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## School Board Proceedings

Franklinton, La., Nov. 2.—On the above date the Washington Parish School Board met in special session with the following members present: D. Wallace, O. E. Morris, F. B. Bateman, L. T. Richardson, W. R. Seal, I. J. Green, M. C. Duncan, and Willie Fussell. The meeting was called to order by president F. B. Bateman, and Hon. J. T. Lasly member of the State Board of Education, made a short and interesting talk to the board on the matter of taking some action to recover any 16th section land that has been alienated without full legal authority or to recover damages for any trespasses and deprivations that have been committed upon same. After some discussion the matter of acting upon this question was postponed until the afternoon session.

The following report submitted by the Secretary was accepted and ordered to be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to make the following brief report of the results of the school contests, club work, etc., held and placed on exhibition at the Parish Fair on Friday Oct. 20, 1916. 24 schools entered approximately 320 pupils in the athletic and literary events. The Parish Fair Association has issued 155 certificates to the winners of the first, second and third places, the number of certificates won by each school being as follows: Bell 2, Bogalusa City Schools 32, Franklinton 40, Gorman 4, Hackley 6, Hurrican 1, Isabel 4, Mt. Hermon 1, Millers Creek 1, Pine 1, Pine Ridge 1st ward 2, Rio 2, Sunny Hill 10, Stony Point 8, Spring Hill 1, State Line 1, Sheridan 2, Varnado 2. In addition to the certificates the winners of the first and second places, were given silver and bronze medals. The Club Agent, Mr. J. V. Rabb, reports a total of 80 exhibits from a total club enrollment of 165. 35 corn club exhibits were made and \$52 in cash prizes awarded the winners; 18 pigs were placed on exhibition by the boy's pig club and \$21 in cash premiums awarded; 6 pigs were placed on exhibition by the girls pig club and \$11 in cash prizes were awarded; 13 exhibits were entered by the tomato or canning club and \$22 in cash prizes were awarded; 8 poultry exhibits were

entered by the poultry club and \$8 cash prizes were awarded; and 3 bales of cotton were placed on exhibition by the cotton club. The above named cash premiums which I believe were well merited by the winners and fairly awarded by the judges were given by yourselves, the Hon. Washington Parish School Board. In addition to the cash premiums given by the School Board, to the winners in this club work a total of 37 premiums valued at \$277.50 were given by interested and progressive citizens of Franklinton and Bogalusa.

Judging from the apparent interest taken in the club work and school contests this year I feel sure that with the same liberal inducements offered for next year that the number of contestants and club exhibits for 1917 will double the number for 1916. I am of the opinion that certain changes in the rules and regulations governing the school contests and club exhibits should and will be made to add to the success of this work for 1917, and I am glad to report that certain necessary changes and improvements on the Fair Grounds and Buildings are already being discussed.

For the prizes given by the School board for the school contests and club work. I wish to express to you (1) on behalf of the teachers and the Club Agent their deep and lasting appreciation for the interest you have given, and (2) on behalf of the pupils receiving these awards their sincere thanks for this encouragement and expression of appreciation from the School Board of the work done by the contestants.

The board adjourned at 12:15 to meet at 1:15.

The board was called to order at 1:15 and upon motion of J. A. Moore, duly seconded by O. E. Morris, and carried the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the attention of this board has been called to the fact possibly there is a number of 16th section lands in this parish that have been alienated, without legal formality, and other sections upon which trespasses have been committed.

Whereas, we believe that it is to the best interest of the schools of the parish that a strenuous effort be made to recover any damages that may be due the board for trespass or depre-

tion, or value received;

Be it resolved, that the president of this board is, by this resolution, authorized and empowered, to contract with an attorney or attorneys for the purpose of taking such legal action as in the opinion of said attorney or attorneys may be necessary to recover any school section illegally transferred and to prosecute and recover damages for any trespasses or deprivations that have occurred on the 16th School Sections in this parish; and that the attorney or attorneys so contracted with, shall have two years from the date of signing this contract in which to fulfill their obligations under said contract; provided that all judicial actions are commenced within six months from the date of the signing of the contract.

Be it further resolved, That the contract so made with any attorney or attorneys, shall be under the provisions of Act 158 of 1910, which provides only a contingent fee of 25 per cent; it being distinctly understood and agreed in said contract that this board shall be at no expense whatsoever in prosecuting these claims; and that the only fee that shall be allowed for attorneys contacted for shall be contingent fee based upon success.

Be it further resolved, That the attorney or attorneys, contracted with under this resolution shall have no authority to compromise any claim in favor of said school board until he has first obtained the consent of the Attorney General of the State to the terms and conditions of the proposed compromise.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the Superintendent was instructed to place an order for a sufficient number of the Holten-Curry Reading cards and charts to supply each primary teacher in the parish with one set. Each primary teacher will be held responsible for the set of cards and chart until same have been returned to the office of the school board at the close of the school.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the Superintendent was authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of "The Better Thing" given below to have one copy placed in each school room in the parish.

After some discussion of the question of paying Miss Buvens for services rendered as Canning Club Agent for the month of August, the Superintendent upon motion duly seconded and carried, was instructed to issue a check to Miss Buvens for \$25.00.

On motion duly seconded and carried the Washington Parish School Board hereby jointly appointed with the Police Jury the following Board of Directors for the Parish Fair for 1917, W. H. Sullivan, Bogalusa, W. J. Alford Mt. Hermon, D. E. Sheridan, Franklinton, J. B. Linsley, Bogalusa, Walter Green, Varnado, F. B. Bateman, Franklinton, J. C. Green, Enon, R. H. Spring, Franklinton, D. E. Branch, W. T. McNeese, Angie, M. C. Duncan, Hackley.

There being no further business the Board stood adjourned. F. B. Bateman, President, D. H. Stringfield, Secretary.

Now is the time to make everything cozy for winter. We have bargains in the following: Matting Rugs, 27x54; Wool and Fiber Art Squares 9x12; Tapestry Rugs 9x12; Rag Rugs 24x36 and 27x54. Also Heating Stoves—wood, coal and oil burning, all sizes.

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## Obituary.

Dear Era-Reader:

It is again so soon that we come to your pages bearing sad news. On the morning of November 15, 1916, at eight o'clock, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cor-kern, and bore in its flight their infant daughter Quinnie.

Though this little darling took up her abode here only two short months ago, she had so sweetly and so completely entwined her little life with those of her loved ones that the parting at the river was indeed sad. Still we raise our voices in one accord and say, "Oh Lord, Thy Will Be Done."

Besides fond parents and a loving little sister, little Quinnie is mourned by two grandmothers, one grandfather and the relatives and friends of both parents, all of whom extend to them their heartfelt sympathies. But we do more. We offer our loving Savior and Comforter, a friend indeed. One who knows the sorrow and griefs of every mortal, and who is willing to help bear their burdens.

For, "Yea though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil: for Thou art with us; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort us."

Death our dearest ties can sever, Bear our darling from our side, Take her o'er the dark cold river, On to Jordan's other side.

There we'll meet our little baby Over on the other shore, There we'll sing His praises forever, And we'll part from her no more.

A Friend.

Notice—The Police Jury of Washington Parish, La., will receive bids up to noon, M., Dec. 5, 1916, for building 24 Dipping Vats complete with stock pens, same to be completed ready for use by March 20, 1917. They will receive bids for building vats, and also for furnishing all material and building same. Plans and specifications will be found on file with the Secretary of Police Jury, Mt. Hermon, La. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Respectfully,  
W. E. Banister, Secretary.

## General News Items In Brief

Francisco Villa distributed through the state of Chihuahua proclamations threatening the death of ever foreigner captured.

Jack London, the author, died at Glen Elten, California.

Bandits held up the driver of a Southern Express Company transfer wagon at Chattanooga and obtained about \$40,000.

Federal, state and municipal authorities in New York City attacked the high cost of living.

The Adamson eight-hour law was held unconstitutional by Judge William Hook in the United District Court in Kansas City.

From three sides Teuton forces began converging upon the Rumanian capital, pathians in Moldavia.

A wireless dispatch from Berlin virtually disavowed responsibility of German submarines on loss of the Britannic.

The Mexican-American border commission signed a protocol providing for the recall of General Perishing's troops within forty days of its final approval.

A New York bank clerk confessed the larceny of jewelry valued at \$60,000, the property of Mrs. E. H. Harriman.

An order prescribing the work of Baptist ministers among soldiers on the Mexican border was condemned in resolutions by the Louisiana Baptist convention.

Louisiana was placed in the Texas federal good roads district.

The Greek provisional government declared war on Germany and Bulgaria, while the Royalists continued to waver in their policy and protest against giving up their arms to the Entente.

Villa troops drove back a cavalry column on its way to reinforce the Chihuahua City garrison.

Efforts of searchers in the Tensas swamps, near Mobile, for trace of William McCausland were spurred by the offer of \$5,000 reward.

After flagging a N. O. G. N. passenger train near Bogalusa, La., and preventing a serious wreck, a negro man confessed, officers said, he placed a rail on the track.

Minden was selected for the 1917 meeting place of the Louisiana Southern Methodist conference.

M. H. Holmes, former marshal of Tyler, Tex., Miss., was shot and killed by Sidney Holmes, a cousin.

C. H. Parsons, well-known lumberman of Crystal Springs, Miss., was held for killing Ashby Wells.

Two Xmas presents given away. See Greenlaw's Ad.

## The Sanitary Ordinance.

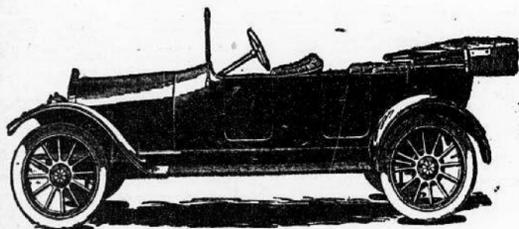
Dear Editor: I notice in the proceedings of the Police Jury "A Sanitary Ordinance" providing for the proper disposal of carcasses of animals. Most people do not fully appreciate the importance of such an ordinance. When population was sparse and neighbors were far apart, it did not matter much whether a dead cow was carried to the woods or thrown in the stream, but under the new conditions it is highly important that a dead hog not be thrown out for the vultures and dogs. These animals may be the means of an epidemic of cholera, or the dragging of one cow down the road may spread charbon (anthrax). If every farmer in the parish would co-operate with the Police Jury in this matter and help impress the importance of proper disposal of dead carcasses, the parish could be kept almost free from these costly diseases.

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