

HOW A RAIN BUILT A SCHOOL HOUSE.

Here is an extract from a letter written by a country school teacher in the far South. It shows a spirit that is undaunted in the face of difficulties and that will transform the educational conditions of our Southland.

"I had there an attendance of eighty or more pupils; but as I was boarding at home, I found time to pursue my studies as best I could. One of my teachers taught me Latin for a while through mail. The term passed away quite smoothly until small-pox made its appearance. I had helped nurse two cases before the doctors knew what it was. I did not catch it after all. Because of the epidemic my school closed the third of May. It did not last long however, so, by the first of June I was again on my way back to teach in the same county where I taught the summer before, but in a different neighborhood.

The place of which I now speak is thirty miles from the railroad, and when I arrived on the school grounds and took a look at my school house, and at the children as they gathered, I felt that this was indeed a needy neighborhood. This house has two doors which open with a squeaking noise; and no windows. It is built of logs with the cracks left in between. I cannot describe the seats. When it rained, we moved around to the dry places left in the house, to avoid getting wet. The patrons readily agreed to build a new house, but it was hard work to get them to begin. Finally one day as I had the three trustees at the school house talking to them, there came up a rain. They were ashamed to move around as we did to keep from getting wet, so consequently they got a good drenching, and I rather enjoyed it. After this, a start was made on the new house, and it will be ready for my use next summer."

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CUBA'S FIRST MISTAKE.

We fail to note any applause in this country following the announcement that the Cuban congress has passed a bill granting pardon to all American citizens now in prison or under indictment on the island. This will include the postal frauds rascals. The new republic is more magnanimous than wise, while the compliment to the United States implied by this action is not likely to be heartily appreciated except by the criminals who are given their liberty.—Fall River Globe.

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The Houston Post, while it does not censure congress for voting aid to the sufferers on the island of Martinique, does score that body for not aiding our own people under similar circumstances. Galveston got not a dollar from the National treasury, while this province of France (Martinique) got \$200,000. The Post is right. If foreign sufferers are to be aided by the National government, surely our own people should be treated in the same way.—Christiana Truth.

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The average American voter is now firmly convinced of certain truths. He knows that a high protective tariff has never benefited the people. It has enriched a privileged elite instead at the expense of the people. He knows that this same tariff created the trusts by creating opportunities to establish complete monopolies in American trade and industries. He knows that the removal of a high tariff will at the same time eliminate the trust evil. He has made up his mind to vote against the party that stands for the high tariff and the trusts, and he will rightly regard such a vote as an act of self-defense.—St. Louis Republic, Dem.

The Best Prescription for Malaria. Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 60c.

President Roosevelt occasionally makes a mistake. He seems to have made a deplorable one, at least from a Republican standpoint, by having brevetted recently David F. Allen, a soldier who was promoted for meritorious services in the Philippines. At a Democratic county convention in Indiana a few days ago Mr. Allen very unexpectedly spoke. He poured vitrol into the open wounds inflicted by Democratic Senators and Congressmen in the administration in the following terse way:

"I want you to understand me that this war was wrong in its conception, and it is wicked to continue its prosecution. It was born of a theory of government that is wholly un-American, is contrary to the conscience of our government and the Declaration of Independence, and its continuance is worse than criminal. Grievous wrongs are being done, but they must not be charged up to the army. The army must be upheld, but get back behind the army at those who are using it to drive the American republic into the ranks of monarchial governments."

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No ulcer or sore can exist without some predisposing internal cause that has poisoned the blood, and the open discharging ulcer, or the festering sore on the lip, cheek or other part of the body will continue to spread and eat deeper into the flesh unless the blood is purified and the cancer germs or morbid matter eliminated from the circulation. Cancer germs cleanse the blood of all decaying effete matter. It has great antitoxic and purifying properties that soon destroy the germs and poisons carried to the ulcer or sore by the blood. The discharge ceases and the place heals over and new skin forms. S. S. S. is a strictly vegetable blood purifier containing no mercury or minerals of any description.
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GRAND JURY REPORT.

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ing of the new jail. The duties of this committee are not plain to us, but we understand that it is to prepare a certain contract with the builders. In our opinion this committee is not doing its full duty, but as we are not their authority to do that, we comment on this feature we beg to report that from rumor the jail building is not fully up to specifications and the committee should be requested to give the matter proper attention and to take any action that will not compromise the Parish with the contractor. The Police Jury Committee was requested to give the matter proper attention and to take any action that will not compromise the Parish with the contractor. We find that on May 6, 1902, Henry Cotte, a member of the Police Jury, made a demand for \$75, and that warrant was issued for that amount (see Minute Book for his case) and directed to the Sheriff to collect the same. The remaining members of the committee made no demand for compensation and no action was taken.

We find that the Police Jury has made a contract with Sheriff Henderson amounting to \$6,500 per annum for certain duties to be performed by him. We have not the time at our disposal to thoroughly investigate the equity of the contract. We also find that it has contracted with J. J. Egan, a member of the Police Jury, for the care of the post house and its inmates and that he is allowed \$10 for each inmate. Our limited investigation of this contract, however, we are unable to comment upon it. We also ascertain that the Police Jury pays the District Attorney \$200 per annum for legal advice, and \$300 per annum for representation of the Parish as Attorney in the collection of road taxes. From the limited investigation of these contracts we are inclined to believe that the first contract as legal advice, while he is paid to advise the Police Jury and point out their mistakes, and that the second contract has several instances of violation of the laws as violated. That the Police Jury need a legal adviser is indeed apparent to this committee and to your body from its recent investigations. Art. 22 of 1808 prohibiting the Police Jury from receiving more than one salary or wage and per diem from their Parish, a law that they violated as the list in the report shows, was not made known to the Police Jury until after the fact. The members of the Parish of St. Martin had been indicted for similar offenses. We also find that on Jan. 1, 1902, the Police Jury advanced the sum of \$500 to the Assessor L. S. Frece on his future claim for per centage of assessments and taxes. An additional sum of \$75. The first amount of \$500 was approved for cash and paid and the second amount of \$75 was also approved for cash. While we cannot find this appropriation contrary to law, we believe it a bad precedent. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of the Assessor, the successor might arise as to the liability of his predecessor and involve the Parish in litigation of an expensive nature. We also find that the Police Jury advanced the sum of \$1400 in favor of A. B. Romero, its Secretary and Treasurer, for the purpose of giving the regular report of the Police Jury to the Assessor. We cannot consider this action as good business judgment and cannot find that the appropriation was made in accordance with the laws of the Parish and all persons selling merchandise to it include in their bills the probable loss by discount to be incurred by them, and the proposition as it stands is included here in proportion to the cost.

While we are unable from our hasty investigation to report a complete list of disbursements included in the matter of paying these approved accounts, we are satisfied that the method employed in the appropriation of the money is not in accordance with the laws of the Parish and even some of the public officers are the sufferers directly. This can be remedied only in one way: by abolishing the present "approved bill" system and issue a more comprehensive system of bills for which a cash should be retained and that a book showing outstanding notes and debts, with the dates of maturity mentioned; that contracts for the purchase of goods and services be entered into in the proper written shape, protected by safe bonds to insure their faithful completion; that before any bills are paid the Police Jury be certain that the work has been properly performed and that the charges are not exorbitant.

The Police Jury has no check against the Tax Collector's office and it is impossible to ascertain how it stands in financial relations with that officer. The method of the transfer of public funds is crude and inefficient. The Police Jury Tax Collector or any other party turns into the Treasury any funds that remain unexpended, and the Treasurer is obliged to issue a receipt for the same. The Treasurer furnishes a \$5000 bond.

SCHOOL FUNDS.
We made a partial examination of the school funds and have no comment to make thereon. We urge, however, that the School Board, at the close of each term, should make a complete list of the funds collected and then see that these funds are collected and the money so received paid their Treasurer. The School Board now has \$201.30 (see each page 12) which is due the School Fund from October and February collections of fines. Besides the fine imposed and uncollected, less any for criminals who might have served sentence in default of payment of fines. In view of the importance of the school funds we recommend that the School Board appoint some member or vice-Superintendent to call upon the Sheriff for the amount of these fines and, where due per diem payment be requested. The Treasurer is bonded to the extent of \$3000.00.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
The books, blanks and Parish accounts of the Sheriff's office were delivered us upon application. We find that the stationery furnished this office is not in keeping with its importance. The blank checks furnished by the State are poorly padded and the stubs are not properly numbered. It is our recommendation that the Police Jury make an improvement over those of the State's, but on the contrary are not numbered or limited and the receipts due the Parish depends altogether upon the honesty of the collector and the thoroughness of his department to correctly check up this office if

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It is a fact that the blood of the Parish is not pure. The funds of the Parish are placed to their respective special funds, with the exception of the School Fund, which is erroneously included in the General Fund. The attention will be kept a School Fund column in its cash book. While the warrants are drawn indiscriminately on no particular fund, we find that the Treasurer has an obligation to properly charge them upon payment, but we have no method of checking the correctness of his work. When a warrant is paid, he charges it to what he believes to be the proper fund from his cash book. The attention will be kept a School Fund column in its cash book. While the warrants are drawn indiscriminately on no particular fund, we find that the Treasurer has an obligation to properly charge them upon payment, but we have no method of checking the correctness of his work. When a warrant is paid, he charges it to what he believes to be the proper fund from his cash book.

ACTS OFFICE.
This office being the same as the Sheriff's, it is being an office Tax Collector, the same under Sheriff's office cover the inspection. We have not the time to go over the tax rolls thoroughly and an imperfect report would serve no good purpose. We do, however, recommend that the feature of the Parish's business be audited, and if possible checked against the Assessor's rolls at stated intervals. Under the present system there is no check against the tax collection, and as in the collection of licenses, it is a matter of duty and thoroughness rather than business, the proper application for licenses is not made. There should be some system of debit and credit between the Police Jury and the Assessor's office. The money received from the Parish Treasurer, for licenses and other payments, should be deposited in a separate account, and the amount paid to the Assessor for all other duties and assessments should be credited to that account. As it is now, the Assessor's office is not kept in the proper shape, and so far as we can learn no claim has ever been made against the Assessor for overpayment of money. The amount would naturally not be large, but as a matter of business sense, it should be strangled.

ACTS OFFICE.
This office is but partially a Parish office, we have not made an inspection of its affairs directly. We find the books and papers furnished by the State to be in accordance with law. The time is not allowed to go into the equity of assessments and our appointment from your body does not carry with it a mandate to do this nature. Complaints of unequal assessments have been made to us, but the Police Jury sits as a Board of Review and does not feel inclined to receiving recommendations other than citizens who have cause for complaints to be heard officially and their grievances corrected if possible. It is our recommendation that the Assessor and the tax payers endeavor to work in harmony, and impartially levy taxes upon all property. If the tax payer will be conscientious in giving in his values, and not attempt to shirk his duty of paying a fair share of the cost of government, the Assessor will be enabled to make his roll more equity. It is unnecessary to express the Assessor to the point on appraising all classes of values, and often his errors of values have a tendency to make his rolls appear faulty.

WE find this office in better shape than any of the Parish offices. The road books are mostly kept and of splendid order and will stand the heavy wear and tear to which they are necessarily subjected. The system of indexing cannot be improved upon. As this office of Sheriff's office is clearly imposed upon and custom has observed the law. The limited time allowed your committee to inspect the office, and the examination of the collection of taxes, but in a general way we report that the road and vehicle taxes are not efficiently collected and that a complete list of those owing these taxes different to obtain. We find considerable irregularity in the method used in the collection of fines and in the collection of road taxes. An imperfect record is kept of the collections and we find no list of fines imposed in the Sheriff's office, your committee being unable to ascertain a list from the minutes of the Court from the Clerk thereof. Checking this list against collection we find the omissions shown below. No record is kept in the Sheriff's office of those who served in default of fines, hence we are unable to say how many served their sentences. We report that when the fines are included in the fines that no costs are collected. If they are, the entries are not made upon the books furnished to the Sheriff by the State, under an annual contract, to perform the criminal work of the Parish, it seems to us that any criminal costs collected by him from parties convicted and belonging to his office under the fee system should properly be the money of the Parish. LIST OF FINES IMPOSED BY JUDGE POSTER, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, TEXAS, COUNTED FOR TO SCHOOL TREASURER, OR SENTENCE SERVED IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT.
October, 1901 Term—No. 1870, Anthony Deaton, \$15 and costs and two hours in jail; 1882, Anthony Charles, \$15 and two hours in jail; 1882, M. F. Smith, \$25 and costs; 1892, Ernest Durand, \$25 and costs; 1897, Abraham Turner, \$10 and costs or four months in jail; Elger Mestayer, \$25 and costs.
December, 1901 Term—No. 1875, Anthony Levy, \$10 and costs; 1942, Aristotle Dine, \$5 and costs or ten days in jail; 1943, Sam Cain, \$5 and costs or ten days in jail; 1955, C. Freeman, \$5 and costs or ten days in jail; 2007, Chas. Gilbert, \$5 or ten days in jail; 2007, Anatole, \$5 or ten days in jail; 2002, Ed. Hiale, \$5 or ten days in jail; 2003, Davis London, \$5 or ten days in jail; 2016, Chas. Gilbert, \$5 or ten days in jail; 2019, Jules Joseph, \$5 or ten days in jail.
February, 1902 Term—No. 2053, James Greyboy, \$25 and five days or 25 additional days in jail; 1936, Jack Davis, \$20 and costs; 2070, Joseph Comstock, \$10 and costs or 15 days in jail; 2071, Berniste Seagee, \$25 and five days in jail.

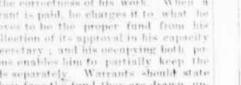
THE books of the Sheriff's office were not written up to date, and our request that they be written was ignored. The deputy whose duty this would be giving a reason that he was overworked with more important work. We conclude by this assertion that the force now in the Sheriff's office is inadequate to properly serve the public, and we recommend that he increase his office force to the proper standard.

IN addition to the above list of fines imposed and unaccounted for, we find, according to the Cash Book, A. J. 12, a list of fines collected amounting to \$301.50. Some of these are imposition of October, 1901 fines, and the entire amount should have been turned over to the School fund at the end of the present term. We find that this office, who is also Secretary of the Police Jury, has given proper receipts for all monies delivered to his care, and that he keeps the one book

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