

The St. Tammany Journal.

"The Blessings of Government. Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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LOOKS GOOD FOR BRIDGE

Meeting Held in New Orleans Wednesday.

Several Propositions Made for Raising the Money.

If Belt Road Don't, a Company Will Build It.

Mass Meeting Will Be Held in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—The general committee of the New Orleans and St. Tammany Bridge enterprises met last night at the Mercantile Club to adopt and organization to see the plan going, and prepare for the regular organization that will take up the enterprise. H. Clay Riggs in the chair and H. L. Garland, secretary.

The committee on temporary character of the volunteer and nonincorporated organization for preliminary work reported providing for a set of officers and board of directors, the latter to be composed of 100 members. The charter was approved.

It was decided that ten members will form a quorum and the officers are to hold office until the first Monday in May.

The committee determined that the original fifty committeemen will be directors and a number of other names have been considered.

Arrangements were made to secure funds necessary for preliminary work which will be done by a secretary who will be authorized to employ and assistance required. Senator Babington said that Washington Parish was deeply interested and suggested efforts to interest Tangipahoa, where he thought there would be help offered.

Considerable enthusiasm was injected in the meeting by J. E. Glisson, who submitted a draft of a charter for a corporation to build the bridge, and in doing so declared he would subscribe \$1000 and a guarantee to obtain subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Glisson's plan is for a private corporation to be known as the New Orleans and St. Tammany Bridge and Railway Company, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares at \$50 each. It provides that after the 10 per cent is paid in a meeting of the stockholders shall be held to elect officers and directors for the company. It provides that after the 10 per cent is paid in the remainder of the stock can be paid for at the rate of \$1.50 per month. The plan provides that every holder of stock to the amount of \$250 shall be issued a mileage book for that amount of passage over the bridge.

It provides, too, that the Governor, Attorney-general, the mayors of the towns involved in the project, and the governor and attorney general, to hold any stock that the state may subscribe.

The plan seemed to meet with favor among those present, and it was decided to submit the draft of the charter to the Board of Directors of the association at a meeting to be held here October 2.

It was also suggested that a mass meeting be held in New Orleans and that agitation for the bridge be carried into Washington and Tangipahoa parishes.

Dr. Bartley said that he had a plan by which as soon as \$500,000 was raised a concern "on the other side" would undertake to build the bridge. It was decided to refer the plan to the directors, who will meet Oct. 2 in this city. New Orleans and St. Tammany parishes are to be the form of the permanent company having been decided upon.

As a means of testing the willingness of the general public to subscribe, not only in New Orleans and St. Tammany parish, but in Washington and Tangipahoa parishes, it was decided to send out a circular including a blank for a tentative subscription. This blank is not to be a bona fide subscription, but a promise if the bridge company is duly organized the person signing the blank will become a charter member and subscribe to so many shares. It was decided to send out these appeals to everybody of prominence and thus find out just how much may be expected from the public in the way of subscriptions when the company is organized.

A general discussion was entered into as to what means and measures will be best to get the project started. H. Clay Riggs, who presided, told how the bridge was being enthusiastically talked of everywhere, and of many promises of financial assistance he had received. At the suggestion of Treasurer W. H. Ker, arrangements were made for raising the necessary funds to provide for current expenses. Secretary Henry L. Garland was authorized to make certain expenditures to carry out the plans of the association.

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26 CRUSHED TO DEATH

Frightened Boy Cries Fire; a Rush Follows.

People Pile Up in a Mass at the Foot of the Stairs.

Others Walk Over Them and Trample Them to Death.

Three Hundred Escape from the Theatre Entrance.

Canonsburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Twenty-six dead from suffocation, twenty-five seriously injured, and thirty suffering from minor hurts, is the amount of human toll exacted by an inexcusable panic at a moving picture show in the Canonsburg Opera House Saturday night.

The moving picture machine developed a slight defect. A small boy shouted "fire," at the same time started for the narrow exit. Budos Dubrowski, a foreign miner, a giant in proportions, jumped from his seat and ran wildly for the same exit. In a moment there was a fighting, struggling mass after him. At the head of a narrow stairway which led to the street the foreigner tripped. As he rolled down the stairs he swept others from their feet who were awaiting their turn to enter the theatre, and soon there was an indescribable jam of human beings at the foot of the steps battling like madmen.

Dubrowski wild fight through the theatre and his subsequent stumble down the stairs into those entering the building was the beginning of the death jam at the foot of the stairs. The bodies clogged the doorway. Men walked over them and trampled them to death. Overwhelmed by the weight of the moving mass behind, they, too, were crushed down to death.

When the doorway had been filled up still other persons walked over the bodies of those who had gone down, and breaking the glass transom over the door, crawled through and dropped into the street.

It all ended in a few minutes. Volunteer firemen, several policemen and a few level-headed citizens untangled the human mass. The unhurt and those slightly injured were piled from the top of the pile. As they gained the street they ran screaming away. Next came the more seriously hurt, and these were sent home or taken to nearby hospitals. Then the rest of the victims, many of them women and small children, were carried to the sidewalk. All had been suffocated.

Manager Ferguson endeavored to stop the panic. Accompanied by his wife, he started for the stairs, but seeing there was no escape, he went to the stage. Calling loudly to the frightened people to follow, he led a few to the rear, and fully 300 escaped in this way.

Of the twenty-six dead, thirteen were children, seven of them pupils in the public schools. To-day it was decided by the school authorities to postpone for a week the opening of the schools.

Arthur McPeake was passing the building when the bodies began to pile up at the door. The young man rushed to the rescue and was in the act of dragging a body from the pile when a man came shooting down the stairs. McPeake saw the man's neck was broken.

Sydney Rittiger was at the performance with his fiancée, Miss Lulu Fisher. Before entering the building they had stopped at a delicatessen store near by. Rittiger had bought the ring that was to have been used at their wedding. Both were killed.

Finds Two Children.
Wilmer Lane, a member of the volunteer fire company, hastened to answer the alarm, and was working at the piles of bodies at the entrance when he came upon the lifeless forms of his two children lying beside his unconscious wife. Samuel Lane, of Moranzona, not knowing that his son's family were at the theatre, had entered the building a short time before the alarm was given. He rushed toward the stairs and was making his way down when he saw a child almost under his feet. As he stooped to pick her up he recognized his granddaughter, but at that moment he was caught in the mighty whirl and she was swept out of his reach and killed. He was hurt seriously.

Coroner James T. Hoffman has begun a rigid investigation. He arrived at the scene early to-day and selected a jury.

It developed during the day that there was no flash from the operating of the theatre, nor was there the slightest sign of fire. Manager Ferguson of the opera house explained that when the film broke a bright light was thrown on the screen. The frightened boy imagined it was fire and unconsciously shouted out the death knell of more than a score of persons.

BRIDGE MEET AT ABITA SPRINGS

Grand Preparations Being Made by Abita Citizens.

Enthusiastic Indorsement of the Bridge Will be Made.

Mayor Behrman Will be One of New Orleans Speakers.

Will Wind Up With Ball in the Evening at Pavilion.

Abita Springs has gotten out posters announcing that there will be a mass meeting in that place in support of the movement to build a bridge across Lake Pontchartrain, to be held at the pavilion September 6, and great preparations are being made to make a successful demonstration of public favor for the undertaking. The committees includes nearly every citizen of Abita and the cooperation of everyone is assured, the sentiment in favor of the proposition being as strong as in either Mandeville or Covington.

Advantage will be taken of the immense gathering that is expected to be present to exhibit the products of St. Tammany soil and to prove by ocular demonstration that such a project is a valuable asset to any railroad that wants to work up the business, any farmer who understands his business or any investor who has an eye to the future growth and prosperity of this section.

Mayor Behrman, of New Orleans, will be among the speakers, as well as members of the different commercial leagues of New Orleans and those who have been active heretofore in the public bridge meetings. There will be a brass band from New Orleans in attendance, refreshments will be served, and the ball game will be played from 4 to 11 p. m. Speaking will commence about 2 p. m.

The motor line will put on excursion cars at a 10-cent trip rate, and there will be a 50-cent excursion from New Orleans on the Delcote and the New Camelia. The decoration of the pavilion will be the work of Miss Rosa Mendow, and instead of the usual bunting the products of St. Tammany will be used. To assist in defraying the expenses a charge of 25 cents will be made for admission to the dance.

The Mayor appointed the following arrangement committee: G. E. Miller, chairman; Jas. L. Clairain, Joseph Rauch, John Destruel, G. S. Strain, A. O. Pons, members of the council; J. P. Rausch, Louis Darring, Charles Biggio, Jos. Borde, members of the Progressive League.

WHOM SHALL MAN MARRY?
Divine Gives Advice—Motor Fiend Not Favored.

Sharon, Pa., Aug. 28.—Rev. A. N. Askey, of the Oakland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, preached last night on "Whom Shall a Young Man Marry?" Among other things, he said:

"Do not marry the young lady who allows herself to float around the neighborhood in a top buggy or automobile until 2 o'clock in the morning with a counterfeit sport with a weak jaw and weaker morals.

"Do not marry the young lady who insists on changing girls every night a week in the front parlor with the lights turned low.

"Don't marry the young lady who had been pawed over by every yep in the community."

BELGIUM WAR PLANS.
Preparations to Enforce the Neutrality of the Country.

Liege, Belgium, Aug. 30.—An intense sensation has been created among the Belgian people, especially by the news of the armies of France and Germany by the military precautions which are being put into effect by the Belgian Government.

A military council was held yesterday to consider measures to preserve the neutrality of the country in the event of war between France and Germany, and to prevent the violation of Belgian territory by either combatant or by Great Britain if that country becomes involved in the conflict. Large supplies of shells for the frontier forts and rifle ammunition have been sent to the posts.

Brussels, Aug. 30.—Special trains carrying sixty field guns, twelve Hitchcock guns and five carloads of ammunition arrived today at Namur, from Antwerp.

The government appears to be making numerous rearrangements in the army, especially strengthening the eastern garrisons. Several Belgian journals affirm that Adolphe Messimy, the French minister of war, has caused the attention of the Belgian Government to be directed to the weakness and neglected condition of the country's defense on the German frontier.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by all druggists.

TO GET CHAIRS FOR PAVILION

Meeting at Courthouse to Devise Ways and Means.

Every Organization in Covington Will Assist.

Plan is to Give Joint Entertainment for Purpose.

Expect to Raise Money With One Entertainment.

There was a meeting of the Park Commission at the courthouse on Wednesday evening, and there was also in attendance representatives of the various organizations and leagues of Covington by invitation of the commission. The object of the meeting was to interest everybody in some form of entertainment to be given for the purpose of raising a fund for the purchase of chairs for the park pavilion. The renting and hauling of chairs to and from the pavilion has been the main expense in all entertainments given there and it is proposed to do away with this expense by purchasing chairs that will permanently remain in the pavilion and be ready for use at any entertainment that may be given.

As every association is interested in this matter, it is proposed that a joint entertainment be given for this purpose, believing that the large attendance secured in this way would furnish the necessary money.

Mr. D. J. Sanders occupied the chair and Mr. C. E. Schonberg was secretary. In stating the object of the joint entertainment, Mr. Sanders commented upon the difficulties and expense of seating audiences at the pavilion and called upon the different associations for assistance in doing away with this difficulty.

There was a general discussion as to the best kind of entertainment to be gotten up. All were heartily in favor of the scheme, and it was finally decided to appoint a committee representing all the different interests to take the matter up and decide upon the kind of entertainment to be given. The following committee was appointed and met at the residence of Mrs. B. B. Warren, president of the Women's Progressive Union, Thursday evening, where the matter was again taken up, and it was decided that a vaudeville entertainment should be put on.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A Large Audience Greeted Entertainment Tuesday.

While the Original Program Was Abandoned,

An Excellent Entertainment Was Substituted.

Dancing After Performance Enjoyed by Many.

After rehearsing a play and advertising its attractions the Knights of Columbus were compelled to withdraw it and substitute a hastily gotten up vaudeville entertainment at the pavilion last Tuesday. While it was a disappointment to the audience, it was unavoidable, one of the principal characters, through unforeseen circumstances, being compelled to abandon his part at the last moment. The substitute given, however, proved to be a very enjoyable entertainment and everyone got their money's worth. Mr. Lancaster announced before the curtain the circumstances that had prevented the carrying out of the original program, and stated that if there was any dissatisfaction money would be cheerfully refunded at the door. There were none in the large audience who seemed inclined to take advantage of this offer, and at the close of the performance there was a general praise of the entertainment that had been given. Following is the program:

Fancy Dance. Little Avis Mercadel Song Duett. Miss Helen Ratio and Mr. F. Boudousque.

"THE MARBLE ARCH."
A One Act Comedy Sketch. Mrs. Constance Cameron, a widow. Miss Alma Adis Mrs. Jack Morryweather. Miss Louise Bokenfohr. Jack Morryweather, her husband. Mr. Frank Boudousque. Captain Trentham. Mr. S. Fuhrman. Vocal Solo. Miss Magdelin Bokenfohr. Solo. Mr. Joe Porter.

CALL TO ARMS.
A One Act Military Sketch. Captain Jack Morton. Mr. Sydney Fuhrmann. Blanche Barrows. Miss Alma Adis. Pianist, Miss Louise Bokenfohr. Little Avis Mercadel, her niece. She did in the Kavalier Klub entertainment.

In the "Marble Arch" Miss Louise Bokenfohr made a delightfully simple and confiding wife, and made one wish that she might be married to her husband. Mr. Boudousque has shown himself to be versatile and a good utility man, sustaining his part well wherever placed.

Miss Adis, in "Call to Arms," displays some of her best qualities as an actress. Always good, here is especially so in this sketch. Sidney Fuhrman was also at his best as "Capt. Jack Morton."

The different songs and duets would have been very enjoyable, but the singers are well known favorites, but unfortunately for singing, especially for the trained voice that attempts to give expression to the sentiments of the song. This defect, it is understood, can be remedied, and probably will be.

Besides acting as pianist, Miss Susie Bokenfohr sang very sweetly accompanying Mr. Porter.

The Mandeville band furnished music for the occasion and played for the dancers after the performance.

There were refreshments on sale. Entertainment was given by C. K. Korfled, chairman; Hon. Jos. B. Lancaster, ex-officio; Julian H. Smith, John F. Diendorf.

Reception Committee—J. Louis Smith, chairman; Robt. L. Aubert, James Mullally, Dr. J. M. Buquet, J. Golden, Hon. J. Dubuisson, E. V. Richard, John T. Stroble, Clay Hebert, Chas. Herbez.

Master of Ceremonies—Hon. J. B. Lancaster.

Chair and Hall Committee—W. J. Warren, chairman; John T. Stroble and J. A. Alfonso.

Door Committee—H. J. Osterdorf, chairman; Dr. A. H. Grimmer, C. L. Richard.

Light Committee—M. P. Planche, chairman; Jas. Mullally, Gaston Galmiche.

Music Committee—C. C. Kornfeld, chairman; Hon. E. L. Charrepin and Hon. Lozenzo Cole.

Refreshment Committee—Leon Hebert, chairman; Jas. Connaughton, I. A. Alfonso Archie Herbez, Ben Comenge, N. Trepagnier, A. J. Keenan, Chas. Moullet and Geo. Ouder. Lights kindly furnished by St. Tammany Ice and Mfg. Co., Hon. E. J. Frederic, secretary-treasurer. Piano kindly loaned by Mr. L. M. Bourgeois.

Thanks to Miss Adis and troop and the Daughters of Isabella and special thanks to W. J. Warren for the splendid services rendered by him.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success," writes Mrs. M. L. Basford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all druggists.

MURDERED AT WAKE

Brothers-in-Law Quarrel and One Shoots the Other.

Meet at a Wake and Renew an Old Quarrel.

After Shooting Surrenders Himself to Police.

Says He Fired Fatal Shot to Save His Life.

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—At the wake of Mrs. Henry Brink, who died at her home at 743 Louisiana Avenue, early yesterday morning, there was a tragedy brought on by too much whisky consumed by the in-law who was slain in the yard, and Joseph Hasselbeck, a laborer, of 21 Antoine, was shot and killed by Chas. Romback, of 828 Toledano, another laborer.

For months the men have been on bad terms, and it all started about an electric battery. That affair went to the courts, for Romback claimed that he had been assaulted by his brother-in-law, and two brothers of the man, and he made charges, but so far the case was never thoroughly aired.

It was the duty of the sons-in-law to go to the wake of Mrs. Brink. Romback seemed to flume that there would be a clash, and that he took measures to protect himself, placing a revolver in his pocket. Armed as he was, he went to the house on Louisiana Avenue with his wife and children, and there he saw his brother-in-law.

For hours nothing particular occurred, there being a number of people present, and the brothers-in-law spent their time with their particular friends. Men who were there drank, for there was considerable whisky, and after midnight the brothers-in-law began to show an ugly spirit, though the Brinks and other thought that there would be no open clash because of the occasion of the wake.

At about 2 o'clock Romback had several drinks, some one in the crowd suggested another drink, and Hasselbeck was willing, while Romback did not care to join. He said that he did not want any more whisky, and Hasselbeck sarcastically remarked:

"No, he won't want anything to drink; women don't want anything to drink."

That forced the clash between the brothers-in-law. It happened that Hasselbeck's two brothers were there, too, but they took no hand in the quarrel. Back in the yard where the men were gathered the brothers-in-law continued expressing themselves about each other, and in a few seconds they were far enough away from the other men to be able to fight as they pleased.

Just what really happened at that moment is hard to say, though Inspector of Police Reynolds and District Attorney Adams and Sergeant Davis and a big force of police took every witness and questioned them closely. Romback, who survived the clash, was ready to talk, and he offered a story of self-defense, holding that Hasselbeck was a bigger man, and had hit him, and when he drew the revolver force the man back, Hasselbeck took the weapon in one hand and tried to wrest it from him, and it was then that he fired the bullet entering the right breast, producing a wound which caused almost instant death.

Of course, there was a hubbub at the place, and men and women were in a state of excitement, and it was some time before the police were able to effect that an ambulance was needed at the house. The rush was made there, and it was found that Hasselbeck was dead in the yard, and that Romback had gone. But the man who had done the shooting was only bound for the Berlin Street Police Station, where he surrendered to a clerk.

Romback was collected when he gave himself up to the police, and he told a story of which showed that Hasselbeck was the aggressor. It seems that there was an electric battery in the home of Romback, and among those who were there was Hasselbeck. All vied with each other about holding the handles and that started a quarrel, and Romback says that he got away from the company and sought a little rest on a bed.

When Hasselbeck entered the room and called him a fine sucker, and made things so disagreeable that there was a fistfight. Both men went to the floor, and Romback was on top of his brother-in-law. Finally Hasselbeck was ordered from the house, and all thought that the matter was settled, but that night Hasselbeck returned with his brothers and tried to force his way into the house, and dared Romback to come into the street and fight.

"Why, the next morning," said Romback, "when I was on Lyon and Constance streets, one of Hasselbeck's brothers took an ice hatchet from my wagon and all wanted to assault me."

That made him go to the police, and he was sent to court to make affidavits against those who had attacked him. Hasselbeck was charged with assault and battery.

"Since last March," said Romback, "I have not spoken to my brother-in-law."

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WATERWORKS THE QUESTION

People Are Impatient of Delay in the Matter.

Mercantile League Have Investigated as to Cost.

Meeting Will Be Held in the Courthouse Monday.

All Members are Requested to be Present.

The executive committee of the Covington Commercial League has taken up the question of waterworks for Covington. President E. G. Davis has written to various towns that have installed systems of their own to secure the data upon which to base calculations for a suitable system for Covington. It has necessarily been slow work to get this information, and even those answers received are difficult to adapt to conditions here. Enough has been learned, however, to indicate that Covington is able to put in a system and also to build its school building, if the people wish it.

There will be a meeting of the Commercial League at the courthouse Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when the matter will be thoroughly thrashed out. Every member of the League is requested to be present. It is hoped that the importance of this question will bring out a full membership on that night, and definite plans will be formulated for carrying the project through.

BOGALUSA.
Carpenter Killed and Two Others Wounded During Affray.

Bogalusa, La., Aug. 28.—As a result of a shooting affray here Sunday, James Bivens, a carpenter, was killed. M. May fatally wounded, having his arm shot off, and Dominico Troia was seriously wounded with a shot through the abdomen. According to witnesses, Sam Plotter, who is employed by the paper mill now under construction, was in a house of a questionable character with Salvator Troia, Dominico Troia, Salvatore Troia and Genardina Angelo. It is said Plotter was intoxicated and grew boisterous and threatened violence, but was disarmed by the Italians. He left the house, but later returned in company with James Bivens and M. May. Upon their arrival shooting began and it is said the first shot was fired by the Italians. After the affray ended it was found that Bivens had been killed, May is in a local hospital and is not expected to live, Dominico Troia was shot in the abdomen, but the officers thought it better to take him to the Franklinton jail rather than to the hospital. Bivens was employed by the Great Southern Lumber Company and came here from Alabama.

Kills a Murderer.
A mercenary murderer is appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by preventing it. They gently stimulate stomach and bowels, prevent constipation, curing constipation, headache, biliousness, chills. 25c at all druggists.

I had been told that he would get even with me, and one day I-st week I bought the pistol for my protection, for I had heard that I would probably get some trouble from Hasselbeck. When my mother-in-law died I knew that I would have to go to the wake with my wife and children, and I knew that I would meet Hasselbeck there. Now I did not get drunk, and only had one or two drinks of whisky. The other men drank, and I was trying to avoid having a word with anyone. But Hasselbeck forced the quarrel on me, and when he hit me I drew the revolver.

"But there is no mark on your face," put in one of the interrogators. "No, he did not land the blow full," answered Romback.

In his graphic description of the affair Romback said that his brother-in-law snatched at the weapon, and it was while he had a grip on it that he fired.

"I don't know where the bullet hit him," said Romback. "I just started to back away and wanted to get to the police station and surrender myself."

District Attorney Adams, who worked hard on the affair, questioned the prisoner closely, and then other witnesses were talked to. Seemingly the story got out that some one made the remark that nothing could be done for the dead man, but that they could all save the living man. That smacked like a frame up, and witnesses were asked that they were positive in their declaration that they did not see the full fight, and could not say just what had happened.

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