

LOCAL NEWS.

L. C. DUCHAMP

is the man to sell a Buggy Cheap.

—The Keystone plantation has finished grinding.

—WEDDING SUITS at K. Schwartz, at prices to suit the times.

Misses Sarrah and Therse Berry of New Iberia, spent several days in town this week.

—Mr. H. P. Fournet returned this week from New Orleans, where he had gone on business.

—The weather this week, rainy, foggy, damp, with lots of water and mud, was entirely disagreeable.

—The recent rains have swelled the Teche, and it now looks like a beautiful river, it is way up its banks.

BUGGIES, BUGGIES, at L. C. Duchamp.

The boys of the town will give a grand ball on Sunday the 22nd inst., that promises to be a stylish affair.

—Colored suits in all cuts and prices, come and see them, the price will make you buy, all sizes, K. Schwartz.

The excursion people returned home Tuesday evening, highly please with their short stay in the Crescent City.

—Miss Laurence Rousseau is spending a few days in New Orleans, where she has gone to be a brides maid to her friend, Miss Lastrapes.

—The excursion from Breauz Bridge last Saturday took thirty four persons from St. Martinville, and had only a small crowd from Breauz Bridge.

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

—The St. Martinville Building and Loan association loaned \$1600 Tuesday, to Joachim Richard \$1000 50% premium and to Edw. Provost \$600 at 52% premium.

—Mr. Sauls, the jeweler, has gone back to New Orleans, the building he occupied will be demolished soon, upon the site, Mr. Louis J. Gardemal will build his large brick store.

—Mayor Labbe has not made his inspection of lamps and mud holes yet, as we notice the same broken lamps do not shine these dark nights, and we still bog in the deep holes.

—Mr. C. M. Olivier has purchased the Knight property, known as the Commercial hotel, and in two or three weeks will take possession of the property and make it his residence.

—We understand that the parish authorities will commence early in the spring to work the public roads under the new road law, which will be an entire change in the system of working our public highways.

—The Board of Trade is actively at work for the Mardi Gras parade, and we understand that this parade will be altogether, new, it will be the Flower Parade, and it promises to be the prettiest ever seen in St. Martinville.

—We would advise our people throughout the parish, to read, and read carefully, the new road ordinance which is being published in the Messenger. It will interest every male inhabitant of the parish and every owner of vehicle of any kind.

House FOR RENT

ON MAIN STREET
\$8 per month.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ADDRESS
Messenger Office.

—The Bank of St. Martinville elected or rather re-elected Tuesday its board of director, which is composed of R. Martin, A. F. Rousseau, F. T. Guilbeau, B. Audibert, L. J. Gardemal, Felix Bienvenu, W. H. Cozine, Albert Bienvenu, J. B. Levert.

—Some one remarked, with a good deal of truth, that advertising to successful business was as necessary as bread to maintain life, and when any business failed to keep up with the procession of his successful competitors, the sheriff had to come up and help him do some advertising to dispose of his stock retire from business.

—We learn that all the saloons of Arnaudville have moved from that town, which is in St. Landry parish to this side of Bayou Teche, which put them in St. Martin parish. In St. Landry the license is \$2000 in St. Martin it is \$100 as the town of Arnaudville is bordering the bayou, the saloons are just across the bridge. Funny thing is this option law regarding saloons.

—The St. Martinville Building and Loan Association elected Tuesday the same board of directors, as follows: L. C. Duchamp, R. Martin, T. J. Labbe, Arthur Labbe, A. F. Rousseau, Albert Bienvenu, F. T. Guilbeau, B. L. Fournet, A. Orillion. After the election the board met and elected the following officers. L. C. Duchamp, president, R. Martin, vice-president, C. Greig, Secretary, James Simon, attorney and notary.

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C. O. Plough at	\$3.85
Trace chains, per pair	20c
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BUGGIES at cost	
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I am the only agent for the "Celebrated John Deere PLOW" also Deere Cotton, Pea and Corn planter all in one \$10.00.	

—The new road law adopted by the Police Jury at its last meeting is approved by all the intelligent people who know the value and necessity of good roads, and who understand that a tax of 25 cts or 75 cts on a vehicles with good roads is much cheaper than the ordinary repairs and inconveniences of bad roads. The only trouble we are apprehending is in securing the proper road master, as it will require the service of an intelligent, active and conscientious men with some knowledge of road making.

—The Ruth refinery has a gang of some fifty white men to feed the carrier, and from the beginning of operation by this mill, they have experienced the greatest difficulty with this white labor, for the reason that they do just what they please, if they feel like working, they work, if not, they don't, and the big refinery is entirely and completely at the mercy of the carrier gang. The Company thought they would encourage home labor and particularly the white labor, but they seem entirely disgusted with that carrier labor, and in fact the mill was subject to be closed down at any moment on account of the unsatisfactory work given by the carrier hands, and in the future we would not be surprised if the Company import either the Dago or German labor, as they give better satisfaction, and they can depended upon to save the crop.

"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 District 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 in 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.

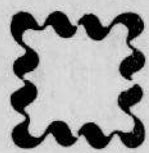
Sec. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the tax collector shall keep the said "Road and Bridge Per Capita Tax Book" separate from the State and Parish tax Rolls, and he shall issue to the person paying said tax the proper receipt and shall enter in said Book the date of the collection or payment thereof.

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 Bulky, twenty five cts.
Upon each two-wheeled Buggy and Chaise, thirty five cents.
Upon each four-wheeled Buggy, Phaeton, Carriage or Carry-all, Dog cart, and Cabriolet, fifty cents.
Upon each Barouche, Hack, Surr, Landau, Omnibus or Box, seventy-five cents.
Upon each horse Cart, twenty-five cents.
Upon each plantation Cart and Wagons, fifty

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Upon each Dray and two horse Cart fifty cts.

Upon each Peddling Cart one horse, seventy-five cents.

Upon each Peddling Cart two horses, one dollar.

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 sued 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, 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 corporation 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 persons 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 Tax 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 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 bicycles, 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 bridges tax and licenses as herein provided shall be relieved from compulsory road duty under the laws of this State.

A true copy from the Minutes,

AUG. MARAIST, Clerk P. J.