

LOCAL NEWS.

Fine black Wedding suits at K. Schwartz.

—Mr. L. J. Gardemal made a business trip to the City this week.

BUGGIES, BUGGIES, at L. C. Duchamp.

St. Martin Lodge 3323 Knights of Honor installed its new officers Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briant are here spending a few days with their parents.

—Mrs. Evans Guidroz and Miss Perle Gueriniere are spending a few days in Franklin.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rene Durand left Sunday for New Orleans, to spend the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Cornay are spending a few days in town, the guests of Mr. Charles Gueriniere.

L. C. DUCHAMP is the man to sell a Buggy Cheap.

—Mr. Alphonse Guerin was last week summoned to the bedside of his father who is seriously sick in Galveston.

—The marriage of Mr. Albert Sidney Thomas to Miss Laurence Clement, is announced to take place on the 7th day of February.

—A gentleman handed us a silver dollar that he had found, the owner will please call, prove property and take possession of his money.

—Sunday last two of our boys left for Bowling Green College, Etienne Marais and Dominique Dupuis, and Michel Bourdier from Breaux Bridge.

—Youths and boys suits in all sizes, better come and see them now, they will go cheap, because we do not want to carry them next season, K. Schwartz.

This is the time to buy a BUGGY with Uncle Louis.

—The grand ball given by the young men, will take place tomorrow night at Duchamp's hall. All the indications are that it will be the social event of the season.

—We learn from the committee who is actively at work, that the Mardi Gras parade will be novel this year, and will be the prettiest of all the parades seen here.

—Opelousas has three saloons paying \$2000 license each, this will undoubtedly increase the revenues of that town. These are the only saloons in the Parish of St. Landry.

—Trains of cane were seen this week going to the Ruth refinery, which was the last to close down, because it wanted to save all the cane it had contracted for, and it has done so.

—We learn that Mrs. E. R. Knight and family have decided to move to Houston, and will make that City their permanent home. They expect to leave in two or three weeks.

—The Bank of St. Martinville elected, or rather re-elected its officers Monday, who are: Robert Martin, president, A. F. Rousseau, vice president, Albert Bienvenu, cashier, Martin Ducrest, assistant cashier.

—The Charles King Company which performed here Friday and Saturday last, is a good troupe, and has given satisfaction, but it lacked music. A theatrical performance without music loses half of its charm.

—TO MASKERS—those of our people who desire to secure costumes for Mardi Gras, will do well to call at K. Schwartz or J. B. Ferran at once, as they are about getting some already ordered. Give your order at once if you want to be provided, for the time is limited.

—The lumber is on the site for the new two story building of Mr. Alphonse Guerin, which will be built on Bridge street, on a lot bought from Mr. Eraste Bonin, which is facing Cat-fish alley. Mr. Guerin will occupy the ground floor for his tin shop, and second for his residence.

—Ruth refinery closed down Tuesday night, after saving the cane of all the planters it had contracted with. This refinery made a longer run than any other house in this section, and though a new concern, ran throughout the season without any mishap whatever, which is a good record.

—We learn with some satisfaction, that the new road law adopted by the police jury at its last session, is meeting with popular favor, because, we presume, the other system being a complete failure, the people are anxious for a change, which may prove beneficial to them and the parish.

—The Lafayette Gazette came to us last week a seven column folio, and all home print, it is indeed a fine paper, but we fear the Gazette is running ahead of Lafayette, and that the paper will prove too big for the town, unless Lafayette has made rapid progress since last we visited that town.

—Judge Boardman of the United States court had issued an order a few days ago, to Sheriff Rees, to sell the Huron plantation for taxes due the parish and state, amounting to some \$7000, but just as we expected, before the property was advertised for sale, an injunction coming from the same court was served upon the Sheriff restraining him from selling the property.

—The Mardi Gras committee have about completed all arrangements for the celebration, and being a flower parade, we may expect something novel and very pretty. In fact, the committee expect to give us a parade that will eclipsed all former efforts in splendor and brilliancy. All floats and cars will be occupied by maskers, who we understand, will make it their duty to interest and amuse the people.

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—There are already about a dozen applications for the position of road master, and before the police jury is ready to appoint that officer, many more applications will be filed. One fellow from Breaux Bridge was so much in a hurry in writing his application that he forgot to sign the paper. The police jury will have to use a great deal of judgment in selecting the road master, who should possess all the qualifications necessary to fill the office, and not listen to petitions and recommendations from politicians. This office should not be a political plum to gratify the hunger of some politicians for political favors, and we hope the police jury will act independently in this matter, as upon the road master will depend the success or failure of the new road system. We believe the right man in that office will make it a success.

"EXTRACT".

Minutes of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin, Meeting held January 3rd A. D., 1899.

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, voted and unanimously carried. Be it resolved. That the Public Roads of the Parish of St. Martin shall be hereafter worked at the charge, cost and expense of the Parish, under the Road Master system, the Parish to furnish six mules and all necessary road implements for that purpose, said roads to be worked under the order and supervision of the Police Jury.

The Road Master who shall be appointed by the Police Jury shall be subject to the orders of this Body and shall furnish at time of his appointment a good and solvent Bond of \$1000, to answer for the faithful performance of his duties. His salary is hereby fixed at \$1000 a year payable quarterly on his own warrant.

Said Road Master shall take good care of the mules, implements and articles in his possession belonging to the Parish and shall be required to feed and shelter at his expense, the mules above mentioned.

Said Road Master shall attend all Regular Meetings of the Police Jury and at said Meetings shall render a correct account of the work he has done during the previous month and management and disposition of things under his control and care.

The laborers needed to work the roads and build the necessary bridges will be at the expense of the Parish and shall be under the orders and directions of the Road Master who shall have general supervision of road matters under his care, AN ORDINANCE.

To put into effective operation Articles 291, 292, 293, and 294 of the Constitution of the State; to divide the Parish of St. Martin into road districts; to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of said Parish; to relieve from compulsory road duty certain persons; and to provide for the penalties and punishment of violations of this ordinance.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of St. Martin, La. That the Parish of St. Martin be and is hereby divided into Road Districts as follows, to-wit:

The first Road District shall be composed of the first ward of the Parish of St. Martin, the 2nd Road District of the 2nd ward; the 3rd Road District, of the 3rd ward; the 4th Road District, of the 4th ward; the 5th Road District of the 5th ward.

These Road Districts may be sub-divided hereafter by proper resolutions of this Police Jury.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That there shall be set aside one mill of the taxes, levied by the Police Jury of St. Martin Parish, of the year 1899, and of each subsequent year hereafter, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of the Parish of St. Martin.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That there is hereby imposed and levied an annual per capita tax of One Dollar, for the calendar year 1899, and each succeeding calendar year, upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the Parish of St. Martin, between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-five (55) years, except expressly exempt from such tax by Article 291 of the Constitution; which said tax shall be collected in the calendar year of 1899, and of each subsequent calendar year, by the tax collector of the Parish of St. Martin and shall be paid on or before the thirty-first (31) day of December in each respective year to said tax collector; and whosoever shall refuse or neglect or fail to pay the said per capita tax on or before the thirty first (31) day of December of each year, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject himself to a criminal prosecution in the courts of this State and under the laws governing criminal prosecutions and trials, and upon trial and conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Five Dollars, (\$5.00) nor more than Twenty Dollars, (20.00) or imprisoned in the Parish jail for not less than five nor more than thirty days, or both at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be the duty of Assessor of the Parish of St. Martin, at the beginning of each year, to enter, carry and record, in a Book especially provided for that purpose and to be known as the "Road and Bridge Per Capita Tax Book," the names of every able-bodied male inhabitant of the Parish of St. Martin, between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-five (55) years; liable to the said annual per capita tax as provided for in Sec. 3 of this Ordinance, and he shall as soon as completed turn it over to the tax collector of the Parish of St. Martin, and he shall receive the same fees as now fixed by law for assessing property and other assessments.

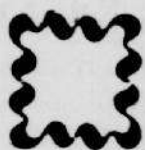
Sec. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the tax collector shall keep the said "Road and Bridge Per Capita Tax Book" separate from the State and Parish tax Rolls, and he shall issue to the person paying said tax the proper receipt and shall enter in said Book the date of the collection or payment thereof.

Sec. 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That on the second (2nd) day of the month of January of each year, the tax collector shall deliver to the Police Jury a complete and correct list of all the delinquent per capita tax payers, and the President of the Police Jury shall take the proper steps towards having said delinquents arrested and prosecuted for the violation of the ordinance as provided in Sec. 3 of this ordinance.

Sec. 7. Be it further ordained, etc., That there is hereby levied an annual license tax for the year 1899, and for each subsequent year, upon each Vehicle and Bicycle in the Parish of St. Martin, graded as follows, to-wit:

Upon each Jumper and Sulky, twenty five cts.
Upon each two-wheeled Buggy and Chase, thirty five cents.
Upon each four-wheeled Buggy, Phaeton, Carriage or Carry-all, Dog cart, and Cabriolet, fifty cents.
Upon each Barouche, Hack, Surry, Landau, Omnibus or Bus, seventy-five cents.
Upon each one horse Cart, twenty-five cents.
Upon each plantation Cart and Wagons, fifty

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Upon each Bicycle, twenty-five cents.

Upon all other two wheeled vehicles not especially mentioned herein twenty five cents.

Upon all other four wheeled vehicles, not especially mentioned herein, fifty-cents.

Sec. 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That on the second day of January 1899, and each subsequent year, the tax collector of the Parish of St. Martin shall begin to collect and shall collect as fast as possible from each and every person, association of persons, business firms or corporations in the Parish of St. Martin, owing and possessing any of said vehicles and bicycles graded in Sec. 7 of this ordinance, the said license tax, which said license shall be due and collectible during the first two months of each year, and all unpaid licenses shall become delinquent on the first day of March of each year, and all persons who acquire any of the above vehicles, and bicycles named in said Sec. 7, after that date shall become delinquent unless the license is paid within ten days.

Sec. 9. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person or persons, required to take out a license under this ordinance upon the vehicles and bicycles mentioned in Sec. 7 of this ordinance, who shall fail or neglect to take out said license shall be liable to be cited by the Police Jury for the amount of said licenses in any court of competent jurisdiction in the same manner as in ordinary suits.

Sec. 10. Be it further ordained, etc., That the only legal evidence that a license has been paid shall be the appropriate form of license issued by the Police Jury, and no receipt issued by the tax collector in place of the license itself shall be valid.

Sec. 11. Be it further ordained, etc., That the ex-officio tax collector of the Parish of St. Martin, shall keep a book in which he shall record or file the statement made under oath of all persons who may apply for the license and upon each vehicle and bicycle mentioned in Sec. 7 of this ordinance, and which said oath shall be as to the number and kind of vehicles and bicycles said persons may own and possess and said tax collector is hereby empowered and required to administer said oath to the persons applying for said license under this ordinance.

Sec. 12. Be it further ordained, etc., That the tax collector is hereby required to keep a license register, in which he shall register and enter the names of every persons, association of persons, business firms or corporations owning and possessing the different kinds of vehicles and bicycles mentioned in this ordinance and liable to said license tax, the name of each vehicle, the number of vehicles and bicycles said person or persons own and possess, the graduation of the

same, the amount of license thereon and the date of the collection or payment thereof.

Sec. 13. Be it further ordained, etc., That on the first day of the month of March of each year the tax collector shall deliver to the Police Jury, a complete list of all the delinquent license payers, together with their location and the number and kind of vehicles and bicycles owned and possessed by them and the amount of license due, and the said Police Jury shall immediately proceed to collect same by suit in accordance with and as provided in this ordinance.

Sec. 14. Be it further ordained, etc., That the tax collector shall receive the same fees for the collection of the per capita tax and the license tax as now fixed by law for the collection of State and Parish Taxes and Licenses.

Sec. 15. Be it further ordained, etc., That the tax collector shall settle with the parish for said per capita and license tax in the same manner and form as for other parish Tax and Licenses, and all laws governing Tax collectors in the performance of their duties and not specially provided herein shall be applicable to this ordinance.

Sec. 16. Be it further ordained, etc., That the tax collector shall issue to the person or persons paying said license tax, a license plate or plates bearing the name of the Parish, the amount paid on each vehicle or bicycle, and the year in which said license was paid, which plate shall be furnished by the Police Jury and issued free of cost to the license payer, and which said license plate shall be issued in number and amount according to the graduation herein fixed and one for every vehicle or bicycle upon which said license is paid.

Sec. 17. Be it further ordained, etc., That the person or persons paying said license tax shall display said plates in a conspicuous manner by attaching said license plate, to their vehicle or bicycle, on the left hand side, and any person or persons who shall fail or neglect to display said plates as herein provided, shall be liable to pay a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars, or be imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than thirty days, or both at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 18. Be it further ordained, etc., That all persons paying the said road and bridge tax and licenses levied as herein provided shall be relieved from compulsory road duty under the road laws of this State.

A true copy from the Minutes,

AUG. MARAIS, Clerk P. J.