

SANITARY MEASURES.

In the council proceeding will be found a communication from the Board of Health making recommendations that should be promptly carried out.

When unfortunately a case of contagious disease makes its appearance it is talked of in whispers until it grows into alarming numbers, when the whispers break into loud talk that reaches the ears of the Board or some citizen or physician who recognizes the harm that is about to be done and causes an investigation and an official report to be published.

Such was the result of the single case of diphtheria, and had it not been thus squelched the alarming reports would have soon emptied the schools of every pupil. But in order to handle contagious diseases and prevent their spread we must have sanitary conditions.

A PROSPECT FOR GOOD ROADS.

Of all things desirable for the parish of St. Tammany we can think of nothing that would be of greater benefit or whose blessings would be more generally distributed among the people than a system of good roads. It is not through lack of appreciation of this fact, nor lack of effort on the part of our Police Jury to devise some means of accomplishing it, that has allowed year after year to pass without any solution of the problem and with comparatively slight improvement in the roads.

With a view to giving out the work by contract, an expensive survey of all the roads was made, with grades and levels and specifications, and bids were advertised for, but those received were so far in excess of the means of the parish that all were thrown out. This was discouraging, and the low state of the parish funds, which had been exhausted by the frequent repairs made necessary by a previous season of very bad weather, prevented further action being taken in the matter until the last meeting of the Jury, when a proposition was made by Mr. F. T. L. Tynes, of Liberty, Miss., to take a contract to keep the roads in condition for a period of four years for \$250 per mile.

This seems to be the best opportunity that has been presented to have the roads properly worked, and the matter will come up at the meeting of the Jury next Tuesday, when Mr. Tynes will be present. Mr. Tynes is an experienced road-worker who can give bond for a faithful performance of his duty, and in all probability some arrangement will be made with him.

We have been very fortunate, as far as the roads are concerned, in having lately had a season of very dry weather, which has prevented the roads from getting as badly out of order as they otherwise would have been, and it will be very fortunate if the work can be begun without delay.

The conviction of six of the Reelfoot night riders of murder with the penalty of hanging, and the sentence of two to the penitentiary for twenty years, will give a feeling of security to the people of Tennessee and a confidence in the protection of the law. It is time, when Court has to be held under an armed guard and witnesses sit trembling and in fear, to call a halt.

NOT ALL IN THE RACE TRACK.

New Orleans is evidently suffering from the loss of that patronage that usually follows the races. At the time the Locke bill was before the House it was claimed by its supporters that the races took as much money out of the city as they brought in, and that the money squandered on the track would be diverted to legitimate trade channels, perform a much better service and stay at home.

While at this time such does not appear to be the case, there are other causes than the Locke bill. We are inclined to believe the Picayune takes a sensible view when it points to the commercial opportunities of the city. A sporting city may reap large benefits temporarily, but it eventually goes the limit.

Intolerable abuses call forth public condemnation; the class of people who are gathered together under such conditions are injudicious and near-sighted; the law steps in and they move on to more congenial surroundings. It has been the history of all cities in this country which have attempted it.

New Orleans is too great a city to suffer more than temporary damage from such a cause. The true solution lies in the building up of her commercial interests, the establishment of factories and an energetic development of business enterprises. The Picayune publishes a very interesting editorial in last Tuesday's issue, quoting an article by David T. Day of the United States Geological Survey, showing why New Orleans "should be the world's greatest chemical producer."

UNDER THE NEW LAW.

While it is evident that the Shattuck law is not to be enforced in some locations in strict conformity with the intention of its framers, it is also evident, though in operation but a short time, that especially in the larger cities it will materially reduce the sale of liquor. The law, as interpreted by the attorneys in the various districts, leaves a wide margin of difference in the proportion of saloons that go out of business in different localities, some attorneys going so far as to declare the law inapplicable to those already engaged in the business so far as the 300 feet provision was concerned, and probably more will remain in the business than was anticipated, while Mr. Shattuck's assertion that his understanding of the law is that measurement should be made along the street front may aid in removing another bone of contention; but the doing away with music, dance halls and other attractions that filled many places with young men has reduced the sales in a ratio out of proportion to those discontinuing the business; yet it is probable that court decisions and competition will still further reduce the number of saloons.

But on the principal that a half loaf is better than none, a strict compliance with the law is the best course to be pursued, for if the Shattuck law fails to accomplish its object it will be amended and made more strict or there will again be an attempt to force State prohibition. There would probably have been no Shattuck law to-day if there had been a strict observance of the liquor laws. The selling of liquor to minors and the nonobservance of the Sunday law was the prime cause of the fight against saloons, and a failure to enforce the Shattuck law will renew the fight to a certainty.

IS IT REASONABLE TO BELIEVE IT?

The President has always been an advocate of the strenuous life, and in exemplification of his teaching it may be said that the latter days of his term of office bid fair to be strenuous to the fullest. Yet in his single-handed battle against the House and the Senate it would not be safe to believe that he is so lacking in judgment as to sacrifice himself to his enemies by a futile misrepresentation of facts through careless unpreparedness to substantiate his charges.

Whatever may be said of the advisability of his course as a matter of policy, it will hardly be claimed when all is sifted to the bottom that he had not good grounds to believe that he was performing his duty as chief executive of the people, and while most people will doubt the expediency of placing within the power of one man the espionage of all, yet there should be some method of detecting criminal acts of public officials in the course of their public duties, as well as of the private citizen.

After being rebuked and called upon to make good his charges, he furnished to the committee in charge of the investigation such information as he possessed. It is unfortunate that a man of such fair reputation as Senator Tillman should have placed himself in a position of suspicion, and it is to be

hoped that a thorough investigation will clear him of all suspicion; but on the other hand, it is hardly probable that a man of the penetration and acuteness of Mr. Roosevelt would be idiotic enough not to read failure in any spiteful, malevolent or unsustained accusations; and the charge that he is actuated by a spirit of revengefulness in retaliation for Senator Tillman's opposition will hardly stand.

Mr. C. A. David, the newly elected president of the School Board, is a resident of Mandeville and member from the Fourth Ward, and is well and favorably known in the parish. He is a man of character, energy and ability and will make a fitting presiding member at the deliberations of the Board.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. McHardy, of "Glen Gordon," on the Mandeville road, left for the Crescent City Tuesday morning, where they will continue their trip the same evening for New York City. Returning they will stop off at Woodstock, Md., and visit their son, who is at present stationed at the Woodstock College, studying for the priesthood in the Jesuit Order.

Masters James, Norman, Colin McHardy who have been spending the holidays with their parents at "Glen Gordon," have returned to Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., to resume their studies.

Mr. Wm. C. McHardy, of New Orleans, is a visitor to his parent's home, "Glen Gordon," on the Mandeville road, for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Glen "Gordon," was a week-end visitor to Mrs. John Foley, of Claiborne.

Miss Loula Rhodes, of Baton Rouge, with her mother, Mrs. A. G. Berteau, and Miss Katie Reihl and Miss Leontine Demourell, of New Orleans, are visitors of Mrs. Richard Demourell, of Demourell Villa, on the Mandeville Road.

Mr. Joshua Hill, of Pontiac, Mich., is a guest of the Southern Hotel. He will remain here for several months and in a week or two will be joined by his wife and family.

Mrs. S. V. Kentzel spent several days this week with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Hammett, in Folsom.

Mr. Sam Copp, of Bogalusa, was a Covington visitor Thursday.

Miss Katie McDougall, who is teaching school at Onvil, attended the institute held in Covington Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. M. Haveland, the noted Viavi lecturer, spoke to a number of ladies at the M. C. B. Library Saturday. Her talk was not only instructive, but interesting.

Mrs. Preston Bankston, of Breckwaldt, who for the past week has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. L. Smith, left Sunday for her home.

Mr. Numa Hebert visited friends in New Orleans several days last week.

Mrs. Preston Herndon left Thursday for New Orleans, to spend awhile.

Mr. John Mullings was the guest of friends in Covington one day last week. He was on his way back to school in Virginia.

Miss Pauline Claverie, of New Orleans, is the guest of Miss Lou Lyons and Mrs. Wallace Poole for a few days.

The Woman's Progressive Union held their regular monthly meeting at Cantrell's Hall Monday, Jan. 11. A number of ladies were present, thus showing that the interest in public improvements was still at its height. The members are planning a delightful evening for the public in the near future. It is hoped that all interested in the welfare of Covington will assist them in making their projected affair a success, so save your dimes and help make the dollars for the cause.

Mr. E. F. Davis was with us Friday. Mr. Davis being a bank official his holidays are rare, therefore we much appreciate when he can be with us.

Mr. Arthur Abbott, guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith for quite a while past, returned to New Orleans Monday, much to the regret of his many friends.

Capt. W. C. Barrow was a Sunday visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Colton, daughter Lucile and son left for New Orleans, after a pleasant visit of two weeks, guests at the Oaks. A dance at the Southern Hotel, given by the young folks of the town, Wednesday the 13th, in spite of the unlucky date, proved a charming success, the following young people being present:

Misses Kent, Lou Lyons, A. Paronsel, M. Poole, O'Neil, Turner, A. Boudousque, A. Poole, A. Delcroix, Messrs. R. Hebert, L. White, Barclay Smith, C. C. Champagne, V. Moise, E. Marrero, B. Hadden, W. T. C. Spranley, A. Davenport, O. J. Hebert, O. Dullion, N. Hebert, M. Poole, E. Richard, F. Keller, E. Stern, J. Diendorf, C. P. McCann, Courier, Mr. and Mrs. C. Loop, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Doty.

The Maiden's Euchre Club met at the home of Miss A. Sweeney, First prize was won by Miss N. Cantrelle, second by Miss A. Delcroix, third by Miss Jessie Evans, consolation by Miss Kent and booty by Miss Bokenfor. Next meeting will be at the home of Miss B. Theriot.

Chafing dish parties are coming into vogue in our little town. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hebert entertained on Monday night. Misses Adelle Peronsel and May Poole, Messrs. Numa and Oliver Hebert being their guests.

The regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the residence of Mrs. L. S. Hadden, Monday 18. It is hoped all members will be present.

Mr. A. L. Murphy, of New Orleans, has purchased property and is building a beautiful villa next to Gov. J. Y. Sanders, preparatory to making his home among us. It is rumored he will enter into partnership with one of our most prominent lawyers.

Mrs. Marvin Poole entertained the Five Hundred Club Tuesday. Mrs. Ed. Richard was the fortunate winner of the first prize, two handsome fireplace rugs, while the second, two jardiniere and ferns, was captured by Mrs. Fred. Hardy. Mrs. Albert Smith spent several happy days in the city, renewing her youth with old school friends, she returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hood returned from their wedding trip Wednesday a. m. and are at home at 1920 Louisiana Ave.

The friends of Mrs. John Emmerson, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Ellis, are pleased to hear of her recovery from her late serious illness, the friends of both ladies are hoping to welcome them to Covington again.

Mr. J. R. Cocke returned Tuesday from a week's visit to New Orleans. Mrs. Ulisse Dugas, of Lafouche, is the guest of her sister, Mr. J. J. Dugas.

The Matron's Euchre Club met at the residence of Mrs. A. Smith. Mrs. Hardy Smith won the first prize, a beautiful hand braided shirt waist; the second, a pretty hand embroidered center piece, was won by Mrs. Louis Morgan. Mrs. Neil Sweeney captured the consolation. Mrs. H. T. G. Weaver will entertain the club next week. Mr. Ferd. Stern was a Covington visitor Sunday.

The launch party given by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tracy on Sunday afternoon was much enjoyed by all participating. Mr. and Mrs. C. Loop, Mr. and Mrs. F. Heintz, Messrs. R. Badon, J. Smith, D. Weaver, Masters. H. Weaver and A. Tracy, being their guests. Mrs. Daisy Joor has returned to Covington, after quite a visit to New Orleans.

Dr. Geo. Tolson has returned to Covington, much pleased with his trip to the Convention. Dr. Tolson was honored by Gov. Sanders by being appointed from this place to represent it.

Mr. J. L. Watkins returned from his two weeks hunt in Terrebonne parish last Monday. While he was not fortunate enough to get a deer, he reports ducks and birds plentiful and had a good time.

Mandeville Notes

Miss Amelia Simeon spent the past week in New Orleans.

Mr. W. T. Newman has returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he has been for the past month. Mr. and Mrs. J. Givens, of Wason, Miss., spent the week end with Mr. Givens' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alonzo Givens.

Mrs. F. Ribava has returned home from New Orleans where she has been the past fortnight, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Simpson.

Prof. Douglas L. Anderson will deliver a lecture in Mandeville, entitled "City of Venice." The lecture will be illustrated by a series of views of the Italian City, Saturday, January 30, 1909, under the auspices of the King's Daughters Circle of Mandeville. Refreshments will also be served.

The Mandeville Improvement Association held their meeting Wednesday night, January 6, 1909. At the meeting Dr. Fisher and several others suggested that a separate fund be started for the improvement of the beach. It was a splendid idea and will be a great benefit to the town, and no doubt everybody in Mandeville will approve of it.

Mr. Neuhauer and family, of New Orleans, spent the past week in Mandeville.

Postmaster Tucker, of New Orleans, was a caller here the past week.

Mr. C. A. David left Tuesday for New Orleans, where he will remain for a few days.

Mr. Crozat, Mrs. Laffarenderie and daughter, of New Orleans, spent Sunday in Mandeville.

Mrs. W. Shiels spent a few days in New Orleans the past week, the guest of her mother.

Mrs. Dyer was one of the visitors to the Crescent City during the week.

Mr. Leonval and Mrs. Fred Hardy, of Covington, spent Tuesday in Mandeville.

The Mothers Club have changed their name to the Cooperative League of the Mandeville Public School. Mrs. Alonzo Givens returned Sunday from New Orleans, where she has been for a fortnight.

Mrs. Colombe and daughter left Tuesday for New Orleans for a few days stay.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. T. Carey returned home Sunday.

Mr. J. Leonard left Monday morning to resume his business, after spending sometime with his family.

Miss L. Brown spent last Sunday with her brother, Mr. F. Brown.

Master Chas. Schmidt was the guest of his father and sisters Sunday.

Miss Ennis returned home during the week, much to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. Steve Abney visited the Crescent City Saturday.

Mrs. C. Henry spent Saturday in Covington, the guest of Mrs. A. Lajoine.

Mr. J. Booth was a visitor here Thursday.

Misses Irene, Blanche, Carry, Ethel and Corinne Smith and W. Sharp, Messrs. Edgar Duboung, Nick and T. L. Smith, of Mandeville, visited friends here Sunday. Coming by way of the Electric Railroad.

Master A. Paterno visited friends here Sunday.

Messrs. Chas. Biggio and E. Morin visited Covington Monday.

Mr. Ed. Richard visited here Tuesday.

Mrs. Simoni and daughter were visitors here Sunday.

Misses Maud and Edna Lacroix spent Tuesday here.

Mr. Max Joffroin visited here Friday.

Mrs. D. Smith left Sunday evening for Mandeville.

Misses Annie Poole and Anaise Boudousque were visitors here last week.

Mr. M. Lacroix spent Sunday eve here.

Mr. Max Kerkle left for New Orleans Sunday.

Mr. G. McNulty left Sunday for New Orleans to accept a position with the Commercial Drug Store.

Mr. Chas. Spitzfaden spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss L. Beck and friends spent Sunday evening here.

Mrs. Clements and little daughters, Mae and Lucile, after spending the holidays in New Orleans, returned to their home here Sunday.

Mr. A. Mutti, Jr. spent Sunday here with his parents and sisters.

Misses K. Michaelis, F. Carey, H. Schindler and M. Biggio visited Covington last week.

The Abita Euchre Club was entertained last Thursday by Miss Mary Biggio. Nine games were played, after which the first prize for the ladies was awarded Miss Katie Michaelis, while the second fell to Miss O. Morgan, of Mandeville, and the consolation to Miss P. Carey. The gentlemen's first prize was captured by Mr. Sylvian Kahn, the second by Mr. Otis Summers and the consolation to Mr. Ralph Strain. After the games refreshments were served. Dancing was indulged in until early morning. The club held its regular weekly meeting at the home of Miss Hilda Schindler.

The many friends of Mr. Jack Bennet will be glad to learn that he is up again after a very serious attack of pneumonia.

Miss Ollie Morgan returned to her home in Mandeville, after spending some time with Miss E. Abney. Mrs. Branden, Mrs. Smith and daughter Rhea and little friend Annie are the guests of Mrs. Claude Henry.

Mr. J. L. Clairain was a business visitor to Covington Wednesday.

Chas. Biggio, R. C. Abney and Eugene Morin returned from their deer hunt with no deer. Sorry for them; but Bob Abney saw a deer and shot at it and said he hit it. Chas. Biggio and Eugene Morin dropped their guns and took after the wounded deer but could not catch it. Biggio says he is going to bring a rope next time. They go again next week.

Judge A. O. Pons has returned from the Crescent City where he has been for several days. Work was commenced Monday in clearing the grounds to erect the much needed pavilion, and it seems that at last the people realize how badly needed a pavilion is. Much credit is due the men of Abita, as the work is being pushed and it is expected to be completed in the course of a few weeks, and we will have a fine pavilion that will add to the beauty of our town.

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE Of the Salaried Man Should Be TO SAVE.

It is possible that luck may play an important part in the quick making of fortunes, but it has nothing to do with fortunes accumulated from the savings of labor. A bank account, however, will be of assistance and the young man or woman who will take this method of saving from his or her salary will eventually reach the desired goal. This bank welcomes the accounts of those people who are working on salary and have a desire to save a part of it.

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Madisonville Items. Miss Zetella Chatterler has returned, after spending a delightful time in Slidell. Miss Louise Raiford is on a visit to Miss Dalie Stanga. Miss Louise Oulliber is visiting friends in the Crescent City. Mrs. Roland Whittier and children are visiting the Crescent City. Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine and Mr. Mat Morgan, of Covington, spent New Year day here and were the guests of Mrs. M. Morgan. Miss Eleanor LeBlanc is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Selph, of New Orleans. The steamer Josie was hailed up and lunched by the Oulliber Brothers, and is ready to resume her trips again. Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stein on the arrival of a bouncing boy. Our little parochial school closed its doors for the want of a teacher until further notice. Mrs. W. Barton wishes to thank those who kindly assisted in saving her little home from burning on New Year Day. It is with sorrowful regret that the friends of Father Placides Dobins learn of his departure from our midst; but let us all hope and pray that the return of Father Placide Zone, our former pastor, will result in as much good to our community as has been accomplished by Father Dobins. Born, to Mrs. Mark Gougoux, a boy. Miss Jennie Carulet entertained her friends on Wednesday past by a tastefully decorated with holly, mistletoe and ferns, and were filled with merrymakers, who danced beneath the mistletoe, after which refreshment were served in abundance. It was early morning before the guests could think of leaving such a delightful hostess. Houlton & Johnson are giving some very pretty calendars. Miss Adele Peres has resigned as a teacher at the parochial school and will return to her home in New Orleans.