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SOCIETY NOTES.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR, MATRONITA.

The legend beautiful teaches us that when the great forests were first created the welfare of flowers and trees was guarded by Ryls and wood-nymphs. The former were queer little immortals, looking very much like the wise, mischievous and tiny Puck of Midsummer-Night's Dream, who 'put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes.'

These dear little people took care of the flowers, searching the wide world for the food required by the roots of the flowering plants, while the brilliant colors possessed by the full-grown blossoms were due to the dyes placed in the soil by them, that were drawn through the little veins in the roots and the bodies of the plants as they grew. The Ryls were a busy people, but merry and light-hearted, and they loved their flowers tenderly.

Now, this is only a myth, but one that lingers pleasantly in our thoughts, and fills us with a deeper sentiment towards the beautiful wild flowers with which our woods are filled.

Should it not also stay our hand in the ruthless pulling of these flowers and the breaking of great branches of them to decorate our carriage for an idle hour, then to be thrown aside and allowed to wither and die? The thought of the poor broken plants, holding out their splintered stems and branches—not less than the distress of the gentle Ryls, trying to nurse and comfort them (although it is only a harking back to our childhood days), should carry a pang of regret to the adult heart, grown careless in this work-a-day world.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Railey and little daughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dugas, in America street.

The Ladies' Friday Afternoon Euchre Club met on Monday at the home of Mrs. Wallace Poole. The first prize was won by Mrs. Julian Warren, the second by Mrs. Wallace Poole, the consolation and booby prizes by Miss A. Maghee, and the lone hand prize by Mrs. Charles Colton.

We are more than sorry to hear of the illness of little Bradford Lancaster, and extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, hoping that the dear little man will soon be himself again.

Mrs. F. H. Kent, of South Dakota, is a guest of the Southern. Mrs. Kent has come a long way, and we trust that our bright skies and mellow days have fully repaid her for her long journey.

The progressive euchre given by the M. C. B. was not as great a success, in point of numbers, as it should have been, but was eminently pleasant in every other way, and the ladies had a good time. The prizes were lovely and Miss Salome Seiler was the lucky winner of the first, Mrs. Charles Colton the second, and Mrs. Logan Belknap the consolation prize. When worthiness of purpose is coupled with a pleasant time, and pretty prizes, the inducement should certainly prove a strong one.

The Embroidery Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Joseph Delery, and the hours sped all too quickly. The reading of Mrs. Marvin Poole was much appreciated by the busy ladies, and the dainty refreshments served by the gracious hostess were greatly enjoyed.

The "Philistine" most succinctly settles the old argument of "man's superiority to woman" by saying: "Man is superior to woman—when he is; and when he isn't, he isn't."

The Five Hundred Club met at the residence of Mrs. Fred. Hardie. Mrs. Hardie is ever a charming hostess, and the ladies did full justice to her gracious hospitality. The prize was very pretty and was won by Miss L. Allain.

Miss Josie Whelply was a guest to the Crescent City on Saturday last.

Everybody goes a-fishing these days—that is, when Jupiter Fluvius checks up his water carts. On bright days, toward sunset, the streets are filled with home-coming disciples of dear old Isaac Walton.

These devotees of the rod and lines usually wear old clothes, a straw sun-hat, and the happiest smile, the latter attesting a day well spent in the sweet-smelling woods, and a goodly string of fish—the pride of a fisherman's heart.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Z. Williams spent a day and a night at the fishing camp on the beautiful Tchefuncta. Mrs. Williams says the catch was good and the outing delightful.

Mrs. R. Y. Mills returned to their home in Clinton, La., after a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. E. G. Davis, in Jackson street.

Mrs. S. W. Prague has returned from New Orleans, whither she was summoned to attend the deathbed of her mother, Mrs. Geo. C. Lafaye, who passed away on Sunday, March 22.

We extend to Mrs. Prague, and to her brother, Mr. Julian Lafaye, our sincere sympathy in this great bereavement.

Miss Seymour Hadden spent Saturday in New Orleans.

Mr. Dede Smith, his mother, Mrs. H. J. Smith, and Miss Annie Smith, spent a few days in Mandeville during the past week.

Miss Mary Rapier and Miss Townsend were Sunday visitors to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rapier, in America street.

The Matron's Euchre Club met on Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Jos. B. Lancaster. The first prize was won by Mrs. Jos. Delery, the second by Mrs. E. Wailes and the consolation by Mrs. A. Minuet.

Mr. A. C. Lindauer, of the Picayune staff, was the guest on Sunday of his daughter, Mrs. C. Marvin Poole.

Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Sanders, with Miss Kate Posey, of New Orleans, Miss Delia Gibson, of Franklin, La., and Mr. Gus Ventress, of Sunshine, La., as guests, have been occupying their summer home near Covington this week. Mr. Sanders left last Monday, after a few days spent at the home, and the guests will remain until Sunday. Mrs. Sanders will probably remain here for a month.

This beautiful weather means outdoor sports, and that means some of Dixon's baseball. This is our national sport, and the patriotic as well as the sportsman heart thrills at the sight of a good game of ball. So, hooray for Dixon! We'll all go to see them play.

The euchre given by the Ladies Auxiliary Fourth Troop Cavalry, Thursday night, was quite a success, financially as well as socially. The first prize, which was a handsome, cut-glass powder jar with silver top, a donation to the Auxiliary from Messrs. T. Housman & Son, of New Orleans, was won by Mrs. Wallace Poole; the second prize, a very pretty shirt waist, was won by Miss Anais Boudousque; the consolation, a silver thimble, was won by Mrs. Logan Belknap. The gentleman's first prize, a gold scarf pin, set with rubies, was won by C. C. Champagne; the second, a gold scarf clasp, was won by L. Theriot, and the consolation, a silver pencil holder and pencil, by S. Frelander.

[As we go to press some notes are handed in about Dixon Night at Cantrelle's hall. A full account will appear in next week's issue of the Farmer.]

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SHALL WE HAVE A STOCK LAW?

The very praiseworthy effort for the introduction of a stock law in Covington, like every innovation that marks progress and improvement or nips the privileges of pioneer customs, will have to contend with the opposition of both the ignorant and the selfish. There is no law governing a community that is not objectionable to some. But the stock law will soon come. It may be delayed, but Covington is growing too rapidly to submit to the free ranging of cattle.

If those who own cattle would stop to consider that the inconvenience caused by the passage of such an ordinance would be more than offset by increased benefits in the shape of rents, money spent in the town by visitors and added value to property, they would withdraw their objection.

The plea made by "Bono," in last week's issue of the News, that droppings of the cow are not uncleanly, because used to grow vegetables, is so ridiculous as to lead us to think that his main object was to be "funny." Every school child is aware of the chemical changes that take place before a plant receives nutriment from it. The carbonic acid that means life for the plant would be the death of "Bono." We agree with him as to the wholesomeness of milk, butter, cream cheese and clabber; that is, when it is not made unwholesome by contamination or disease. Milk and its products become dangerous foods under unsanitary conditions, and a stock law would safeguard us from some of the dangers.

While we are in sympathy with the motive that actuates "Pessimist," we cannot agree with him in his rating of the Council. The Council will be only too glad to pass a stock law when it becomes evident that a majority of the people wish it, and we who desire the law may make up our minds that unless a majority of the people can be convinced of the desirability of such an ordinance, we are not going to have one. By the reasoning of Pessimist we do away with an important factor in the administration of all public affairs, diplomacy and consideration for the views of others. We must have public sentiment with us; and we believe that with a full realization of the benefits that will accrue from such a law all opposition to it will cease.

The question is, shall we unite our efforts to make Covington an attractive, up-to-date town, or shall we let it drag along in the same old rut?

The situation of Covington, with two railroads and navigation, its reputation as a health resort and its proximity to a city that is to become the greatest in the world, should arouse its citizens to a realization that old-time simplicity must make way for the growth of a city. In a short time we will have electric cars. Picture the inconsistency of electric cars, automobiles, family carriages and grazing cattle! Is it not an anomalous picture? The incongruity is so apparent that it hardly seems necessary for argument. The Farmer asks the people to show that they are equal to the occasion; that their love of the town and their pride in its prosperity and advancement will not allow them to place any obstruction in the path of its progress.

We believe a stock law would be to the interest of the town, and our belief is based on the usages and customs of towns that have reached any degree of prominence, the complaints that are constantly being made by visitors that cattle and horses in the street are objectionable and a nuisance, and because of unsanitary conditions arising therefrom.

Milkmaids may not be afraid of cattle, but the people to whom we extend an invitation to visit us are unaccustomed to them and are afraid of them. As to sanitary objections, every intelligent citizen knows and understands the danger that lurks in any refuse matter in the streets, aside from the unhealthfulness of cattle grazing therein.

We think that when the question is thoroughly comprehended many will withdraw their objection to a stock law.

But do not let us become spiteful and bitter. If there are arguments against a stock law, other than slight inconvenience or expense to owners of stock, let us have them, and let the people decide whether they are good and sufficient reasons. But we reiterate our warning, that if personal privileges or interests are allowed to interfere with progress and improvement, the final result will be the suppression of energy, the discouragement or enterprise and the withdrawal of a desirable element in the maintenance of the prosperity of the town.

Mr. C. E. Schwing, editor of the Iberville South, and Mr. A. R. Albretton, of the Land Office in Baton Rouge, were in Covington last Saturday, on business, and were welcome visitors to the Farmer office for a short talk. Mr. Schwing is an energetic young journalist, and believes in the strenuous life, as evidenced by the remark of a friend of his, who said, "Schwing is editing a newspaper in Iberville, studying law in Baton Rouge, and loving in New Orleans." If he is as successful in his New Orleans venture as in his Iberville and Baton Rouge undertakings, then he is a prototype of the twentieth century genius.

The Death of Mr. R. H. Babington, occurring in the manner it did, was shocking and incredible to this community. Mr. Babington was of high standing, without a suspicion in the business community that his financial embarrassment amounted to anything beyond temporary inconvenience. The rash act must have been due to a mind unbalanced by illness.

RESULT OF CONFIDENCE AND ENERGY.

Mr. J. T. McCune, the expert mechanic and pressman with E. C. Palmer & Co., Ltd., of New Orleans, this week put the finishing touches to the new Babcock Regular cylinder press that has been put up by W. H. Kentzel in his printing house on Gibson street. This is a high grade printing press and cost \$1400.

A cursory review of the circumstances that induced the establishment of the W. H. Kentzel printing house and its steady growth to its present completeness and prosperity will bring to light an interesting illustration of what can be accomplished by determination and ability in the face of adverse circumstances.

Less than two years ago Mr. Kentzel was in the office of the Farmer attending principally to the job work and advertising department, having an inclination for this kind of work and being a firm believer in the possibilities of Covington and enthusiastic as to the opportunity for building up a job trade, if proper inducements could be offered to customers and the office properly fitted for the execution of the work.

But printers were scarce in Covington, and while the work was not sufficient to warrant the sending off for another printer, it was still enough to interfere with the regular work of the paper, and it was decided to discontinue the job department.

A short time previous Mr. Kentzel had taken a trip to St. Louis, and had more than ever become impressed that a first-class job office, run in proper style and properly equipped would be a paying venture, and while not meeting with any great encouragement, he decided that he would establish such an office in Covington.

At that time a suitable place for such a business was not to be found and a building was erected especially for that purpose by Mr. E. J. Frederick. The little Pearl jobber and the Advance paper cutter was moved into this building and with the addition of a Chandler & Price job press and a few cabinets of job type formed the nucleus of the present printing house, which can turn out anything, from a poster to a cigar label.

Conscientious work and strict attention to business has enabled Mr. Kentzel to demonstrate the correctness of his views, and to-day the businessmen of Covington are not compelled to send to New Orleans to have intricate work done or to save cost. All stapling and punching, perforating, etc., is done by machines specially made for that purpose, and first-class labor is employed. This house has been doing railroad tariff work with perfect satisfaction, and has a special outfit for this purpose.

Mr. Kentzel now has under consideration the addition of a book bindery and a ruling machine to his business. If this is done, Covington will be thoroughly up to date, as far as a printing establishment is concerned. Few New Orleans establishments have ruling machines.

Our object in writing this article is not to advertise the Kentzel printing house; our editorial columns are not used for that purpose. We simply use the material as an impressive lesson to those who are continually crying, "That's all right for a big city, but you can't do that in Covington. We are too near New Orleans." To the man who never tries, nothing is a success. When the Covington Bank and Trust Co. was organized in 1898 the same cry was raised by many. It was declared there was nothing to support a bank; that years ago we had banks, and where were they now? But to-day the bank is a prosperous institution, and the St. Tammany Banking Company and Savings Bank has since been organized, and is also making a fine showing.

After the disastrous fire of November 11, 1898, that swept out of existence a large portion of our business district, Mr. Emile Frederick erected the first large brick store and office building in the town. It was predicted that such a structure would not prove profitable and would be an elephant on his hands. But it did pay. As a pioneer in building, Mr. Frederick is entitled to the gratitude of every citizen in Covington for an example that has paved the way for the number of fine buildings that have since been erected in Covington.

The Covington Grocery and Grain Co. and the St. Tammany Ice and Manufacturing Co. are other evidences of what may be accomplished by individual effort and energy and independence of thought and action. Such forces united in the interest of Covington could accomplish a great deal.

There are some trite aphorisms, well meant, that have been productive of more harm than good, and one of them is, "Let well enough alone." It is the shield of the sluggard and worshiper of the ancient methods of our forefathers. The accomplishments of a man are only bounded by his ability, and the prosperity of a town is a reflection of its citizenship.

The decision of Judge F. D. King that the primary law is unconstitutional appears to the mind of the layman to be clear and convincing, and there is slight chance that the Supreme Court will find differently. The contentions and difficulties that have arisen under the primary system has disclosed many imperfections, and even had there been no attack on its legality, it would have been necessary to reconstruct and amend it. But we cannot see that there is any way of preventing political combinations to defeat candidates for nomination, either in the primary or in the convention. A candidate before the primary is not in the race, unless his cash is unlimited or the captains are with him.

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Fern Cottage News

Fern Cottage, March 26, 1908.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

We were welcomed with a nice rain Sunday, which will give the farmers a chance to finish their rough ploughing.

The meeting of the Farmers' Union, which was held at Booth's, March 20, was well attended.

Delegates from all parts of the parish were present to represent their locals.
T. C. Adams was looking over the turpentine works this week. Mr. Adams is keeping things moving.

Louis Piluad has his residence finished and a barn built, and will move into his new home soon. His place near Pilgrims' Rest school is for sale. A nice chance for any who would like to send their children to a good school.

We trust that Mr. Evans will supply us with a good teacher when the schoolhouse is completed.

Dudenheffer Caught.

Ferdinand P. Dudenheffer, the defaulting tax collector of the Third District of New Orleans, was arrested at his mother's residence in New Orleans last Wednesday. He had worked his passage over as fireman on the fruit line steamer Bluefields, from Honduras.

NOTICE.

Under the Revenue Act of 1906 it becomes the duty of each and every taxpayer to file a list or assessment with the Assessor on or before the 31st day of March, in each year. The Assessor now has his deputy out in each ward. Mr. L. A. Perrin is deputy for the Third ward, and Mr. Warren Thomas, assessor, or Mr. L. M. Moise, chief deputy, will always be found in the office.

Card of Thanks

I take this method of publicly thanking all neighbors and friends who visited and assisted me in my late sickness. I thank the Knights of Pythias, of which order I am a member, for placing a trained nurse with me, and for the sick benefits given me. I also thank the physicians who attended me. Above all, I thank the Lord of all, for the blessed privilege of longer life and health, and thank the Red Men of the lodge of which I belong.
A. PREVOST, SR.

ROYALINE
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

CHURCH NOTICES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Covington, La.
Sundays, 8 and 10 a. m., holy mass.
Week days 8 a. m., holy mass.
Lenten Services: Sundays 7 p. m., sermon and benediction; Friday 5 p. m., Way of the Cross and benediction.
REV. JOS. KOEGERL, Pastor.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Madisonville, La.
Sunday, holy mass 8 and 10 a. m.
REV. PLACIDE DOBINS, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services every 1st and 3d Sunday 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday and Friday evening.
Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
Madisonville is visited on the first and third Sunday nights.
On the second and fourth Sundays there is preaching at Slidell.
Services at Pearl River fourth Sunday afternoon at 2:30.
Mandeville on 5th Sabbath.
REV. J. M. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Methodist Church Services.
REV. H. N. HARRISON, Pastor.
Preaching in Covington every Second and Fourth Sunday, 11 a. m., and every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching at Pittersburg on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a. m., and on the third Sunday at 8 p. m.
Preaching at Tallisheek (Waldhelm), on the first Sunday at 3 p. m., and on the third Sunday at 11 a. m.
Everybody welcome.

First Baptist Church
Rev. J. E. Brakefield, pastor. Phone 126-2.
Services every Sunday, except the first, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School 10:45 A. M. and every Sunday at 7:00 P. M.
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Fifth Sunday 10:45 A. M. and at 7:00 P. M.
All services in English except the morning service on the second Sunday of every month. Services are also held in New Home Settlement, at Edwain Schoolhouse, on the first Sunday of every month at 10:30 A. M., and in Mandeville on the third Sunday at 11 A. M.
Everybody welcome at these services.
Sunday School every Sunday in Abita at 9:30 A. M.
Rev. A. KAUB, Pastor.

Lutheran Church Services
Divine services are held in Abita as follows:
First Sunday at 7:00 P. M.
Second Sunday 10:45 A. M. and at 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday 10:45 A. M. and at 7:00 P. M.
Fifth Sunday 10:45 A. M. and at 7:00 P. M.
All services in English except the morning service on the second Sunday of every month. Services are also held in New Home Settlement, at Edwain Schoolhouse, on the first Sunday of every month at 10:30 A. M., and in Mandeville on the third Sunday at 11 A. M.
Everybody welcome at these services.
Sunday School every Sunday in Abita at 9:30 A. M.
Rev. A. KAUB, Pastor.

Protestant Episcopal Christ Church
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m., except the second and fourth Sunday.
Holy communion first and third Sundays in the month, after the 11 o'clock service.
Strangers are cordially invited to all services.
Lenten week services on Tuesday and Thursday, 8:15 p. m.
Services on the second Sunday of the month, at the Union Church, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
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