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CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE CATHEDRAL STARTED

Catholics in all sections of Louisiana are rallying to join in the St. Louis Cathedral Restoration Campaign, and hundreds of pledges of cooperation have been received from Jews, and persons of other non-Catholic creeds and of all political factions.

For two months, from headquarters in the St. Charles Hotel, the arrangements have been going on. Hundreds of letters have gone to Catholics and non-Catholics in all parts of Louisiana, particularly in the neighborhood of churches within the guidance of Archbishop Blenk.

Many of the State's most prominent men and women are on the honorary committee, and will attend the banquet, arranged by the Knights of Columbus, at the Grunwald Hotel the night of June 13, when the campaign will be launched formally.

Archbishop Blenk himself is directing the campaign. At the headquarters in the St. Charles Hotel, S. L. Seabrooke, executive secretary, and A. L. Buchanan, assistant, are directing the campaign volunteers and committees, which include New Orleans' most representative men and women, with others from the cities of the diocese in Louisiana.

Every historical and civic pageant and incident in the history of New Orleans has taken place in the St. Louis Cathedral. As long as the city has existed the cathedral has been the center of all religious, civic and other activities. The settling of the walls, caused by decaying foundations, built under old methods of construction with the storm of last September, has badly damaged the structure and the campaign is to get funds to restore the structure in time for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of New Orleans in about 20 months.

At the anniversary will be the nation's leaders, governors of every state and representatives of foreign governments, high church dignitaries and others. It will be a celebration that will surpass anything ever attempted in the country for splendor, and will draw the attention of the world to New Orleans.

Mayor Behrman and Governor Pleasant have heartily indorsed the movement, pointing out the fact that it is a civic and religious duty for every one to assist in the restoration campaign. Mayor Behrman emphasized the fact that thousands of tourists visit the Cathedral annually, it is known all over the nation, and it will be a reflection on the city if the historic edifice is allowed to go to ruins. Gov. Pleasant, in a statement to the Cathedral workers, declared that "armies of Europe are fighting to save the Cathedral of Rheims and other edifices, while the army of Louisiana has permitted the most priceless treasure of this country to rot."

BOARD OF ALDERMEN PROCEEDINGS

St. Francisville, La., June 6, 1916. At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held this day, the following members were present: A. B. Briant, Mayor; R. Yunkes, Max Mann, George Rettig, Jas. Kilbourne, Board of Aldermen; L. W. Rogers, absent.

All officials having received their commissions and duly qualified they assumed their official duties.

Motion by Rettig, seconded by Yunkes, That G. L. Plettinger be elected Clerk and Treasurer at a salary of \$60.00 per month. Carried.

Motion by Yunkes, seconded by Mann, That John G. Muller be elected Engineer at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

Motion by Yunkes, seconded by Rettig, That Lawrason & Kilbourne be elected Town Attorneys at a salary of \$50.00 per annum. Carried.

Motion by Mann, seconded by Yunkes, That Dr. W. H. Taylor be elected President of the Board of Health at a salary of \$50.00 per annum. Carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried, That the following Board of Health be appointed: Est. Robb, Chas. Tadlock, F. M. Magee, J. Q. Tompel.

The Mayor named the following committees:

Plant Committee—Rettig, Yunkes, and Rogers.
Street Committee—Kilbourne and Mann.
Auditing Committee—Rettig and Rogers.
Mayor and Marshal reported six cases. Engineer's report read and filed.

The Clerk submitted the following: St. Francisville, La., June 1, 1916. To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of St. Francisville, Gentlemen:

In order that the incoming Board could get an idea of the financial standing, and the workings of the Municipality, I have prepared the following trial balances, etc., which I have attached hereto: Trial balance of books before close April 5th; same after close April 5th; statement showing loss and gain account April 5th, for a

six months' run from October 1st to April 1, 1916; trial balance of books June 1st; statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, and memorandum showing financial paper out, and amounts due the Town.

For your information, I will state that the books of the Municipality are closed twice a year—October 1, which is the end of our fiscal year, and April 1, in order to segregate the winter running of the Plant from the summer so the different seasons' business can be compared, and on October 1 we make up a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the entire year, and publish same in the official journal of the parish.

Yours truly,
G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

St. Francisville, La., April 1, 1916.

Statement of loss and gain account at close of books April 1, for a six months' run:

Corporation expense.....	\$1,915.04
Fines.....	57.00
Interest.....	94
License.....	4,502.50
Taxes, 1914.....	51.40
Taxes, 1915.....	609.24
Net gain.....	3,306.94

	\$5,221.08	\$5,221.08
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Plant expense.....	\$2,862.49
Lights.....	\$2,251.87
Water service.....	1,358.16
Net gain.....	774.54

	\$2,637.03	\$2,637.03
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Statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of May.

Receipts—

G. S. Davidson, Marshal.....	\$ 25.00
Water and lights.....	495.68
Interest.....	1.98
Notices.....	19
Taxes, 1915.....	56.28

	\$579.04
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Disbursements—

Southern Coal Company.....	\$200.00
Reservoir repair.....	4.25
Plant operating.....	185.00
Plant expense.....	71.91
Corporation expense.....	342.41

	\$803.57
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Recapitulation—

Receipts.....	\$579.04
Disbursements.....	803.57

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Cash on hand, last report.....	729.42
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R. W. Tompel, special police.....	8.00
Lawrason & Kilbourne, attorneys.....	50.00
E. S. Muse, qualifying officials.....	6.00
Marx Neustadter, scales.....	9.00
G. L. Plettinger, cash expended.....	2.70
I. L. Lyons & Co., 5 gallons benzine.....	1.75
Rudolph Yunkes, shop work.....	4.70
F. M. Mumford, supplies.....	7.40
R. C. Brasseaux, maintaining prisoners.....	7.20
Ahn Stern, livery.....	8.00
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