendance on Dist Court, conveying prisoners to penitentiary.....	405 00
T S Fontenot, feeding prisoners from Oct 9th to Nov 13, 1893.....	480 20
T S Fontenot, committing prisoners.....	37 00
T S Fontenot, attendance on Circuit Court, arresting prisoners out of parish, conveying prisoners to asylum.....	403 00
T S Fontenot, cash pd sundry expenses.....	53 63
T S Fontenot, feeding prisoners from June 13 to Oct 8, 1893.....	1061 55
T S Fontenot, cash paid for prisoners from June 12 to Oct 9, 1893.....	143 00
T S Fontenot, 2 days attendance on District Court, Nov 14, 1893.....	10 00
J T Stewart, lumber, 1st ward.....	125 96
Dr R M Littell, medicine to prisoners.....	38 35
Levy Bros & Simon, 1 conveyance book.....	30 00

On motion of Mr Lafleur, the police jury adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a. m.

NOVEMBER 15.

The police jury met at 10 a. m. Present: J. B. Bergeron, president; Messrs Dupre, Fontenot, Guidry, Lafleur, Buller and Evans.

On motion of Mr Fontenot, the police jury went into committee of the whole for the purpose of passing on claims.

Mr Fontenot in the chair.
The committee of the whole having arisen reported through their chairman, Mr Fontenot, that the following claims were examined and found correct:

G Latreylie, nails, 5th ward.....	\$ 3 00
" " " " 8rd " " " ".....	75
" " " " 1st " " " ".....	16 55
Louis Johnson, bridge lumber, 7 ward.....	28 00
J E Buller, nails, 7th ward.....	3 75
D Roos & Son, mds to prisoners.....	73 80
" " " " " " " ".....	242 75

On motion of Mr Evans, the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion of Mr Lafleur, the police jury went into committee of the whole for the purpose of settling with the treasurer.
Mr Buller in the chair.
The committee of the whole having arisen reported through their chairman, Mr Buller, that they had examined vouchers in the hands of the treasurer and found them correct, and have cancelled same amounting to \$160.96; and the treasurer ordered credited for said amount.

On motion of Mr Bergeron, the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion of Mr Fontenot, the minutes were adopted as read.
On motion of Mr Fontenot, the police jury adjourned till Monday, the 14th day of December, 1893, at 12 m.

J. B. BERGERON, President.

ALEX STAGG, Clerk.

Dr. Duson, Specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat. Hours from 10 to 12 a. m. Office with Dr. I. E. Shute, Opelousas, La. o14-3m

Notice.

LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, November 9, 1893.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before B. Bloomfield, U. S. Commissioner, at Opelousas, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th 1893, viz: Samuel Reed, who made Homestead Entry No. 10618 for the S² of NW⁴ and S² of NE⁴ Sec 26-Tp 5 3 R 1 W La. meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Ardoin Ardoin, Arvilian Manuel, Theodore Tate, Lastie Granger, all of St. Landry parish, La.
n186t G. McD. BRUMBY, Register.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

ESTATE OF ERNEST ROY.

No. 528, 11th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

WHEREAS, Theodore S. Richard, of the Parish of St. Landry, has applied by his petition to be appointed administrator of the estate of Ernest Roy, deceased. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said appointment, to file same in writing, in my office in Opelousas, within ten days from the date of this notice.

C. M. THOMPSON, Clerk of Court.

Lost or Stolen!

A white setter pup, about three months old, both ears brown. Any one finding or having same in their possession will please notify the owner.
H. D. LARCADE.
November 18.

Notice of Election.

WHEREAS; A petition has been addressed to me by citizens and legal voters of Township Two South Range Two East, in St. Landry parish, La., asking that Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and the Southeast Quarter of Fractional Section Sixteen, School Lands, of said Township and Range, be sold according to law. Therefore; Notice is hereby given to all the citizens and legal voters residing in said township, that an election will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 1893, before E. P. Carson, Justice of the Peace, at the school house on Cocodrie, in said township, for the purpose of taking the sense of the inhabitants of said township as to whether the said lots and fractional quarter of said sixteenth section above mentioned shall be sold or not, in pursuance with the laws providing therefor. The polls shall be open from eight o'clock a. m. until four o'clock p. m.

ROBERT CHACHIERE,
Treasurer St. Landry Parish.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

EUGENE RICHARD, FILS, VS. DORALIZE DAVID, NATURAL TUTRIX, ET ALS.

No. 15262, 11th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Hon. 11th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the courthouse at Opelousas, on

Saturday, December 9th, 1893, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

All of that portion of the following described property which is situated in the Parish of St. Landry, the whole tract being described as follows, to-wit: Lot (9) Ave. also NE⁴ of SW⁴ and SE⁴ of NE⁴ of fractional section No. 20 and NW⁴ of SW⁴ of section 21 Tp 7 S R 3 East of S W land District of Louisiana, said land being bounded as follows, to-wit: On the North partly by land of Theogene F. Richard, and partly by land of Theogene F. Richard, on the west by land of Theogene F. Richard, on the east by land of Theogene F. Richard and Railroad land, and south partly by Railroad land and land of Theogene F. Richard, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

Terms.—For cash to pay and satisfy the sum of six hundred and forty-five and 50/100 dollars, with eight per cent. interest from March 22d, 1891, until paid and ten per cent. attorneys fees and all costs of these proceedings.

T. S. FONTENOT,
nov4-5t Sheriff Parish of St. Landry.

Succession Sale.

ESTATE OF JULES TATE, DEC'D.

No. 5251, Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. 11th Judicial District Court in and for the parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator, or by a public auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, near Ville Platte, on

Wednesday, December 13th, 1893, the following described property belonging to the estate of Jules Tate, deceased, to-wit: A certain plantation situated about two miles north of the town of Ville Platte, parish of St. Landry, containing about fifty superficial arpents, together with all the improvements thereon, bounded north by land of Mrs. J. Derouin, south by land of Laperie Tate, east by land of Artemon Souleau, and west by land of the estate of Emile Tate.

The undivided one-half of a tract of wood land, which is above designated as belonging to the estate of Emile Tate, deceased, containing about seventy-five arpents, bounded north by Amelia Vidrine, south by estate of Charles Labas, east by the above described plantation and land of Laperie Tate, and west by Sam Haas.

One American mare and colt; one Creole horse; one saddle and bridle; one heifer; one brand; one lot of seed cotton, about 200 pounds; one lot of cotton in field; ten barrels of corn in field; one old plow; one old harrow.

Terms and Conditions.—All adjudications of ten dollars and under, payable cash; all adjudications above ten dollars for movables payable one-half cash and the other half in twelve months from the day of sale.

The lands payable one-fourth cash and the balance in three equal annual installments from the day of sale. Purchasers on time to furnish their promissory notes with two solvent securities bearing eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until paid, ten per cent to be added in case of suit for collection, to the amount sued for. The lands to remain specially mortgaged to the estate with vendor's privilege till paid.
JACK POUCHU,
nov11 5t Administrator.

Meginley's stable for fine rigs.