

# St. Landry Clarion--Supplement.

OPELOUSAS, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1897.

## POLICE JURY ORDINANCES.

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Parish seat, or to some other public place, and at all important forks, shall provide legible and durable sign-boards showing where the respective branch roads lead, and the distance to the most public places, and shall keep said mile-posts and sign-boards in good repair, and any Overseer who shall fail or neglect to comply with any of the requirements of this Section shall be liable to the same penalty as is provided in the 17th Section of this Ordinance. Whoever shall wrongfully or wantonly remove, knock down or deface any of said signs shall be liable to prosecution, by information or indictment, and upon conviction shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 28. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That all Ordinances of the Police Jury in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Ordinance take effect from its publication.

Ordained this 2nd day of March, 1897.

E. H. MCGEE, PRESIDENT.

Attest: J. J. HEALEY, CLERK.

## AN ORDINANCE.

TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF SECTION 2743 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF 1870, RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT OF INCLOSURES AND FENCES, AND THE ROVING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE PARISH, PROVIDING WHAT ANIMALS MAY BE PERMITTED TO ROVE, AND IN WHAT DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY MODE OF PREVENTING ILLEGAL ROAMING OF SUCH ANIMALS IN PROHIBITED DISTRICTS, AND OF RECOVERING DAMAGES CAUSED BY SUCH ANIMALS; AND TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF ACT NO. 55 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, APPROVED APRIL 1, 1880, IN REGARD TO HEDGES, BARBED WIRE FENCES, AND TO AUTHORIZE THEIR USE, ETC., ETC.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry,* That all fences of the height of 4½ feet from the level of the earth, made of five planks or pieux or four planks or pieux and one barbed wire, or three planks or pieux and two barbed wires, or two planks or pieux and three barbed wires, with wire at the top, shall be lawful fences in the parish of St. Landry; and in those districts wherein hogs, sheep and goats are prohibited from running at large, three planks or pieux or two planks or pieux and one wire or three wires, or two wires and one plank shall be a lawful fence; provided, the planks or pieux be not less than one inch thick as an average, and six inches wide as an average, and that said planks, pieux and wires be attached to good and substantial posts placed not more than twelve feet apart.

When made of rails, the fence shall be lawful if constructed of ten rails, with ordinary stakes and rider or top rail.

SECTION 2. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That by the authority aforesaid, all animals shall be permitted to rove in the parish of Saint Landry, at all times, except those animals that break a lawful enclosure or fence, which shall not be suffered to rove at any time, but may be lawfully disposed of as hereinafter provided. *Provided,* that no hogs, sheep or goats shall be allowed to run at large within the territory comprised within four (4) miles distant and parallel to the boundary lines of the town of Opelousas. Nor in such districts where by resolution of the Police Jury they are now prohibited to roam at large.

That the ward constables or any citizen of the parish of St. Landry are authorized to take up or cause to be taken up all hogs, sheep and goats found running at large within the territory above described, and to impound said hogs, sheep or goats at some central and convenient place within their wards, to be selected and used permanently by said constables for said purpose.

That the said constable shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, all hogs, sheep or goats so impounded 5 (five) days after proper notification thereof by public posters. That said constables making said sales, shall receive for their services, after deducting costs, the one-half of the price of adjudication, and the other half thereof shall be immediately paid over into the parish treasury. That the owner of said hogs, sheep or goats shall have the right of redeeming the same previous to the sale thereof, after proving property and paying the constable fifty cents per head and the cost of feeding said hogs, sheep or goats. That the said constable shall be allowed fifteen (15) cents per head per day for feeding said hogs, sheep or goats taken up under the provisions of this ordinance, and for the time they are kept by him previous to the sale. That the said constables shall present monthly reports to this Jury, showing the number of hogs, sheep or goats taken up by them, the costs incurred thereby, the number redeemed, the number sold by them and the receipts thereof.

SECTION 3. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That the Constables of the Parish of St. Landry, or any citizen thereof, are authorized to take up or cause to be taken up all hogs, sheep or goats found running at large within prohibited districts and to impound and sell them as is specially provided for in the foregoing Section.

SECTION 4. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That it shall be the duty of every person who finds any animal or animals which have broken his inclosure or fence, to notify the owner or owners, if known, of such fact, and said owners shall use such means as they may think best to prevent said animal or animals from again breaking said inclosures or

fences; and upon said animal or animals breaking a second time into the same inclosures or fences, the owner or owners of said fences or inclosures shall have the right to take said animal or animals to the nearest justice of the peace, who shall notify the owner thereof to come forward and pay the damage such animal or animals may have done, said damage to be assessed by two disinterested persons to be selected by the Justice; and if the owner or owners of said animal or animals shall refuse to pay said damage, then the Justice shall forthwith sell said animal or animals to the highest bidder, after posting 10 days notice in three different places when the owner is not known and two days when the owner is known. And if the owner of said animal or animals be not known said animals shall be sold in the manner above provided, without the preliminary notice by the owner of the fence or inclosure—the proceeds to pay costs and damages, and the balance if any remain, to be paid into the parish treasury if the owner be not known, and to the owner if known.

That pending the above proceedings, the person keeping said animal or animals shall be allowed, as part of the costs, 25 cents a day per head.

SECTION 5. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That the Justice of the Peace shall give to the Clerk of the Police Jury, whose duty it shall be to record the same, a description of the brands of animals whose owner is unknown, and if not branded, a description of the animal itself which has been sold by him.

SECTION 6. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That all Ordinance of the Police Jury in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That this Ordinance take effect from and after its publication in the official journal.

Ordained this 2nd day of March, 1897.

E. H. MCGEE, PRESIDENT.

Attest: J. J. HEALEY, CLERK.

## AN ORDINANCE.

TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 16 OF SECTION 2743 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF 1870, IN RELATION TO CONTAGIOUS AND EPIDEMICAL DISEASES IN MAN OR ANIMALS, AND TO PROVIDE AGAINST THEIR INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD IN THE PARISH.

SECTION 1. *Be it further ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry,* That the Parish Physician, whenever called upon by the Police Jury, shall investigate the existence of any dangerous, contagious or epidemical disease in men or animals, and shall make a written report thereon to the President of the Police Jury, or the nearest member thereof, and it shall be the duty of such President, or member, in such case to cause to be isolated any parties or animals having such disease in such manner as they shall consider most advisable, until a regular meeting of the Police Jury, and the costs thereof shall be paid by the parish; and, in case it becomes necessary, any animal affected with a contagious disease which is incurable may be ordered killed at once at the expense of the owner.

SECTION 2. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That it shall be unlawful for any one to drive from this parish into another any unmarked or unbranded cattle, unless too young to brand or mark, or unless he has a certificate of the person from whom he purchased the same. Any person violating this ordinance shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250, or imprisonment in the parish jail not to exceed 30 days, or both at the discretion of the court, said penalties to be enforced by indictment or information in the name of the State.

SECTION 3. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That any one hauling, or leaving any dead animal on the banks of any bayou or river, or public road, or throwing same into any bayou, river, stream or public road, shall be fined, for the first offense, five dollars, and for each subsequent offense ten dollars, and in default of payment the party shall be imprisoned in the parish jail not exceeding five days, said penalties to be enforced by indictment or information in the name of the State.

SECTION 4. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That it shall be unlawful for any person to drive stock, other than his own, out of their customary range, and any person so doing shall on conviction thereof be fined \$10 for the first offense, and \$20 for each subsequent one, and, in default of payment of said fine, shall be imprisoned in the parish jail not less than ten nor more than twenty days, said penalties to be enforced by indictment or information in the name of the State.

SECTION 5. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That it shall not be lawful for any person to travel the public roads of this parish with uncaged bears or other wild animals, other than those belonging to and accompanying regularly organized and licensed shows and menageries; any person so doing shall be fined in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned in the parish jail not exceeding thirty days or both at the discretion of the Court, said penalties to be enforced by indictment or information in the name of the State. Should the Justice of the Peace before whom the affidavit is made deem it necessary for the public safety, he shall order such bear or other animal to be killed.

SECTION 6. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That all fines collected pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, shall, after deducting costs, be paid into the parish treasury.

SECTION 7. *Be it further ordained, etc.,* That all ordinances of the Police Jury in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this ordinance take effect from its publication.

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