

MARKSVILLE, LA.

Office Corner Marks and Monroe streets.

Thanks to Lieut. Col. W. F. Cheney, Ed. Saterfield Esq and Mr. H. Dupuy, our obliging Post Master, for important information relating to our late great victory in Virginia.

THE LEVEE LAW.— That important Ordinance was adopted by the Police Jury at its last session. Great advantages for the Parish are expected from its working. Our Bayou friends will have a good subject of rejoicing, for the operations of that law will increase considerably the value of their lands. To-day we publish that important document in the Official Report of the Proceeding; by next Wednesday the same will be issued in pamphlet form and ready for distribution.

VICTORY UPON VICTORY IN VIRGINIA.

It is present confirmed that Jackson, Johnson and Lee defeated Pope in a bloody battle. Our loss is estimated at 15,000 men in killed and wounded; that of the enemy at 20,000, besides 10,000 prisoners.

It is spoken also of another great battle in which the Federal army would have been completely routed. McClellan and Pope are given as being mortally wounded, Seigel killed and our brave Confederates in pursuit of the enemy and marching upon Washington.

IMPORTANT DISPATCH TO COL. W. F. CHENEY.

Miss. Tuesday, 2nd.—The Essex and Transports are at Natchez. They landed some men to plunder the lower town. Our militia placed some men under the hill, shot at them, killing some 13 or more. The Federals shelled the place, killing two children, then raised anchor and left with the *Black Aug. flying*.

A report by Telegraph is that we have captured Pope's army, 30,000 strong. Lee, Johnson and Jackson were there. The battle took place at the old Manassas battle ground. No particulars, the wires being now broken by the yankee shells.

MOBILE SEPT 2nd.—Special to the Advertiser and Register, Sept. 1st. One of our Scouts from Tuka reports to headquarters that intelligence has been received by telegraph that Pope and Banks have met with a terrible defeat, losing 30,000 prisoners. Gen. Price places a confidence in the report, coupled with other Statements regarding Federal movements, which he knows to be true.

The same scout reports the destroying of important rail road bridges in the vicinity of Murfreesboro by Forrest.—Gen. Armstrong's official dispatches dated 6 miles South of Bolivar stated that he attacked the enemy in front of Bolivar on the 30th running them into town, taking 71 prisoners and 4 commissioned officers. Western Tennessees is nearly cleared of the invaders.

Groveton, Aug. 30th 10 o'clock P. M. To President Davis.

The army achieved a day on the plains of Manassas a signal victory over the combined forces of Gen. McClellan and Pope on the 28th and 29th. The right wing under Gen. Longstreet and Jackson repulsed with valor the attack made against them. We mourn the loss of our gallant dead in every conflict, yet we are glad to hear that our arms are higher than ever. To him who is the God of our troops a nation's gratitude is due.

R. E. Lee, Gen. commg.
The following telegram just arrived from General Lee:

The enemy attacked the left wing under Jackson on Thursday and was repulsed; he attacked my right wing under Gen. Longstreet and was repulsed on Saturday. I attacked him with my combined armies and entirely routed the armies of McClellan and Pope on the plains of Manassas.

R. E. LEE
Gen. Commanding.
P. S. Lee is pursuing the enemy.
SAM'L COOPER,
Adjutant Gen.

Police Jury.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PARISH OF AVOYELLES.

On this the 1st day of September 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 were present.

- 1 ward, Francois Bettevy.
- 2 " Celestin Moreau.
- 3 " Joseph J. Bordelon. (absent)
- 4 " L. K. Branch.
- 5 " John Oquin.
- 6 " Grégoire Couvillion.
- 7 " Hyppolite N. Bordelon.

Hon. C. Moreau in the chair.
Art. 1st. On motion of L. K. Branch, Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed by the chair to revise the Levee Law, and amend the same if necessary, and report immediately. The chair appointed on said committee Messrs. J. O'Quin, L. K. Branch, and Grégoire Couvillion.

Art. 2d. On Motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved, That the President of the Police Jury receive a salary of one hundred dollars for extra services rendered; and that it be paid quarterly.

Art. 3d. On motion of Grégoire Couvillion.

The Chair appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. John O'Quin Grégoire Couvillion and H. N. Bordelon to make an estimate of the current expenses Parish.

Art. 5th. On motion of John O'Quin; T. P. Frith was appointed Capt. of Patrol in place of W. L. Stewart.

Art. 6th. On motion of C. Moreau, Maximilien Dupuy jr., was appointed road overseer, in place of Benjamin Pouthieu.

Art. 7. On motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved That a committee of three members be appointed by the chair to examine the Treasurer's accounts and cancel his Vouchers.

The Chair appointed on said Committee: Messrs John O'Quin, G. Couvillion and Francois Bettevy.

Art. 8th. On motion of John O'Quin; Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to procure Record books for the Clerk's Office of the District Court as said clerk may require for his office; and that the Treasurer pay for the same, out of the issue of Parish notes, authorized by article 24th of the Police Jury proceedings, under date of 25th June 1862.

Art. 9th. On motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved, That the following named persons, Adrien Couvillion, St. Ville Couvillion, James Bowden, John Sutton, James Howard, and James Callahan, be appointed to lay off and trace out the road between A. M. Gray's and Madame L. Mayeux's plantations across to the mouth of Mill Bayou and report at the next meeting of this body.

Art. 10th. On motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved, That the road hands in the road District, above Bayou Dinde and the road hands in road District below said Bayou be required to keep in repair the embankment across said Bayou.

Art. 11. On motion of Grégoire Couvillion;

Resolved, That Messrs. Louis Mayeux, J. P. Lemoine, E. Jeanne Planet, L. Lacout, A. Mayeux, and V. Grémillon, be appointed as Commissioners to trace and lay out a public road, leading from Bayou Des Glaisses to Bayou Choupigne. Commencing at Marneville, on the line of Mrs. Boyer, and P. C. Ward, in a straight line to Road No. 1 to intersect the public road leading from Bayou des Glaisses to Choupigne and report to the next regular meeting of this body.

On motion of John O'Quin, the Jury adjourned to 9 o'clock to Monday morning.

2nd DAY'S SESSION.

The Jury met according to adjournment all the members present.

Hon. C. Moreau, in the chair. On motion of J. J. Bordelon, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Art. 12th. On motion of J. J. Bordelon, the following report and Estimate offered by the committee was read and accepted and ordered to be printed during thirty days.

We the undersigned, Committee appointed to make an estimate of the current expenses for the present year, beg leave to offer the following:

Panpers,	\$240.00
Officers,	900.00
Criminal prosecutions	2000.00
Incidental expenses	2500.00
Internal improvements	1000.00
School examiners	75.00
Military expenses	10,000.00
Total	16,715.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
G. COUVILLON,
H. N. BORDELON,
JOHN O'QUIN.

Art. 13. On motion of John O'Quin; The reconsideration of the vote was taken on the 11th article passed yesterday, and said article was repealed and the petition laid on the table.

The committee appointed to revise the Levee Law handed in their report which was read and accepted, and after the second reading was adopted and passed.

REPORT.

Your committee appointed to revise the law respecting Levees, passed at the last session of this body, beg leave to report, that upon examination of the same. We found many alterations called for and in as much as a respectable number of citizens, sent forward a petition asking that the New Levees, be built so as to through the burden on all benefitted by said Levees, therefore, acting in accordance with powers granted the Police Jury, by an act of the Legislature, passed March 20th 1861. We found it necessary to remodel the entire Levee Law and therefore report by Bill, and recommend the repeal of laws previously passed on the Levees, and the adoption of this bill.

John Oquin,
L. K. Branch
G. Couvillion.

LEVEE LAW.

Resolved:

Art. 1st. That all that part of the Parish from the dividing line of this Parish and St. Landry, on the Atchafalaya, River up to the mouth of Bayou Des Glaisses, thence up said bayou on the north side up to the cut-off at James Callahan's plantation, be recognized as road and levee District No. 1.

Art. 2d. And that from said point up said bayou to the upper end of the cut-off be recognized as road and levee District No. 2.

Art. 3. And that from thence up said Bayou to Bayou Rouge to the high land at Evergreen shall be known as road and levee District No. 3.

Art. 4. Resolved that in the first District as far up as Yellow Bayou the levee shall have for its base five feet in width for every foot in height and the width of the top of the Levee shall be equal to its height and be two feet above high water mark.

Art. 5th. Resolved that the levee from the last named point to its terminus at Evergreen shall have four feet base for every foot in height and the width of the top shall be equal to its height and shall be made two feet above high water mark.

Art. 6th. In all places where the bank is subject to cave, the Inspector shall have the right, and it shall be his duty, to locate the levee as far back from the bank of the river or bayou as will insure its permanence.

Art. 7th. Whenever the top of the river or bayou bank shall be found to be within 3 feet of the base of the levee, it shall be the duty of the Inspector to cause a new levee to be constructed as above provided.

Art. 8th. The earth to be used in making or repairing levees, shall be taken at a distance of not less than 5 feet from the base of the levee, from the side next to the river or bayou.

Art. 9th. It shall be the duty of the levee Inspector to cause the levees in their respective districts to be rebuilt in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance; that he shall cause to be let out to the lowest bidder by the cubic yard the levee and transpiration ditches on every proprietor's front after an advertisement of fifteen days, by posting up in a conspicuous place in each district, of the time and place of selling the building of said levee; That the purchaser shall enter into a contract with the Inspector and execute a bond with approved surety

in favor of the President of the Police Jury or his successors in office for one third above the amount of his bid to commence and proceed with the work without delay and to complete it within the time specified in the contract, and in failure of the purchaser to comply with his contract in any particulars, the bond shall be forfeited and it shall be the duty of the Inspector to report the same to the President of the Police Jury who shall proceed immediately to take the necessary steps to enforce the payment of the bond.

Art. 10th. That if any contractor fails to furnish his bond or to comply with his contract by the 15th December next in the rebuilding of the levee, the Inspector hereby required to re-advertise it for ten days and offer to the lowest bidder the work and take a bond as is required in the 9th section of this ordinance.

Art. 11th. That it shall be the duty of the Inspectors in their respective districts before letting out the levees to locate the levee and require the contractors to build the same as designated or laid out by said Inspectors.

Art. 12th. There shall be made on the side of the road 25 feet from the base of the levee, a ditch at least 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep, and the dirt taken from the ditch shall be drawn up from the centre of the road to the base of the levee, and all low places shall be raised on a level with the balance of the road; all stumps and trees to be cut down smooth with the road.

Art. 13th. The ground on which the levee shall be built, shall first be prepared by removing all stumps and trees within the base and a puddle ditch 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep shall be cut the whole length of said levee in the middle of the base of said levee.

Art. 14th. The Inspectors shall on the first of October and first of January of every year, and twice a week in high water, make a personal examination of the levees in their districts and wherever they are not in conformity with this ordinance, shall cause them to be rebuilt or repaired as the case may require.

Art. 15th. During high waters, should a portion of the Levee break, or should the Inspector consider any levee in danger of breaking, the Inspector is hereby authorized to call out all the male slaves over 18 years of age within his District or such a number as he may deem necessary to repair the place pointed out by him and they should be required to bring such tools as he may designate. The owner of such slaves shall receive as a compensation one dollar and a half per day for each slave to employed and the owner shall be required to feed such slaves.

Art. 16th. That the Inspector shall also be authorized so call upon the front proprietors for their team and carts and that they should be allowed four dollars and a half per day for each driver and team.

Art. 17th. That any person owning a team and cart, refusing to obey the call of the Inspector as provided in Art. 16th of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of one dollar each day the team and cart driver may be so ordered. And any person refusing to send hands to work on levees when ordered by the Inspector shall be subject to a fine of three dollars per day each hand.

Art. 18th. Resolved That the proprietors of front lands on said River and Bayous shall cut leading transpiration ditches at such places as the Inspectors shall designate.

Art. 19th. Resolved, That the Police Jury at its June Session appoint road and levee Inspectors for each road and levee District, whose duty it shall be to see the building and repairing of levees in their respective districts and to see that the same are kept in good condition and to report to the Inspector and receive a salary of five hundred Dollars for the present year commencing from the date of his bond for his services, to be paid out of the taxes to be assessed for levee purposes.

Art. 20th. Resolved, That no Inspector shall have the right to contract for any work only on his own front, and shall be required to furnish his contract and bond to the President of the Police Jury who shall be fully empowered to enforce the performance of said contract as required in Article 9th of this ordinance, and that the President is required to receive said levee when completed and to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of the same according to Article 21st. of this ordinance.

Art. 21st. Resolved, That the Inspectors shall contract for building and repairing of levees and work to be done under the provisions of this act to be paid out of the taxes to be assessed on the lands reclaimed or benefited by said work in one, two, three and four annual instalments, and shall receive the work when completed in accordance with the contract, and draft on the Treasurer for Parish scrip, issued on the levee tax.

Art. 22d. The Inspectors shall make their returns to this body, at its next regular session stating to whom said work has been adjudicated, the amount of said adjudication and shall deposit with the Clerk of said body all contracts and bonds taken in compliance with this ordinance.

Art. 23d. Whenever the levee will interfere with permanent buildings, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to lay out the same so as not to interfere with the said buildings.

Art. 24th Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the levee Inspectors to furnish their bonds in favor of the President of the Police Jury or his successor in office before entering upon the discharge of their duties, in the sum of one thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the same, all laws and part of laws conflicting with this act, are hereby repealed.

Art. 13th On motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved, That all persons who may have commenced their new levee previous to the passage of this act, shall be entitled to a prorata consideration for said work, to be paid in like manner with other contractors under this law.

Art. 15th. On motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved, That the Inspectors shall be hereby authorized to contracts and bonds drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the levee Law, and have blanks printed, and the costs for the drawing up of the said contracts and bonds and printing of said blanks, shall be paid out of the first money arising from the levee Tax.

Art. 16th. On motion of L. K. Branch; Resolved, That the Inspectors of the several Districts shall cause to be inserted in the "Avoyelles Pelican" and the "Point Coupee Echo" a notice of the time and place of selling the levee in their respective districts and the conditions upon which they are to be built and paid for.

That said notice or advertisement shall have two insertion in said papers, and the Inspector is hereby authorize to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of said advertisements to be paid out of the Parish notes issued on the Taxes of 1861.

Art. 17th. On motion of G. Couvillion; Resolved, That the Point Maigre District be and they are hereby authorized to employ A. J. Peltum as school Teacher and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay his drafts when presented in due form.

Art. 18th. On motion of G. Couvillion; Resolved, That John V. Rabalais, G. P. Voorhies and M. J. Ducote be appointed Commissioners to examine thoroughly the Bout du Bayou Bridge, and contract for the immediate repair of the same and report at the next meeting of this body.

Art. 19th. On motion of John O'Quin; Resolved, That the Parish Treasurer shall issued an additional amount of two thousand dollars in Parish Notes redeemable out of the Parish Taxes of 1861 for the purpose of redeeming Parish Warrants is such for that year.

Art. 20th. On motion of J. J. Bordelon; the report of the committee appointed to examine the accounts against the Parish was accepted and said accounts ordered to be paid, to wit:

F. B. D. BELLEVUE	\$20.00
ZESON AREAUX	12.50
A. LA FARGUE	32.00
DOUGLAS	30.00
L. V. EMILIAN	17.50
CELESTIN MOREAU	17.50
J. J. BONNETTE	10.00

Art. 21st. On motion of Grégoire Couvillion;

Resolved, That the price of twenty cents per cubic yard be fixed as the maximum price of adjudication of the levees on Bayou des Glaisses and Atchafalaya, and when there is embankments on creeks the same to be fixed at twenty five cents.

On motion of Grégoire Couvillion, the Jury adjourned to the 3d Monday of November next.

G. MOREAU,

President Police J.

Attest a true copy.

L. E. COCHRANE,

Clerk.