

THE CARNIVAL.

Except a few who are intimately associated in carrying out the program of the carnival, the interest that is being manifested throughout the country districts is unknown and can only be appreciated by those who have taken a trip through the different settlements in the vicinity of Covington.

A pleasing feature of the preparations that are being made for the celebration of the day is the assistance that will be rendered by Abita Springs. This thrifty, up-to-date village will enter two floats in the Covington parade and will send a large delegation of citizens to participate in our festivities.

Great preparations are being made for the Rex ball in Covington on Tuesday evening, February 23, and there will congregate in Cantrell's hall the largest number of dancers that has ever covered its immense floor.

The dukes and nobles of his majesty's kingdom will be in full attendance and the ladies of the court, in the splendor of their beauty and attire will make a picture seldom exhibited and long to be remembered.

His majesty, king of the loyal subjects who pay him homage, will reign in all his splendor and preside at this great function that is to be a memory in the annals of social events of Covington for years to come.

His Majesty has appointed as court musicians the renowned Covington Brass Band, and the Mandeville Brass Band, and all lovers of good music have a treat in store for them worthy of the occasion.

FIREMEN TO THE FRONT:

A reason for congratulation is found in the advance that has been made by Covington in preparedness to protect life and property from the ravages of fire, nor is this congratulation due alone for the mechanical means of protection, but also for the interest manifested in perfecting a system by which rapid and organized movement will cause as little delay as possible in reaching the fire and placing in operation such apparatus as we possess.

The provision for uniforming the members will assist in sustaining the individual company pride and in creating a rivalry that will bring out the best that is in each company, notwithstanding they will be in evidence, under our voluntary system, principally during parades.

THE NEW BOND ISSUE.

Last Tuesday the Town passed an ordinance ordering an election to be held in Covington on the 23d day of March, 1909, for the purpose of authorizing the issue of bonds in the sum of \$40,000 to secure means for completing the school building and retiring certain certificates of indebtedness issued in connection with that work.

by default, the the attorney for the town having failed to receive notice of the day of trial and not being present to conduct the suit.

As soon as notice of judgment is received Town Attorney Richard will file a motion for a new trial. He claims that in allowing the case to go to trial without notifying him the attorneys were not only guilty of professional discourtesy but of violation of an express agreement to do so, and that the case should come up for rehearing.

In view of the fact that there has been no decision of the case on its merits and that such a decision may be long delayed, the best thing that can be done is to take up the old indebtedness, issue new bonds and go ahead with the work that has been begun.

That the school building has stood so long uncompleted is deplorable, although the result of unforeseen difficulties, and the opportunity for its completion by the issue of new bonds should be accepted and welcomed by all. Several proposals for the bonds have already been received and there will be no difficulty in floating them.

Under the new schedule of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Covington will have two daily trains to New Orleans both week-days and Sundays, with a special Sunday rate of one fare for the round trip, with a change in the freight schedule that will enable freight delivered at Press street station in New Orleans not later than 5 o'clock p. m. of the day before to reach Covington at 8:30 a. m. daily.

A careful reading of the prize essay of Miss Boyson on Robt. E. Lee does not reveal that she has in any way attempted to detract from his noble character as a man or to lessen the respect due him as a soldier.

A MESSAGE FROM REX.

The dial of time marks off the moments all too soon To suit the pulse of my most bursting heart, When I shall take the mask from off her face and show The queen of queens, God's masterpiece of art.

The Royal Palace, Feb. 10, 1909.

To All Loyal Subjects of the Realm: Your King sends you greeting. In the blessedness of his heart there is room for no tidings save the joy of the hour. I have for you a message of contentment and happiness.

The arrival of messages by couriers inform me that his Royal Highness, King of Abita, in compliance with a petition from his subjects, has granted them permission to participate in the parade and to join with our legions in celebrating the day.

I make all haste to be with you, and ere the sun sets many times, the vigor of the ozone forests will add to my already overflowing cup of happiness.

Your Sovereign, REX.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

Miss Katie Smart, who is attending school in New Orleans, spent a few days last week with her parents.

James Barringer and son, of Bayou La-combe, spent Wednesday in Covington.

Messrs. Geo. Fendlason, Wm. Wallace and Norman Core, of Folsom, were business visitors to Covington this week.

Mrs. Logan Belknap and son, of Folsom, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Smith, and attended the W. P. U. euchre and dance.

Judge and Mrs. T. M. Burns spent Friday in New Orleans.

Dr. A. C. Gribble spent several days in New Orleans last week.

Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Hebert returned last Saturday from a short visit to friends in New Orleans.

Messrs. L. M. Bourgeois, J. E. Cotton and Anatol Beaucondray spent the week end in New Orleans to select costumes for the Covington Carnival.

Mrs. R. G. Hadden spent the early part of this week in New Orleans.

Miss Cecile O'Donnell, of Bogalusa, was a week-end guest of her friends, Mrs. Clay Hebert and Miss Seymour Hadden. Mrs. Hebert returned with Miss O'Donnell for a few days visit.

Mrs. H. U. Upton, who has been the guest of Dr. J. R. Dillon and family, left Thursday of last week for her home in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Lataces and little

Chester, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Octave Legier, at Englenook Cottage, in Claiborne.

Mr. H. C. Ramos, of New Orleans, spent Wednesday at his pretty home in Claiborne. Mr. John Dominick, of New Orleans, and Messrs. R. and O. Estopinal and Misses A. and N. Estopinal, of St. Bernard Parish, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Octave Legier of Englenook Cottage, at Claiborne, last Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Bulloch, and son, Donice, spent last Sunday here, the guests of the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bulloch.

Mrs. M. E. Burns and daughter Katie spent Sunday with Mrs. E. D. Kentzel and took little Alain Kentzel back to New Orleans with them for a short visit.

Mr. W. N. Patrick spent a while in Hammond last week.

Mr. J. A. Golden, who has accepted the position as bookkeeper for the St. Tammany and New Orleans Railway & Ferry Co., reached Covington Friday to assume his duties. He comes from quite a prominent family of Vermillion parish and formerly held the position as cashier of the First National Bank, of Abbeville.

Mr. L. A. White returned Friday from a trip to Slidell. Purely a business trip of course.

Dr. A. H. Grimmer spent Saturday hunting at Bayou Lacombe.

Hon. T. C. Glynn returned Thursday from a short trip to New Orleans.

Miss Adele Peronce left Sunday for a short visit to friends in New Orleans.

Miss Katie McDougall arrived Friday evening to attend the Teacher's Institute held in Covington Saturday. While here she was the guest of her aunts.

Miss Stella Bankston and brother Thayer, of Breckwaldt, were week-end guests of relatives and friends here.

Mr. T. W. Knack, of New Orleans, was a business visitor to Covington the end of last week.

Mrs. J. Stern was a week-end visitor to New Orleans.

Miss Alma Magee, of Folsom, spent several days of last week with her parents in Covington.

Hon. L. L. Morgan and Mr. A. J. Planche spent several days of last week in New Orleans.

Miss S. L. Wallace, teacher of the German Settlement school, attended the Teachers' Institute held in Covington Saturday. Sheriff and Mrs. T. E. Brewster spent Friday last in New Orleans.

Messrs. Close and M. McLean, of Houllonville, spent Saturday shopping in Covington. Rev. and Mrs. E. Rennie and daughter returned Friday from a visit to relatives in New Orleans.

Messrs. E. J. Domergue and Fred. C. Hardy, interested in enlarging the business of the Covington Grocery and Grain Co., spent Friday in Hammond looking around to see the prospects of establishing a branch office there.

Mrs. J. S. Henderson and son Joseph, who have been in Covington for some time past, were called to New Orleans Friday by the serious illness of their aunt, Mrs. Shakespear.

Miss Retta Mason, of Abita District, was the guest of Mrs. S. V. Kentzel during the week.

Prof. W. A. Dixon, left Friday for New Orleans. He attended the basket ball game between the Y. M. C. A. team of New Orleans and the Dixon Academy team, which was held Saturday, resulting in a victory for the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. E. A. Smith, Dean of the State Normal School, of Athens, Ga., spent Saturday in Covington talking business.

Prof. A. R. Smith, of Abita Springs, Institute Manager for this district spent Saturday in Covington, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Evans.

Quite a large crowd attended the euchre and dance given by the Women's Progressive Union, in the spacious dining room of the Southern Hotel, on Friday evening of last week. The games started at about 8:30 and closed at 10:30. The prizes, three for the ladies and three for the gentlemen, were both useful and pretty.

Miss Edna Champagne won the ladies first prize, a beauty pin, of the lily-of-valley design, donated by Hausman & Son, of New Orleans, through the interest of Mrs. Ed. Kentzel. Mrs. Earnest Wales donated a ladies lace handkerchief, as a second prize, won by Mrs. Preston Herndon, while Miss Nina Cantrell won the third prize, a pretty handkerchief bag, worked and donated by Mrs. Hardy Smith. There being more ladies than gentlemen, several substituted and Mrs. B. B. Warren won the gentlemen's first prize, a card case of black leather, donated by Tolson & Schonberg, through Mrs. Marvin Poole, while Mrs. Ed. Kentzel won the gentlemen's second prize, a box of linen handkerchiefs, donated by Mr. Edmond Stern, through Mrs. Wm. Bodebender. Mr. Wm. Cantrell won the gentlemen's third prize, a very pretty laundry bag, embroidered and donated by Mrs. Fred. Hardie. Dancing was kept up until a late hour. Among those who kindly furnished music were: Messrs. E. Delcroix, Alma Adis, Hilda Kent, Mrs. Earnest Wales, Messrs. Amedee Guyol and John Diendorf. Refreshments were to be had all evening and the W. P. U. realized a neat sum.

Mr. A. Landry and son Achilles spent Sunday in Covington.

Mr. John T. Gibbons, wife and daughter who have been at the Southern Hotel for a short stay, returned to New Orleans Saturday.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENTS.

The arrival of the following message from his royal highness, Rex of Abita, has been made public by the Secretary to the Privy Council of the Lord Mayor of Abita Springs:

To His Excellency, Hon. A. O. Pons, President of the Carnival Club of Abita Springs: I send you greeting, and through you to my beloved people, my true and loyal subject, I send a message of good cheer and promise. I will soon be with you. The long journey that has separated me from my people will terminate at 4:30 p. m. Monday, the 22d day of February, 1909, when I will arrive from the Forest.

I will be present at the ball at the Town Hall in the evening, where I will greet the Queen and receive my loyal subjects. I command that all mask and that the enjoyment of the evening shall be marred

by no disorder. It is my wish that the felicities of the hour shall be borne in the memory of every participant and that the evening shall be blessed with joyful happiness.

On invitation from his majesty, Rex of Covington, I will rest at the Royal Palace in that city, preparatory to my entry in the pageantry of my people. It is my wish that the Abita floats entered in that parade shall shed glory on our prestige in the art of decoration, that the Queen may be filled with joy and pride at the name Abita.

Again, I will soon be with you. REX OF ABITA. Headquarters of His Majesty's Carnival Club, Town Hall, Abita Springs, La., February 12, 1909. In obedience to His Majesty's injunction, I hereby make the following announcement:

The King will arrive from the Forest at 4:30 on the afternoon of the 22d day of February, 1909, and will be escorted by the dignitaries of the realm to the Royal Palace.

He will preside at the masked ball at the Town Hall in Abita in the evening, from whence he will proceed to the Royal Palace of his majesty Rex of Covington, whose guest he will be during the festivities of the 23d day of February, when he will participate in the parade in which Abita will enter two handsome floats and attend the ball in the evening. Let all loyal subjects attend.

A. O. PONS, President of Carnival Club.

Misses M. Biggio, E. Hardouin, H. Schindler, Gertrude Cary, E. Hardouin and M. Michaels were visitors to Covington last week.

Mr. Steve C. Abney was a visitor to the Crescent City, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Max Kinkle Jr., left for New Orleans Sunday, where she will visit friends and relatives.

Messrs. Chas. W. Schmidt and G. E. Millar were visitors to New Orleans, Friday.

Miss Annie Bouchin is among our winter visitors here.

Misses S. Hadden and C. O'Donnell paid a pleasing visit to Abita on Sunday.

Mr. J. P. Rausch was among the visitors to the Crescent City last week.

Mrs. Ewald spent Sunday here the guest of her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry spent Sunday in Covington visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Kahn have as their guests Mrs. Nassit and son.

Mr. J. L. Cahill and son Tom, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. Clark was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Simoni and daughter spent Sunday here, the guest of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Buisson are spending sometime here, the guest of relatives.

Mr. V. Henry is spending awhile with his brother. His many friends are glad to see him back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlarino, Mrs. and Miss Canepa and Mr. Jno. Marshall were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Biggio on Sunday.

Miss Mary Stire left for the Crescent City Sunday to spend awhile with relatives. She will be greatly missed by her Abita friends.

Miss Anita Von de Harr spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Rausch.

Mrs. Schindler spent Saturday in the Crescent City. Messrs. Chas. W. Schmidt and R. H. Hall spent Wednesday evening in Covington.

Mr. Peyret spent Sunday here with his family.

Mr. H. Loubat spent several days here visiting relatives.

Miss Mary Biggio entertained the Abita Euchre Club with a Euchre at her home, after playing nine games it was found that Miss Gertrude Carey captured the first prize, a gold locket; while the second was awarded to Miss Max Michaels, a gold veil pin; and the consolation, a bottle of perfume, fell to Miss Hilda Schindler. The gentlemen's first prize was captured by Mr. Jas. C. Clairain, a gold watch chain; the second was awarded to Mr. J. H. Mason, a gold scarf pin; while the consolation, a handsome tie, fell to Mr. Steve Biggio, Jr., after the games refreshments were served and dancing indulged in until a late hour.

The Euchre given at the Long Branch Hotel by the Four Leaf Clover Club last Wednesday proved quite a success and a neat sum was realized; nine games were played. Miss Sadie Duprat won the first prize, Miss Annie Nicholas the second, while the consolation was won by Miss Gertrude Carey. The gentlemen's first prize was won by Mr. Wm. Michaels, the second by Mr. Fred. J. Michaels, while the consolation was awarded to Mr. Steve Biggio, Jr. After the games dancing was enjoyed until early morning.

Don't forget the entertainment and dance to-night at the school house, for the benefit of the school fund. Every one is assured of a good time. Come and enjoy yourself.

Messrs. Louis Tobin, J. Mug and M. Whiting spent Tuesday evening here on business.

There will be divine services at the Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday, February 14, 1909, in the morning at 10:45 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, in English language. Sunday School at 2 o'clock every Sunday. Prof. O. Muller will preach. Everybody welcome.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Abita Springs Carnival Committee was held Monday night in the Town Hall with J. A. O. Pons in the chair, for the purpose of appointing committees for their ball to be held in the Town Hall on Monday, February 22, 1909, and to select the number for their respective places on the floats. The committee for the ball as follows:

Floor Committee—Hon. Robt. Mendow, chairman; S. B. Kahn with Wm. Michaels.

Call out Committee—Robt. C. Abney, chairman; Hon. Robt. Mendow, Wm. Strain, and Geo. S. Strain. Door Keeper—Wm. Strain.

Marshals for Parade—Jos. Lamouin and Henry J. Pons.

Messrs. E. Morin and Frank Brown are hard at work preparing and decorating the floats, and they deserve great credit for their taste in the selection of subjects to be presented. Their skill in manipulating the brush is a wonder for amateurs.

There will be a meeting of the Abita Springs Carnival Committee on Monday, February 15, 1909, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. sharp.

Mandeville Notes

Your idle money will earn 4 per cent interest if deposited in this bank. If you would be the most successful you should make your money work, too. It is a common saying that "money not earning interest is losing money." Set aside that money you will not need in your business at this time and deposit with this bank. It will be here when you do need it and working for you meantime.

ANYTHING For the House AT Lawrence M. Bourgeois THE MAMMOTH Furniture Store Phone 8 New Hampshire and Lockwood Streets COVINGTON - LA.

Mandeville Council. Mandeville, La., Feby. 11, 1909. Council met on above date at 6:30 p. m. Hon. H. Borey, Mayor, presiding. Present: Aldermen H. Depre, E. Dubourg, Geo. Bierhorst, Dr. L. M. Thomson. Absent: J. Band. The minutes of last meeting, January 4, were adopted as read. Treasurer's report was accepted as read. T. J. O. Edgar, Secretary. T. J. O. Edgar, Secretary. T. J. O. Edgar, Secretary.