

Saturday, July 3, 1909.

RESPONSIBILITY NOT FIXED.

The investigation by the grand jury as to whom to place the responsibility for the recent deplorable disaster at Mandeville leaves the matter just where it stood at the starting point, so far as the legal standing of the parties is concerned; but the public cannot but be impressed by the fact that eight out of the twelve members of the jury, after a thorough investigation, concluded that responsibility did not rest upon the St. Tammany Railway Company.

The placing of responsibility in all accidents where public utility corporations are concerned has always been a difficult matter, and as a rule the courts have finally been compelled to settle the matter.

An analysis of the probability of legal responsibility in the present case shows that the opinion of one man as opposed to that of eight has intervened to prevent a fixing of responsibility, for had there not been this difference of opinion of one man the required number of nine would have exonerated the railroad company. Public opinion is probably in the same proportion, and the company is at least relieved of the burden of public condemnation.

A ROMANCE UPROOTED.

In "German American Annals for March and April, Prof. J. Hanno Deiler, in his contribution, "The Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana," uproots a very pretty legend of the German princess, Charlotte Christine Sophie, of the house of Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel, wife of the Czarévitch Alexis, eldest son of Peter the Great of Russia, and one Chevalier d'Aubant, a French officer. Gayarre has woven a very charming romance about this couple, in which the Princess, to escape the brutality and infidelity of her husband, simulates death, escapes to Louisiana, where d'Aubant has preceded her, and is united to him in wedlock, living an ideally happy life, which is commemorated by two gigantic oaks on the bank of Bayou St. John in front of Alard's plantation, planted by them in 1721.

Prof. Deiler has proven a regular Sherlock Holmes in genealogical detective work in his researches, and he has found no support for the story, either in the archives of Louisiana or abroad. He concludes that the story was probably conceived in a desire to besmirch the character and weaken the cause of Alexis, who was opposed to the reforms of his father, the Czar, by whom, it was claimed, Alexis was put to death while in prison.

WHAT THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE.

Supt. Sullivan of the Great Southern Lumber Company was before the Board of Reviewers last Monday and talked very interestingly of projects the company has in view that will add greatly to the prosperity of this section. One of the most difficult problems encountered in utilizing our cut-over lands is the expense of removing the stumps and placing the land in condition for cultivation, the cost in many instances being in excess of the value of the land. Mr. Sullivan stated that in perhaps a year from now the company will introduce machinery that will pull the stumps and convert them into turpentine, tar alcohol and charcoal at a rapid rate, and that the company engaged in this business in Europe pays a fair price for the stumps. Also a good quality of paper can be made from the waste material of the mill, and that it is the intention to establish a mill for its manufacture.

But the most interesting and remarkable statement made by Mr. Sullivan was that out of these stumps an excellent food product for cattle can be made that is both appetizing and nourishing and that is as palatable as grape nuts. The statement has often been made, in ridicule of half-starved stock, that "they have been fed on sawdust," but that the nutritive qualities of this woody fiber should make it a valuable food product is astonishing indeed.

Mr. Sullivan's talk was very encouraging in its prospect for the future development of this section, and his listeners could not but be impressed with the fact that the march of progress involves rapid changes in the prosperity and wealth of the piney woods of St. Tammany parish. He also spoke encouragingly of the tendency toward higher prices for lumber and better market conditions.

OUR CAVALRY TROOP.

General orders have been issued commanding the State troops to go into camp at Alexandria on July 12, 1909. This is a part of the discipline that prepares the troops for usefulness in times of need.

The United States Government has adopted a system of National Guards as supplementary to our small standing army, which is the only protection of the nation outside of the volunteer troops. The expense and losses of war must be borne by the people, as well as the expense of the standing army. National guardsmen receive no pay except when in actual service. The loss of time incident to drills and necessary expenses incurred by the troops in preparation for useful service must fall upon the shoulders of the members or must be provided by entertainments, sub-

scriptions or the aid of associated societies. Aside from the needs of war, the usefulness of these troops in civil disturbances, when the enforcement of law and the protection of life and property require prompt and decisive action, gives them an undisputed right to the support of the communities which they stand ready to protect. They may be called upon to risk their lives at a moment's notice. They must sacrifice business interests, with scarcely any remuneration, whenever the occasion arises for their services, and it is clearly unjust to expect them to defray their own expenses. They are all members of our community. They earn their living and spend their money here, even to the pittance they receive from the Government.

Unfortunately the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Cavalry troop was separated from it by disagreement. We believe the ladies had just grounds to be displeased, but we do not believe that the chasm is so wide that it can not be bridged. A reconciliation is to be desired, and we hope it will be accomplished.

Then let us get to work. The ladies could do much toward raising the fund and some of it could be gotten by subscription. But don't let it be said that Covington alone failed to provide for its own.

DAIRIES AND TRUCK FARMS NEEDED.

According to the United States department of Agriculture, the South is not only well fitted for dairying industries, but is exceptionally fine in its opportunities; yet it is an importer of most of those products used. Especially is this true of the State of Louisiana. According to the census of 1900, there is no record of any creamery butter made in Louisiana in 1898, while New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport alone handled 4,804,200 pounds. There were only 1,140,138 pounds of creamery butter made in thirteen Southern States that year, while there were 23,434,941 pounds handled in those States, showing that the South does not make one-twentieth of the creamery butter that she uses, while Louisiana is in a still worse predicament. Besides this, these same three cities handled 857,300 pounds of renovated butter and 244,503 pounds of oleomargarin, and also 2,779,976 pounds of cheese and 14,000,000 cans of condensed milk, which they did not produce.

There is a steady demand and good market for these products, yet we in Louisiana, with every opportunity for their production, prefer to import them from other States, while lands lie idle and undeveloped and farmers struggle for an existence.

With the development of dairying and trucking interests, there would not be found a more prosperous people in the United States than the farmers of Louisiana. Those sections which have gone into the business have enjoyed fruit of their discretion. The truck farmers of Ponchatoula have paid off their indebtedness this year, and there is more money on deposit in the bank than there has ever been before.

We need more cattle and better cattle, which means a more productive soil, more feed and increased profits. Secretary Knoepfer, of the Board of Immigration, has promised to assist us in the organization of a truckers' association, and it is probable that some effort will be made to establish one. In the meantime it would be well for the farmers to think the matter over and determine whether they are willing to make an effort to improve their condition.

Abita Springs has the distinguished honor of sending to Soule's College, New Orleans, a pupil who has not only captured the gold medal in the Higher Class of English, but has maintained the highest average of any student in that college for the past fourteen years. He graduates from a class of fifty-six members and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his instructors. Master Chas. Schmidt is the son of C. W. Schmidt of Abita Springs, who conducts a large general merchandise establishment in that place. Mr. Schmidt is exceedingly pleased with his son's accomplishment, as well he may be.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

The motor car ride gotten up by Mesdames C. C. Robinson and Ed. Kentzel on Saturday last was quite a success. About 9:30 p. m. a chartered car left Covington with a jolly crowd aboard to enjoy a dance at Mandeville given for the benefit of the public school fund.

Those enjoying the evening were John Diendorf and Miss Annie Poole, Barclay Smith and Miss Helen Stone, Allie Davenport and Miss Anaise Boudouque, Vaughn Moise and Miss Pauline Stone, Nicholas Fitzsimons and Miss Alma Adis, Plumer Pigott and Miss Leoda Burch, V. Young and Mrs. C. C. Robinson Clarence Richard and Miss Lou Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Loop, Judge and Mrs. T. M. Burns, Walter Meek, Arnold Dulion, Warran Smith and John Champagne. Chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kentzel.

Thanks are extended Mr. Golden, Auditor of the St. Tammany Railway Co. for courtesies extended during the evening. The car returned at 12:30 p. m., everyone having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Miss Seymour Hadden, of New Orleans, spent the past week with friends here. The Misses Kronberger have been spending a week or ten days in Covington, with their parents, before leaving for the Pacific Coast, to be gone until the middle of September.

The Misses Jolly, of Baton Rouge, are guests at Glen Cottage.

A picnic was given on Thursday by the Presbyterian church people to the scholars, teachers and officers of the Sunday School of that church.

Mr. Sullivan, of Bogalusa, spent Monday in Covington.

Mr. George Sears and family are moving this week into their town home on Nineteenth Avenue.

The opening of the Park on Wednesday was one of the events of this week. The completion of the pavilion making it possible for visitors as well as our townspeople to spend some of their time near the river, finding a comfortable retreat from the heat or rain.

Miss Alice Gaguet, of New Orleans, is spending some time at Glen Cottage with the Misses Allen.

Chief Emile Boucoudray has fully recovered from his recent serious illness and has been at his place of business during the past week with his old time cheerfulness and energy.

A most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. Wm. Champagne Monday evening. The occasion being a farewell party to Thomas Champagne, who will leave Thursday to spend a month at Houma, La., Those present were Misses Carrie Seal, Estelle Combel, Clamorous and Victoria Loutalot Margarite Champagne, Amelia and Anna Miller, James Connaughton, Thomas and Joseph Champagne. Cards were played until a late hour after which watermelon was most delightfully served.

Miss Adrielle Lennox, of New Orleans, who was on a visit to Miss Ethel Anderson, returned Monday.

Miss May Poole returned from Cuba, Ala., Wednesday where she has been on a visit for the past month.

Miss Belle Kennedy returned home Wednesday, after a visit to relatives and friends in New Orleans.

Miss Rachel Linton, of New Orleans, spent Thursday and Friday with Mrs. S. V. Kentzel.

Miss Adele Peroncel is spending the week in New Orleans, after a short visit to relatives in Covington.

Mrs. Ernest Wailes left on Tuesday for New Orleans where Miss Sarah Pasquet will join her, and they will spend two or three months out West.

Mr. C. L. Duplantis spent Tuesday in Baton Rouge on business.

Mrs. Stern spent a few days this week with friends in New Orleans.

Miss Theresa Grand, of Algiers, is the guest of Mrs. Norbert Trepagnier.

Mr. C. M. Liddle, of Slidell, spent Tuesday in Covington attending court.

Mr. H. H. Smith spent Tuesday in Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Gaudet and daughters, of Thibodeaux, have taken possession of the pretty Lobdell cottage for the summer.

Mrs. George Gagnet, of New Orleans, is the guest of her mother and sisters, Mrs. Allain and the Misses Allain at Glen Cottage.

Mrs. Benjamin Cantin, of Algiers, is spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Richard Estopinal, at Claiborne.

Mother Prioress de Rico and Sister Magdeline, of St. Dominican Academy are guests of Riverside Inn.

Mr. Andrew Claverie, of New Orleans, is spending a time in Covington.

Mr. Godfrey Champagne is at home, having given up his position with the St. Tammany and New Orleans Railway and Ferry Co.

Mr. William Bartelle, of Lake View Rice Farm, spent Sunday in Covington with his family.

Mrs. A. C. Santana and son, Miss A. Ratto and Joseph Frigerio, of New Orleans, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Ratto and Miss Helen Ratto.

Mrs. Delmar Delcarzelle, of New Orleans, spent Sunday with Mr. Richard Estopinal's family in Claiborne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith returned last Saturday night from a visit to New Orleans.

Mrs. Charles Hopkins, who has been visiting friends in Mandeville, has returned to Covington.

Mrs. C. E. Hurry is visiting her daughter Mrs. Alfred Lacroix.

Messrs. Lawrence Barrett and C. Betts spent Sunday with Mr. H. J. Ostendorf and family.

Messrs. A. and Wm. Winfree, of New Orleans, were the guests on Sunday of Mr. H. A. Winfree and family.

Mr. Randolph Pipes was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davis. Mr. Pipes leaves in a short time to spend his vacation in Michigan.

Mrs. M. M. Reid and Miss Minnie Reid are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richard at their pretty home in Jefferson Avenue.

Miss Enola O'Rourke, of Slidell, is the guest of Miss Annie Smith.

Mr. E. L. Prague and Mrs. M. F. Prague, of New Orleans, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Prague at Riverside Inn.

Mrs. W. J. Klefn returned on Tuesday from Hammond, where she has been visiting her friend Mrs. A. J. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Thomas Gillane and daughters, of New Orleans, are at Riverside Inn for the summer.

Mrs. George St. Paul and family, of New Orleans, have rented a cottage here for the summer months and took possession on Wednesday.

Mr. G. G. Kronberger spent Sunday here with his parents and sisters.

Misses M. Oriol and LeBranché, of New Orleans, were guests last Sunday, of Mrs. R. A. Oriol on Twenty-second Avenue.

Mr. R. G. Hadden, of Bayou LaCombe, spent Monday in Covington.

Miss Alice Dorvan is visiting friends in Gulfport and Mobile.

Mr. Lawrence White spent last Sunday in Franklinton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bulloch and son, Donice, of Osyka, Miss., are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bulloch.

Geo. Buisson and family have made their home at Claverie's place, near Claiborne Station.

Hook and Ladder Fire Company No. 1 will hold a meeting Saturday (to-night) to make preparations for the ball to be given on the 14th of July. All members are requested to be present.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. O. M. Lind and son Carl are the guests of Mrs. Linda parents, Captain and Mrs. H. Michaelis. Miss Lenor Clements is the guest of her parents for the summer.

Mrs. R. White, of Gueyden, La., was the guest last week of her sister, Miss Ione Smith.

Miss Mary Biggio spent a few days in New Orleans, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Reed, and two sons were visitors to the Crescent city Friday.

The guests of the Long Branch Hotel entertained a few friends at a reception Sunday night, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Michaelis, Mrs. O. M. Lind, Misses L. Compagno, C. Stockfith, Marg Cahill, V. Rugen, Ethel Walsh, Mamie Cahill, Katie and Mae Michaelis, Messrs. E. Compagno, H. Hiney, W. Michaelis, Sidney Frederick, S. Abney, H. I. Duclos, L. Verges, F. J. Michaelis and Carl Lind.

Messrs. S. and H. Biggio were among our visitors to New Orleans for a few days.

Mr. Herman Huger spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Michaelis.

Mr. Roy Larigue of Moami, visited friends here Friday.

Mr. L. Darring spent Sunday with his daughters. Mr. Chas. W. Schmidt attended the closing exercises of Soule's College, where his son, Charles, was a student.

Dr. A. Demaree spent Wednesday here with his family.

Mrs. Graham and son Bernard are among the guests at Welsh Cottage.

Dr. G. H. Tichenor spent Wednesday with his family here.

Mr. Lionel Champagne, of Covington, was a welcome visitor here Sunday evening.

Mr. Wm. Oswald was among our visitors to the Crescent City Tuesday.

Master Andrew Schmitt, after attending college in New Orleans for the past nine months, has returned to spend his vacation with his parents here.

Mr. Oscar Debat and family have moved over, having rented the Brown cottage.

Miss M. Champagne was among our visitors Sunday evening.

Miss W. Kennedy and sister are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Spitzfaden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzmorris have rented a cottage here for the summer.

Miss Mamie Cahill spent Saturday with friends in the Crescent City.

Mr. C. F. Coignard visited New Orleans on Monday.

Mr. G. McNulty spent Tuesday with friends in Covington.

Mr. and Miss J. Hall and neices visited relatives in Covington Tuesday.

Miss Celestine Biggio returned last week to spend the summer months with her parents, after attending school at the St. Scholastica's Convent.

Miss Louise Compagno, who is spending awhile here, spent Tuesday in Covington as the guests of the Messrs. Bokenbaur.

Miss Cora Stockfith, who is here for the summer, spent Sunday in the Crescent City.

Capt. H. Michaelis and daughter, Mae, were among the visitors to Covington, Friday.

Dr. L. C. Heinz has been appointed local surgeon of the New Orleans and Great Northern Railroad Co. His appointment took effect on July 1, 1909.

Mr. Oliver April, of New Orleans, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Allen, Sunday.

Mandeville Notes

Judge Livyandis and family, of New Orleans, have rented Mr. Equinace's cottage and are occupying it for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Muller, of New Orleans, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lemm last week.

Miss Emelie Galmichie, of Covington, spent a fortnight here, the guest of Mrs. Alice Bonnot.

Mr. B. Ducoti and family Sunday, was entertained by Mrs. W. Picton and interesting little daughters are guests for the summer of Dr. and Mrs. Givens.

Mr. Laurent Serrenne and Walter Miller visited Mrs. Marie Dyer last Sunday.

Messrs. B. Ducoti and Dyer were agreeably surprised by members of the New Orleans orchestra and spent the day with them. Singing was indulged in till it was time to take the train for home.

The hotels and boarding houses are filling up with guests.

Miss Alice Gascon, of New Orleans, was charmingly entertained by her friend Miss Ella Paine.

Mrs. Henry Meyers and children and Mrs. Ella Mitchell spent Tuesday afternoon in Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreuil are located in Mandeville for the summer months.

The family of Mr. Gavroie has returned to Mandeville.

Mrs. Thomas Guzman, of Folsom, paid a visit to her mother, Mrs. Miller, in Mandeville.

Messrs. Marin, Geo. Poutout, Arthur Blanchard, Martin Welkes and Walter Miller were guests of the Ducote family, at their country home on Girard Street.

Several parties of Mandevillians attended the opening festival of the Bogue Falays Park. Among them were Mr. Victor Serrenne, Miss Lena Welkes and Miss Azema Ducote.

Mrs. Robert Wise returned from Memphis with her little son Robert.

The Mandeville Public School hall was a grand financial success. Crowds came from every part of the country.

Mr. Edgar, architect from Covington, was among us Wednesday.

Mrs. Golden spent the day in the Crescent City, one day last week.

Prof. Powhas opened a summer school with a large attendance.

Mr. Viosca and family are guests of Mrs. Bischoff. News from the Mandeville Pastor, Father Roth, says he is improving in health and is enjoying his visit with his mother and family in Germany.

Mrs. Francis Johnson, from Abita Springs and Mandeville, left Wednesday for France for an indefinite period of time.

Pearl River Notes

Rev. A. V. Peters came to fill his regular appointment, but the heavy rains prevented many from attending church at either service.

The W. M. Auxiliary meeting was not held on account of the rainy weather. The meeting was called by the President for next Monday. The work is urgent and individual, and each tries to feel their own responsibility, but sometimes we do not see the good results we would like to see; but if we work in faithful ways we may someday see the good our Auxiliary has done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis left for Stafford Springs last Sunday.

Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. A. Bell and Miss Ada Bell have just left for the City, after spending a week at Mrs. Betts summer home, from Abita Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller have moved in to their new residence, formerly the home of J. J. Willis.

Mr. J. and B. Bell were rustivating at their summer home last Sunday.

Miss Rosa Crawford is spending her vacation at home, after attending school in the City.

Mrs. Griffin Seale and Miss Susanna Seale are visiting in the City.

Mrs. Austin Howard, of Poplarville, accompanied by Miss Edna Porter, left for her home Saturday.

Mrs. Bouse and children returned Monday from the City.

Miss Louise Robert, of Slidell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robert.

Miss Bessie Simpson was a City visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian Hoque, of Patterson, La., and her sister, Miss Leigh Penton, are spending a month with their mother, Mrs. Charles Penton.

Miss M. Rawlings visited relatives in the City recently.

Mrs. L. Westermaker and daughter Bessie, Misses Anna and Jennie Mancho, of New Orleans, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cray, last Sunday.

At the baseball game here, the Picayune team was defeated by the Pearl River team at Live Oak Park, the score being 11 to 4. Pearl River played professional ball all through.

Dame Kumor whispers as she passes by, "Listen for the wedding bells."

Miss Helena Nelson has returned from a visit to the City.

Miss June departed Wednesday, to be gone a whole year.

Mrs. Calonge spent Sunday at her pretty summer home. L. C. S.

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