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Since we became the owner of the Pelican, we have thought that our patrons had the right to find in it all local news and matters of importance. The proceedings of the Police Jury being of that range, we concluded to publish them regularly, whether baid for it or not. To that effect we petitioned on last Monday that Honorable body for a copy of their proceedings from this date and it was generously granted. If an Editor fails to get the annual contract for said publication, his readers must not suffer from it and it is in agreement with our views upon that subject that we will, in future, publish said proceedings in our paper.

We begin with that publication today. Col. A. M. Gray having been duly elected as Senator from Pointe Coupee, Avoyelles and West Feliciana in place of Capt. F. Cannon, was yesterday sworn in and took his seat.

B. R. Advocate.

The "Alexandria Democrat" of the 8 inst. says:

The good old days of 1837 have come on us again! On Monday the property of the late Judge Ogden was sold at public sale—the land was sold at the low and reduced price of eighty dollars per acre; The negroes sold at enormous prices; several young lads brought seventeen hundred dollars. The Mules, Furniture, &c. &c. all brought proportionate prices to the land and slaves. We must not forget to specify one special instance of a rare bargain. A venerable friend of ours purchased Jack, aged 127 years, and his wife, Patience, aged 116 years, for four hundred and eighty dollars. A bargain! certain, and no mistake!

[Letter from Lieutenant J. C. JOFFRON.]

Camp Ruckner, near Bowling Green, Ky.
January 5th 1862.

DEAR PELICAN.—The scarcity of important occurrences since our departure from Louisiana, has prevented me from writing to you sooner. I am still, at a loss to find what to say; but thinking that a few words from one of the Creole Chargers, may not be altogether unwelcome by most of your numerous readers, many of whom, are the fathers of some of the noble and patriotic boys, now undergoing the hardships of a winter camp life and ready to battle for the independence of the South and to sustain the integrity of Southern Institutions, I will say this much.

On the 20th November last, the right wing of our Regiment left Baton Rouge on the steamer Magnolia, commanded by that veteran and watchful prince of Captains Theo. Shute. We were "broke" for a comfortable berth, and every thing considered, we had a very pleasant trip up to Memphis, nothing worth reporting took place during the voyage, except a "little affair," which was in no way creditable to some one of our own Company; as I do not wish to deal in personalities, I will make no further remarks about this, suffice it to say, that the aggressor was punished by our worthy Captain Cannon, in a severe but just manner, which met the approbation of the whole Company. After landing in Memphis we camped out some four miles from town, remained there three days, when we were ordered to this place, where we have been ever since; for the first three weeks spent here, we were camped on the banks of the Barren River, about two miles from Bowling Green, in a beautiful beach grove; during our stay there a part of the Regiment was ordered to Russellville, distant about thirty miles, the companies remaining were Capt. Cannon's, Campbell's and Lejeune's.

Our gallant captain, being the senior captain left, assumed command of the post, and performed his part of commandant, as he is wont to do, when he sets his mind as anything; viz, all right. At present and for the last ten days, the whole Regiment is camped out together in a new camp, of the above name, it is situated in the woods, near the bridge on Drake's Creek, four miles from town;

I am sorry to say that our Regiment has done but little, or no service yet, it is certainly composed of as good fighting material as can be found any where in the Confederacy, but want of opportunities to make itself known, has kept it, rather in the back ground, much to the mortification of our brave and chivalrous officers, who are all high toned gentlemen, eager to perform the duties which their respective positions assign them. Should it fall to the lot of the 1st Regiment of Louisiana Cavalry to go into an action, I venture to say that they shall fully sustain, the high and favorable reputation which is entertained of them by their friends, both at home and abroad.

The "Creole Chargers" have not yet had the good fortune to smell the gun powder of the enemy, nor have we seen any "live yankees yet, except those that are caged up. The only service we have rendered the Government, if service it is, was to arrest a "dutch spy" a few days ago whilst on Barren River. The fellow said he was a deserter from the Lincoln army, Cap. Cannon was so well convinced that he was a spy of a most dangerous character that he had him sent to Gen. Johnston who turned him over to the Provost Marshal; his case has not yet come up for examination, he still remains in jail. It appears by a commission found on his person, that he was a second Lieutenant in the New York 45th Regiment.

The sanitary condition of our Regiment is not altogether as good as it might be wished for, measles to a considerable extent prevail in the Camps. Several deaths in Capt. Leake's and Capt. Gna. Scott's companies have taken place. As regard our "creoles chargers" I am happy to say, and thank God for it, that up to this day, we have not one single case of serious illness to report; it is strange, yet it is true, with the exception of corporal W. M. C. Nelson, every one answers to his name every day, at roll call. Corporal N. has had chills and fevers, but is doing well now, it is true, we have a few men afflicted with bad colds and sore throats, but nothing of a serious character. The "Creole Chargers" thus far, are in want of nothing, they have plenty of warm clothes, blankets, boots, &c., which our watchful and attentive captain has provided for them lately from Memphis. When the cold bleak winds of the North shall have ceased to blow their chilling blasts into our faces, and milder and softer zephyrs shall have fanned away winter's snowy locks, then you may hear from us for lighter garments.

Kentucky has been rather backwards in bristling up, but I think the right spirit is fast gaining ground. I understand from a reliable source, that the provisional government of the same, has determined to call out, for State service, twenty five regiments of infantry and five regiments of cavalry for twelve months. Hon. Wm Preston will undoubtedly be appointed major general to command them. His name in such connection, will be a tower of strength to the cause of constitutional liberty in Kentucky, also create terror in the ranks of the Lincoln hirelings.

Judging from present appearances a general engagement about here is imminent, there has been a constant and daily arrival of troops here from several States for several days, the number of them as well as the nature of the fortifications, and other means of warfare and destruction at this place, I do not know exactly even if I did, I could not tell you; the place, I can assure you is fully well enough fortified and protected. The forces here can, I presume, repulse any force, now at the disposal of the "Hessians" this side of Louisville, whether they will ever make an onward movement or not, no one can predict; various reports are afloat, one day the report is, that they (the Hessians) are crossing, or have crossed Green River in large numbers, the next day, it is contradicted, and so on; no dependence can be put on anything one may hear, unless it comes from Head Quarters, official reports are scarce, our worthy generals keep their own councils to themselves.

It is presumed here that the recent action of the Lincoln Government, in the Mason and Siddle affair, will be the means of creating a powerful anti administration party in the North. After the surrender of those gentlemen under such circumstances, it inflicts on the United States an indelible disgrace; they can no longer claim to be fighting for the honor of a flag which they have trailed in the dust at the feet of a foreign power. Hundreds of thousands of Northern freemen, who have never approved the Lincoln policy towards the Southern States, but were borne down by the hitherto resistless power of the war party, will now seize this opportunity to rise up against the "usurping President Northern statesmen whose voices have been hushed in the tempest of fanaticism that swept over the country, will place themselves at the head of the gathering opposition, and lead on the people against the perfidious tyrant whose wanton usurpations and shameless surrender of the national honor, have at last reached a point beyond which even northern forbearance is no longer endurable.

M. Lincoln has abused himself in vain, he has stretched his administration in the eyes of the world to no purpose, the evil day is fast approaching upon him, when he will cry to the mountains to fall upon him, and hide him from the face of a mighty people.

Yours respectfully,
J. C. JOFFRON.

OFFICIAL.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Parish of Avoyelles.

On this the 13th day of January A. D. 1862, the Police Jury of the parish of Avoyelles, met according to law, at the Court house, in the town of Marksville, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On calling the roll the following members answered to their names:

- 1 Ward, J P J. Aymond;
- 2 " L Barbin;
- 3 " J J Bordelon;
- 4 " L K Branch;
- 5 " John Ewell;
- 6 " LA Robert Jr.;
- 7 " Hilaire Decuir, (absent).

Hon. L K Branch in the chair.

Art. 1. On motion of John Ewell:

The report of the Commissioners to trace out a public road from S M Perkins, line running along dry bayou to the parish line of Avoyelles and St-Landry be accepted and that James H. Kimball be appointed overseer; and be it further resolved that the hands of Messrs J. K. Kimball, Dr John Headley, Haywards, John Hunters, Richard Gardiner and Dr Read be required to work on said road.

Art. 2. On motion of L. A. Robert Jr.

The report of the Commissioners to trace out a public road, between the lands of J B Dufour and S Gremillion be accepted.

Art. 3. On motion of L A Robert Jr. Resolved, That the road into the 6d Police Jury Ward No 14 be so changed so as to run Bayou Jack to E Bordelon's lower line, and that Edmond Jeansonne be appointed road overseer on said road.

Art. 4. On motion of L Barbin.

Resolved, That Valery L Mayeux Collector of the Military Tax be authorized to refund to widow Pierre Dupuis the sum of \$31 93, which amount was charged by error made by the assessor on the tax roll for the year 1860.

Art. 5. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That in the event of the Central Organ discontinuing the publication of the Police Jury proceedings, that the Pelican print said proceedings, until the first of June 1862, and that he be allowed the balance due the Organ for said publication.

Be it further resolved, That the Clerk of the Police Jury be required to furnish both papers a copy of the Police Jury proceedings.

Art. 6. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That the sheriff presenting his accounts against the Parish for holding elections in the Parish be required to show proof that he had a deputy at each ward to receive the returns thereof, also that elections where held at each poll.

Art. 7. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That the commission house of Messrs Abat et Cushman, of the city of New Orleans, be selected by this body for the purpose of selling the produce collected by the special Tax Collector of the Military Tax, and the Collector of said Tax be hereby authorized in the event of the blockade being raised to ship said produce collected by him, to said Commission house.

Art. 8. On motion of J P J Aymond.

Resolved, That the account of F B de Bellevue, was laid on the table.

The following notice was presented by Mr J H C Barlow, attorney for Wm R Stevens & Co.:

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles and State of Louisiana:

"You are hereby notified not to pay Charles Gerard the sum of (\$949 05) nine hundred and forty-nine dollars and five cents, for building and erecting our parish jail, as we are the sub-contractors for placing in proper order and furnishing the necessary materials for extra-work of the iron work of the same, and therefore shall retain our lien and privilege on the work and materials done and furnished by our firm.

"January, 13th 1862.

"W. R. STEVENS & Co."

Art. 9. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That the Commissioners appointed to Super tend the building of the parish jail, require of Charles Gerard to show to their satisfaction that there is no incumbrance on said jail, before delivering him the notes of the parish as per contract.

Art. 10. On motion of J P J Aymond.

Resolved, That William Pearce, Oscar Cheney, William Camptos, John Bringall, Marcefin Gaspard and Isaac Martin be appointed Commissioners to trace out a public road on Red River to commence at the parish line between Rapides and Avoyelles, to run down said river to the mouth of Chactaw Bayou, and that said road be laid out, inside of the levee, from the Parish line, as far as said levee extends, and that they report at the next meeting of this body.

Art. 11. On motion of J J Bordelon.

all laws regarding the height of fences, &c. &c., formerly passed by this body.

On motion of John Ewell, the Jury adjourned to two o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Jury met according to adjournment Same members present.

Hon L K Branch in the chair.

Art. 12. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That the collection of Parish Tax of the year 1861, be given to the lowest bidder, and that the bids be made in writing.

When Mr P P Normand handed in his bid, and Mr A M Kilpatrick handed in his. Mr Normand offered to collect the taxes for six per cent, and Mr Kilpatrick offered to collect for five per cent. Therefore, Mr A M Kilpatrick was declared elected parish Collector for the year 1862.

Art. 13. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That the parish Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to issue a bond for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Capt. Oliver, for the use of the Evergreen Invincibles—the said bond to be paid out of the appropriation of a \$1,000 heretofore made for the said company. The said Captain will retain the money in his hands, to be expended upon such members of said company as shall be in needy circumstances.

Art. 14. On motion of L Barbin, the following accounts were accepted:

E P Couvillion.	\$ 5 60
A Lafargue.	8 00
A P Rabalais.	4 15
Berlin A Robert.	76 50
L Philippon.	16 00
W A Stewart.	10 00
Frederick Masters.	10 50
P P Normand, Sheriff.	339 50

Art. 15. On motion of L Barbin.

Resolved, That we, the Police Jury, retain in our hands an amount sufficient to cover the claims of the Confederate States, and also the claim of the sub-contractors for the building of the parish jail, and that Charles Gerard have fifteen days to make his contract complete and that the Commissioners, are authorized to deliver the notes, for the balance remaining in their hands.

Art. 16. On motion of L A Robert, Jr.

Resolved, That the Commissioners appointed for contracting for the jail, be and they are hereby instructed to contract for a brick cistern for the use of said jail.

Art. 17. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That the Sheriff have a fence made around the jail, made of plank one inch thick, and present the bill to this body at its next meeting.

Art. 18. On motion of John Ewell.

Resolved, That Martin Belington, Joseph J Bordelon and Thomas E Edelen, be appointed commissioners to contract for the repair of the Bayou du Lac Bridge, said repairs to be paid out of the taxes of 1862, and after the completion of the same, said Commissioners are authorized by this resolution to draw on the parish Treasurer.

On motion of L A Robert, Jr.,

The Jury adjourned sine die.
L. K. BRANCH,
President Police Jury.
Attest a true copy,
E. E. COCHRANE,
Clerk.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Parish of Avoyelles.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT.

Succession of Francois Roy, deceased.

BY VIRTUE of an order issued by the Honorable Court of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, will be offered at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, Public Auctioneer of said Parish,

TUESDAY, the 11th day of February, 1862.

between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., at the late residence of the deceased, the following described property, to wit:

1. A certain tract or parcel of land, situated near the plantation where the deceased last resided, being the same purchased from Alcee Laborde, containing one hundred and sixty arpents more or less, bounded North by the plantation above mentioned, South, by Louis Prevot, East, by Jo Bte Laborde Jr., and West by Pablin St-Romain, with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

2. A certain plantation or tract of land, situated near the above mentioned plantation, containing one hundred arpents more or less, bounded North and West by the plantation above mentioned; South by widow Joseph St-Romain, and East by Jeah Pierre Ducote with all the buildings and improvements, purchased by the deceased at the succession sale of Mrs Emilie Couvillion, deceased wife of Zenon St-Romain.

3. A certain tract of cypress land situated on the South side of Lake Pearl, containing twenty six acres, more or less, bounded South by Aloce Roy, North by Louis Prevot, East by Jo Baptiste & Panna Labards and West by Prudent Normand.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING SLAVES:

- 4. Baptiste, negro man, aged about 45 yrs.
- 5. Bob, " " " " " 40 "
- 6. Shilken, " " " " " 37 "
- 7. Victoire, negro woman aged about 38

years, with her four children, to wit: Victoria aged about 9 years; Henry, a boy aged 6 years; Saintville, a boy aged 2 years and an infant child aged 28 days.

8. Louise, negro woman, aged 38 years and her child, Clementine aged six years.

9. Elisabeth, negro woman, aged 29 years.

10. Alzire " girl, " 17 "

11. Fanny, " " " 12 "

12. Marianne, " " " 10 "

13. 25 heads of cattle.

14. 2 heads of work horses.

15. 1 mule.

16. 30 heads of hogs.

17. 40 heads of sheep.

18. 1 pair oxen.

19. 250 barrels of corn in the sheaves.

20. The farming utensils.

Terms and Conditions.

All sums of ten dollars and under payable Cash. All sums over ten dollars payable in three equal annual instalments, viz: one third payable on the first day of April 1863; one third on the first day of April 1864 and the last third on the first day of April 1865.

Purchasers to furnish their notes with two good and solvent securities, in solido, to the order and satisfaction of the Administrator, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, after their several maturities until final payment. The lands and slaves to remain specially mortgaged and hypothecated in favor of the Administrator until the full and final payment of the principal and interest that may accrue thereon.

Acts of sale to be passed before the Recorder of this Parish and the notes made payable at his office.

Marksville, January 4th 1862.

E. E. COCHRANE,
Public Auctioneer.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Parish of Avoyelles.

Seventh Judicial District Court.

Succession of Azelia Juneau, deceased wife of Valerien Moreau, pere.

BY VIRTUE of an order issued by the Honorable Court of the 7th Judicial District, in and for the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, will be offered at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, public auctioneer for the said parish,

SATURDAY, the 8th day of February 1862.

between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. at the residence of Valerien Moreau pere, the following described property, to wit:

1. The plantation upon which the said Valerien Moreau pere now resides, situated near Mansura in this Parish, containing fifty three and 1/2 acres, bounded North by lands of J. B. M. Gremillion; South, by the succession of John Cole; East, by Gervais Chatelein and West by Valery Gauthier, with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated.

2. The slave Sophie, negro woman, aged about 80 years.

3. 20 heads of hogs.

4. 1 cow and calf.

5. 15 heads of sheep.

6. 5 beds and bedding.

7. 1 armoire.

8. 1 clock, 2 tables and 8 chairs.

9. Un lot farming utensils.

10. 1 lot kitchen furniture.

11. Seven thousand pounds of cotton in the seed more or less.

Terms and Conditions.

All sums of five dollars and under payable Cash. All sums over five dollars payable in four annual equal instalments, viz: one fourth payable on the first day of April 1862; one fourth on the first day of April 1863; one fourth on the first day of April 1864 and the last fourth on the first day of April 1865.

Purchasers to furnish their notes with two good and solvent securities, in solido, to the order and satisfaction of the Administrator, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum after their several maturities until final payment. The land and slave to remain specially mortgaged and hypothecated in favor of the Administrator until the full and final payment of the principal and interest that may accrue thereon.

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Marksville, January 4th 1862.

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Public Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned offers for sale, or rent his former residence in the town of Marksville. To any person desirous of being permanently located in Marksville, an advantageous bargain might be made as the premises are situated in a very pleasant part of the town. He would further inform his friends and patrons who may need his services, that he now resides on the farm formerly owned by F. Gremillion, about a mile from Marksville, where he may at all times be found, ready and willing to serve such good friends; who have so long honored him with their patronage.

G. E. ELMER, M. D.
Jan. 18th 1862.

NOTICE.

Special Military Tax.

THE undersigned, Collector duly commissioned informs the Tax payers of the Parish of Avoyelles, that the special Military Tax for 1860 being due, he will proceed to collect the same, and if not satisfied upon demand he will enforce payment according to law. In order to facilitate the public in the payment of said tax, the undersigned Collector will be in attendance at the Sheriff's Office at Marksville every Monday, when and where payments can be made in full.

Messrs P. A. Durand and Alphonse Morrow are his deputy Collectors.

V. L. MAYEUX,
Collector.

Avoyelles, Janv. 11th 1862.