

## COMMISSION APPOINTED TO FIND IF JULIA JOHNSON WAS ACCOUNTABLE

### CHARGED OF A CRIME WHICH SHE MAY HAVE COMMITTED IN MOMENT OF INSANITY.

Commission of Covington Physicians Appointed by the Court to Examine Into Her Condition.

At the March term of court, which commences next week, one of the most sensational criminal cases that has ever come before the court will be tried. It is the first criminal case in which a duly appointed commission has been called upon to testify as to the sanity of the defendant. These cases will also excite considerable interest from the fact that the court has appointed counsel to de-

pend the case, for while the remuneration in such cases does not usually cover the cost of the proceedings—in other words, while the attorneys appointed under such circumstances usually spend more money than they receive—the responsibility is felt to be greater and the very best efforts of the lawyers are brought out. This means that there will be a bitter fight to secure an acquittal. The attorneys appointed are R. M. Miller and Fred J. Heintz. The case in question is that of Julia Johnson, charged with killing twin infants at their birth. The details of the crime were shocking; so much so that the question of her sanity at the time seemed to be one of very probable doubt. The act became a subject for sensational newspaper reports and was written up in the local press. The crime charged occurred near Sun, La., Monday, November 17, 1913, and the next day Julia Johnson was taken to New Orleans and placed in the parish prison for safe keeping. She was brought to Covington this week and in the parish jail here in "order" that the commission of physicians appointed by Judge Lancaster to inquire into her sanity might have an opportunity to examine her. The commission is composed of Dr. L. C. Heintz, coroner; Dr. F. G. Marrero and Dr. H. E. Gautreaux. While they convened Wednesday and Friday afternoon, of course, nothing will be known of their findings until the case comes to trial.

## To Be Put On at Parkview Theatre

"THE WRECK," MAGNIFICENT VITAGRAPH FEATURE To Be Presented at Parkview, Tuesday, March 10. Special Matinee at 5 p. m.

Again the managers of Parkview Theatre have proved themselves wide awake in securing the booking of the sensational three-part drama of the Vitagraph Company, entitled "The Wreck." This feature is well named by the mere fact that a real head-on collision of two trains is presented. It is a powerful drama of modern life that holds an audience spellbound from beginning to end. It is of big work and will mark a red letter day for Parkview Theatre. One extra reel will be shown in connection with "The Wreck."

Two Act Drama for Friday, March 13. Matinee Performance 4 p. m.

"Sweethearts," is the title of the clever little two act drama which will be presented next Friday afternoon and night at Parkview Theatre under the management of C. S. A. Fuhrmann. The cast is composed of local talent and the play is being carefully rehearsed. The plot of the play is a very unusual one as the two principal characters, who were sweethearts in their young days, quarrel in a manner which is very pleasant to lovers and the man in the case sails for India. Thirty years elapse when he returns to the young lady's home and his as well. He is now a hardened old Indian civilian, but she is the same as when he left, only with a head of gray hair, and the dialogue which follows between the two will be interesting to most any audience. The cast is as follows: Miss Ruth Norcott—Miss Lucile Smith. Betty, her maid—Miss Ruth Frederick. Wilcox, a gardener—Holgar Kohnke. Mr. Harry Spreadbrow—C. S. A. Fuhrmann.

## Picture Show Films to Be Made of Rally.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**  
Mr. C. M. Little of Slidell, has written the writer of these notes as to having films made of the rally. This strikes us as a wise idea. But Mr. Little is given to such ideas—things looking towards advancing school conditions. A new Orleans film company in all probability will have their machine here and catch the parade and such events as will be most interesting produced on canvas. The Parkview Theatre generously offer to run the reel on attractive basis. Other picture shows in the parish no doubt will do likewise, and practically everybody in the parish will have the opportunity of seeing the best features of the rally, providing the arrangements are made.

**GALLOWAY NOTES.**  
We are glad to have Mr. H. T. Stafford with us to finish out the term of school Mr. L. B. Straughn left off. May his efforts here prove successful.  
Mrs. Mrtha Fauntleroy, of Covington, was the guest of her children at Galloway, returning to her home in Covington, on March 3, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Thompson.  
The Death Angel visited Mr. Tyner Jenkins on Feb. 28, at 9:30 a. m. He was laid to rest on March 1st, at 12:45 p. m. He was 56 years, 2 months and 16 days of age. He leaves a wife, two sons and seven

daughters to mourn his loss. May they all be prepared to meet him and sing with the Angels around the White Throne. He also leaves four brothers and a host of relatives and friends.  
**A FRIEND.**  
**BEST FAMILY LAXATIVE.**  
Beware of constipation. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and keep well. Mrs. Charles E. Smith, of West Frankl'n, Me., calls them "Our family laxative." Nothing better for adults or aged. Get them today, 25 cents. All druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

## Cost of Building Roads Throughout St. Tammany Parish.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT IS GROWING STRONGER AND STRONGER IN FAVOR OF GOOD ROADS FOR ST. TAMMANY PARISH. THERE IS BUT ONE WAY TO GET THEM, AND THAT IS TO HAVE THEM BUILT BY CONTRACT. IN ORDER TO DO THIS A SPECIAL TAX WILL HAVE TO BE VOTED AND BONDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE OLD SYSTEM OF ROAD BUILDING IS A FAILURE, NOT BECAUSE POLICE JURY MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT WARDS HAVE BEEN INCOMPETENT OR NEGLIGENT IN THE EXPENDITURE OF ROAD FUNDS, BUT BECAUSE, FOR REASONS TOO NUMEROUS TO DISCUSS IN THIS ARTICLE, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR AN EXPERT ROAD BUILDER TO BUILD GOOD ROADS UNDER THE PROVISIONS AND WITH THE REVENUES AT HAND UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM. ST. TAMMANY PARISH HAS BEEN FORTUNATE IN HAVING A POLICE JURY BOARD, THAT, AS A WHOLE, HAS BEEN REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PARISH AFFAIRS. THERE ARE FEW PARISHES IN THE STATE THAT ARE FINANCIALLY BETTER SITUATED TODAY, AND THERE HAS BEEN MUCH WORK DONE THAT COULD HAVE ONLY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY A CONSCIENTIOUS AND ECONOMICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS. BUT THE TIME HAS COME WHEN AN ADVANCE STEP SHOULD BE MADE IN THE BUILDING OF PUBLIC ROADS. THE FUTURE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PARISH DEPENDS UPON IT. WE BELIEVE THE POLICE JURY MEMBERS RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF IT AND SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO CALL AN ELECTION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE QUESTION OF THE ADVISABILITY OF STATE AID IN BUILDING THESE ROADS CAN BE DECIDED AT A FUTURE TIME, BUT THERE SHOULD BE NO HESITANCY IN DECLARING FOR THE CONTRACT PLAN, WHICH FIXES RESPONSIBILITY, COMPELS THE FOLLOWING OF SPECIFICATIONS AND INSURES AN ORDERLY AND SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE UNDER BOND.

A TWO AND ONE-HALF MILL TAX FOR TWENTY YEARS, BONDED, WOULD GIVE APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 FOR BUILDING 208 MILES OF ROADS IN THIS PARISH, AS SHOWN BY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF SURVEYED AND ESTIMATED ROADS, BASED ON THE FIGURES OF MR. HOWARD BURNS, PARISH SURVEYOR:

MIDDLE ROAD, FROM LEE'S ROAD TO FACTORY ROAD, 12 MILES, 765 FEET; TURNPIKE, FROM MADISONVILLE TO PARISH LINE NORTH, 12 MILES, 778 FEET; LEE'S ROAD, FROM COVINGTON TO PARISH LINE NORTH, 13 MILES, 2127 FEET; FROM MADISONVILLE TO LACOMBE ROAD, 9 MILES, 5238 FEET; PEARL RIVER ROAD FROM SLIDELL TO ALTON, 3 MILES, 4700 FEET; SLIDELL TO LACOMBE, ABOUT 16 MILES; SLIDELL TO INDIAN VILLAGE ROAD, 3 MILES, 1770 FEET; PEARL RIVER AND SALT BAYOU ROAD, RUNS FROM COVINGTON TO SALT BAYOU 41 MILES, 4227 FEET; INDIAN VILLAGE ROAD, RUNS FROM PEARL RIVER AND SALT BAYOU ROAD TO INDIAN VILLAGE, 1 MILE 4060 FEET; MILITARY ROAD, BRANCHES FROM THE COLUMBIA ROAD 4 MILE NORTH OF COVINGTON TO PARISH LINE NORTH, 13 MILES, 3078 FEET; PONCHATOULA AND MADISONVILLE ROAD, RUNS FROM MADISONVILLE TO PARISH LINE WEST, 5 MILES, 645 FEET; HOLMESVILLE ROAD RUNS FROM COVINGTON TO PARISH LINE NORTH, 17 MILES, 852 FEET; COVINGTON TO MADISONVILLE, 4 MILES, 330 FEET; COVINGTON TO MANDEVILLE, 7 MILES, 3025 FEET.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED AND ONLY THE APPROXIMATE MILEAGE IS GIVEN:

BENNET BRIDGE ROAD, RUNS FROM HOLMESVILLE ROAD TO PARISH LINE, ABOUT 6 MILES; POLICE BRIDGE ROAD, RUNS FROM HOLMESVILLE ROAD ABOUT 8 MILES NORTH OF COVINGTON TO BRIDGE, ABOUT 7 MILES; EDWARDS ROAD, RUNS FROM ONVILLE TO EDWARDS BRIDGE, ABOUT 8 MILES; THE CROSSWAY ROAD BRANCHES FROM THE ROAD 6 MILES FROM COVINGTON AND RUNS INTO THE SHARP SETTLEMENT, ABOUT 5 MILES; RIVER ROAD, RUNS FROM COLUMBIA ROAD TO TALISHEEK, ABOUT 10 MILES; LACOMBE TO ST. TAMMANY, STARTS AT MARTIN BRIDGE, ABOUT 7 MILES; ROAD TO PEARL RIVER, RUNNING TO ED. ROBERTS, ABOUT 3 MILES. ON THIS BASIS WE WOULD HAVE \$1442.30 WITH WHICH TO BUILD EACH MILE OF ROAD IN THIS PARISH.

## JOS SCHNYDER SUGAR HOUSE BURNED TO GROUND

### FIRE BREAKS OUT ON SUNDAY MORNING, RESIDENCE, DAIRY BARELY ESCAPE. LOSS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER \$4000

Home Equipment, With Gasoline Engine and 300 Feet of Hose, Prevents Fire from Spreading.

Mr. Jos. Schnyder sustained a heavy loss by fire last Sunday morning. It was about 5 o'clock a. m. when he discovered the flames sweeping skyward, too late to save anything in the frame building that was used as a sugar house, and which contained machinery for cane grinding, a garage, and other things. Mr. Schnyder is one of the most progressive farmers in the parish, and has one of the finest equipped dairy plants in the State, having made one of the highest scores in the state-wide inspection made by Dr. Dowling. To the fact that he was finely equipped he owes the saving of his residence and his dairy building. Finding it useless to attempt to save the sugar house, he attached three hundred feet of hose to the large water tank, and using a gasoline engine for power, he played water on the blistering buildings and shed that threatened every moment to break into a blaze, and with the help of others succeeded in saving them, in spite of the intense heat that would have made even a hardened fireman feel like seeking shelter.

In summing up after all was over, Mr. Schnyder stated that his loss was between four and five thousand dollars, without a cent of insurance. But he felt thankful, withal, for had he not been equipped as he was he would have lost home and everything. Besides the sugar-house and machinery, Mr. Schnyder lost his automobile and about four hundred chickens, among which were some fine breeds that had won the St. Tammany Farmer-cup at two St. Tammany parish fair exhibitions. These chickens were the special care of Mrs. Schnyder, who had taken much pride in them and bred them to a high state of perfection. She had confidence that she could again produce prize-winners at the next fair. It is supposed that the fire originated from some incubators and brooders that were in the building.

## HARDING ADAMS MAKES HIS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL.

Cashier of Bank of Prairie Pools Officer and Is Not Traced.

Aberdeen, Miss., March 3.—Harding Adams, cashier of the First State Bank of Prairie, Miss., escaped from the Monroe County jail at an early hour this morning. Adams has been confined to the jail since the preliminary hearing awaiting the action of the grand jury, which met yesterday. He occupied the janitor's room, which is called the reception room, and he and the jailer were sleeping there. During the night he complained of having indigestion and asked for some salt. The jailer gave him the keys which unlocked the doors which led to the kitchen. When he got to the kitchen he unlocked the kitchen door, got the salt and then went back to his room, returning the keys to the jailer and retiring, soon after he began complaining of pains in his stomach and got up and went up stairs. He set himself down the dumbwaiter into the kitchen and having left the kitchen door open, made his escape. Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but failed to locate him. The grand jury indicted Gulle Barber on two charges this morning. He was promoter of the First State Bank of Prairie and brother-in-law of T. C. Fuller of Lexington, Ky. Barber has been out on bond, but was arrested and placed in jail. His trial is set for 8:30 tomorrow morning. When interviewed soon after his arrest, Barber stated that he believed he was indicted on the strength of Adams' escape, and that he believed Fuller would offer a reward for his capture. Barber stated that Fuller told him that he believed Adams was guilty, and that if the Monroe county people did not prosecute him that he would come down and do it himself.

## STUBBORN, ANNOYING COUGHS CURED.

"My husband had a cough for fifteen years and my son for eight years Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured them, for which I am most thankful," writes Mrs. David Moor, of Saginaw, Ala. What Dr. King's New Discovery did for these men, it will do for you. Dr. King's New Discovery should be in every home. Stops hacking coughs, relieves the gripe and all throat and lung ailments. Money back if it fails. All druggists. Price 80 cents and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

## NOTICE.

There will be a teachers institute at Slidell March 7th, and one at Covington on March 14th. Programs assigned for the last meeting will be carried out. Teachers will attend the meeting in the district in which their school is located.

ELMER E. LYON, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have applied for duplicates of three certificates of stock in the St. Tammany Ice & Manufacturing Company, numbered 9, 62 and 83, representing six shares of stock, which have been lost. CARROLL FREDERICK.

## JURY VERDICT A SHOCK TO PEOPLE

### CITIZENS OF SHREVEPORT APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE.

## ACQUITTAL OF LITTLES CONSIDERED OUTRAGE

Mass Meeting Requests the Littles to Leave Town and Jurors Not be Allowed to Serve Again.

Shreveport, La., March 2.—At the largest public meeting ever held in Shreveport, called to order at the city hall tonight, resolutions were adopted denouncing the acquittal of Harvey S. Little and wife, Anna Bond Little, tried for the murder of J. J. Van Cleave, November 18 last, and inviting the Littles to leave Shreveport immediately, as undesirable.

The resolutions condemn the action of the jurors who tried and acquitted Little and his wife, and ask that their names be inscribed on the records of the District Court and forever be barred from serving on juries in the parish of Caddo.

A change is demanded in the State jury law so as to take out of the hands of the sheriff authority to summon tales jurors in criminal cases. The resolutions declare for drawing of all special venues by jury commissioners, at the direction of the trial judge and in the same manner in which the regular panels are drawn.

They also provide for the appointment of a committee to fix responsibility for the miscarriage of justice in the Little case, and the failure of justice in numerous other cases of homicide; to determine whether it rests with the district attorney, the trial judge or the sheriff's office, and report back to a subsequent meeting.

Eight o'clock was the time fixed for the meeting, but long before that hour was reached the hall was packed. It is estimated that there were 2000 persons inside of the hall, and at least 1000 who could not gain admission. The meeting had been advertised "for men only," and only three or four ladies were present. The crowd was thoroughly representative every element of the population being represented at the gathering.

V. Grosjean called the meeting to order and Col. J. B. Ard, a prominent business man, was chosen permanent chairman. Speeches in support of the Little verdict, and particularly of the twelve men composing the jury, were made by Judge J. C. Pugh, ex-Governor Newton C. Blanchard and Rev. M. E. Dodd.

Resolutions Presented.

John Jenkins, chairman of a special committee on resolutions, presented

## Town Buys Sewer System of New Southern Hotel and Gives \$50.00 to School Rally

Covington, La., March 3, 1914. The town council met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: F. G. Marrero, mayor; P. J. Lacroix, L. A. Perreand, Leon Hebert, M. P. Planche and D. I. Addison. Absent: Louis David, Jr.

The minutes of the two regular meetings and one special meeting were read, and on motion by M. P. Planche, seconded by P. J. Lacroix, were adopted as read.

The secretary made the following report for month of February, 1914.

On deposit in Cov. Bank and Trust Co. Feb. 1. for general fund	210.14
On deposit St. Tammany Banking Co. & Savings Bank, Feb. 1. for general fund	1000.00
Amounts collected for:	
Corporation tax	450.08
Licenses	120.00
Fines	12.00
Cemetery lots	25.00
Total	1817.22
Disbursements:	
Three checks to A. Beaucoudray, treasurer for general fund	1728.42
On deposit in Cov. Bank and Trust Co. for general fund	88.80
Total	1817.22

L. P. DELCROIX, Town Secretary.

Moved by P. J. Lacroix, seconded by D. I. Addison, that the secretary's report be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

So ordered.

The committee appointed by the Mayor at the meeting of January 6, 1914 in regard to purchasing the New Southern Hotel Co.'s sewerage system, reported having closed the deal with said company.

Moved by L. A. Perreand, seconded by M. P. Planche, that the town make a donation of \$50.00 to assist in the school rally to be held this month.

So ordered.

There were two petitions put before the council for new lights to be put up, one at the corner of 29th Avenue and Jackson Street, and one at the corner of 35th Avenue and Jackson street.

Moved by L. A. Perreand, seconded by Leon Hebert, that both petitions be referred to the Improvement Committee.

So ordered.

The following bills were paid during the month for street work for the week ending:

February 7, .....	\$1.15
February 14, .....	\$2.55
February 21, .....	\$6.95
February 28, .....	\$2.95
Labor unloading barge.	\$2.50
Labor unloading cargo.	\$0.40
Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co., .....	2.85
St. Tammany Ice and Mfg. Co., Ltd., .....	368.46
Dr. L. C. Heintz, .....	5.00

The following bills were approved by the Finance Committee: Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co., .. 2.85 L. A. Perreand .. .85

The following bills were approved by the Improvement Committee and ordered paid:

Planche's Wood Yard, ..	\$8.50
Theobald Bros., .....	2.10
H. J. Smith & Sons, .....	5.30
Regal Hotel & Cafe, .....	6.35
Mrs. A. Gabriel, .....	4.50
Dutrousch Bros., .....	3.30
Herman Schultz, .....	40.00
Bernard Commenge, .....	202.25
D. I. Addison & Co., .....	21.00

Moved by M. P. Planche, seconded by P. J. Lacroix, that the council adjourn subject to call.

F. G. MARRERO, Mayor.

L. P. DELCROIX, Secretary.

of the following report:

We confront a deplorable and intolerable situation on that demands a remedy, and the remedy should be applied without delay and without favor. The facts are so stupendous, so bold, so astounding, that no right thinking citizen can fail to see them and discern in them a significance that is appalling. These are the facts:

High crime can be committed boldly in Caddo parish; human life can be taken, not in self-defense, nor in the hot passion of physical encounter, but with calmness and deliberation; a man can be shot down like a dog, without a chance of defense or escape, and without warning of his peril. Justice is invoked; the court assumes its responsibility; the trial is held before a jury; the verdict of acquittal is promptly returned; the law loving community is shocked beyond expression.

It is not one instance only, but there are many instances where justice has been violated and has been as been unheard. It has been an accumulation with one instance boldly crowling all. We are not dumb, nor do we feel helpless, nor can we afford to remain passive. Therefore, be it

Resolved: By the citizens of Caddo parish, mass meeting assembled: 1. We condemn in righteous indignation the conditions that allow high crime to go unpunished and as a necessary consequence encourage the commission of such crimes and in this connection we declare it to be a surprising and lamentable fact that the criminal section of the district court of Caddo parish has shown itself utterly deficient as an instrument for the administration of criminal justice in the parish.

**Jurors Denounced.**

2. It is the sense of this meeting and it is hereby urged upon the court that the names of the jurors, to-wit: L. M. Carraway, J. W. Kent, R. H. Browning, J. G. Heater, George Ray, W. A. Ross, I. H. Teat, Robert Moss, Fred Whitmyer, A. K. Lida, G. W.

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