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Covington, June 30, 1883.

There are plenty of gold medals in California.

There will be a picnic to-day at Page's schoolhouse.

Parish warrants, receivable for the licenses and taxes of 1883, for sale at this office.

Now is a good time to recall the old rule: "Stick to your flannels until they stick to you."

The Police Jury will meet next Monday, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment rolls.

Thanks to Mr. Thos. Lunn for some fine sugar corn and tomatoes. The best we have seen this year.

This has been another week of thunder, lightning and incessant rain. The crop outlook becomes more gloomy every day.

The Board of Trustees of Covington High School will hold a meeting to-day, for the transaction of important business in connection with the school.

Next Wednesday, the Fourth of July, will be celebrated at German Settlement with a grand picnic. Mr. Mathies has our thanks for an invitation.

Mr. W. W. Dunbracco, Principal of Covington High School, will leave for his home in Baltimore this evening. He has the best wishes of this community for a pleasant journey and safe return.

Broom drills, by companies of young ladies, are fashionable in Baton Rouge, and other country towns. If the young ladies of Covington would form a company and drill, it would be an attractive feature at the next entertainment.

The case of Mr. A. J. Kingsley, for the killing of Mr. R. P. Beane, at Slidell, on Tuesday of last week, will come up for examination before Judge Thompson next Monday. At the same time the case of John Roberts, colored, charged with rape, will be investigated.

We had the pleasure of meeting the Colonel last Sunday, and found him as genial-hearted as ever. To those who may not be aware of the fact, we will state that the Colonel is connected with the great machinery establishment of H. Dudley Coleman & Bro., and will take pleasure in attending to any business in their line during his visits to Covington.

The Seashore District Conference will convene in Covington next Thursday, the 5th of July, and continue four days. Presiding Elder B. S. Rayner, and a number of prominent ministers from abroad will be present; the Conference will be conducted with open doors, and the public are invited to attend. Rev. Y. T. Heard will preach the opening sermon, next Wednesday night.

The citizens who receive their mail at the Violin Postoffice have been made happy. They recently forwarded a petition to the Postoffice Department, asking that their mail be delivered on Monday; instead of Friday, and the request was promptly granted. We prepared the petition, and after securing the signatures of the citizens, we sent it to the proper authorities, and the change was made at once. It would give us pleasure to perform a similar service for the citizens at Hailoo and Indian Village, having that route changed so as to leave Covington for the Village, by way of Violin and Hailoo, as it did under the old arrangement, which was quicker and more satisfactory than the present route.

ON THE BOGUE CHITTO.

We left Covington at daylight, on Sunday, the 24th inst., in company with Mr. C. L. Smith, to attend the funeral services of the late Wm. A. Purvis, on the Bogue Chitto. This was our first visit to that part of the parish, and we were very favorably impressed with the appearance of the country. For the first eight miles the country is pretty well settled. The crops were much farther advanced than we expected to find them. The corn, cane and rice crops appear to be doing remarkably well. We noticed a number of small cotton patches, in which the plant was in full bloom. Along the line of the road, the prevailing crop was corn, which means plenty of "hog and hominy" next winter. The condition of the roads, after leaving Covington, varied, being good, bad and indifferent—mostly indifferent. This is attributable, however, in a great degree, to the continual wet weather, which has rendered it impossible to work the roads. Beyond "money hill" there are several fallen trees across the road, which should be removed as soon as possible. We arrived at the residence of our young friend Mr. Erbin Cooper, about half-past 8 o'clock, and soon the members of the Masonic fraternity began to arrive. At 11 o'clock they donned their neat regalia and proceeded to the cemetery, where the beautiful Masonic burial rites were performed, the address at the grave being impressively delivered by Capt. W. W. Risher, of Covington. There was no pause in the ceremony, although for a few moments the rain came down in torrents. After the Masonic service, Rev. G. T. Vickers delivered an eloquent eulogy on the life of the deceased. The entire country, for miles around, was represented, and we judge about three hundred persons were present. At the close of the service, those persons living in the vicinity invited the assemblage to partake of their hospitality. In company with a number of others, we proceeded to the residence of Mr. Erbin Cooper, where a bounteous feast awaited us. The large table, under spreading oaks, was filled to repletion with tempting viands, and spoke volumes in favor of our young host and his accomplished wife. It is unnecessary to state that justice was done to the substantial, as well as the delicacies. About three o'clock we started for home. Our party, on the return trip, consisted of Mr. J. E. Smith and Capt. W. W. Risher in one buggy, followed by Mr. W. C. Warren and Miss Adeline Heintz in another, then Mr. Chas. Heintz and the editor, while Mr. J. M. Abney and daughter closed the procession. The ride for the first two hours was anything but pleasant, as the roads were very bad, and the blinding rain served to dampen the ardor of our inner spirit, which was the only kind we had with us. About half-past five it stopped raining, and we amused ourselves by counting the mile-posts, knowing that each one lessened the distance between us and (home.) Notwithstanding the "ducking" we got, we are glad we made the trip. It is our impression that the Bogue Chitto country will some day be made to "bloom and blossom as the rose." The few farms we saw gave ample evidence that the soil is productive, and the people are industrious, intelligent and hospitable. All that is needed is immigration, to make this one of the richest portions of the parish. We expect to visit that country again, at some future time, under more favorable circumstances.

Three-year-old snorthorns are, under the best management, made to weigh 2000 pounds, which sell at \$7 50 per 100, or \$150 per head. Four-year-old scrubs sell for \$50 per head.

BRILLIANT EXERCISES.

Closing Exercises of Covington High School.

The closing exercises of the Covington High School took place at the Courthouse, last Thursday night, under the most favorable auspices. The audience was large and select, while the pupils of the school, occupying the front seats, wore smiling faces and gay countenances, upon the evening which was to usher in their two months' vacation.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the exercises began with a solo, by Mrs. A. E. Belden, who has always manifested a deep interest in this young but growing school, and cheerfully and willingly done whatever she could to assist it.

The salutatory address, written and read by Miss A. V. Foote, was fairly rendered. Her discourse was on the subject of "Education," in which she spoke of the importance of gaining a little instruction, at least, and stated that education was compulsory in some of the States, and she favored its extension in all.

The essay was followed by a song, "The Gypsy Chorus," by Misses Belden, Foote, Thiery, Frederick and Joyner.

Then came the honorary address, by Miss A. J. Thiery, who delivered it in a happy and creditable manner. Her essay, entitled "Woman, and Her Unjust Restrictions," was very entertaining, and was received with great applause. She strongly asserted, "Woman should have as many privileges and occupy as high positions in this world as man." "Is it not ridiculous," she continued, "to see a biped, termed a man, standing behind a counter, measuring tape and ribbons, while his wife is at home surging over the washtub, or in the kitchen doing the drudgery? Education is equipping Woman with the war-garb of protection, and soon, yea, very soon, she'll show the puny man that she can wield the pen, and he can use the broom; or, at least, he must recognize her as his equal in all things, and grant her equal rights."

The song and chorus, "Twickenham Ferry," was then rendered in excellent style by Misses Belden, Thiery, Foote, Frederick and Joyner.

Master Nicolas Joyner then delivered the Valedictory, in an able and manly style.

This was followed by the solo, "Then You'll Remember Me," by Miss A. V. Foote, which was highly appreciated by the audience and greeted with rounds of applause.

Rev. Geo. T. Vickers was then introduced as the speaker of the evening. He addressed his remarks mainly to the school children, in which he kindly impressed upon them the future good fruits that would result from the seeds of knowledge they are now sowing, and bade them to continue steadfastly and diligently in their studies. He related several amusing anecdotes, illustrative of the results of gross ignorance, and urged upon them the great importance and advantage of having a good education.

After the address, Misses A. V. Foote and A. Belden sang a duet, entitled "Fanny Gray," which was loudly applauded by the delighted audience.

Then came the most important feature of the evening, and the one most anxiously awaited for by the little ones, the distribution of premiums. Mr. W. W. Dunbracco, the Principal of the school, after stating the manner in which the prizes were awarded by the judges, called Miss Clara H. Frederick, who had obtained an average of 97½ in her studies, and presented her with the gold medal, in the following words:

"Miss Frederick—You have been faithful and diligent in your studies, punctual in your attendance, lady-like and scholarly in your deport-

ment; it therefore pleases me to present you this gold medal. Take it, and keep it; and may you ever appreciate it, for you have not won it easily, but it was the result of hard work and constant devotion to study."

Miss Frederick received the prize in a modest and graceful manner, and retired, amid the deafening applause of the audience.

The medal, which is very beautiful, is on the order of a Maltese cross. On one side is inscribed, "Presented to Clara H. Frederick, June, 1883;" and on the other side, "Covington High School, Excellency in Scholarship."

Premiums were then awarded to the following members of the Senior Class:

	Average.
Annie J. Thiery.....	97 2-5
Lorena Warren.....	97 1/4
Nicolas Joyner.....	97 1/4
Theo. Joyner.....	97
A. V. Foote.....	96 3/4
Ailene Belden.....	96 1/4

In the Intermediate Department:
Victor Frederick.....97 1/4
Clementine Morgan.....97
Elizabeth Abney.....94
Jules Cahier.....92

In the Junior Department:
Sophia Reiling, Meoa Reiling,
Belle Warren, Rudolph Heintz,
Josie Burns, Zula Warren.

Beautifully illustrated cards of merit were given to Misses Hattie Abney, Cora Abney, Mary Reber, Adele Pechon and Germania Second; and Masters Richard Randolph, Chas. Heintz, Louis Heintz, Fen. Martindale, Willie Morgan, Alfred Pechon, Gus. Laborde and Frederick Mathies.

After the presentation of the prizes to the above named pupils, the Principal then said:

"I take great pleasure in announcing to the audience the names of the following young ladies and young gentlemen, for the excellent scholarship evinced by them whilst in attendance at the school, as I deem honorable mention should be made of them."

Misses Mary Abney, Anna Hawkins, Lizzie Poole, Adele Pechon, Ella Burns, Germania Second, Maria Parker, Edna Warren, and Masters Gilbert Hawkins, James Losset, Hiram Cook, George Cook and Frank Hosmer.

At the close of the entertainment the parents of the scholars and friends of the school were invited to partake of cake and lemonade, furnished by the scholars, after which the evening was pleasantly spent in dancing.

The Covington High School has progressed wonderfully in the brief space of its existence, under the able management of Mr. Dunbracco and his talented assistant, Mrs. E. H. Hawkins, both graduates of Maryland colleges, and our citizens have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the result of the first year's session. The children all show a marked improvement in their studies, and under the stimulating influence of increased advantages, it is but natural that they should apply their minds more closely to their studies, and strive to excel. In this respect, the excellent manner in which the scholars have acquitted themselves, as shown by the reports, should be a source of pride to both the parents and the teachers. The High School is now well established and self-sustaining, and merits the substantial support and encouragement of all our citizens. Though the session just closed was successful beyond all expectation, we hope to see the next session even more fruitful of good results, commencing, as it will, with an established reputation, and under more favorable circumstances.

A Confederate Soldier's Home, for aged and infirm Confederate soldiers, is to be established in Baltimore. The building will be begun so soon as \$12,000 shall have been subscribed. The ladies of that city will assist in the movement.

When you feel out of sorts, have the blues, melancholy, etc., it must be indigestion that ails you. Brown's Iron Bitters cures it.

At Mulberry Grove—We had the pleasure of forming one of a *distingue* party who dined at that famous summer resort, Mulberry Grove Hotel, last Sunday. We arrived at this very charming spot about four o'clock in the evening, and were welcomed by Mr. Ch. Thiery and his genial lady, who escorted us into the large rustic building, which is the main dining hall of the Hotel, where a long table was set in a manner at once suggestive of the masters of a grand cuisine. While we paused to admire the beautiful appearance of the table, we were not surprised, as the established reputation of Mr. Thiery, as a prince of caterers, led us to anticipate as much, as that is his usual way of doing things. He has a knack of arranging his board in a style at once pleasing to the eye as well as tempting to the appetite. The host soon announced that all was ready, and we took our places. Dr. E. R. Randolph graced the head of the table, while on either side were seated Mr. J. R. Hosmer, Col. W. F. Hosmer, and Messrs. Chas. Heintz, P. J. Dulion, Emile Frederick, W. H. Davenport, M. S. Kottwitz and "we." The feast which followed was indeed an excellent one. While we did justice to it at the time, we can not do so with the pen. Among the many tempting dishes, we note the following: Turtle soup; baked red snapper; roast turkey; chicken, stewed with mushrooms and oysters; stuffed tomatoes; several kinds of vegetables and pickles; peaches, raisins, almonds, pecans, peanuts, cantaloupes, etc., etc. There was also an abundance of champagne and other wines, and pure Havana cigars. The innumerable variety of choice edibles were prepared in a style which showed that Mr. and Mme. Thiery fully understand the secrets of the cuisine. The banquet lasted until a late hour, when we bade our host and hostess adieu, fully satisfied that Mr. Thiery has won and deserves the title of "prince of good fellows."

There is a mineral spring in the Grove of fine medicinal qualities. This, together with the delightful location of the Hotel, in the midst of a beautiful, shady grove of mulberry trees, combines to make this Hotel one of the most desirable summer retreats to be found anywhere. The neat and comfortable cottages surrounding the Hotel, for the accommodation of families, is an attractive feature, and secures the visitor all the comforts of a quiet home, and we will not be surprised to see Mulberry Grove Hotel soon crowded with guests, in search of health or pleasure.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL HALL,
COVINGTON, LA., June 27, 1883.

The Council met on the above date.

Present—E. R. Randolph, Mayor; Jules Pechon, Thos. Davis, H. J. Smith, P. J. Dulion and James Taylor.

Absent—C. G. Joyner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Randolph then stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of instructing the committees to prepare their annual reports of all work done during the year.

The Finance Committee were instructed to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Secretary and Marshal.

The Committee on Improvements were instructed to examine the streets, gutters and bridges, and ascertain what work is needed to place them in good repair.

Both committees were notified to present their reports at the next meeting.

The following bill was approved:
W. G. Kentzel, to salary as Secretary for the month of May..... \$5 00.
The Council then adjourned, to meet Tuesday evening, the 2nd of July, 1883.

E. R. RANDOLPH, Mayor.
W. G. KENTZEL, Secretary.

Go to Griswold's for jewelry, etc.