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POLICE JURY NOT GUARDIAN OF JAIL

Sheriff Has Charge of Jail Whilst Jurors Attend to Courthouse and Square.

The Police Jury at its last meeting, in this city, on last Tuesday, unanimously adopted a resolution offered by Dr. F. O. Pavy, resenting the headlines of an article appearing in the Clarion a few weeks ago, signed by Sheriff Swords, which through some error was headed wrongly. Whilst the jurors admit that they are responsible for the condition of the courthouse and square they place the responsibility of the insanitary condition of the jail, at the time of Dr. Dowling's visit to Opelousas on the shoulders of the sheriff and his janitor.

The board of health did not find the courthouse and square in an insanitary condition, and reported favorably on the condition of the jail, stating that Dr. Dowling's report had greatly exaggerated the sanitary state of the St. Landry parish jail. Both the report of the parish board of health and the resolution of the police jury, which on account of the lack of space were unable to be printed, are reproduced below:

Whereas, this body has received a report from the Honorable Dr. Oscar Dowling, President of the State Board of Health; in which he severely criticises the insanitary condition of the jail in the Town of Opelousas, and also remarks in said report, that there were violations of the sanitary code found in the Court house relative to the use of drinking cups and also mentions the fact that the Court House square is not kept in proper condition, and

Whereas, this body has invited the Sheriff of this Parish, Hon. Marion L. Swords, to appear before the same with a view of having him explain why he is not responsible for the conditions as found in the Parish jail, and the said Sheriff having appeared before said body and having publicly stated that he assumes the entire responsibility for the insanitary condition, as found in the jail, and

Whereas, this body wishes in this resolution to go on record that it assumes the entire responsibility for the condition as found in the Court House and on the Court House square, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry in regular session convened, That in order to better conditions, the President of the Parish Board of Health and the Board of Health be and they are hereby requested to visit the Parish jail at least once every 60 days, and also to make an inspection of the Court House and Court House square at least once every 60 days and to report back to this body their findings.

Be it further resolved, That this body, after investigation, has ascertained that it is the custodian of the Court House and the Courthouse square, and as such proposes to continue the appointment of its own employees to keep up same.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution, with a copy of the report of the Parish Board of Health be sent to Dr. Oscar Dowling, President of the State Board of Health, The New Orleans Item, The New Orleans Picayune and The St. Landry Clarion.

Opelousas, La., Feb. 3, 1914.
To the President and Members of the Police Jury, Parish of St. Landry.

Gentlemen: Pursuant to your request, we the undersigned members of the Parish Board of Health, made a thorough inspection of the Court House and jail, and beg to submit the following for your consideration:

We find the jail in good sanitary condition and therefore feel that the jailer has been doing his duty towards keeping it as cleanly as possible under the circumstances. In order, however, to comply with the regulations of the Sanitary Code of this State, we earnestly recommend that the interior of the jail be again thoroughly cleaned, after having its plastering scraped off, and painted white. This will conform to the requirement of the Sanitary Code and besides presenting a neat appearance, will be conducive to the health and comfort of the prisoners. We find several leaks in the building, due to defective sewage pipes, and also leaks in the roof, and recommend that the leaks receive immediate attention.

The Clerk of Court's Office we also find requires attention at once, there being several serious leaks and broken gutters there. A part of the ceiling in Mr. W. B. Robert's office has fallen out and should be fixed without delay, otherwise damage to important books and records will ensue.

In conclusion we respectfully submit that under existing conditions, with an old Court House, while we concede that there is room for improvement along sanitary lines, we are of the opinion that there is no justification for the recent severe criticism hurled at the Parish officials.

W. R. LASTRAPES, President;
J. E. DAILEY,
P. FOSTER.

Proceedings Democratic Executive Committee, City of Opelousas.

The Democratic Executive Committee of the city of Opelousas, La., met this day at 12 o'clock noon, at the City Hall Opelousas, La., for the purpose of announcing the qualified candidates and selecting commissioners, and for such other business as may properly come before the committee.

Present: H. Bodemuller, Chairman; Allen T. Sandoz; E. S. Kerr, Secretary. Quorum present.

Opelousas, La., Feb. 3rd, 1914.

I certify that the following have qualified as candidates for the nomination for municipal offices at the election to be held Tuesday, February 17th, 1914, and have made the required deposit:

For Mayor: E. L. Loeb, Dr. J. A. Shaw.
For Marshal: C. L. Hayes.
For Board of Aldermen:
First ward: M. A. Fields.
Second ward: L. L. Danel, W. A. Hays.
Third ward: A. S. Brown, Sr., Simon Stelly.
Fourth ward: C. P. Dunbar, E. K. Eastham.
At large: G. H. Cretin, Arthur Gosselin.

For City Democratic Executive Committee:
First ward: Ivy Schwartzenberg.
Second ward: H. D. Larcade, Sr.
Third ward: Louis White.
Fourth ward: A. J. Perrault.
At large: M. Halphen.
H. BODEMULLER,
Chairman Democratic Executive Committee, City of Opelousas, La.

Mr. Kerr offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Section 28 of act 49 of the General Assembly of the year 1906 provides that where, after the legal delays, but one candidate has qualified for the nomination to the office he seeks, it shall be the duty of the committee to declare such candidate the nominee of the party calling the primary election, and

Whereas, it appears that C. L. Hayes is the only qualified candidate for Marshal of the City of Opelousas, La., and that M. A. Fields is the only qualified candidate for Alderman of the First Ward of the City of Opelousas, La., and Ivy Schwartzenberg the only candidate for City Democratic Executive Committeeman from the first ward of the city of Opelousas, La., and H. D. Larcade, Sr., the only candidate for City Democratic Executive Committeeman from the second ward of the city of Opelousas, La., and Louis White the only candidate for City Democratic Executive Committeeman from the third ward of the City of Opelousas, La., and A. J. Perrault the only candidate for City Democratic Executive Committeeman from the fourth ward of the city of Opelousas, La., and M. Halphen only candidate for City Democratic Executive Committeeman at large; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said C. L. Hayes be and he is hereby declared the Democratic nominee for Marshal of the city of Opelousas, La., and M. A. Fields be and he is hereby declared the Democratic nominee for Alderman of the first ward of the city of Opelousas, La., and Ivy Schwartzenberg, H. D. Larcade, Sr., Louis White, A. J. Perrault and M. Halphen be and they are hereby declared the Democratic nominees for City Democratic Executive Committeemen of the city of Opelousas, La.

The following instructions to the commissioners were unanimously adopted:

Before entering upon the discharge of their duties the commissioners shall swear each other and the clerks, to faithfully, honestly and impartially conduct the election.

On entering the booth, the voter will give his name and residence, if required, and if his name appears on the listed book showing the payment of poll tax, on or before the 31st day of December of each year, for the two years preceeding the year in which the voter offers to vote; or being a person over the age of sixty years, or either under the age of twenty-three years, and having paid all poll taxes assessed against him, the commissioners will supply him with a ballot, and one only.

If the first ballot is spoiled the commissioners will supply another on application.

Three, and no more, ballots will be furnished.

Every spoiled ballot must be returned to the commissioners.

No voter shall allow his ballot to be seen.

Any person by reason of blindness or other physical disability unable to mark his ballot, shall, upon request, receive the assistance of one or two commissioners.

After the voter has marked his ballot he shall fold it in such a manner that the face of the ballot be concealed.

Immediately after casting his ballot the voter shall leave the booth.

No voter shall occupy the booth or enclosure more than three minutes nor speak or converse with any one except as especially provided by law.

A ballot must not be torn or defaced.

When the right of any person offering to vote is challenged for any cause recognized by law, the commissioners shall examine such person offering to vote, upon his oath, and if a majority of the commissioners are satisfied that such applicant is a legal voter of such ward, they shall permit him to vote; but in all such cases such person so offering to vote must establish his identity and right to vote by the written affidavit of two bona fide residents of said ward, to be taken before one of the commissioners; provided however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as to permit them to receive any vote which by law they are required to refuse. Said affidavit shall be placed in the box.

No person shall vote whose name has not been previously placed on such list, nor until the commissioners find and check his name thereon; provided that no legal voter shall be denied the right because his name has been accidentally omitted therefrom or incorrectly written therein, and any voter whose name has been accidentally omitted therefrom shall make affidavit to that effect before said commissioners, and said affidavit shall be preserved as part of the election returns and be enclosed in the box provided for the return of the ballots.

The commissioners will open the polls at 6 o'clock a. m., and close at 7 o'clock p. m.

Immediately after closing of the polls and signing and swearing to the poll lists, the commissioners shall proceed to publicly canvass the votes.

They shall make tally sheets in triplicate and shall tabulate the votes and sign the same and swear to their correctness and publicly announce the result to the bystanders.

One tally sheet, one compiled statement and one list of voters shall be placed in the ballot box; one tally sheet, one compiled statement and one list of voters, shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Clerk of the District Court; and one tally sheet, one compiled statement and one list of voters, shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the city of Opelousas, La., and delivered to them or their accredited representatives in person by the commissioners.

Motion by Mr. Kerr—
That the Committee proceed to select the Commissioners, clerks of election, etc., from the various names submitted by the candidates from their respective wards of said city to serve at said primary election to be held throughout the city of Opelousas, La., on Tuesday, the 17th day of February, 1914.

The said commissioners have been drawn in accordance with the primary law of this state, and the following named persons are hereby selected to serve as commissioners, and clerks etc., at the several voting precincts or wards in said city of Opelousas, La., to-wit:

First ward: Dr. B. A. Littells office.
Commissioners: Gus E. Dupre, C. A. Reynolds, Ivy Schwartzenberg, Clerks, F. C. Jennings, Alex. Mair.
Second ward: at A. C. Skiles' office, now St. Landry Lumber Co. Ltd.
Commissioners: G. W. Kelley, F. A. Voorhies, B. L. Sanders; Clerks, Geo. W. Stubbs, Aug. Amy.
Watchers: I. R. Guidry, Sidney Garland.
Third ward: at District Court-house.
Commissioners: John H. Harman, A. S. Brown, Jr., H. D. Littell; Clerks, Preston Hollier, E. J. Richard.
Fourth ward: at Dr. John A. Haas' office.
Commissioners: Archie Dunbar, L. V. Meginley, Henry Chachere; Clerks, J. L. Comeau, Ernest Fusilier. Watcher: L. A. Sandoz.

The commissioners are instructed to open the polls at 6 o'clock a. m. and close same at 7 o'clock p. m., on the day of said election. There being no further business before the committee, adjournment was made until Saturday, February 21st, 1914, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive and tabulate and promulgate the result of said primary, and to do any and all other business that may properly come before it.

H. BODEMULLER,
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