

The De Mahy Case.

The suit instituted by Dr. H. de Mahy against the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, for \$25,000 damages for the accident which occurred to his wife and child in June last, was commenced at 9 o'clock Monday day of last week, and occupied the court the whole week. There was a large number of witnesses for both sides, each witness was carefully questioned by the able counsels of plaintiff and defense. During the trial of this suit a large number of people, including ladies, were constantly at the Court house to hear the evidence that would be given, and the opinion and conjectures on this topic was interesting.

The jury after listening several hours to the arguments of the lawyers retired to deliberate, and after a few minutes, brought in a verdict in favor of Dr. de Mahy, but reducing the amount of damages from \$25,000 to \$20,000. The case has been appealed to the Supreme court for final decision.

Local News.

—The public schools will open throughout the parish Monday next.

—The French Opera company has arrived at New Orleans this week.

—People wanting some fresh garden seeds, will find them at Geo. Eastin's store.

—The cholera scare is subsiding throughout the county, and little is heard of it now.

—Those in need of Fresh Groceries, will do well to call on Geo. Eastin, he has got a complete stock.

—Mr. Jean Baptiste Wiltz, a well-to-do planter of this parish, died on his plantation at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, the 4, inst., aged 63 years and 9 months.

—Mrs. Napoleon Tourneux of this town, died at 11 o'clock p.m., Tuesday the 4, inst., aged 83 years. Mrs. Tourneux was a native of France, and a resident of this town for over forty years.

—Louis Michel and Lewis Chambers who have been convicted at the last term of court for the Robertson murder, and sentenced to be hanged, have appealed to the Supreme Court.

—The ginney of the Oil Works was put in operation Monday. The Oil Works will start as soon as there is enough seed on hand to feed the presses without interruption.

—The weather for the last few weeks has been very favorable to the planter for the harvest of the crops, and good work has been made during that time.

—Our streets are quite dusty, and with the large traffic carried on them at this season, the dust becomes a nuisance. A little rain would be appreciated by the town people.

—Our young friend, Mr. George Knight has bought the grocery store of W. H. Livingston, and will hereafter conduct the business for his own account, we wish success.

—Mr. Theodore Laperuse has tendered his resignation as Police Officer, to the board of trustees at their regular meeting Saturday last. Mr. Henry Beslin has been appointed in his place, to guard and protect the peace of this community.

—The market for cotton in the seed has opened this week at \$20 per thousand pounds. This may be a fair and reasonable price for the staple in the seed, if we take in consideration the quotations of the New Orleans market, but it is certainly too low to be a paying or remunerative crop. Cotton has many risks and dangers to run, and the yield in this part of the state is rather small, hardly ever reaching a thousand pounds to the acre, and the picking of same is very expensive, fully \$5 to \$7.50 per thousand pounds. Cotton can no longer be called the money crop, for there is no more money in it. The planter will be forced to reduce the acreage of this staple crop, and give his attention to some other crops, such as rice cane etc.

—If you want some nice cakes, such as Nic Nacs, ginger snaps, peoples mixed, vanilla wafers, etc., call at Geo. Eastin's store.

—Judge Felix Voorhies closed a criminal term of court here Saturday last, and Monday opened a criminal term at New Iberia.

—The repairs on the church seem to have been abandoned, yet, the church has not received a coat of paint. This, however is a much needed improvement. The steeple has not been painted for over 40 years and the cornices around the edifice for 18 years.

—In a very few days the town will be lighted by a system of gasoline lamps, which will prove of great convenience to our people during the coming winter nights. The next thing that will need the attention of the board will be the side walk leading to the Railroad, which is really in a most dilapidated condition. That banquet is an absolute necessity, and the town council will have to give its attention to it. The proprietors of the properties in that section should show a little more spirit of progressiveness.

—We made a trip to the St. John plantation last Sunday, and visited the refinery. The repairs and additions that have been made this year are immense, and include an electric light plant. There are 200 incandescent lights in the building and 2 arc lights outside the building, in front of the cane shade. The St. John refinery is truly one of the finest and most complete in Louisiana. Grinding will commence on the St. John Monday, and will last about 4 months. It is expected that the crop of this great plantation with its tenants, will be something like 5,000,000 pounds of sugar.

—Business in town is getting decidedly lively and our merchants are kept pretty busy. A little effort on their part would tend to greatly extend and increase their business, but this would require the unanimous efforts of all our business people. There is a large number of persons in our immediate neighborhood whose trade belong to this town, but that have been left for some reason, to drift through other channels of business, and instead of doing their purchases at this point, which is in fact the center of business, they visit the smaller towns around us. Can we not by some effort or inducement regain this lost trade and bring it to St. Martinville?

When Winter Comes

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Town Council.

Regular Meeting of the Town Council held this first day of October 1892.

Pursuant to a journalment the Council met this day in regular monthly session, at the Court House, with Mayor Fleming presiding, and all members present.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was on motion duly seconded, dispensed with. The ordinances by Mr. Albert Bienville, at the last meeting of the Council, relative to the maintenance of peace and order in the public Establishments, were taken up and acted upon favorably and the Police Officer instructed to see that same be carried out.

On motion of Mr. Martin duly seconded, the Schedule of probable expenses for the year 1892, is hereby fixed and established as follows:

For salary of the Police Officer	\$60.00
" Commission of Collector	120.00
" Salary of Official Journal	24.00
" Salary of Secretary	100.00
" Sal' of keeper of Corport cart	350.00
" Expenses for cleaning market	36.00
" " for Roads and Bridges	500.00
" Paupers	30.00
" Contingent Expenses	440.00

Total \$2200.00

On further motion of Mr. Martin duly seconded, the Corporation tax for the year 1892 is fixed at nine mills on the dollar; said tax to be levied on all taxable property within the limits of the Corporation of St. Martinville.

Mr. Theodore Laperuze the Police Officer tendered to the Board his resignation, to take effect on the 2nd instant, which was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Albert Bienville duly seconded, The Mayor is authorized to appoint a Police officer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Laperuze; said appointment to be held subject to the ratification of the Board at its next meeting.

The Collector and Treasurer submitted to the Board his monthly report, as follows, viz:

Corporation Tax proper.

Balance on hand, per last settlement of Sept. 1st 1892.	\$316.9
Amount of taxes of the year 1891, collected from Sept. 1, to Oct. 1, 1892.	9,97½
Amount realized from sales of Dog Licenses tags from September 1st to October 1st 1892.	3.00
Amount of market revenue collected from Sept. 1st, to Oct. 1st 1892.	8.35
Amount of fines collected from Sept. 1st to Oct. 1st 1892.	5.00

Disbursements.

Sept. 1st 1892 Paid Chas. Pilet his acc. on file No 725	.75
Sept. 31 1892 Paid Honore Denis for ditching his acc. on file No 729	7.50
Sept. 3d 1892 Paid Lewis Gary for ditching his acc. on file No 729	2.50
Sept. 3d 1892 Paid A. J. Thomas his acc. on file No 730	1.00
Sept. 31 1892 Paid Thomas Flaherty his acc. on file No 731	.50

Sept. 5th 1892 Paid Henry Beslin for grading Main street his acc. on file No 732

Sept. 5th 1892 Paid Henry Beslin his salary as keeper of the corporation cart from August 5th to Sept. 5th 1892, per his acc. on file No 733

Sept. 10th 1892 Paid Honore Denis for ditching his acc. on file No 734

Sept. 13th 1892 Paid Theo. Laperuze Police officer his salary for the month ending Sept. 12th 1892 per his acc. on file No 735

Sept. 17th 1892 Paid 'Laitte' for ditching his acc. on file No 738

Sept. 25th 1892 Paid salary of Secretary for one month from Aug. 26, to S-pt. 25, 1892.

Oct. 1st 1892 Paid Commission to Collector and Treasurer at acc. on \$25. amount collected by him from Sept. 1st 1892.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st 1892.

Special Tax.

Balance on hand as per last settlement of Sept. 1st 1892.

Amount of Special taxes of the year 1891, collected from Sept. 1st to October 1st 1892.

Disbursements.

Sept. 1st 1892 Paid A. V. Fleming Mayor as per resolution of Board, for freight of one car load of Sewer pipes for Culvert per acc. on file No 727

Sept. 15th 1892 Paid A. V. Fleming as per resolution of Board, for Sewer pipes for Culvert, per acc. on file No 736

Sept. 15th 1892 Paid A. V. Fleming Mayor, as per resolution, for 2 Iron grates for Culvert, per acc. on file No 737

Oct. 1st Paid Commission of Collector and Treasurer at per cent on \$5.25 amount collected by him from Sept. 1st to Oct. 1st 1892.

Balance on hand October 1st 1892.

On motion duly seconded the report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

The following accounts were presented, approved and ordered to be paid, viz: The account of Gabriel Bienville, Special Police officer for one day \$2.00 The account of L. L. Baker for nails .50 The account of Wm. B. Eastin for making tax rolls for the year 92 10.00

Total \$12.50

There being no other business to be transacted, on motion duly seconded the Council adjourned, sine die.

"Signed" A. V. FLEMING, Mayor, "Signed" Wm. B. EASTIN, Secretary.

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