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Official Proceedings of the

Parish Democratic Executive Committee
Parish of St. John the Baptist,
Edgard, La., Aug. 22, 1916.

The Democratic Executive Committee of this Parish met this day at the Courthouse as the law directs, for the purpose of receiving applications of candidacies for memberships on the Board of School Directors for wards:

One, Two and Five of this parish and also to draw commissioners and clerks of Election for the Democratic Primary Election to be held on September 12, 1916, to nominate two Judges of the 28th Judicial District.

Chairman Paul Berthelot called the meeting to order and order roll call, the following members answering to their names: Messrs. Paul Berthelot; J. L. Pancaire; Eugene Dumas; Alexis Dugas; A. J. Lacaze and P. G. Songy.

The following members, although present, refused to answer roll call and bolted the meeting, viz: Messrs. L. Montégut, Jr., L. E. Cambre; Joseph Le Brun; Elias Madere; J. F. Wagnerspack and J. V. Chenet.

The chair declared having received notifications of candidacies for membership on the Board of School Directors from the First, Second and Fifth Wards of this parish, as follows:

First ward, George U. Gendron, Second ward, Olivier R. Webre, Fifth ward, Charles A. Lasseigne each accompanying his application with the required \$5.00 deposit for costs.

Upon motion of Mr. Lacaze, seconded by Mr. Songy and carried, the chair declared that Messrs. George U. Gendron, Olivier R. Webre and Charles A. Lasseigne having no opposition, are hereby declared the Democratic nominees and that their names be sent to the Secretary of State to be placed upon the official ballots to be voted for in the general election in November. The committee proceeded to draw the commissioners, clerks and watchers for the Primary for the Judgeships of the 28th Judicial District, to be held on the 12th day of September 1916.

Upon motion, duly seconded, master Lee B. Daron was selected to draw the names from a hat, after being blindfolded.

The following names were accordingly drawn, viz:

Ward 1
Commissioners: Albert Bossier, Jacob Zoelly and Gabriel Webre. Clerks: René Pancaire and L. M. Reynaud. Watcher: Chas. L. Stewart.

Ward 2
Commissioners: Fernand Webre, Walter Oubre and Florian Fauchaux. Clerks: P. R. Jacobs and Albert Becnel. Watcher: Jules Joseph

Ward 3
Commissioners: Willie Tregre, Whitney Schexnaydre and Jos. E. Reine. Clerks: Raymond Abadie and A. J. Lacaze. Watchers: Félicien Brou

Ward 4
Commissioners: P. R. Cambre, Henry C. Maurin and Fernand Montégut. Clerks: René Madere and Peter B. St. Martin. Watcher: John A. Reine.

Ward 5
Commissioners: John J. Schexnaydre, J. M. Vicknair and Hy. P. Perret. Clerks: Albert Millet and Léonce Delaneuveille. Watcher: John B. Mause

Ward 6
Commissioners: A. J. Sanchez, Dr. E. P. Feucht and Richard Gray, Jr. Clerks: Carroll J. Delery and A. R. Martin. Watcher: Fred Duhon

Upon motion of Mr. Dugas seconded by Mr. Songy and carried, the following Polling Booths as presently located remain as follows:

First ward, at J. L. Pancaire's
Second " " the Courthouse
Third " " A. J. Lacaze's
Fourth " " St. Martin's Place
Fifth " " P. R. Montz
Sixth " " Sixth Justices Court.

The committee designated the following gentlemen to act and serve as Deputy Sheriffs at the various Polling booths, viz:

First ward, J. L. Webre
Second " Alexis Dugas
Third " Florian Schexnaydre
Fourth " Léonce Madere
Fifth " John Rodrigue
Sixth " Achille Chaufile.

Upon motion of Mr. Songy, seconded by Mr. Lacaze and adopted, the Parish Democratic Executive Committee adjourned to meet on the 16th of September 1916, at 12 M. at the Courthouse without any further notice.

(Signed) Paul Berthelot,
Chairman.

A true copy:
Eugene Dumas,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY

Parish of St. John The Baptist.

Edgard, La. August 24, 1916.

The Police Jury met this day at the District Courthouse in special session for the purpose of organizing the said Police Jury and performing such other duties and affairs as may properly be brought before the Jury.

Present: Messrs. P. G. Songy, Placide Barré and Fernand Reynaud. The other members of the Jury, Messrs. Augustin Lasseigne and Pierre Cassagne were absent although duly notified by registered letter, mailed to their last known address, by the three members present, the said notice being dated August 21st, 1916 and sent on August 22nd, 1916. Mr. Cyrille Babin of the 6th. Ward was also absent but he was not notified for the reason that he was enjoined from sitting and acting as a member of this Jury and is therefore disqualified from acting as a member of this Police Jury.

Mr. Prudent G. Songy was elected temporary chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Albert L. Bossier was elected temporary secretary by acclamation.

The Police Jury then proceeded to organize. On motion of Mr. Barré, seconded by Mr. Reynaud, the following nominations were made:

President of police Jury,
Prudent G. Songy.
Secretary of Police Jury,
Albert L. Bossier.

Parish Treasurer,

Dr. E. P. Feucht
President of Parish Board of health,
Dr. Stephen J. Songy.
Parish Printer, John D. Reynaud.

Road Overseer, District No. 1
Abraham Keating

Road Overseer, District No. 2
Louis Rodrigue.

Pound-Keepers: 1st. ward, Lucien Desroches; 2nd. ward, Florian Fauchaux; 3rd ward Ulysse Dufresne; 4th. ward, A. T. Perilloux; 5th. ward, Victor Dufresne; 6th. ward, Pierre Tregre.

There being no other nominations, upon motion duly seconded, nominations were closed and all of the aforesaid parties were elected by acclamation to the various offices for which they were nominated.

Mr. Prudent Songy then assumed the chair as president and Mr. Albert L. Bossier as secretary of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. John the Baptist.

Moved by Mr. Barré and seconded by Mr. Reynaud that the following budget be adopted:

Justices of the Peace.....	\$ 1800
Constables.....	1440
Official Journal.....	900
Parish Physician.....	400
President Board of Health.....	500
Grand and Petit Jurons.....	700
Fees of witnesses in criminal cases.....	150
Members of Police Jury.....	300
District Attorney, fees.....	1200
Sheriff, attending court.....	900
Assessor's commission.....	1000
Parish Treasurer.....	800
Secretary of the Police Jury.....	450
Sheriff in Criminal cases.....	500
Feeding and maintaining prisoners.....	2000
Collection of Taxes.....	2000
Beneficiary Cadet.....	400
Contingent Fund.....	800
Grand Fund.....	800

The roll being called upon the above motion resulted as follows: Yeas: Placide Barré Fernand Reynaud, Prudent G. Songy. Nays: None.

Moved by Mr. Barré, seconded by Mr. Reynaud, that the salary of the following officers be fixed as follows:

Secretary Police Jury \$450 per annum, payable monthly
Parish Treasurer \$600 per annum, payable monthly.
Parish Printer \$600 per annum, payable monthly.
President of Parish Board of Health \$500 per annum, payable monthly.
Road Overseers \$720 per annum, payable monthly.

The roll being called resulted as follows: Yeas: Placide Barré, Fernand Reynaud, Prudent G. Songy. Nays: None.

Moved by Mr. Barré and seconded by Mr. Reynaud that the President of the Parish Board of Health be made the Parish Physician with a salary of \$400 per annum, payable monthly. The roll being called resulted as follows: Yeas: Placide Barré, Fernand Reynaud, Prudent G. Songy. Nays: None.

The President appointed the following gentlemen as members of the Finance Committee: Augustin Lasseigne, Placide Barré, Fernand Reynaud; and the following as members of the Board of Health: Pierre Cassagne and Placide Barré.

Upon motion of Mr. Barré, seconded by Mr. Reynaud, and carried the Police Jury adjourned until its next regular meeting September 7th.

Prudent G. Songy,
President.
A true copy:
Albert L. Bossier,
Secretary.

CE QUI SE PASSE EN LOUISIANE.

Hilaire Carrière, le meurtrier du shérif Marion Sword, de St. Landry, est toujours à la prison a Lac Charles, et la question se pose "où sera-t-il jugé, à Lac Charles ou à Opelousas?" De nombreux visiteurs viennent tous les jours voir le prisonnier; ce dernier semble très satisfait de son sort.

M. A. P. Daspit, de Bâton Rouge, a été nommé auditeur de la "Louisiana Conservation Commission." Il prendra charge immédiatement de sa nouvelle fonction.

Le jeune meurtrier Willie Zimmer.

Une accusation de meurtre a été déposée Vendredi par le grand jury, contre Willie Zimmer, 12 ans, qui a tué sa mère, Mme Jacob Zimmer, à sa demeure, 1122 rue St. Thomas, le 13 juillet. Willie demeurait avec son père qui était séparé de Mme Zimmer.

La Raffinerie Continuera

M. Earl D. Babst, président de la "American Sugar Refining Company," a avisé le maire Behrman, que la compagnie se proposait pour le moment, du moins, à continuer de faire des affaires dans la paroisse d'Orléans.

To Receive Bids for Levees.

The Board of State Engineers announced in Sunday's Times Picayune that sealed proposals would be received at the office of the Board, up to 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, September 12, 1916, for the construction of several levees in this State, among which we note:

The La Place Levee; Parish of St. John the Baptist, Mississippi river, left bank; consisting of riverside enlargement; approximate contents, 200,000 cubic yards deposit, \$600; bond required, one-half cost of work.

Caving of the levee has occurred at Eliza, in West Baton Rouge parish, at White Castle, at Reserve, and at Sarpy, according to Assistant State Engineer Monget.

WHAT THE EDITOR SAYS.

We were informed by pretty reliable authority that certain persons, political enemies of former sheriff Berthelot, gave vent to the wild statements that Mr. Berthelot's books while sheriff show him to be short some two thousand dollars and that charges (presumably of embezzlement) were to be preferred against him last Monday. A week has elapsed and the latter vicious rumor failed to materialize.

Mr. Berthelot, when interviewed and asked for a statement concerning the alleged rumors, said in part:

"I have served the people of this parish as Sheriff for sixteen years and am proud to say that during all that time no one has ever questioned my honesty in collecting and accounting for the revenues of the state and parish."

"I have never received or appropriated a single cent outside of what the law allowed me as a commission and I defy any man to prove the contrary. Thank God, no one can truthfully brand me as a DEFaulter."

"These alleged rumors are fabrications of malignant individuals who would wish to see me dead politically and socially. Their malignity is increased by the fact that, although defeated for sheriff, I still hold considerable power in politics. That these rumors are false and malicious is evident from the fact that no charges were preferred as rumored."

"I do not deny that the sheriff's office during my incumbency has made clerical mistakes. It is human to err. But any mistakes made, either by me or my deputies, were mistakes of the head and not of the heart."

"I have never failed to receive my quietus from the State. The parish Auditor inspected my books and gave me a report there on a short time after I left the office and his findings were that my books were correct, with the exception of a few clerical mistakes too insignificant to mention here. I am willing and anxious to let any impartial and expert auditor go over my books again and test their correctness. These rumors, however false, can not go by unanswered and I propose to hold their authors to a strict accountability."

For the benefit of all concerned we respectfully suggest that an impartial and competent auditor be employed as soon as possible to examine Mr. Berthelot's books and let the public have the report. If there is any truth at all in the alleged rumors the people of this parish are entitled to know it officially. If these rumors are false and malicious, as Mr. Berthelot says, we owe it to him to see that he is vindicated and the libelers should be held to a "strict accountability."

Death of Mrs. Woolley.

A large circle of friends in St. John and elsewhere will learn with keen regret of the sudden death of Mrs. J. C. Woolley, (née Ysidora Crespo) which occurred at the Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La., on Monday, August 28, 1916, at 7:15 P. M.

Deceased was the oldest child of Malvina Songy and J. Crespo, of St. Rose, La. She was a native of St. Rose, St. Charles parish, La., was only 24 years of age at the time of her untimely death, and was married about four months ago. She resided in New Orleans at the time of her death. She was a lady of quiet and sweet disposition and was generally admired by all who knew her. Many relatives and a wide circle of close friends will miss her.

The funeral took place at St. Rose, La., on Tuesday, August 29, 1916, at 2 o'clock, P. M., with interment in the Red Church Cemetery, in St. Charles parish. Several brothers and many friends are left to mourn her loss.

To the bereaved and grief-stricken ones we extend our sympathetic expressions of condolence.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Those We Meet, Hear of and See During the Week.
Visitors in and out of the Parish.

Miss Nellie Power, winsome young daughter of Mr. Alex Power of New Orleans, La., has returned to her home last Monday after a most pleasant stay in St. John parish, the guest of Editor and Mrs. John D. Reynaud.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Millet arrived in St. John Monday from New Orleans and are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Florestan Millet, and family. Mr. Millet has been on the sick list for a while and his numerous friends in St. John and elsewhere will be pleased to learn that since his arrival in Lucy he is much improved.

Mrs. Albert J. Lacaze and little son Léonard visited relatives in the First Ward last Sunday.

Mr. Edward Millet was a New Orleans visitor at the beginning of the week.

Miss Lillie Breaud, of Litcher La., visited friends in Lucy on Sunday.

Mr. Paul Doyer and family formerly of Paulina, St. James Parish, La., have recently moved to Lucy.

Hon. A. E. Picard, of Killona, La., St. Charles ex-parish Representative was mingling with his numerous friends in St. John on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Haydel and family of Gramerey, La., are visiting relatives in St. John.

Mr. John Borne of Litcher, La., visited relatives and friends in the First ward recently.

Mr. E. Millet of Des Allemands La., paid a short but most pleasant visit to relatives and friends in this parish during the week.

Mrs. A. L. Bergeron, wife of a prominent resident of Gramerey, La., killed herself at her home last Tuesday as a result of continued ill health. Mrs. Bergeron first drained a vial of carbolic acid and then fired a bullet from a pistol into her body.

She has returned from New Orleans the night previous where doctors had advised her that an operation would be necessary.

Editor and Mrs. John D. Reynaud motored to Wallace, La. on Thursday where they visited relatives.

During the day Mr. and Mrs. Reynaud paid a short trip to Litcher, La.

Hons. L. Robert Rivarde, of Hahnville, La., and Judge John E. Fleury of Gretna, La., candidates for judgeships of the Twenty-Eight Judicial District were mingling with their numerous friends in St. John during the week.

The two distinguished candidates were well pleased with their visit to our parish and were promised a strong support by the voters of the First, Second and Third wards.

The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth wards of this parish will poll a good vote for Hons. Rivarde and Fleury.

Queen and Crescent Boost ing Cuban Travel.

T. F. Steele, Vice President of the New Orleans and North eastern appointment of H. F. Bell as Commercial Agent in Havana, which will be followed by organized efforts to divert travel to Cuba via New Orleans and more particularly the development of freight tonnage to and from points on the Queen and Crescent to Havana. The appointment followed a recent visit of one of the Queen and Crescent officials to the Island for a complete commercial survey.