

NOT SO BAD AS THAT.

"SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY." In certain quarters there is a decided disposition to censure Gov. Sanders for the lawlessness in Tangipahoa parish, and for his failure to offer a reward for the fiendish murderers of the two women in that parish.

You might as well talk about piety in hell. The above editorial, from the Abbeville Meridional of March 20, seems to us a hasty expression of displeasure at long delayed reform in Tangipahoa parish.

It is not usual for a governor to interfere in the local affairs of a parish until the authorities declare their inability to maintain law and order. At a mass meeting of citizens it was resolved to vindicate the law.

We are not familiar with official conditions in Tangipahoa parish nor know if its officers have shown neglect of duty or incapacity, but history does not prove that corruption in office or maladministration of public affairs represents the moral status of the people.

We hope to see Tangipahoa parish rise up in the might of her justification and show that she is worthy of the respect of the good citizens of Louisiana, and we believe that she will do so.

ROCK SALT IN LOUISIANA.

Bulletin No. 7, of the Geological Survey of Louisiana, in charge of Geologist Gilbert D. Harris, devotes 259 pages to the discussion of rock salt and other salt deposits, with reference to all known salt deposits and industries of the world.

The work goes thoroughly into the salt possibilities of the State and shows that its manufacture should become one of the great industries of the South.

In his preface remarks he says: While the new commercial South is awakening to an appreciation of its vast and almost untouched natural resources; while drilling and mining methods are improving and perfecting; while the oceans are being united at Panama; while the Mississippi is being looked to as a feasible channel for sea-going vessels; while the number of inhabitants of this country is rapidly increasing; while new uses and new demands for salt are constantly multiplying, no one can claim to have but the faintest idea of the true value of the huge masses of pure rock salt stored away beneath the "islands" and salines of Louisiana.

The great salt deposits are but another opportunity for the new industrial South. Her valuable natural resources are only awaiting development, and the time is fast approaching when capital will pour into the State, hungry for an opportunity for investment.

FITNESS FOR OFFICE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION.

One of the most serious obstacles in the way of securing the best results of our elective system is the influence that personality and friendship exert over the reasoning faculties. A boon companion or "hale fellow well met" is the cause of many a vote being cast in friendship against conviction and against good policy.

WILLIE WHITLA RETURNED.

Willie Whitla, the eight-year-old child of a Sharon (Pa.) lawyer, who was kidnapped in Sharon Thursday week, was returned to his father at Cleveland, Ohio, last Monday, at the Hollenden hotel, on the payment of a ransom of \$10,000.

It is remarkable that in spite of the most vigilant search and the assistance of experienced detectives the kidnapers were able to carry their plot through and get away with the money without detection.

It is to be hoped that this crime will not go unpunished and that the reward of \$15,000 offered by the State legislature for the apprehension of the kidnapers, and which appears to have spurred the detectives into a zeal that has caught up with them, has not been wasted.

The indignation aroused by the Lamana case in New Orleans, and the swiftly following punishment meted out to the criminals seems to have had little effect in preventing repetitions of the crime. The only remedy is in laws that will prevent the landing on our shores of hordes of criminals and bandits, whose only interest in the country is gain.

America has transplanted a sprig of the brigandage of Italy. We may soon hear that the President has been kidnapped and that the next demand for ransom will be accompanied by an ear or a finger. There is consolation in the thought that the brigands will have a load to carry that will impede rapid movement and may give the detectives a chance to catch up.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

On the first page will be found a very interesting colloquy between Dr. Beverley Warner and Judge E. D. Saunders. We agree with Judge Saunders that the Church goes out of its province when it attempts to handle social reforms.

The power of the Church for good is due to its mission as the savior of souls. It is theoretically free from the sordid influences that affect business and social life and its work the noblest and grandest inspiration of human effort, springing from the example of the sacrifice of God. Under such condition it is entitled to be honored by all. But whenever conditions change so that there enters a suggestion of other motives, the cause is weakened and doubt of sincerity becomes a weapon to be wielded in the hands of every man whose interest is opposed.

The church of to-day, with its grand edifices and its large salaried ministers, needs money for its support, and this money must come from business interests. Social problems and political warfare cannot be taken up without antagonizing these interests, disrupting congregations and dragging the Church into a field of battle on which its own prosperity will be slain and its usefulness weakened.

Besides this, there arises the question, should the Church be successful in gaining political power to the extent of enforcing its demands for social reforms, would it stop there, or would it use its power for its own advancement?

Bulletin No. 10 of the Agricultural Station at Baton Rouge, after practical tests and experimentation, shows cotton seed meal and hulls to be superior to pressed cake as a dairy feed.

Mr. J. A. Watson, of Monroe, is now associated with the Delhi Banner, and will have charge of the inside affairs of the office.

The sentence of the Coopers to twenty years at hard labor will not bring Mr. Carmack back to life; but in consideration of the influence of the Coopers, both political and social, it is a feather in the cap of Tennessee. The difficulty of conviction under such circumstances, and following upon the Reelfoot Lake outrages, indicates that the people of Tennessee have had a surfeit of crime and will not countenance it longer. There are other sections making preparations to follow in her footsteps. Punishment for crime is the only protection of the lawabiding, and should be meted out regardless of high position or social standing.

According to the annual statement of the fire insurance companies of Louisiana filed at Baton Rouge, a loss of \$7.23 per cent. on every premium for the year 1908 was sustained. This is an exceedingly heavy loss, and as it includes both protected and unprotected towns, the natural supposition is that unprotected towns have contributed largely to this high percentage.

While we have greatly strengthened our facilities for fighting fire, we are still so far below the standard requirements that no benefits can be derived in the way of insurance rates. Our town will never be in a position to successfully cope with serious conflagrations until we have a system of waterworks that will provide an adequate supply of water, with gravity pressure sufficient to throw that water over the highest building in town, with water plugs at convenient distances.

A surfeit of flattery is nauseating. Mutual admiration societies or Boswell-Johnson stunts become as tiresome as Gaston-Alphonse exhibitions. Monopolies of all kinds are in disfavor with most people to-day, and when common courtesy is sacrificed to the preference of a select coterie the seed of discontent and opposition is planted.

The report of Game Warden Henry Gardey, of Jefferson parish, shows the total number of game of all description killed from January 1 to March 1, 1909, to be 90,401, 93 being deer. This represents two months hunting under license of law, but there is no way of getting at the number of game illegally killed, which is probably large. It is an impossibility for one warden to cover all the ground, and a system of espionage would be difficult with unpaid deputies. While nearly all agree that it is necessary to have game protection, few care to play the part of informers.

The Game Commission is young and it will require time to develop its usefulness; but it is a step in the right direction, and may finally be the means of affording protection.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

Mrs. Jasper E. Nilson and her guest, Mrs. H. R. McLeod, of Baton Rouge, were in New Orleans on Saturday for the day.

Miss Hattie Barkert, of Atlanta, who has been visiting Mrs. G. C. Alexius left on Sunday to visit friends in Houston before going home.

Miss Verna Dertling, of New Orleans is the attractive guest of her aunt, Mrs. Alexius of Alexiusville.

Mrs. Reid, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward H. Richard, left on Sunday for her home in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Just. Mire, of Thibodaux, have been in Covington on a visit to their daughter at the convent.

Mrs. J. B. Ratto has as her guests her daughter, Mrs. L. Jensen, and her little daughter.

Mr. Adam Gamble, of New Orleans, and his niece, Miss Mathilda Brockman, spent Sunday at his summer home on Nineteenth Avenue.

The members of the Women's Progressive Union are planning a progressive euchre to be given at the Southern Hotel on Easter Monday. The Union has already done much for Covington, and have in mind still further efforts for the good of the town.

Prof. W. A. Dixon and family left on Wednesday for New Orleans where they will make their home on Calhoun street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barkley, of New Orleans, are spending some time at Claiborne Cottage.

The Five Hundred Club was entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the Southern Hotel, Miss Kate Coleman being the hostess. The first prize was won by Mrs. Wallace Poole, the second by Mrs. W. J. Warren, Mrs. Fred. Hardie will entertain the club next Tuesday afternoon at the same place.

Mrs. F. W. Hull is spending a few days in New Orleans.

Mrs. Robinson and little daughter Lynn, of New Orleans, spent last week at the Oaks.

Mrs. R. G. Comeaux, of Plaquemine, is spending some time at the Oaks.

Dr. J. B. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Jules Gaillardaume, of New Orleans, spent Sunday at the Oaks.

The engagement of Miss Lucille Gauche to Mr. Paul G. Wilson, of Los Angeles, is announced.

The M. C. B. Club will present the play "The Squire's Daughter," soon after Easter. Miss Alma Adis having the entertainment in charge. The proceeds will be devoted to the further improvement of the library, which has lately added a number of books to its collection.

Mesdames S. Copp and G. A. Fredericks, of Bogalusa, were in Covington this week visiting friends.

The King's Daughters held their regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. E. Warren.

The Missionary Society, of the Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Manse with eleven members present and two visitors, Mrs. J. W. Caldwell and Mrs. Judge Sommerville, of New Orleans. An interesting program was prepared. The subject being, "The Women of Heathen Countries." Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a delightful time enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. R. E. Weymann and guests, Mrs. Collins and daughter, left Friday to spend a short time in New Orleans.

Mrs. Wagnespak, of New Orleans, who has been the guest of Mesdames Watkins and Wallis returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, who have been spending a while at their home on the Military road, have returned to their home in Gretna.

The people of Covington regret very much the closing of Dixon Academy and the departure of Prof. and Mrs. Dixon, the professors and students. Prof. Gray left on Friday last for his home in Michigan. Prof. Huffstader for New York and Capt. Palmer for South Carolina.

Miss Theresa Kirschmann, of Bay City, Mich., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. S. Garcia.

Dr. and Mrs. Peyroux, of New Orleans, spent Sunday with friends in Covington.

Miss Ruth Meek is in New Orleans this week visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Mr. John Dominick, of New Orleans, spent last Sunday in Covington with Mr. Octave Legier.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierce have left Covington for their home at Varnado, La.

Mrs. Leon Hebert has been spending some time in New Orleans with friends.

Mrs. P. J. Lacroix visited relatives in New Orleans this week.

Mrs. Hunter Greenlaw and little daughter Lilian, of Ramsey, were visitors to Covington Thursday.

Misses Lou Lyons and Winnie White spent a day in Mandeville one day last week, guests of Mrs. Golden.

Mr. Gunckel, of New Orleans, spent a day or two with his sister Mrs. S. Garcia. Mrs. Madison Dupree and two children, of New Orleans, arrived Thursday to spend several week in Covington and are guests of Mrs. Leopold Levy.

Mrs. B. Dupont and little granddaughter, Evelyn Barton, and Miss Mamie Dupont are in New Orleans, but will return to Alafafa Place shortly. Miss Margaret and Master Margaret Dupont and Miss Carrie Trost are visiting the Alafafa Place, where they will remain several weeks.

The question is frequently asked as to the necessity of taking out a license when you "go fishing." The following from the Baton Rouge correspondent to the Piasyane answers that question:

"District Attorney Hubert N. Wax has given his opinion to the effect that a person fishing with pole in hand or with a dip net does not have to take out a State license. Alex Bryan, Game Warden, to-day also received a letter from Frank Miller, President of the State Game Commission, in which he states that a license to fish with a pole or dip net is not necessary."

The game wardens new patrol boat will be 25 feet long with 7 foot beam and will draw 12 inches of water. It will be flat bottomed with propeller working in a tunnel underneath, and will be fast. The cost will be about \$600. V. P. Baham, of Madisonville, will be the builder. It will be used in the vicinity of Chief Menteau.

Mandeville Notes

Mrs. C. S. Galbraith was a visitor to the Crescent City last week.

Mr. L. S. Berg, of Franklin, La., is spending a few weeks here.

Hon. L. L. Morgan, of Covington, was a visitor to Mandeville during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hood, of Covington, were visitors to Mandeville Sunday.

Miss Lucy Ribava is on the sick list. Miss Edna Vix entertained the Five Hundred Club last week.

Mrs. J. F. Peters, of Bogalusa, was the guest of Mrs. C. A. David the past week.

Miss Adell Paroncel, of Covington, was the guest of the Misses Upton a few days the past week.

Mr. Clay Riggs, Jr., of Baton Rouge, was the guest of his father Sunday.

Mr. Aldige, of New Orleans, is spending a few days in Mandeville.

Miss E. Lyons, Abbeville, La., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Golden.

Miss Latregt and Miss Anglande, of New Orleans, are spending several weeks in Mandeville, at their home on Carroll street.

Dr. and Mrs. Fourcade, of New Orleans, were Sunday visitors to Mandeville.

Mr. C. A. David and family have moved to their store and residence on Carroll street. Mr. David will open a dry goods store and will be ready to do business on April the first.

The Mugnier Hotel, on the lake shore, has opened up for the season. The hotel has quite a number of guests.

Mrs. Alonzo Givens has returned from New Orleans, where she had been for some time.

Col. and Mrs. Hopper, of Covington, are guests at the Mugnier Hotel.

Mr. C. A. David is spending a few days in New Orleans this week to complete the purchasing of his stock.

The Co-operative League will hold their meeting Wednesday March 31, at the school house on Jefferson street. It is hoped that all the members will be present at the meeting.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard returned home Sunday, after visiting friends in the Crescent City.

Mr. F. and Miss M. Garbarino and Misses M. Biggio and L. Locassin spent Sunday evening in Mandeville.

Mr. Chas. and Miss Calonge spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss L. Borne was the guest of her friend, Miss Gertrude Carey, for a few days, she returned to New Orleans Sunday evening, to the regret of her friends here.

Mr. Chas. Spitzfaden spent Sunday in our midst, much to the delight of his many Abita friends.

Mrs. Vogt and Miss M. Garbarino arrived Sunday to remain throughout the summer, they have rented the pretty cottage of Mrs. W. Strain.

Mr. Harry Strain left Sunday evening for New Orleans, he will be greatly missed by friends here.

Master Chas. Schmidt spent several days with his father and sisters.

Miss O. Morgan, of Mandeville, spent several days here the guest of Misses L. and E. Lemons.

Mr. Egan and family arrived Sunday morning for the summer, having rented a pretty cottage.

Mrs. A. Hall and children came over Wednesday. They are the guests of Mrs. R. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements are spending awhile in New Orleans.

Miss Anna Nauman spent Sunday with Misses G. and A. Leonard.

The friends of Miss Mae Michaelis will regret to learn that she is on the sick list.

Mr. J. Cahill and son John spent Sunday at their summer home here.

Mr. W. Strain left during the week for New Orleans, where she will make her future home.

Judge A. O. Pons took a pleasant trip through the northwestern part of Louisiana, returning Saturday.

Mr. W. Borne was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Carey, Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Michaelis was a visitor to Mandeville Friday.

Mrs. P. Guzman and niece spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss L. Huff spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Wills.

Mrs. Thos. Orr and son, of New Orleans, are guests of the mother and sister, Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. L. Allen, near Abita.

Capt. H. Bhrns returned to New Orleans Wednesday evening, after a most delightful stay at the Long Branch Hotel.

Miss Gertrude Carey entertained the Abita Euchre Club at a soiree Tuesday night, at her home. The rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers. Games and dancing made the hours pass swiftly. Most delicious refreshments were served, and all present spent a very pleasant evening. Those present were: Mrs. T. Carey, Misses G. Carey, Mae Michaelis, M. Biggio, M. Lamoussin, H. Schindler, E. Michaelis, and A. Schindler. Messrs. Jas. Clarian, W. Michaelis, E. Kahn, G. Egan, J. Michaelis, J. H. Mason and Steve Biggio.

An entertainment and informal dance was given at the new Pavilion at the Springs Friday night, March 19, and was an enjoyable affair. A nice sum was realized. The contest for the most popular young lady which was between Misses G. Carey and Mae Michaelis, was won by Miss Carey. The result was as follows: Miss Carey, \$106 53; Miss Mae Michaelis, \$75 32. Miss Cary was a awarded a handsome gold watch. The proceeds of the dance and contest amounted to \$210 02, which was turned over to the Abita Pavilion Building Company, to be used in paying off the pavilion debts.

Lewisburg Items.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Paul Bayan and son Charlie were visitors to Lewisburg on Sunday.

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