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INSULT TO INJURY.

The Police Jury at its meeting Monday has added insult to the people of St. Martinville, to the injury caused them by imposing unnecessary, arbitrary, unjust and illegal tax upon them, when at that meeting they arbitrarily increased two items in the Criminal Expenses budget to meet the raised and unnecessary tax, instead of reducing the tax to meet their own estimate.

The criminal expenses of the parish as per estimate of this Police Jury for 1915 is \$8,805.

The two and one half mill tax on the assessment of the parish would yield \$9,091, more than the estimate, these figures were published in the Messenger on Nov. 28th., as a protest to the unjust increase of the tax to three mills which would yield \$10,910, Mr. Robert Martin appeared before the jury Monday and called the attention of this unnecessary increase of the tax of the people of St. Martinville, and the jury instead of gracefully correcting this unjust and glaring imposition upon our tax payers, arbitrarily and without any valid reason, increased their estimate of Court and Jail expenses from \$3,000 to \$3,600 and increased the Jurors and Witnesses from \$1,500 to \$1,986.

Is this action not an outrage and insult upon the intelligence of our people, to increase our tax when it was not necessary, and when showed in plain figures how unjust it was, they increased their own estimate to take our money which was not needed when the first estimate was made.

We have a right to demand an accounting of the money collected for the criminal expenses and the money expended for such, and all surplus, should be carried for this account and not take the money the town pays for the benefit of the parish.

People of St. Martinville will you stand such an abuse and insult much longer, or will you avail of the privilege given you to recall officers that oppress you and refuse to give you the relief you have a right to demand of public servants who pose and act as bosses. Will you stand it?

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WILLIAM BLUMBERG
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It was reported in political circle that Mr. T. T. Bienvenu was pulled down as the Broussard-Domengeaux candidate for Assessor, and was replaced by Mr. A. J. Champagne. Mr. A. J. Champagne is a member of the Police Jury who raised our assessment and raised our taxes. Will our people support a man who is on record for increased assessment and increased taxation, or will they exact that the candidate be pledged to a lower and just assessment and taxation.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fruit Cakes supplies at Goulae.

There was light ice and a heavy frost Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferran went to New Orleans this week.

Mrs. Albert Bienvenu visited relatives in Lafayette this week.

The Police Jury was in regular monthly session here Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Price, of Morrisport, La., are here visiting relatives.

Boys and Girls school shoes the best wearing shoes for the money at K. Schwartz.

Gen. J. B. Levert spent several days on the St. John plantation this week.

Mince meat and Cranberries at A. G. Goulae.

Mrs. Martin J. Veorhies spent several days in Lafayette this week visiting relatives.

—Mr. Welton Halphen left this week to accept a position with the Southern Pacific at Sulphur.

Mr. Achille Patin attended the Convention of the Texas hotel managers in Houston this week.

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Miss Helen Bienvenu returned from Jeanerette this week after spending several days their with friends.

Mrs. W. D. Roussel of Patterson was here this week visiting at the home of her father Mr. L. J. Gardemal.

Fine Holiday Liquors, we have just received a fine line, see us before your liquors, J. B. Ferran.

The Christmas tree given by the Sisters of Mercy for the benefit of their schools, will take place tomorrow at the College hall.

—Fancy Groceries of all kinds, we have just received a fine and complete stock, our line of Fancy canned goods is complete, we have just what you want for the Holidays, J. B. Ferran.

Mr. H. B. Chambers, State Lecturer of the Columbian Woodmen was here Monday and made a lecture to the lodge.

School Suits for Boys, I have a good line, come and see them—K. Schwartz.

Mr. A. G. Broussard of Breaux Bridge, who is an expert well driller, was here this week to look up the matter with several of our planters who are figuring on deep wells.

NOTICE

I desire to announce to the Public that I am prepared to treat pyorhea alveolaris the so-called Riggs disease or loose teeth, heretofore incurable but for which a specific has been found.

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A Good Character After All.

Some one has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time. For some reason, he overlooked the fortunes of the letter, so we call his attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning and end of existence, the commencement of ease and end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors, devils nor news.—Florida Parishes.

Keep It Handy For Rheumatism

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any druggist and have it in the house against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle to day.

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91 acres of the Amselmo's near the Garbarini's plantation, having house, stable.

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LAIZAIRE BIENVENU.

NOTICE

No Hunting and Trespassing allowed on my plantation in St. Martin Parish
L. V. LABBE.

NOTICE.

The Assessment Roll of the Town is now completed and I am ready to collect the Taxes of 1914. Taxes will be delinquent after Dec. 31, 1914 and interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum will be charged from January 1st, 1915, until paid.

Sidney E. Delahoussaye,
Tax Collector.

FOR SALE—A 54 acre farm 2 mile town on Railroad, near derrick, on road to New Iberia, sandy land, something real good, for sale at a bargain if sold within this week.
Laizaire Bienvenu.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of St. Martinville, Louisiana, held at the Town Hall, on Dec. 1, 1914.
Were present: Albert Bienvenu, Mayor, J. H. Duchamp, W. J. Bienvenu, R. J. Guirard, F. F. Fournet, A. C. Gauthier, Councilmen. Absent: None.
The minutes of the special meetings

of this body held on Nov. 5th., and Nov. 19th, 1914, were read and approved.

The Mayor explained to the meeting that the Southern Western Traction and Power Company had failed to build or finish the Trolley line to the Town of St. Martinville, as specified in the Ordinance adopted by this body on the 13th. day of August 1912, thereby forfeiting:

1st. The tax collected by this Body under the Ordinance adopted by this Body on September 30th, 1912.

2ndly. The Franchise granted by this Body to the said South Western Traction and Power Company on the 23th day of January 1913.

3rdly. The amount of \$1250.00 deposited with the Bank of St. Martinville, Louisiana, fiscal agent of the Town of St. Martinville, as provided for in the Ordinance adopted by this Body on August 13, 1914.

After due deliberation and consideration, the following Ordinance and Resolution was presented by Mr. J. H. Duchamp, and by him moved to be adopted, duly seconded by Mr. A. C. Gauthier, put to a vote and unanimously carried thusly:

Those voting for: J. H. Duchamp, A. C. Gauthier, F. F. Fournet, W. J. Bienvenu, R. J. Guirard. Against: None.

Which said Ordinance and Resolution is as follows, to-wit:

Whereas: A petition of the property tax payers of the Town of St. Martinville, La., was presented to this body—praying that a five mill tax be imposed on all the assessable property in the Town of St. Martinville, Louisiana, in favor of the South Western Traction and Power Company, —on Aug. 13th, 1912,—provided that the said Road build a Trolley line to the Town of St. Martinville, La., on or before October 31, 1914, — and provided — that within four months from the voting of said tax, that the said Company deposit in a bank which shall then be a fiscal Agent of the Parish of St. Martin, an amount equal to five per cent of the total amount of \$25000.00 to be derived from said tax; which amount shall remain so deposited with said Bank and be held by it as a forfeit and until the said South Western Traction and Power Company shall have constructed an Interurban Electric Rail Way line as in the manner provided for in the said Petition; provided—however in the event the conditions stipulated in the said Petition are not complied with, then the amount so deposited shall be considered as forfeited, and the Bank at which said money is deposited shall be authorized to turn the same to the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin, to be appropriated and used by the said Police Jury for the Public Schools of the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin.

And Whereas, The said Trolley line was not constructed and built as agreed and stipulated in the said Petition and Ordinance,—the said amount of \$1250.00 having been deposited by the said South Western Traction & Power Co., as aforesaid, in the Bank of St. Martinville, La.

And Whereas An Ordinance was adopted by this Body on Aug. 13, 1912, embodying the said Petition — ordering an election of the property tax payers of the Town of St. Martinville, to vote at an election to decide whether a five mill tax should be levied on all the property

in the Town of St. Martinville, La., in favor of the said Company.

And Whereas The said Election did take place according to law and the said tax payers did vote in favor of said tax.

And Whereas An Ordinance was adopted by this Body on Sept. 30th 1912, levying a five mill tax on all property in the Town of St. Martinville, La., in favor of the said Company for a period of ten years beginning with the year 1913.

And Whereas Certain amounts was collected by the said Town under said Ordinance but not turned over to the said South Western Traction & Power Company—which amounts are now in the possession of the Town of St. Martinville, La.,

And Whereas A Franchise was granted by this Body to the said Company on January 1913, over certain streets in the Town of St. Martinville, for a period of twenty five years.

And Whereas All of the above Ordinances and stipulations were adopted by the Town Council of the Town of St. Martinville—and agreed to by the said Board be finished and in operation on or before the 31st day of October 1914.

And Whereas Up to this 1st day December 1914, the said road has not been built and constructed as agreed:

Be It Resolve and Ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of St. Martinville, La., in regular session session assembled that the Tax levied by Ordinance adopted by this body on the 30th day of September 1912, levying a tax of five mills on the dollar per annum upon all assessment and taxable property situated in the Town of St. Martinville, or so much of said five mills as may be necessary, for a period of ten years; the said five mill tax thus levied to be for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, etc. in favor of the South Western Traction & Power Company, be and the same is hereby annulled, and repealed, and the Mayor of the Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to return all monies collected by this Corporation by virtue of said tax to those tax-payers who have the same.

Be it further Ordained etc., That the Franchise granted by this Corporation to the South Western Traction & Power Company on the 24th day of January 1913, be and the same is hereby annulled, and declared to have been forfeited by the said South Western Traction & Power Company, and the same is hereby declared null and void and of no effect.

Be It Further Ordained etc., That the amount of \$1250.00 deposited with the Bank of St. Martinville of St. Martinville, La., according to the terms of, and as stipulated by the Ordinance adopted by this Body on Aug. 13th, 1912, be and the same is hereby declared to be forfeited by the South Western Traction & Power Company and the said Bank is hereby ordered to turn over and deliver this amount to the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Martin, to be used for the public schools in the Town of St. Martinville, La., as stipulated in the said Ordinance adopted by this Body on Aug. 13, 1912.

ALBERT BIENVENU, Mayor.

SIDNEY E. DELAHOUSSEY,
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