

SURVEY OF ABITA RIVER ORDERED.

Probably at no time than the present could the people of Abita receive more jubilantly the announcement that Hon. Robt. C. Wickliffe has secured an order of survey of the Abita River. Conditions are such at present that an opening up of this river affords the only relief from a situation that ultimately must work great injury to the town. Merchants are now hauling freight from the river landing in Covington, a distance of three miles; yet, while the freight charges are reasonable, and the introduction of a new boat, shortly, to make daily trips from Covington, Mandeville and New Orleans will greatly reduce the inconvenience, there is a feeling that the prestige of the town is injured by its being placed in such a position. Therefore, the indication that the Abita River will be opened up and made navigable, so that passageway will be gained to the lake by way of the Tchefuncta River, promises that Abita will have a waterway affording commercial advantages greater than anticipated even by those who have been strongly impressed by her promise of future growth and prosperity.

Five or six years ago the subject of opening up the Abita was duly discussed. The practicability of such a project was admitted, but the initiative for putting the proper influences at work to accomplish it seemed to be lacking. A few months ago, when Col. Lansing Beach was in Covington looking into needed work on the Tchefuncta and Bogue Falaya rivers, a delegation from Abita, composed of Capt. P. H. Thompson, Judge A. O. Pons and H. P. Thomson, as a result of Judge Pons' agitation of the question, waited on Colonel Beach with a view to ascertaining what could be done in the matter. The result of this conference was communication with Mr. Wickliffe, who had the data sent to him which established the need and the profitableness of such a channel and secured an order of survey.

There is no doubt, if this passageway is opened up, that the carrying trade of the river will become a large and profitable one. There are mills enough in the vicinity, with cheap rates, to ship four or five million feet of lumber a year, besides piling, other timber products, wood, tar and charcoal. With the growth of the town there will be a largely increased shipment of merchandise, household goods, etc., besides the business that would come from the surrounding farms.

Hence the citizens of Abita particularly appreciate the efforts of Mr. Wickliffe in their behalf. He has also secured an appropriation of \$10,000 from the Tchefuncta, Bogue Falaya, Amite and Tickfaw rivers and tributaries and Bayou Manchac. While this is not a large sum, in the face of the President's insistence upon economy, it speaks well for the watchfulness over our interests that this sum was provided. The Tchefuncta River is much in need of a free and open channel, and it is probable that the increased traffic of this river will demand a much larger appropriation next time. It is also probable that Mr. Wickliffe will be in a position to secure it for us.

Mr. Wickliffe has been an active worker in the interest of his district. His speech in favor of an appropriation of \$300,000 instead of \$215,000 for protection from the boll weevil was a masterly effort and met with loud applause. Senator Foster has taken up the matter in the Senate and it appears that the increase will be made. Mr. Wickliffe has also introduced a bill to make Baton Rouge a support of entry in the New Orleans district. This would allow vessels to clear at Baton Rouge without stopping at New Orleans, and would greatly facilitate the business of enterprises in Baton Rouge.

KOVINGTON KARNIVAL KLUB.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting held in the Seiler Building Wednesday evening resulted in the organization of the "Kovington Karnival Klub." This is a move in the right direction.

Covington possesses in a high degree the talent for displays of pageantry. The peculiar traits that give to festive occasions that subtle attraction that draws the public into a whirlpool of pleasure and unites the whole into a body of merry-makers she seems to have absorbed by proximity to the greatest carnival city in the world—New Orleans. Hence it is with no small degree of pleasure that we make note of the fact that this is not to be a temporary organization, but a chartered club, having in its membership some of the best and most influential citizens of Covington.

The value of such an organization to Covington is not to be counted merely in dollars and cents. Its greatest good comes from the installation of civic pride and its usefulness as the foundation for the building up of a wholesome social sentiment. A spirit of gayerety is infectious. Just as the sun, when it bursts the clouds, sets the birds singing, so does the joyousness of carnival festivities open the heart to the brightness of social pleasures and the joy of living. This influence is optimistic. It marks out the road that leads to improvement and progress and that buries factions by the wayside.

And speaking of factions is a reminder

that a most emphatic declaration has been made that there is to be no mixing of politics in the club. Any member attempting to attach political significance to any action of the club, or attempting to use the club for political capital or benefit, will be promptly expelled. So positive is this sentiment that the club is absolutely dead to political influences.

The club has but one object—the celebration of the carnival season. Its president, Mr. Elchinger, has been one of the hardest workers and most liberal contributors in all public entertainments. He will undoubtedly fill his high office with credit to the club and with profit to the town. D. J. Sanders, the secretary, who was largely instrumental in the organization of the club, and Anatole Beaucoeur, the treasurer, are enthusiastic and devoted supporters of carnival celebrations. Hence the outlook is bright for the club, and Covington may expect to witness a carnival celebration next year such as has never been seen in Covington before.

In recognition of the benefit of these celebrations, cities all over the United States are dropping into line. It may be expected that not only Mardi Gras Day will be set aside for this purpose, but that the Fourth of July will be shorn of its bombastic and resonant jubilation and take up the more enlightened and educating display of pageantry, perhaps with the illustration of historical battles and memorable incidents, making a more beneficial if not a more lasting impression than missing fingers and funeral processions.

We welcome the K. K. K., and we are sure the citizens of Covington will do the same.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

Dr. M. R. Fisher, of Mandeville, visited friends in Covington Thursday. Percy Theriot, who is attending the New Orleans College of Pharmacy, was a week-end visitor to Covington. Mr. Paton Wood, of New Orleans, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wood, at Claiborne.

Miss Elmire Theriot returned Sunday from Algiers, where she was the guest of Miss Edwina Thorming for two weeks.

Messrs. A. J. Keenan, Profs. Brady and Anderson, of Ramsay, were visitors to Covington, Sunday.

Oliver Richarn, of Bogalusa, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Richard and his sister, Miss Euphemia, Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Hawkins returned from New Orleans Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Louise Bokenfohr returned from New Orleans Sunday.

Miss Pauline Frederick returned from New Orleans at the end of the week.

Mr. Albert Smith spent Sunday here with Mrs. Smith.

Maurice Planche has moved his family from 25th avenue to Main street, next door to the People's Bakery.

Miss Maggie Grimmer is home from a trip to New Orleans.

Mr. C. L. Richard was a business visitor to Folsom and Ramsay, Tuesday.

Little Miss Inez Gaudet, of Folsom, is spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. E. J. Cantrelle, at her home on Jefferson avenue.

Mr. A. J. Golden, of Mandeville, was here Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. J. B. Lancaster are delighted to know that she is doing so nicely, and hope that her entire recovery will be a speedy one.

Mr. J. Gauthreaux, of New Orleans, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Gautreaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Smith returned at the end of the week from New Orleans.

Mrs. E. Votier and three daughters, Yvette, Juanita, Renee Votiere, of New Orleans, are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Wallis at the Wallis Villa.

Miss Lucille Ledet, of Lafourche Crossing, is the guest of Miss Mary Dutsch.

Capt. G. E. Millar, of Abita Springs, was here Monday.

M. Fitzgerald, of the 2nd Ward, was here on Monday.

L. Smith, of Abita, was here this week. E. Moses was a visitor to Folsom this week.

R. Strain, of Abita was here Monday. John Smith, of Mandeville, was a week-end visitor here.

W. H. Cantrelle was here Monday and Tuesday.

H. J. Roy and family have moved here from Washington, La., and have taken the Coyle residence.

Dr. Louis Perrilliat, of New Orleans, has come to Covington to live. He has been appointed house-surgeon of the Southern Hotel.

The sixth anniversary of little Alma Heintz was celebrated Sunday at Pecan Cottage. Games and singing was enjoyed by the little ones from the hours of 4 to 5:30.

The dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the centre of the table the birthday cake stood with six lighted candles around it. Ice cream, cakes and candies were served to the little merry-makers. Those present were, Adrian Brewster, Janet Moses, Inez DelCorral, Blanche Camatte, Naomi Abadie, Nita Jones, Ismay, Thelma and Gertrude Worley, Edward DelCorral, Harry and Lawrence Heintz, Frank Coltura, Paul Sadler, Melville Worley, Otis, Bert and Jared Heintz.

Rev. and Mr. A. E. Rennie have the deepest sympathy of all their friends in the loss of their little daughter, Dorothy, who died in New Orleans Monday morning.

Misses Clarice and Alma Frederick have as their guest Miss Ethel Walsh, of New Orleans.

John Thayer, of Georgia, spent a part of the past week with Mrs. C. L. Smith. I. A. Alfonso was a Crescent City visitor Monday.

Mrs. Flashpola and little son spent a few days in New Orleans.

The Women's Progressive Union held

their regular meeting Monday at the Southern Hotel.

Mrs. C. A. Loop was hostess of the Haviland Euchre Club Thursday at the home of Mrs. Chas. Thiery. This club used to give only Haviland china as prizes until this meeting when they agreed to change it to silver spoons. Mrs. Joseph Delery won the first prize, Mrs. Chas. A. Loop the second. Miss Louise Vallee will entertain the club Thursday at her home on 24th avenue.

The first anniversary and banquet of the St. Tammany Council No. 1380 Knights of Columbus was held at the St. Scholastica's Convent hall on Sunday February 13, 1910, at high noon.

The Knights met at their hall and then proceeded to the dining hall with their guests, the Daughters of Isabella. Everything was in readiness for them and everything was carried out in grand style. The tables were beautifully and very artistically decorated with violets, garlands and ferns, pot plants were used in profusion throughout the building. At the head of the Knights' table sat Rev. Joseph Koegerl and at the head of the Daughters' table sat their grand regent, Mrs. I. A. Alfonso. Rev. Father Koegerl gave the blessing at the opening and closing of the banquet. Several splendid addresses were delivered by Rev. Father Koegerl, Prof. Brady, Mr. Anderson and Grand Knight J. B. Lancaster. An address of thanks and appreciation in behalf of the Daughters to the Knights was delivered by Mrs. I. A. Alfonso. Much credit and thanks is given to the good sisters for the work. The following young ladies gave their services to the Knights and Daughters during the banquet: Misses Pauline Frederic, Euphemia Richard, J. Charroppin, Anaise Boudousique and Mrs. Julian Smith. The following Knights were present: J. B. Lancaster, James Mullaly, Robert L. Aubert, J. Louis Smith, C. L. Richard, H. J. Ostendorf, J. C. Beck, W. J. Warren, I. A. Alfonso, M. P. Planche, Julian H. Smith, Lawrence Cole, Bernard Comange, Gaston Galmiche, Eugene Pechon, J. T. Stroble, Norbert Treppagnier, Morley H. Wallis, J. J. Dubouission, A. J. Golden, H. Clay Hebert, James Connaughton, Archie Herbez, L. A. A. Champagne, J. F. Diendorf, Chas. J. Mantis, A. J. Keenan; invited guests, Rev. Father Joseph Koegerl, Prof. Brady, Mr. Anderson, C. C. Champagne, Tom Champagne, Frank Patecek, Cole and Ed. Ketzler. Their other invited guests of honor, the Daughters of Isabella, Mesdames I. A. Alfonso, J. T. Stroble, L. Champagne, H. J. Ostendorf, Jack Bokenfohr, Morley Wallis, Jos. Beck, W. J. Warren, Lily Hawkins, Felix Bachemin, B. B. Warren, G. O. Bergeron, J. Coltura, Misses C. Cantrelle, Jessie Evans and Eugenie Heintz.

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The Fire Company of Mandeville is organized, and everyone is interested in it, and quite a number of young men have volunteered to be active members. Mr. and Mrs. Schumaker visited their summer home and their friends welcome them with delight.

Folsom Notes

Mr. G. M. Fenderson visited Slidell Monday. Miss Nettie McDonnell, of Gloster, Miss., is spending awhile with relatives here. Messdames Jan. and L. Rogers spent Monday afternoon in Covington.

Messrs. G. Rhodes and J. Shiver have moved their families from here to Hackley, La.

Mrs. P. J. McCarty and daughter Ethel visited Covington this week.

Mrs. T. C. McLean, of Lumberton, Miss., spent Sunday here, the guest of Mrs. P. Reed.

Mr. Morgan Bailey, of Onville, spent Sunday here. Mr. H. H. Smith was a Folsom visitor Monday.

Charlie Verger, of Alma, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Miss Marie Bailey, of Onville, was a visitor here Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Partins, of Genesee, La., is spending awhile with her sister, Mrs. J. Matthews.

Miss Della Chauvan spent Sunday here. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, of Onville, was in Folsom Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. J. W. Sullivan and James Whalin, of Bogalusa, spent Wednesday here.

H. H. Beard of New Orleans was here Wednesday. C. W. Kirk and J. E. Roylin, of Angie, were prospecting here Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Cantrelle visited Covington Tuesday. Dr. C. D. Powell was a Covington visitor this week.

people, and a determination on their part to help him silence "the knockers." It is true there are many things here of which we do not exactly approve, but our gracious sakes get out and work to change things, but don't stand around and knock!

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the Women's Progressive Union on Monday last in the parlors of the Southern Hotel. The management of the Southern have put the parlors at the ladies disposal for their meetings, thereby, showing their approval of the Union and the good work it is doing. Reports were made to president and union of the success of the last Lyceum performance, and ways and means of making the next as great a success were discussed. A report was also made of the Covington advertisement in the Chicago Record-Herald, and the many communications sent the Union in consequence. The ladies have taken up some serious earnest in their determination to do all in their power for their town.

We need a stock law as much as ever did or ever will.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENT.

Mrs. L. Allen and children and niece, Miss Mabel Coe, have returned from New Orleans after spending the carnival season there.

Messrs. E. Walsh and Prochaska spent Saturday in Abita Springs.

Mrs. Stutz, who has been spending a few days here with friends, left Sunday for New Orleans.

Mrs. S. Kahn and mother were returned from the Crescent City after a few weeks stay.

Mrs. Thos. Carey and daughter, Miss Gertrude, have returned from New Orleans.

Miss Anna Leonard is visiting friends in New Orleans.

After a week spent here with parents, Mrs. R. Murray left for her home in New Orleans.

Master Chas. E. Schmidt spent Saturday and Sunday here with his father and sisters.

Mr. W. Michaelis has returned from New Orleans. Judge A. O. Pons was a Crescent City visitor last Friday.

Mr. J. T. Kieran spent Sunday here with his wife. Mrs. M. Kerkel, Jr., has returned after a few days spent in New Orleans.

After a delightful stay in New Orleans with friends, Miss Olive Bouchin has returned to her home in Abita. After a few days visit to relatives in Raceland, La. Miss R. Guidroz has returned to Abita.

Mrs. Morin, Sr., left Sunday for New Orleans. Mrs. E. Terrebonne, Sr., spent Monday in New Orleans.

Miss B. Mutti is numbered among the Crescent City visitors last Saturday.

Miss J. Hall and niece, Audrey and Helen, have returned from New Orleans after a few days stay.

Mr. J. F. Massingale, of New Orleans, was a visitor here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Daspit have returned from their home in Houma after several months absence.

Mr. R. Hall visited Covington Friday.

Mr. C. W. Schmidt visited New Orleans Friday.

Mr. F. J. Michaelis was a recent visitor to New Orleans.

Miss E. McDonnell visited Covington last week. Mr. Jas. Fontan and Miss C. Vein, of New Orleans, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grellé last Sunday.

Mrs. W. Duprat has returned from a visit to New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry and little son were in Abita on Monday evening.

Miss Addie Combs visited New Orleans on Monday. Miss Katie Morin has returned from spending the Carnival in New Orleans with relatives.

Mr. Morris Goldstein, of New Orleans, was here on Thursday.

Mr. Vernon Baird, of Covington, visited Abita on Tuesday.

Mandeville Notes.

Mrs. Robt. J. Wise spent Mardi Gras in New Orleans with her family, the guests of her sister, Mrs. Hackrey.

Mrs. Smith returned from the Crescent City with her granddaughter, Jeanne.

Miss Hillery and her sister Irma spent carnival week in New Orleans with their aunt, Miss Sophie Bihoveas.

Mr. and Mrs. Borey and charming children returned to Mandeville Sunday, after spending carnival in New Orleans.

Misses Mary Pinekey and Fassman spent Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prieto visited their mother, Mrs. N. Levy, and will soon leave for their home in Mobile.

Mrs. Marie Dyer returned home last Thursday, having been the guest of Mrs. Clarence Hebert in New Orleans during the carnival festivities.

Mrs. Alice Bounot spent Friday in Mandeville, the guest of Mrs. Marie Dyer.

Dr. A. M. Alonzo Givens left for New Orleans to celebrate their Golden wedding.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE Women's Progressive Union AT THE SOUTHERN HOTEL TOM CORWINE FEBRUARY 23 TOM GORWINE Polyphonic Imitator DON'T MISS IT! SOMETHING GOOD Press notices throughout the country speak in the highest terms of Mr. Corwine. Eminent divines endorse his performances as wholesome and enjoyable. Rev. E. Hopkins, of Chicago, says: "I have heard all of the leading humorists and entertainers during the past twenty-five years and there is not of them that could make an audience laugh as much and feel as well repaid as Tom Corwine."

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