

RING UP 196.

It seems that Covington, along with its up-to-date advantages, must submit to the affliction of tramp nuisance. Unfortunately the tramp's ability to pick out towns where "hand outs" are plentiful seems intuitive, and he has included Covington in his list. The healthful air of our town seems to have given him an appetite remarkable even for "Weary Willie," for the one who ate breakfast for the third time the other morning was nabbed by Marshal Dulton just as he walked out of Mrs. Baptiste's Kitchen, where he had walked in without invitation. Mayor Richard says that a man with such an appetite ought to have strength enough to work on the streets, and he has given him a job. Furthermore, the Mayor says Covington is NOT a healthy place for tramps, and if residents who are troubled with them will just ring up 196 an officer will be sent immediately to conduct said tramps to a place where they will get board and lodging and plenty of work. The Mayor is earnest in this matter and does not propose to have the town overrun with tramps. Therefore citizens will assist him by ringing up 196 when suspicious-looking, able-bodied tramps make their appearance.

REGISTER WITHOUT DELAY.

A petition has been prepared with a sufficient number of signatures to bring before our citizens the question of voting for the issue of bonds to complete our school house. Mayor Richard, with a full recognition of the importance and necessity of accomplishing this has so arranged that no difficulty will be experienced in disposing of these bonds. But a stumbling block has been discovered in the new law that requires that every voter must re-register and that he must do this thirty days prior to an election to entitle him to vote. Therefore it is requisite for those who have the interest of education at heart to register immediately so as to expedite matters and cause as little delay as possible. Register immediately, so that you can get in line and battle for the comfort and education of your children.

GOOD FOR GOVERNOR SANDERS.

Governor Sanders' plan of building sections of good roads in parishes of Louisiana, in co-operation with the State Board of Control, State Board of Engineers and the United States Good Roads Bureau is one of the grandest moves for the benefit of the State that he could have conceived. His plan is to build these model roads with convict labor, the material for construction to be furnished by the individual parishes through their police juries. These roads would be object lessons not only in what can be accomplished in road building when proper and scientific methods are followed, but in the necessary cost of first-class work and the comparative cheapness of expending a required amount in first-class construction. There is nothing more needed in the parish of St. Tammany than an illustration of what can be accomplished here in good road building, and we earnestly hope that ours may be one of the parishes selected for demonstration. We are all the rut and seem to be preparing to stay in it. We have become so wedded to the habit of scooping up mud and throwing it into the middle of the road, at a dollar a day per man, that we sit by the roadside and wait longingly for another rain to wash it into the ditches so that we can throw it back again, with the same rate of progression that enabled the turtle to beat the rabbit in a long race.

MISCEGENATION.

It appears from a sentence imposed by a judge of a court in Farmville, Va., that the miscegenation law in that State is subject to peculiar interpretation that could hardly be placed upon it in this State. In the case in question the man in the case, one Marcus Lindsay, had negro blood in his veins, associated with negroes and had always considered himself a negro, and had married Sophie Jones, a black widow woman. Yet the judge decided that Lindsay had enough Caucasian blood in his veins to be considered legally white, and therefore sentenced him to eighteen years in the penitentiary. While compelled to pass sentence, the judge stated that he would petition the Governor to pardon the defendant, provided he discontinued his marital relations. The law so construed gives no standing to a man admittedly a negro and an associate of negroes in a community where he is known, while it permits him to legally marry a white woman where he is not known. The object of the law, as it appears to us, is to prevent the corruption of white with negro blood. At a recent session of the Louisiana legislature it was attempted to make the law so read that one thirty-second part negro blood should constitute a negro within its meaning, and while this law was defeated by reason of the difficulty of sustaining such a close distinction, it should hardly be desired that a man who admits that he has negro blood in his veins should be prevented from affiliating with or marrying into that race, and certainly not that he should be permitted by a decision of court to mingle his blood with the white race in violation of the very object of the law. The judges in the courts of many of the

parishes of this State have devoted special attention to their instructions to grand juries on this law and the popular opinion seems to be in favor of its strict enforcement. In this parish several cases have been brought to the attention of the Grand Jury, and indictments have followed. It is a good law and its enforcement may prevent embarrassing social conditions, avoid legal contentions, and simplify future legislation.

After all the trouble and expense of demonstrating the unwholesomeness of some of the food preservatives commonly used in the preparation of foods upon the market, we are told that it is all a mistake—that the amount of benzoate of soda found in such foods is not in the least injurious, and that Prof. Wiley has had his trouble for his pains. This conclusion has been reached by a board of five of the most eminent chemists in the country, and those who have noticed how much healthier they have been since they quit eating canned goods may feel thankful for the illustration of how "mind controls matter" and proceed to figure out how Prof. Wiley is going to "make even."

The difficulty of enforcing new laws does not appear to be confined to the Shattuck or the Locke laws nor to Jefferson parish. The provisions governing school boards and superintendents seem also to be trying on the patience of the Governor, and State Superintendent Harris has his hands full. Several of the parishes have appointed superintendents and teachers without certificates and some are holding two positions, while the School Boards have political troubles that make them useless; but no superintendents have been appointed who are not capable of filling the positions and it is probable that they will qualify, and other troubles in the different parishes soon be settled.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

Mrs. H. W. Wright visited Mrs. Hunter Greenlaw in Ramsay, this week. Miss Dimple Breedlove, of New Orleans, was the attractive guest of Miss Lucile Ray. Mrs. Grover Thomas of Talisheek, was a visitor last week at the home of her mother. Miss Bertha McDougall, of Franklinton, who has been the guest of her brother for the past month or so, left for her home last Tuesday. Mr. Addison Wadsworth of the N. O. G. N. R. R. spent the week-end with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hood, after a pleasant trip to New Orleans, are now finally established in the pretty new little home in Louisiana street. Mr. T. B. Crawford, of Pearl River, spent Monday in Covington. Mr. Harvey E. Ellis returned Friday from a trip to Amite City, where he was in attendance at court. Mr. Lindsay McDougall, of Franklinton, spent the past week in Covington attending court, as did Prentiss B. Carter, of Franklinton, G. B. Smart and Henry A. Garland, of New Orleans, and Hon. Elmo E. Bolinger, of Slidell. Miss Seymoura Hadden returned Friday night from a two-weeks' trip to Breckwald, near Hammond. She has been the guest of her friend, Miss Stella Bankston, at her pretty country home. Mrs. W. G. Gallup and Mrs. H. Dussan, of New Orleans, were Sunday guests of Mrs. A. Bosquet. Mrs. Dussan will remain over several days. Mr. Pipes, of New Orleans, was a Sunday visitor to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. G. Davis. Loyd Letten, of Bogalusa, spent Sunday with relatives and friends. Miss Matilda Diendorf, the attractive sister of Mrs. Clay Hebert and Mr. John Diendorf, spent Sunday in Covington as their guest. Mrs. J. Stern is visiting friends in New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gerstner and family have removed to New Orleans, which they will make their future home. Hon. J. B. Lancaster spent Saturday in Baton Rouge and took the examination to qualify as parish superintendent of education. The Misses Kronenberger, of New Orleans, left Sunday, after spending several days with their parents, on Twenty-third avenue. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Frederick were Sunday guests of Mrs. Jasper Nilson. They left Monday morning, accompanied by Mrs. N. Mooring, Mrs. Nilson's grandmother, to visit Mrs. R. R. McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Terrebonne, of Abita Springs, spent Sunday with Mrs. S. V. Kentzel. Mrs. G. Barron, of New Orleans, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. J. Domergue. Mr. Geo. H. Gauze and Mr. W. E. Gauze, of Slidell, attended Court in Covington Monday. Miss Fannie Day returned last week from a trip of several weeks to her home in Mississippi. Miss Retta Mason and Miss Barbara Allen, of the Abita district, were among the attendants at the Deaf Mute entertainment Sunday. Mr. Oliver Richard, of the N. O. G. N., of Bogalusa, spent Sunday in Covington with his parents. Judge John Hager, of Pearl River, spent Tuesday in Covington, in attendance at Court. Miss A. Cologne and daughter Alma spent Sunday with friends in Covington. Mrs. T. C. Glynn, after a visit to New Orleans, returned to Covington Monday night. Mr. W. A. Dutch has returned from a business trip to Jennings, La. Hon. Gordon Goodbee, of Franklinton, La., attended court here Tuesday. The entertainment given last Sunday by the Deaf Mutes, of Chinchuba, for the benefit of Italian Earthquake sufferers, drew one of the largest crowds that have gathered at Cantrell's Hall. They were assisted by students of St. Scholastica Academy. The entertainment was both amusing and instructive, illustrating the remarkable development of perceptive faculties in those

deprived of the most important sense of hearing, even to the acquirement of speech, the oral recitations being clear and distinct in utterance and accented with stress and effect. Even those who had not acquired speech showed their appreciation of humorous situations by impulsive gestures and expressive pose, and seemed to enjoy the proceedings as much as the audience. Much credit is due to Rev. Joseph Koegerl and the Sisters for the pains taken in preparing and drilling the children and for the successful manner in which the entertainment was carried out. The singing and recitation of Karl Kohnke the Zetter duet, by Misses Lily Beck and Sophie Mire, Violin solo by C. C. Kornfield, the playing of St. Scholastica's Orchestra, were all good and much enjoyed. C. C. Korfeld acted as interpreter. The entertainment was in charge of the Holy Name Society. It netted \$87 25. Rev. Father John P. Molyneux, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is a visitor at Chinchuba, was among those present. The Committees were: Reception Committee—J. L. Smith, Gaston Galmiche, J. A. Alphonso, Maurice Planche and Thomas Young. Floor Committee—J. C. Beck, G. R. Smart, J. J. Dugas and H. J. Ostendorf. Stage Committee—L. M. Bourgeois, J. H. Smith, Frank Boudousquie, and C. V. Richard. Mr. Sudduth, former manager of the Cumberland Telephone Company, is quite at his home in Boston street. Mrs. Wallace Poole had as her guess on Tuesday last the members of the Five Hundred Club. Quite a number of games were played and Mrs. W. J. Warren won the first prize while Mrs. Hardy Smith was lucky enough to secure the second. Mrs. Albert Smith will entertain the club next Tuesday at her pretty home on Old Landing road. Rev. J. E. Brakefield, of Bogalusa, visited his friends in Covington on Tuesday last. From here he went to Ramsay, as a guest for a short time of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Greenlaw. Mr. Frank Pechman was the guest Sunday of Mrs. J. B. Ratto. Capt. J. B. Dumestre, of the New Orleans firm of N. Koehn & Co., was a business visitor to Covington several days this week. Messrs. Geo. T. Mayne, S. L. Landow and F. H. Katz, of New Orleans, and G. G. McNeil, of Slidell, registered at the Southern Hotel during the past week, as did Mr. E. M. Weil, stage organizer of the Woodmen of the World. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ruef, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Posey, and W. L. Clark, of New Orleans, Willard Cotton, of Chicago, and Miss Rose Miller, of Tarrytown, N. Y., are guests at Riverside Inn. Mrs. Frank Fox, of New Orleans, is the guest of the Misses Hennessey. Mr. Jas. Talley and bride, of Poplarville, are the guests for a few days of his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Warren. Mr. Talley lived in Covington as a boy and his many friends will be glad to see him again and meet his wife. Mr. W. A. Hood spent Wednesday in New Orleans. The Young Ladies Afternoon Club met Wednesday afternoon with Miss Bokenfohr as hostess. The first prize, a white linen parasol, was won by Miss Beatrice Theriot, the second, a leather hand purse, was won by Miss Cecile Cantrelle; the third, a metalized rose hat pin, by Miss Anais Boudousquie; while the consolation, a book of poems, fell to Miss Alma Adis, and the booby, a statue to Miss E. Richard. Miss Alma Adis will entertain the club next week. Mrs. Miltenberger and family, who have been visiting in Covington for some time, left Wednesday for New Orleans. Miss Mary Smith, of New Orleans, spent several days last week in Covington, the guest of the Misses Patterson. Mrs. Vernon Smith and baby left Tuesday for a visit to friends in New Orleans. Mr. Poole Portes, of Sugsville, Ala., who is a dental college student in New Orleans, spent Sunday in Covington, with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Poole. Rev. W. E. Shine, of Fort Worth, Texas, is the guest of Rev. J. M. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Domergue and Mrs. J. B. Wortham spent Tuesday in New Orleans. Mrs. Florence Helm, who has her headquarters for the Southern States in New Orleans, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Covington on business.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENTS.

Work on the new Pavilion is going on well and funds are being collected. Mrs. Dusquesne turned over to the treasurer a nice sum, the proceeds of the euchre party given at the Abita Hotel some time ago, amounting to \$49.05. The success of the entertainment was entirely due to the pains and energy of Mrs. Dusquesne as the leader was ably seconded by Mrs. Kahn, Mrs. Aubert and others. The amount subscribed for the Pavilion funds is as follows: Progress \$25, Jas. Clairain \$25, P. L. Clairain \$2, Chas. Schmidt \$25, E. H. Chadwick \$10, G. S. Strain \$5, Hy. Strubbe \$5, E. Morin 6 days work, R. Hall 6 days work, Mr. Ness 6 days work, Mr. Jake Kraher every day and all day. Mr. Hardouin is the Architect and Mr. Ness is Superintendent of work. Others who have contributed work are: W. Michaelis, R. Mendow, C. Biggio, George Strain, Joe Byers and Mr. Baker. It is a pleasure to see the interest taken in the work and the amount of voluntary labor given to the rection of the building. Mr. C. W. Schmidt has been appointed treasurer in place of Mr. J. Mailhes who has resigned through lack of time. A false alarm of fire was given at the Abita Springs Public School last Tuesday to test the fire drill recently inaugurated in the school. The test was taken by the school trustees, one of whom went up stairs on the pretense of visiting the Principal's room, and the alarm of fire was given by the others waiting below. From the time the alarm was given until the last pupil was out of the school, forty-five seconds elapsed, perfect order prevailed, and Prof. Smith and corps of teachers were heartily complimented by the local trustees on the excellent showing made. When it is considered that all the children are on the second floor, divided into three rooms, and number about 120 of all ages, the value of the recent improvements made, each room having its own outlet, can be appreciated. The Abita Springs Water Company has let the contract for the new walk to the Springs, to a local man. Work will be started at once. Mr. and Mrs. F. Brinker and Miss C. Miller spent Sunday at their beautiful home here. Mr. C. L. Richard was a visitor here last week. Morris Lacroix spent Tuesday here with friends. Mr. Geo. McNulty returned to his home here, after spending some time in New Orleans.

Mr. H. Michaelis was a visitor to the Crescent City this week. Mrs. E. Klossian visited friends and relatives in New Orleans this week. Mr. and Mrs. Nahr and little son spent Sunday here. Mr. F. Brown is erecting a handsome cottage on Keller Street, which will add to the beauty of our Village. Mr. Sticker visited his family on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. Dufricho visited friends here on Wednesday. Mr. Montagnet was a visitor here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Short, Mrs. Menant and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hurry on Sunday. The many friends of Mr. Fred J. Michaelis will be glad to know that he has returned to his home here, after spending some months in New Orleans. Master D. Schmidt visited his father and sisters Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. J. Mailhes returned to the Crescent City Sunday evening, much to the regret of her many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Salzer and baby returned to their home in New Orleans Sunday, after spending some time here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hurry have rented one of the pretty Mailhes Cottages. The many friends of our popular young drummer, Mr. Frank E. Smith will regret to learn that he left Sunday evening for places still further north and west, he expects to be gone about six months and will be greatly missed by his friends. The Four Leaf Clover Club will give a euchre on Wednesday, February 3, at Long Branch Hotel for the benefit of the club. Admission 25cts. The Abita Euchre Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night at the home of the Misses Michaelis. After the meeting refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday night at the home of Miss Mary Biggio. Messrs. S. P. Biggio Jr., S. Kahn and Jas. Clairain were visitors to Covington Tuesday on business. Miss Gertie Ragan entertained her friends with a dance at her home Tuesday night. The Ladies Aid Society of the Trinity Lutheran Church held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, January 28, 1909, at the church; the next meeting will be held at the church on Thursday, February 25. Those wishing to join are cordially invited to attend, meetings called at 3 p. m. This society is of a great benefit to the church and those in distress, so by helping it you are helping others, may God bless it and help us in the good work. There will be divine services held at the Lutheran Church Sunday morning at 10:45 in English; everybody welcome. Prof. O. Mueller will preach.

Mandeville Notes

Quite an enjoyable birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beaujean, on Wednesday night, January 29, in honor of their son Alvin. Those present were as follows: Misses Jennie and Clara Beaujean, Neeta, Neema and Ethel Coffee, Agnes and Alice Froesch, Louise Meiners, Nellie Smith of Baton Rouge, and Miss Mary Loyd of Claiborne; Messrs. Winfield and Alvin Beaujean, Arthur Coffee, Aaron and Joseph Todd, of Bayou LaCombe, Walter and Ralph Abney, John and Jervais Marange, J. H. Mason, all of Abita Springs, Anton and Charles Meiners, Walter Stafford, Boy Miller, and Mr. Sholand, of Baton Rouge. Refreshments were served and dancing was continued until the early morning, when they departed, saying "We'll come back." Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vallon and Mr. Lafaye of New Orleans, spent Sunday in Mandeville and Lewisburg. Mr. Cotes spent the past week in New Orleans. Hon. L. M. Morgan, of Covington, was a visitor in Mandeville on Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Escott, of New Orleans, were among the Sunday visitors in Mandeville. Messrs. Harvey E. Ellis and E. J. Domergue, Jr., of Covington, were callers in town Saturday. The Co-operative League gave a ball Saturday night and it was a grand success both financially and socially. The door and table receipts were \$47 50. The League wishes to thank the public for their liberal donations and patronage. Mr. Esquinasse spent a few days in New Orleans the past week. Mrs. Alonzo Givens is on the sick list. Her many friends hope that she will soon recover. Miss Sophie Wright, of New Orleans, will lecture here Saturday night, Jan. 30, at Mr. B. Marigny's hall on the lake shore and Girard street. The lecture is given under the auspices of the Kings' Daughters Circle. The subject will be "Ben Hur," illustrated by a series of views. Mr. Douglas Anderson's lecture is postponed until later. Miss Sophie Wright will also talk Sunday afternoon at Mr. Marigny's place. Mr. Sam Copp, of Bogalusa, was a caller in Mandeville Saturday.

Pearl River Items.

Rev. F. A. Parker, Breeding elder of New Orleans District, was a visitor to our town and held services last Sunday morning at the church. Rev. G. V. Peters and wife were here at the regular appointment at the church. The ladies of the Women's Home Mission Society gave them a pounding at the residence of Mr. L. Talley. We have not heard any complaints of the pounding, and as they have taken up their residence in the temporary parsonage prepared for them at our sister town of Slidell, they can be pounded as often as they are able to bear such treatment. Mrs. G. C. Blake and little children who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis, returned to her home at Lucedale, Miss., accompanied by her brother Jack Willis. Mrs. Blake, while here visited the city and took in the Clansman at Tulane, which she enjoyed very much as everybody does that goes to see that popular play. Mrs. J. Lewis and children spent a few days at her old home last week. Miss Bessie Simpson and Miss May Rawlings attended the teachers meeting at Slidell last Saturday. Miss Alma Crawford will attend the W. H. M. S. and W. F. M. S. joint district meeting at Louisiana Avenue Church in New Orleans on the 29th, as delegate from the Pearl River Auxiliary of the W. H. M. S. Mr. Donaldson, of New Orleans, was a visitor here Sunday. Mrs. J. H. Guthrie and Mrs. B. Crawford are domiciled at the Guthrie home. Miss Adele Crawford of Varnado, Miss., is visiting relatives at her old home town. Mrs. W. Blackburn is visiting her mother Mrs. Simpson this week. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robert are domiciled at the summer residence of Mrs. C. Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crockett and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Crockett last Sunday. Mrs. L. Cray Sadler returned home from the city where she had been visiting relatives and old friends and taking in the sights. While visiting the Confederate Memorial Hall and seeing the old tattered flags and other war reminders she said she almost imagined she was back in the sixties.

Madisonville Items

Miss Eleanor LeBlanc is home again after having been visiting in the city. Mr. Frank Johnson has resigned his position at Dendinger & Son's and has accepted a position in New Orleans. The steamer "Trenton City" which was recently brought to put in the trade for Columbia, Miss., was snagged on her first trip, loaded with freight, very little damage was done. She has been repaired by Oulliber Bros. The engagement of Miss Louise Oulliber to Mr. Joseph Koepf is announced and the wedding will probably follow soon. The "Fineland," owned by Houlton Bros. is nearly completed and will soon be ready to make her trips again. The electric lights at Dendinger & Son's mill are now in first-class condition and in a few months they will be completed to the store, which will be quite an improvement. Mr. Frank Cardone and daughter, Miss Jennie, left for New Orleans to reside, where Miss Jennie will attend boarding school. Mr. Leonard Perkin has returned home after being absent several years. Miss Olympie Gargas has returned home after spending some time in the city. Among the Crescent City visitors this week were: Messrs. P. Polica, B. T. Goldate, G. Dendinger, E. Klotz, J. and G. Koepf, S. Sharp, W. H. Bohning and G. Peters. RED CARNATION.

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