

FIRE PROTECTION.

New Orleans, La., May 6, 1909. Messrs. Nilson and Sears Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs—We are in receipt of yours of the 4th inst., together with the petition of the Jefferson Fire Company.

We feel assured that the presence of the Fire Company, no matter how limited in its personnel or equipment, will render good to our interests on some occasion or another, and we wish that we could see our way clear toward making recognition of such service.

It has been the uniform custom of insurance companies, however, to recognize such protection in the make-up of the rates, and, for that reason, the towns have been graduated into four classes, first, second, third and fourth class towns, and therefore it will only be necessary for your citizens to so improve the protection as to qualify to a third, second or first class, as your ability to permit. The reduction in insurance rates will materially compensate you for the necessary expenditures, and we would suggest that you try to institute a movement with your fellow taxpayers looking towards the installation of a waterworks system, or the procuring of perhaps a less expensive medium of protection that could give you at least a third-class rating.

It is true that the insurance companies are benefited by the presence of a fire company, as we have stated above, they make recognition in the rates that they charge, and uniformly they have refused to make a direct contribution other than through the medium of rates, because it is more incumbent upon us to support the Fire Department than it would be any other branch of municipal service.

We are sure that after considering this question further, you will appreciate the necessity for the Companies limiting concessions for improvements to reduction in rates in lieu of making a direct contribution for the expenses involved.

Your town is growing to such proportions that it must, sooner or later, install a water works system, not only for the benefits secured from the protection against fire, but for hygienic reasons, and also for the domestic comforts enjoyed. A good waterworks system will greatly assist in promoting the health of your town, and, as waterworks bonds are floated with comparatively little difficulty, we suggest that you try and agitate the introduction of a water works system on the points suggested herein.

Yours Truly, W. F. MAUS, Asst. Sec'y.

The above letter is in response to one written by the Nilson-Sears Insurance Company of Covington to the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company. Letters from other companies give practically the same reason why insurance companies cannot contribute to fire departments.

Covington must work out its own salvation in the way of fire protection. The volunteer corps of our Fire Department is much superior to anything we have had before. The details of procedure, the discipline, and the work accomplished in fighting fire give evidence of improvement. While our equipment does not come up to our standard of desire, it is still capable of rendering great service in the protection of life and property.

We are traveling the same road that other towns have traveled in their progress toward better conditions. We cannot have it at a jump. But withal we should ever bear in mind that it is our desire to have a first-class protected town and work to that end. With additions to our present waterworks system we can make a long stride toward the desired goal; but there are many things to be considered besides waterworks. There are laws to be observed in the construction of buildings and in the condition of streets. In making these improvements we are conforming to requirements quite as compulsory as waterworks in securing a rating. Let us bear this in mind. Go ahead and improve the streets, see that firetrap buildings are not erected, and place ourselves in a position to take up the question of improved waterworks without the burden of an expenditure that will be prohibitive. The finest system of waterworks without the other requirements would not entitle us to the benefits we are seeking.

The Times-Democrat, in speaking of the unfavorable report of the Fire Prevention Committee of the National Board of Underwriters in regard to New Orleans, makes the following comments on what can be accomplished by proper effort:

"In similar emergencies those cities that have been reported on favorably and declared not to be protected against fires as well as they could be protected have sought to correct the defects pointed out, to better assure themselves against conflagration, and to get the benefit of these improvements in lower premiums. An instance of this close at hand occurred a few years ago at Shreveport, which had previously been severely criticised and graded low. Under the stimulus of this criticism the North Louisiana town set to work to improve its water supply and its fire department, and it succeeded so well that it was raised to the first class, with the smallest fire risk and the lowest premium."

be desired, to simplify legal procedure and practice. Much has been accomplished in this direction in the common law States and the Bar Association can do much to assist in simplifying the Code by persistent discussion.

SHALL WE BE SATISFIED WITH A SIX MONTH'S SCHOOL TERM?

The question of education is one that appeals to every intelligent and progressive citizen. It is of interest not only to the citizen active in the advancement of civic interests, but it invades the family circle and is discussed with warmth by the mother and by the school child. Mothers have organized throughout the State, pledged to better education—better schools, better teachers and full terms. To this end opportunities are being offered to teachers by various colleges at nominal cost and summer normals are urging the necessity of better preparation in the advancement of the cause. We doubt if any one can be found with the hardihood to deny the importance of education as a national resource or as benefit to the home. Yet with all this in view, the great difficulty in the maintenance of our schools is the lack of funds. There is money raised for foreign missions and for heathens abroad, and for every conceivable form of distress, then why should the emotions become clogged and unresponsive to the plea for education for the children? It is a strange anomaly.

It is said that we will be able to have but six months school the coming term. This does not mean simply a lessening of the time of instruction. It means a lessening of the proficiency of our schools as well. The better teachers will not be satisfied with employment for six months. Competency is rewarded by earning capacity, and those teachers who can command good salaries are going where they can teach the full term and reap the benefit.

If we do not bestir ourselves and find ways and means of running our school for the full term, then we may rest assured that we will suffer for our neglect, not only in loss of time but in loss of excellence. Our citizens should call a meeting, get together and discuss the matter.

Nothing will ever be accomplished by waiting for the problem to solve itself. Hammond is going to vote a six mills tax. Some sections are contemplating a three-mills tax. If no better method can be devised, then we should likewise raise the deficit by taxation. But by all means there should be some concerted action on the part of our citizens to decide definitely what is to be done.

THE OZONE BELT.

C. E. Schwing, of the Iberville South, devotes a page of his journal to a discussion of the Press Convention in Covington and says some very complimentary things of our town and people. In speaking of the "Ozone Belt" that was presented to Editor Holland of the St. Helene Echo, he recommends it as a competitor of the "Teddy Bear." Brother Schwing's idea is a good one, and as an evidence of our confidence in his suggestion we would propose that he have first choice of territory. With due respect for Brother Holland, we don't believe any man has a right to corner the market. We had thought of starting a factory to bottle our ozone, but as the bottle is suggestive of secrecy and a symbol that recalls experiences conducive to a boycott by the good housewife, we are won over to the "Ozone Belt" proposition. Future history will pay tribute to Brother Holland as the pioneer discoverer of the tangible "Ozone Belt" of the piney woods of St. Tammany.

A very amusing incident occurred in a discussion of tuberculosis before the National Association in Washington, recently. Speaker Cannon of the House of Representatives was speaking, and turning to William Osler, the physician who some time ago declared that men were no longer fit to live after the age of 60 years, and should be chloroformed, said: "Dr. Osler, I have reached the age of 73, and I shake my fist in your face." A more convincing illustration of the foolishness of Dr. Osler's theory could scarcely be desired, unless a practical example be made of Dr. Osler himself, whom we understand has reached the chloroform age.

There are two timely warnings in the proceedings of the Fire Department last Tuesday—one as to keeping those not members of the Department from blocking the way and interfering with the work of the firemen, and one to property-holders, requesting that all hydrants be closed during a fire. Both of these suggestions are timely and proper. Ropes should be stretched in such manner as to make it possible to keep out-riders within reasonable distance, otherwise it will take a large detail of officers to keep the crowd at a fire back. Self-protection should be inducement enough to keep the hydrants closed. A full force of water can not be obtained unless this is done.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR. Edward H. Richard returned early in the week from a business trip to California. Edward and George Adis spent Tuesday in Covington with their sister, Miss Alma Adis. Mrs. T. O. Theriot had as her guest this

week her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. J. Chauvin, of Abbeville, La.

Mrs. W. G. Smith is spending a few days with relatives in Baton Rouge.

Miss L. Imrie Theriot returned last Sunday from a visit to friends in Algiers.

Misses Louise Keppler and Leah and Elsie Meyers, of New Orleans, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Diano at their home in Twenty-fifth Avenue.

C. C. Champagne spent last Sunday in New Orleans.

Mrs. G. Brand, Misses Louise Marke and L. Schopp, of New Orleans, are spending the summer in Covington.

Judge and Mrs. T. M. Burns, Mrs. Minuet, Misses Mary Dutch and Euphemie Richard, Uaughn Moise spent Sunday in Mandeville.

Mrs. Leonard Bernard and Mrs. N. M. Hebert spent several days the past week with Mrs. Bernard's son in Baton Rouge.

Miss McManus, of New Roads, La., who has been spending sometime in Covington, returned last Sunday to her home.

Mrs. A. Meavers, of Garyville, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Preston Dutch, returned Sunday to her home.

Mrs. D. Constatine had as her guests last Sunday, Misses E. Constatine and Matthews, of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hardie spent Monday in New Orleans.

Ethel Posey's guest, Mary Dart, of New Orleans, returned to her home on Monday morning.

Alvin Martindale spent Monday in Baton Rouge, where he went to see the battleship Mississippi.

Mrs. J. E. LeBlanc, of Houma, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bartel.

Mrs. L. C. Moise returned last Sunday from New Orleans, where she spent a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Fuchs spent last Sunday in Mandeville.

Neuma Hebert spent Monday in Baton Rouge.

Hon. J. B. Lancaster was in Slidell on business last Monday.

R. H. White, of Bogalusa, spent Sunday in Covington.

Miss Annie Theriot, of Franklin, spent Sunday in Covington.

Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Lyons left Wednesday for New Orleans, sailing the same day on the steamer Antilles for New York. They will spend the summer with Prof. Lyon's family in New England, returning by the first of September.

Mr. Edmond Stern entertained a merry party last Sunday on board the "Louisa." The day being spent in fishing on the Lake. A good catch rewarded the fishers, a lunch was enjoyed and a delightful day spent.

Mrs. J. Stern chaperoned the party which consisted of Misses Edwina Moore, Gladys Meyer, Marion Picard, Percy Joseph, of Port Gibson, Miss., John Robinson, C. Moore and Herbert Stern.

Miss Effie Matthews is at home from the State Normal School at Natchitoches, and is spending a fortnight with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Matthews.

Mrs. John Cotton is visiting relatives in New Orleans for a few days.

Mrs. T. M. Burns and her guest, Mrs. Robert Minuet, left on Wednesday for a visit to Miss Lillie Richardson at Independence, La.

Miss Maggie Ellis, of Yazoo City, Miss., is with Mr. J. E. Smith and family this week.

Mr. Arthur LeBlanc, of New Orleans, spent Tuesday with his sister, who is the guest of Miss Louise Gunzel.

Miss Minnie Reid is spending a few days in Covington with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurry, of Champagne, Ill., spent a few days here this week.

Capt. W. W. Ventress, of Sunshine, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his son, Mr. J. Posey Ventress.

Miss Dora Jaufroid left on Wednesday on the motor road to spend a few days in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cantrelle have as their guests Mr. Fred. Louviere and son Willie.

Mr. M. W. Purnell, of Clarksdale, Miss., who was called here this week by the death of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Smith, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. Schneider had as her guest on Thursday Mesdames Strong, Peter Kaiser and Chas. Ingersoll, of New Orleans.

Mrs. Ira D. Porter and son Rivers, of Sagsville, Ala., are guests of Mrs. S. M. Poole.

The Five Hundred Club met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ernest Wailes. The first prize was won by Mrs. Marvin Poole, the second by Miss Lilly Allain. Mrs. W. J. Warren will entertain the club next week at the home of Mrs. B. B. Warren.

L. R. Sassnot, of New Orleans, spent Wednesday in Covington.

Mrs. Joseph Ott spent Tuesday with her son, Mr. Fred. Ott.

Hon. Harvey E. Ellis spent Wednesday in Baton Rouge.

The Progressive Union postponed the euchre and dance and it will take place next Wednesday night, May 26, when it is to be hoped Mr. Boudousque will be quite out of danger.

The Maidens Afternoon Euchre Club met on Wednesday at the home of Miss Nina Cantrelle. The first prize was won by Mrs. Robert Dutch, the consolation by Miss Mary Dutch and the booby by Miss Bokenfohr. The Club will meet next week with Miss Coig.

Herbert Markel, of the Daily Picayune, is in Covington on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Percy Cahill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schopp, of New Orleans, have arrived to spend the summer in Covington.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Louise Garbarino returned to New Orleans after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Vogt.

Miss Louise Laccasin spent a week here at her summer home.

Mrs. Aug. Hugu and son August, Mrs. J. A. Salzer and son John, and Master Carl Lind spent Tuesday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Michaelis.

Messrs. W. Michaelis and S. Biggio, Jr., spent several days in the Crescent City visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. P. Garbarino spent Tuesday here with her daughters.

Mrs. J. Ruse and nephew Ed. Meyers spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Cahil and family.

The dance given Saturday night at the pavilion by the Abita Mystic Club was a grand success, in spite of the bad weather. A neat sum was realized.

Messrs. L. Bogan, J. Messteveck and S. Schruder spent last week at the Bogan residence here.

Miss Louise Loubat spent Wednesday here with her sisters and aunt.

Miss Louise Duquense is spending awhile with her mother at Cozy Cottage.

Misses Marguerite and Mamie Cahil and Mae Michaelis visited Covington Sunday morning.

Miss G. Carey returned to Abita, to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Borna and children returned to New Orleans Sunday, after a delightful sojourn here.

Among those of Covington who attended the dance Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Fred. J. Heintz.

Mrs. J. Walsh left Sunday evening for the Crescent City, where she was called by the death of her brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Strain and baby are guests of their relatives at the Bungalow.

The Abita Euchre Social Club held its regular meeting at the home of the Misses Hardouin, Tuesday night. The meeting adjourned to meet next Tuesday night at the home of Miss M. Biggio.

Mrs. T. Paul and daughter Louise are spending sometime here, the guest of their friend, Mrs. Vogt.

Mr. Chas. Harrison was among our week-end visitors.

There will be divine service held at the Lutheran Church, Sunday, May 23, at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., in English language.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Henry was christened last Sunday in the Catholic Church at Covington, Rev. Joseph Koegrel officiating. Mrs. Jeanne Durand stood as godmother and Mr. Vital Henry as godfather.

MARRIED—Charles H. Snow, of Abita, and Miss Orelia Simmons were united in holy matrimony by Judge A. O. Pons, of Abita, at 12 o'clock midnight, Wednesday, May 19, 1909.

Mandeville Notes

One of the noted events of last week was the surprise party given Mrs. Emma Prudhomme by the children of her neighborhood. That nothing was more pleasing to her was shown by the welcome extended these little children. The parlors were thrown open to all. Games of all kinds were procured. Singing and music formed part of the program. Any one fortunate enough to be of the party would have imagined being in a fairy land. This beautiful place and garden with its fragrant flowers and brilliant illumination was simply enchanting. After partaking of refreshments, ice cream and cakes, the children departed promising to renew their surprise party very soon.

Mr. E. D. Ketznel, manager of the St. Tammany Farmer, of Covington, was a pleasant visitor in our little town.

Miss H. Bierhorst spent a day in the Metropolis, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Band went to New Orleans on a business trip.

Mr. S. Settoon spent a day in New Orleans.

Mr. Jos. Gutierrez was the guest of his daughter Mrs. Griffin the latter part of last week.

The family of Mrs. Hautman arrived last week to spend the summer months in Mandeville.

Mr. Hotstream and family are located here for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barbot are summering in Mandeville.

Miss Maggie Castet, of New Orleans, was the charming guest of her sister, Mrs. Barbot, last week.

Mr. Cott, of the City Drug Store, is a guest of the Mugnier Hotel.

Mrs. Dyer was a visitor in New Orleans, the guest her niece, Mrs. Len Summer.

Mr. Hermann Levy left for the Crescent City on business.

The daughter of Mr. Francis, after spending a few days with her parents, returned to the Crescent City to remain with her grandparents.

The steamer Margaret has resumed her daily trips from New Orleans to Mandeville.

Mr. Patrick Reilly purchased from Mrs. Marie Dyer a pretty cottage on Claiborne Avenue.

Messrs. Eddie and George Glockner have gone to Amite City on a pleasure trip.

Miss Edna Vix entertained several of her friends last Sunday.

The funeral of Mr. Comy Miller was largely attended. Father Paul was here to give the Catholic children of Mandeville their second communion on Ascension Day.

Mrs. Bishops is on a few days vacation at her Oaks Cottage.

Mrs. Beggarly moved her boarding house on the lake shore, occupying one of the pretty Levy cottages.

Mrs. Mitchell has her guests Prof. Woods and Mrs. Smith and little daughter.

The Knights of Columbus, of New Orleans will give an excursion to Mandeville next week and will be greatly welcomed by the Mandevillians.

Miss Palmyre Hopkins returned from the Crescent City.

Mrs. Colombe and daughter Heloise are pleasantly located at the pretty David Colonial Mansion.

Madisonville Items.

Miss Julia Dausen has returned, after a delightful time at the strawberry farm, Ponchatoula.

Miss Adelaide Lange, of New Orleans, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Haas, of New Orleans, visited relatives here Sunday.

On the eve of Sunday, May 2, the death angel came and claimed as its heavenly reward the beloved little Angel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Chatterier. The little remains were laid to rest in the Madisonville cemetery.

Miss Lucy Perkins is at home on her vacation.

Mrs. Georgia Jay closed her private school Friday and will attend the Normal School.

Mr. John Stanga, Jr. and Miss Mary Pairchaux, formerly of New Orleans, were married last week. Best wishes are extended to the happy pair.

Miss Mary Dykeman is on a visit to her niece, Mrs. Christian Koepf.

Mrs. S. Sharr has returned, after an absence of several weeks spent in Ohio.

Friends are glad to see Miss Annie Koepf out again after her serious illness.

Mrs. Annie Millot paid a flying visit to the Crescent City last week.

Among those who visited the Crescent City the past week were Messrs. Robert Galatas, P. Polcai, B. Goldate, Mack. Gourgoux, Geo. Koepf and Dr. Ney.

Death visited our town last week and claimed two of our oldest residents. Mrs. Jane Cooper, better known as Grandma Cooper, who kept a boarding house here for a number of years, died May 10, and Mrs. John Attenhofer, beloved wife of John Attenhofer, May 16. She had been an invalid for some time, lived a pious Catholic life, and was a model in every respect. Both funerals were largely attended.

The christening of Evaline Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mullally occurred Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Peter's Church, Rev. Jos. Koegrel officiating. The sponsors were Mr. Joseph Mullally, of New Orleans and Miss Alice Ostendorf, of Covington.

There was a meeting Friday afternoon at the convent for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary to the Daughters of Isabella, as an auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. The meeting was the result of an address delivered by Hon. J. B. Lancaster at the convent last Sunday. All Catholic ladies are eligible to the order.

Adler gets a sentence of six years in penitentiary.

Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate died in New York on May 19, at his home.

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