

WRITER SCORES PUBLIC ROADS. (Communicated.)

Pinckneyville, Miss., Dec. 27, 1912. The True Democrat: I live just above the Louisiana line and do quite a lot of hauling in that state, also own some land there, so I feel at liberty to express myself. There are some portions of public roads in the 7th and 8th wards of West Feliciana parish that have not been worked in two years, except what I have done at my own expense. I am now corresponding with a Northern man who wishes to buy land here and in Louisiana, he also wishes to come and see conditions. Do you think it would be advisable to bring him over a road that has two bridges broken down so that you have to take out team and pull the buggy over by hand, on one of the main thoroughfares of the county, also over a "shun pike" that you have to pay toll to use because the road is too bad? Do you think such a condition would favorably impress prospective buyer of Louisiana lands? Louisiana is a fine state and West Feliciana is the garden spot, and I think will soon come to public notice as the only place in which to live and live easy. Having no roads we will need no bridges and having no bridges the people will not have to keep up any roads. People will soon begin to live at home in a literal sense, also die and be buried there as it will be impossible for them to get away. You may raise thousands of dollars of saleable article in this parish but if you cannot get them to market they are useless. I see by the papers that prospective buyers of Louisiana lands are passing on every train, but as they see nothing but gullies called roads leaving the railroads at various points, they show their wisdom by staying on the train and prospecting from the car windows. Wise men these are, passing thru Louisiana.

WRITER.

We beg to remind our correspondent however that it is not by bitterness, sarcasm or ridicule that a better state of things may be brought about as to our public roads. True he says that he has worked the roads at his own expense, which is laudable, but after all a mere drop in the bucket, as no doubt he realizes. First, the system of road-working is wrong, due to the inability to get efficiency from drafted labor and inexperienced overseers. Again the law, such as it is, is not enforced. He says the roads in his locality have not been worked for two years. Has he, or any other citizen, reported to the authorities the delinquency of the overseers? There is a penalty attached to non-feasance in this office, and yet it is seldom indeed imposed, because the overseer's neighbors lack the moral courage to do their duty, and make complaint. The Police Jury is also at fault. It appoints these overseers and apportions the hands, and there the matter rests. No rule is enforced of having monthly reports from these overseers as to what they have done, and the consequence is that nothing is done, unless some men are appointed a little more public-spirited, energetic, and skillful than their fellows. But this argument proceeds on the premise that this system can produce anything like satisfactory results. It has not. It can not. Not only for the reasons given in the foregoing, but because the correct principles of road-making are not understood. A problem in any country but an engineering feat in a country like ours. Good roads will not be uniformly had until people who know how are set to make them, and lest it be argued that we are all too poor to employ real road-makers, we are instead too poor not to do so, for our correspondent has well shown, though sarcastically, that the roads are primarily in the way of general prosperity.

We have been in business for ten years and have never failed to earn a fair dividend.—MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of West Feliciana will be held at the banking house in St. Francisville, La., on January 18th, 1912, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve during the year 1912. J. R. MATTHEWS, Cashier. Next week, we announce our regular Pre-inventory Sale. Watch for it. M. & E. WOLF.

Claude Daniel is suffering from relapse of mumps.

NINTH WARD NOTES.

Mrs. Nonie Richardson has returned to Mr. Hugh Connell's after spending Christmas at Holly Grove, with Miss May Richardson. Mr. Pinkney Johnson and daughter, Miss Helen, spent a few days in Woodville last week. Mr. Walter Maryman was at his home on Sunday. Mrs. F. S. Carney has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bowman, of Lutcher, who are rejoicing over the arrival of a son on the 26th of Dec. Mr. Wiley Carney has returned to his work on the railroad. Miss Teresa has returned to school.

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Jan. 2, 1912. At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held this day, the following members were present: A. F. Barrow, Mayor; George Rettig, Joe Stern, K. C. Smith, A. B. Briant, Board. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Communication in reference to water rate for fire protection for Bayou Sara Lumber Company read. Motion made, seconded and carried, That the matter of water rate for fire protection for the Bayou Sara Lumber Company, be referred to the Plant committee with full power to act. Engineers report read and filed. Road committees report read and filed. Mayor and marshal reported six (6) cases for 2 months. Motion made, seconded and carried, That the matter of installation of fuel oil at Plant be referred to plant committee with full power to act. Motion made, seconded and carried, That the following salaries, commissions and bills be paid: F. B. Dennett, salary, \$100.00; H. R. Anderson, salary, 56.00; G. S. Davidson, salary, 55.00; G. L. Plettinger, salary, 60.00; G. Rettig, attending meeting, 1.00; K. C. Smith, same, 1.00; A. B. Briant, same, 1.00; Joe Stern, same, 1.00; A. F. Barrow, commission, 12.00; G. S. Davidson, commission, 6.00. Motion made, seconded and carried, That the following amounts be appropriated: Plant fund, 250.00; Road fund, 75.00. Motion made seconded and carried, That a warrant be drawn in favor of W. H. Taylor for \$25.00, one-half year President Board of Health. Frank Sansoni, oyster shells, \$ 7.60; Chas Weydert, supplies, 20; Toney Sansonia, oyster shells 2.80; True Democrat, 1-4 contract, 37.50; Bayou Sara Lumber Co., lumber 5.85; R. C. Brasseaux, main-prisoners 5.20; I. L. Lyons & Co., stationery 2.32; E. Newman, supplies, 50; Ahrens & Ott Mfg Co., supplies 2.26; General Electric Co., supplies 1.64; Electric Appliance Co., supplies 9.27; Standard Oil Co., cylinder oil 10.03; Chas. Weydert, supplies, 3.95. On motion meeting adjourned. A. B. BRIANT, Mayor. G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk. I hereby certify, that the above is a true and correct copy of the original minutes as they appear on pages of minute book "4". G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

WE CAN MAKE YOUR SAVINGS NET YOU 6 TO 8 PER CENT. PER ANNUM. SEE THE SECRETARY.—MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

BAYOU SARA COUNCIL MEETING.

Bayou Sara, La., Jan. 2, 1912. At a regular meeting of the council held this day, the following members were present: Geo. Baier, Mayor; J. H. Logan, E. H. Leet, Chas. Weydert, H. C. Kaufman, Councilmen. The following bills were presented and approved: Bayou Sara Lumber Co., \$55.20; F. B. Dennett, 13.50; Frank Paul, 1.00. Moved and seconded that the mayor be authorized to hire Paul Catton at the rate of \$15 per month. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. GEO. BAIER, Mayor. H. A. BINNING, Secretary.

DEPOSIT \$1.00 TO \$25.00 WITH US EACH MONTH AND WATCH IT GROW.—MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

THE MONROE INDEPENDENT INTIMATES THAT THE TITLE, "A DEMOCRAT," IS PUT BENEATH J. Y. SANDERS' PICTURE, ON THE SAME PRINCIPLE THAT THE SMALL BOY SCRAWLS UNDER HIS CRUDE DRAWING OF A HORSE: "THIS IS A HOSS." YOU HAVE TO BE TOLD.

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

St. Francisville, La., Jan. 3, 1912. The Police Jury met in regular monthly session with a full Board present as follows: Hon. C. F. Howell, president, and Messrs. Weydert, Raynham, Bickham, Richardson, Wright, Sadden, Row, Barrow, Daniel, Lavergne. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Salary of Constables. N Brasseaux \$11.25; Mose Vantrump 3.75; Robt. Harvey 7.50; F C Wilcox 11.25; J F Austen 3.75; O D Smith 3.75; C M Davis 7.50; N W Davis 3.75; C D Lloyd 3.75; H B Lavergne 11.25.

Salary of Magistrates. A S Leonard \$7.50; Jas. Logan 2.50; Ruffin Daniel 5.00; Jno. Wilcox 7.50; C H Argue 2.50; W R Campbell 2.50; Jos. Sadden 2.50; P B McWaters 5.00; B I Barrow 2.50; Jos. Maryman 2.50; Robt. S. Towles 7.50.

Sundry Accounts. I W. Petty \$ 33.33; L P Kilbourne, Parish Treas. 37.50; R M Leake, Clerk Police Ju. 37.50; A Villeret, Clerk of Court, 18.75; True Democrat, 1-4 contract, 37.50; G S Davidson care C. H. clock 18.00; W. H. Taylor, pres. B. Health 56.25; St. Francisville E L & W W 3.75; W. H. Taylor, jail physician 25.00; J. H. Clack, main prisoners 76.40; J. H. Clack, criminal expense 13.60; J. H. Clack, 1/2 year salary, 250.00; J. H. Clack, turkey fees, 54.00; L. P. Kilbourne 3.20; A. M. Hendon, Secretary, 1,000.00; True Democrat, reg. notice, 7.00; W. H. Taylor 10.00; A. F. Barrow 10.00; Wilhelm Lumber Co 25.00; Humphrey, Andeman, R. & B. 2.50; C. M. Davis, R. & B. 10.00; R. C. Brasseaux 1.50; Jno. F. Irvine Coal Co., 20.00; T. H. Row, coffin for P Sanden 5.00; E. Newman, mop 25; Bank of West Feliciana, bridge and court house certificates 7,142.21; Report of L. P. Kilbourne, Treasurer, in account with the Police Jury, Parish of West Feliciana. Cash in banks, Dec. 6 1912 \$2988.87; Disbursements since— Witness certificate 25; Police Jury warrants \$3341.42 \$341.57; Deficit \$493.40; Overdraft People's Bank \$578.74; Cash in Bank of West Feliciana 385.34; Total \$493.40.

Respectfully submitted, L. P. Kilbourne, Treas. By W. T. Forrester.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned. C. F. HOWELL, President. R. M. LEAKE, Clerk.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The True Democrat is authorized to announce Dr. A. Feltus Barrow as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. John T. Barrow was recently operated on for appendicitis.

New Series of Stock—"M"—will be opened by us on January 1.—MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Mr. E. L. Saucier, farm demonstrator for the Felicianas, came to West Feliciana, en route to Jackson from a holiday visit to his family in Avoyelles. He expects to bring them to Jackson at an early date. He also plans to make a tour of West Feliciana as soon as roads and weather permit, and promises to write a full account of results for these columns. Mr. Saucier is an unpretentious but very intelligent young man, and is thoroughly posted on his line of work. He thinks this a fine country, and only run down now from too much cotton and commercial fertilizer. His prescription for a depleted soil is the planting of cow peas and more cow peas. He says that from similar conditions in Avoyelles, his home parish, when for three years the people could not make cotton on account of the boll weevil, the soil has been so fertilized by the cow peas that a good yield of cotton is secured, some making more than a bale to the acre. The surest way to get rich quick is to put aside a certain percentage of your income each month. Try it.—MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

THE PEOPLE'S BANK

Located at St. Francisville, La., Parish of West Feliciana. Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks by the above Bank at the close of business on Dec. 28, 1911. RESOURCES: Demand Loans \$15,488.28; Loans secured by mortgage 41,093.33; Other loans and discounts 54,085.10; Overdrafts secured and unsecured 21,049.50; Other loans, stocks, securities, etc. 500.00; Banking house furniture, fixtures, etc. 2,588.71; Other real estate owned 7,350.00; Due from Banks and Bankers 13,022.90; Checks and other cash items 248.77; Gold coin 530.00; Silver, nickel and copper coin 2,913.62; National bank notes and all issues of U. S. Government 2,875.00; Total \$161,745.78. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00; Surplus 6,700.00; Undivided deposits less expenses and expenses paid 3,288.31; Individual savings deposits 14,201.08; Individual deposits subject to check 38,841.81; Time certificates of deposit 38,614.60; Bills payable 10,000.00; Total \$161,745.78.

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JUDGE LAWRAE.

The True Democrat: Referring to an editorial in the last issue of The True commenting on approving new references to my support of Mr. Michel, I beg space to protest again. The suggestion in your article that it must be "galling" to me to support "a candidate proven to be a land-grabber, a tax-dodger, a would-be evictor of land holders, and official that used the knowledge incident to his position for his personal benefit." This is what you say. But I believe that Mr. Michel is none of these things, and I am supporting him because I think he is the best and most capable man in the race. And my support of Mr. Michel does not require that I should abuse and insult his opponents. I would also respectfully and most earnestly protest against the suggestion in your article that because I am a member of the State Board of Education, my motives in supporting any candidate are not honest, but influenced by the fact that I accepted office under the present Administration. In this you are mistaken. My assurance may not be sufficient to satisfy you that Governor Sanders has never played politics in the Board of Education, that his efforts and the Board's have been sincerely for the advancement of our educational interests, and for no political clique—but nevertheless this is true. It may be thought that all this is rather personal to me, and not of sufficient importance to lay before the public. This would be true but for the fact that my protest is intended to go further than merely to set myself right. It is intended as a protest against the suggestion that every man who holds office at present in Louisiana is unworthy of confidence, and that his motives in supporting a candidate are not honest. I cannot believe that. Respectfully, S. McC. LAWRASON.

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