

MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

constitution and by-laws of the Retail Merchants' Association of Covington have been adopted and the association is now established on a working basis.

The organization of this association means more to the business community of Covington than is evidenced in its title, and while it will protect merchants in their dealings with customers who are slow or bad pay, it also has for its object "protection against unjust laws affecting businessmen, and a careful scrutiny of all legislation relating to the same," which means that its members must necessarily become familiar with all legislation affecting business and interested in placing in office men fitted for the positions which they are to occupy, not only in the legislature, but in the offices in the parishes where the laws are to be enforced.

Thus creating a unity of interest in our community that will unite factions and give strength to merit and ability.

It will also have a tendency to enlarge the cash trade and restrict the expensive credit system.

We quote the following clauses in the constitution as showing the good influence the Association will have in raising business to a higher standard, introducing cleaner methods and establishing a feeling of confidence between merchant and customer.

"Promote kindlier feelings toward honorable competition and removing the inclination to berate and criminate neighbors in trade."

"Inspiring confidence between buyer and seller by doing business on legitimate principles."

"To stimulate a determination to render the title 'businessmen,' a synonym for honor, firmness, probity, justice and high morals."

The adoption and inculcation of such precepts as the above cannot but give to business transactions a higher moral tone that will breed confidence and respect, and must assuredly lead to a betterment of business relations in Covington.

Every merchant in Covington should join the Association and lend all aid to the consummation of its objects and enforcement of its teachings. "In unity there is strength."

There is nothing that cannot be accomplished by proper effort, that is founded on sound business principles and supported by sane and moral influences.

We welcome the organization of the Association and bespeak for it the accomplishment of much good.

THE ELECTION.

On page five we give a tabulated statement of the election returns of this parish, showing that Mr. Wickliffe carried every ward but one—the First. His majority in the parish was 279, and in the State 2223. A coincidence is the fact that he carried every parish in the district except one—Mr. Favrot's home parish, which he lost by twenty votes.

In winning this battle, Mr. Wickliffe has exhibited those traits of character that make for success in Congress—sound judgment, executive ability, shrewdness in reading character and unswerving firmness in the support of justice and right. As a debater and as an orator he stands in the front rank. Success awaits him, and we are proud to be numbered among the parishes who elected him.

Mr. Shelby Taylor, for railroad commissioner, made a close fight, and lost this parish by but 58 votes, a remarkable showing, considering the friends Mr. Cade had here among political leaders. As the result of local factionalism, it was predicted that Mr. Taylor would get a small vote in Acadia parish, but the results of the election show that he came very near carrying it. He won the nomination throughout the whole district by the large majority of 2066. We predict that Mr. Taylor will make one of the most competent members the Commission has had.

The assessment fixed by the State Board of Equalization for the parish of St. Tammany, is \$5,972,481. The assessment for last year was \$6,192,408. This makes a decrease under the assessment of last year of \$219,977. The total assessment for the State is \$303,719,373.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR, MATRONITA.

Here is a little lecture on walking, packed full of good advice:

"Get shoes big enough, with low, flat heels, and be proud of a good, strong foot, that holds your weight with ease," he said. "A foot too small is as bad as a little head. If your body is out of plumb through wrong shoes, your spine is crooked and your muscles strained. Naturally, your vital organs will sympathize with your cramped feet and tired back-bone, and you are ripe for most any microbe that happens along. Know how to walk—then walk, and if you get tired and stiff, walk just as much the next day and you'll get rested. And as you walk keep your mouth closed, carry your chin in, and think of the good, kind and loving people you know and of the good times you have had. That all helps you to get the weight of your body on your feet. If your mind is depressed, your feet stay behind, and that big artery that is in your neck, that sends the blood and big thoughts to your brain goes on a boycott and your think-

ery is chasing off after trouble. Walk with your head and your feet will follow, but treat your feet right, for if you don't, it is proof you have no head."

The wedding of Miss Laura Weiss to Mr. Jesse Elmer Groves, of Philadelphia, was one of the most interesting events of the past week.

Miss Weiss has many warm friends in Covington, who rejoice in the newly acquired happiness found in uniting her life with that of the man whom she has chosen to be her companion for life.

The wedding was a lovely church affair, celebrated at the Napoleon Avenue Presbyterian Church, in New Orleans, at 6:30 o'clock, on Thursday, September 24.

The pretty edifice was decorated with palms and ferns and bows of sash ribbon, and was filled with the many friends here of the bride and bridegroom. The bridal procession was led by the ushers, Messrs. William Voorhees, Walter J. Weiss, T. P. Graham and Dr. F. J. Freiler. They were followed by Miss Marion Howard Groves, of Philadelphia, the bride's only attendant, who acted as her maid of honor, Miss Weiss entered with her father, who gave her away, the bridegroom awaiting their coming at the chancel with Mr. Charles A. Weiss, a brother of the bride, who was his best man. Rev. Henry W. Burwell officiated. The bride wore a chic gown of Copenhagen blue chiffon voile over a messaline satin slip. It was richly trimmed with lace, a handsome hat of blue to match completing the costume. She carried a huge cluster of American Beauty roses. The maid of honor wore a pretty gown of tan chiffon with hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves left immediately after the ceremony for Philadelphia, their new home. Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. J. Morris Groves and Miss Marion Howard Groves, of Philadelphia, the father and sister of the bridegroom. The latter will remain here for some time as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss.

Numerous beautiful wedding gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Groves from friends in all parts of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weiss entertained at a beautiful dinner Wednesday evening in New Orleans, in honor of their daughter, Miss Laura Weiss, and Mr. Jesse Elmer Groves and the members of the bridal party at the wedding of Miss Weiss and Mr. Groves, which occurred yesterday. The table was lovely, decorated with white asters and dainty ferns. The guests, besides the bridal couple, were: Misses Ida Martin Odalie Swanson, of Pass Christian; Marion Groves, of Philadelphia; Messrs. J. Morris Groves, T. P. Graham, Charles A. Weiss, William Voorhees and Dr. F. J. Freiler.

Mr. Alfred Toledano has returned to New Orleans, after a residence of a year in Covington.

Mrs. Ernest Wailes and niece, Miss Dorothy Blackmar, have gone to New Orleans for several days.

Mrs. Fred Roehl and son Howward have returned to Covington, after a delightful stay of several months in New Mexico. Mrs. Roehl's many friends heartily welcome them back.

Miss Olive Mather left Saturday morning for New Orleans to be the guest of the Rev. John W. Caldwell and wife.

Miss Gertrude Mather is in Hammond, on a visit to Miss Ruth Boswell, daughter of Dr. Boswell, editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Mrs. L. L. Morgan and little ones are again in Covington, after a sojourn in Ashville, guests of Mrs. J. B. Cefalu. Mrs. Morgan is a part—a charming part—of the social life of Covington, and her return is sincerely welcomed.

Mr. Morgan spent two weeks in Ashville, returning with Mrs. Morgan and children.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Domergue in the death of their little one.

Mrs. C. H. LaVillebeuvre returned to New Orleans on Wednesday, after a visit of two weeks to Mrs. William Bodebender.

Mrs. Chas. G. Colton and family have returned to New Orleans, after a summer's stay in Covington.

The Friday Afternoon Euchre Club met at the residence of Mrs. Wallace Poole, the guests of Mrs. M. Mercedal, the first prize was won by Miss Ratto and the consolation by Miss Gladys Renshaw.

The Misses Renshaw have returned to New Orleans, after a pleasant summer in Covington.

Mr. Douglass Black was a Sunday visitor in Covington, the guest of Misses Mary and Laura Hosmer.

Miss Lily McCall and Mr. Pierce Freret have been recent guests of Miss Marion Flower, of Claiborne.

Mrs. Walter Flower and family left on Thursday afternoon for New Orleans, after a summer spent at their lovely cottage in Claiborne.

Miss Nina Laroussini spent the past week in New Orleans.

Mr. Harry Mackay is still a visitor in Covington, a guest of the Southern.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weiss and Mr. and Mrs. Groves, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday in Covington.

Miss Marie Mellon spent several days in Covington during the past week, the guest of Miss Laura Hosmer.

Mr. Clarence Richard and Mr. Guy Grimmer went to New Orleans during the past week, Mr. Grimmer entering St. Joseph College.

Mrs. and Misses Mayeur returned to New Orleans recently, after spending the Summer in Covington.

The D. F. L. gave a most delightful affair at the Southern on Tuesday night.

Misses Cenas, of New Orleans, have spent a part of the summer in Covington, guests of Mrs. Charoppin, and returned to New Orleans on Tuesday afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. T. M. Burns returned Monday night from a delightful trip to New York.

Mrs. Marvin Poole returned during the week from New Orleans, where she attended the Weiss nuptial.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Planche returned

last week from Cooper's Well, where they spent two weeks. Mr. Planche was very much benefited by his trip.

Mrs. G. Leonard and her two charming daughters, and little friend Dorris Naumann, of New Orleans, and Miss Rosa Mendow, of Abita Springs, spent last Tuesday in Covington, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mendow, and during their stay paid a visit to the Farmer office.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY W. E. FAZENDE.

Owing to the cost of vaccine points, Dr. Heintz will be compelled to charge the school children with the cost of same. The price is 15c or two for 25c.

Dr. William G. Smith has taken up his residence here, with the intention of practicing among the people of this community.

Dr. Smith is a graduate of Tulane University, a settled man and has just abandoned a large practice in Hammond, La., to locate here. He will reside temporarily at Strain's Cottage and has offices in the rear of McNulty's drug store.

This is the second physician to establish a clientele here within the past month. Dr. Buquiol being the first, who opened offices a few weeks ago in the same location.

The returns of last Tuesday's election here are as follows: Wickliffe 32; Favrot 12; Cade 26; Taylor 17. The total vote polled here was 44. The same commissioners and clerks who served at the previous election worked again at the polls.

Mr. Julius P. Holm died here suddenly last Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Mr. Holm was a native of Denmark, but had resided in New Orleans for the last thirty years. Coming in this country when a young man. Of late Mr. Holm was not in the best of health, and at his doctor's advice came here to live. His handsome little cottage was just nearing completion when he was so suddenly called to his heavenly reward.

The remains were taken to New Orleans for interment where the funeral took place on Sunday last. The officers of the Norwegian and Danish ships in port attending.

The deceased was married to Miss Luella Hill and was 49 years of age at the time of his death.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. Frank Norman was married to Miss Jessie Combel by Justice A. O. Pons. Mr. and Mrs. Norman were escorted from Abita by a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Todd left Abita last Wednesday after being a resident here for several years. Much regret was felt at their departure, and they will be badly missed. They will reside in New Orleans in the future, where Mr. Todd is established in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nassits were visitors to Mrs. Nassit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kohn, Sunday.

Mr. Ben Katz and family left Abita after several delightful weeks spent among friends. Misses Aurelie and Emilia Harduoin are guests of their brother, Mr. Julian Harduoin. Miss Edna Heintz has returned to her home in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Strain, Sr., announce the marriage of their daughter Mary, to Mr. Robert Johnson, of New Orleans, on November 24, at 5 o'clock p. m., at St. Jane's Catholic Church, Abita Springs.

An enjoyable tallyho ride was given to Mandeville on Sunday, last in honor of Miss May Cunningham. The party enjoyed a delightful lunch spread beneath the oaks on the beach. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. U. Strain, Alice Finney and W. Burke, Kate Zeigler and Joseph Martinez, Clare Tanney and George Dillon, Tessie Taylor and John Iler, Ada Strain and Thomas Timney, Katie Brandin and Arthur Dryors, Julia Press and Horace Delong, May Cunningham and John Ford.

Mr. P. E. Laborde has returned to New Orleans after several weeks spent at Long Branch.

Mr. H. T. Fazende and Miss V. Fazende have returned to New Orleans after several months spent with relatives here.

Miss Bertha Harder has returned to New Orleans after a delightful stay here, the guest of the Misses Schmidt.

Mr. Seymour Smith was a visitor to New Orleans during the past week.

Master Charles Schmidt has returned to college in New Orleans.

Mr. John Bray has accepted a position with the Great Northern Railroad in Slidell.

Mr. St. Marc Duparquier has returned to Dixon Academy in Covington.

Mr. Frank Massina has returned to New Orleans, after a pleasant stay at Gorman Cottage.

George W. Dillon has returned to his home in New Orleans after a two-weeks stay with friends here.

Mrs. L. Allen and baby and son Walter, returned home last Friday, after a week's visit to relatives in New Orleans.

Folsom Notes

Mr. H. Fendlason and family visited Covington last Thursday.

Mr. Rubie Burns left recently to attend school at Bogalusa.

Mr. Bart Spring has accepted a position in the railroad shops at Florenville.

Miss Oris McNeil and Master John McNeil are attending school at Ellisville, Miss.

Mrs. Lipsey has returned after visiting relatives at Columbia, Miss.

Mrs. J. D. McLean visited friends in Covington Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Hubbard spent several days of this week in Covington.

Mrs. Peter McCarty and children spent last Saturday in the Crescent City.

The Woodmen of the World unveiled the monument of Mr. Thompson, at the Allison cemetery, last Sunday. They were assisted in the impressive ceremonies by the choirs of the Baptist Churches of Folsom and Pogue Falls.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. Blackburn will be glad to learn that their little son, Estis, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mr. W. H. Ott, of Mt. Hermon, was here Saturday on business.

Mr. Louis A. Jenkins is having a neat cottage built in Folsom. When completed this house will add much to the beauty of our little village.

Mr. Ed. Lacroix, of Covington, spent Thursday in Folsom.

Mr. H. J. Smith, of Covington, was on our streets

Wednesday.

Mrs. Barnett, of New Orleans, visited Folsom Wednesday.

Mr. T. O. Maxwell, of Bogalusa, was here this week.

The Ladies Aid Society will give an entertainment Friday night for the benefit of the Baptist church.

There were many out Thursday night to hear the eloquent sermon delivered by Rev. H. N. Harrison, of Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fendlason and family spent last Wednesday on their Alma farm gathering peaches.

The entire population of Folsom turned out Tuesday night to the Rhenhart show, which was very good.

Mrs. T. Munday and son Tom, of New Orleans, passed through here Wednesday en route to McDougal.

Mandeville Notes

Mandeville, La., Sept. 30, 1908.

Dr. Gill, of New Orleans, is taking charge of Dr. Paine's patients, while the latter is in Washington, D. C.

Hon. L. L. Morgan, of Covington, is spending a few days in Mandeville.

The King's Daughters Circle of Mandeville, gave a reception Monday night in honor of the guests of Rest Awhile. Refreshments were served.

Harry C. Galbraith, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Galbraith has gone to Central America.

Mrs. Givens and grand daughter Gladys have gone to New Orleans for a few days.

Mrs. Hauptmann and family have returned to their home in New Orleans after spending the summer months in Mandeville.

Mr. C. A. David is building an addition to his home on the Lake Shore.

The Rest Awhile closed Tuesday, Sept. 29, after entertaining two hundred and sixty-four guests during the season.

Mandeville school opens October 5. We all hope to have a very successful school year.

The community is sorry to hear of the sad accident that happened to the aged mother of Mrs. Miller, who fell and broke her limb. Dr. Notackher, her son, of New Orleans, was here Saturday to attend her.

The Misses Hopkins, after spending the summer away from their home on the Lake Shore.

Mr. Geo. Smith has returned home after undergoing a serious operation. He is now doing nicely.

Mrs. Hardy of Covington and Mrs. Hardy, of New Orleans, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leonal this week.

Mr. D. Schumacher and party were among the Mandeville visitors to Covington, Wednesday.

From Talisheek.

Talisheek, September 29, 1908.

October, with its gorgeous foliage and golden, dreamy days, is upon us, bringing to a close the cherished hopes and possibilities that were inspired by the summer just past. To the young the fading year brings sad reflections; to them comes the thought of the pleasures and gaieties the coming winter will afford them, and already are many forming their plans for the holiday festivities and the pleasurable surprises they intend to give. Only golden hopes and rosy days are theirs. But to the faded and ill, upon whom age has crept silently, do these autumnal signals signal the close of life's usefulness, come with a feeling of sadness. To them there is no looking forward with bright expectations. They only can look forward to the end, and backward to the golden opportunities past, swallowed up in the relentless vortex of necessity, and shed bitter tears over lost hopes, lost confidence in humanity, and wonder why the "Infinite Power" has found it necessary to give to them such an unsolvable problem to unravel as life has proven: and only the thought that some "sweet hope lies safely hidden from mortal eyes," and that "in the future angels may roll the stone from this grave away," do they find solace.

Matters in the piney woods regions move on about as in the past. The N. O. & N. R. Co. are opening avenues of enterprise hitherto unknown, and the passing of the different trains, with the consequent noise and bustle, is certainly a great relief to the monotony of the past. It does not seem so far to "somewhere," now that we can jump into a train and go to see friends that we used to take days to visit. And again, friends often find it a great pleasure to visit here in the country, and it is not an infrequent occurrence to see dear, familiar faces greet you at our little station that we did not have the pleasure of in the past. Needless to say, we owe this to the enterprise of our new railroad and its promoters.

Well, election is over, and probably there are a number of our good citizens suffering with severe headaches, as well as blasted hopes.

The school here opened very auspiciously.

Sunday was a very unpleasant, rainy day, but there was a goodly attendance to hear the Rev. Mr. Beard in one of his interesting talks.

A number of strangers from other places have visited here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Popkes, of New Orleans, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook, as were also Miss E. Copp, Mrs. A. L. Bruce and grandson, of New Orleans, Mrs. Sam Dupre and son, of Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Reader, of Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Barker, of Kansas, with her daughter and son, were recent guests of Mrs. Isabella Holmes.

Mrs. Jane Parker has returned to her home here, after quite a lengthy stay in Covington, under the care of one of your prominent physicians.

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Pearl River Notes

Pearl River, La., Sept. 28, 1908.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Mary Aloysius Scheib, wife of Thomas J. Parker, died at Pearl River, La., Sept. 20, 1908.

Last Saturday morning our little village was very much saddened when the words passed from one to another "Mrs. Parker is dead." Many did not know that she was ill. But the summons that all of us must sooner or later hear, came to her and she passed out from this life "to that bourne from which no traveller ever returns," leaving her little babe and eight other children to battle through the world without a mother's loving care. Besides the sorrowing husband, mother five sisters and three brothers, are many friends to mourn her departure. The oldest son is about seventeen, the oldest daughter fourteen, the rest small children. May the God of all comfort and help the bereaved father to guide his helpless family. Mrs. Parker was born in New Orleans June 21, 1870. Rev. J. Peters, of the Methodist Church officiated at the funeral. But as Mr. Parker was an Odd Fellow, the beautiful rites of that order were observed at the grave by the Fraternity and amidst a large assembly of friends the casket was laid down to its last resting place at the old burial place of the Porter family, near Pearl River Village. The flower covered hillock marks the spot where all that was mortal of Mary Parker was laid away to sleep.

"The blessed sleep From which none ever wakes to weep."

DAVID BEARD.

At the Methodist Church, Pearl River, La., Sept. 23, 1908. Mr. J. Davis, of Hattiesburg, Miss., to Miss Carrie Beard, Pev. Peters officiated, assisted by Rev. C. D. Atkinson, of Parker Memorial Church, New Orleans.

The altar was tastefully decorated with flowers and potted plants. To the touching strains of Loengren's wedding march, played by Mrs. Donovan, the bridal party marched into the aisle and up to the altar where the solemn ceremony was performed that made two lives as one. The bride in white silk mull was lovely in her simplicity. The groom looked the hero of the occasion. Miss Alma Crawford was bridesmaid while Mr. Harry Beard, brother of the bride, was best man.

Quite a large crowd witnessed the ceremony at the church but only a few of their immediate friends attended the reception at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Herbert Beard.

At 7:30 a. m., on the 24th, the happy couple boarded No. 6 of the Northeastern R. R. bound for Hattiesburg, Miss., where they will be "at home" to their friends.

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All members are requested to be present. GEO. KOEPP, JR., President. E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary.

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