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Joseph Cassard.

### POLICE MINSTRELS TO PLAY FOR CAMP HYGEIA'S BENEFIT ON DECEMBER 16TH

One often hears of the lure of the footlights, and how it drew men and women into the career which exists in the greenroom, from which they never escape.

"Once an actor, always an actor," is a tradition, but it remained for Joseph Cassard, now a policeman of the New Orleans Police Department to prove that the call of the uniform is stronger than the beckoning hand of Theppia.

Some years ago, when the old Cleveland and Haverly Minstrels were so popular, Cassard, when a boy, was the juvenile tenor of that famous troupe, and his meteoric flight to fame was the talk of the theatrical world.

After Joe's training with the minstrel company he became the tenor singer with a juvenile opera company which played at Bidwell's old Academy of Music in the Crescent City, and from that time on his success was assured.

With various opera companies he toured the North and East singing the tenor roles in many comic operas. While on a visit to his parents in New Orleans, eleven years ago, he fell in love, married, and started on the road with the old Olympia Opera Company.

Mrs. Cassard, who was not theatrically inclined, induced her husband to cancel his engagements and return home. Shortly after his return he was appointed a deputy to the Criminal Sheriff. While busy at his new duties the glamour of the footlights still gripped Cassard, and hearing of the famous New Orleans Police Minstrels, he applied to Superintendent of Police James W. Reynolds of the New Orleans Police Department for a place in the cast.

"But," said Supt. Reynolds, "in order to sing in our minstrel organization you must be a policeman. You have an excellent voice, Mr. Cassard, but you are not a member of the Police Department."

**BASKETBALL**  
Hidell High School Basketball team will play the Covington High School team this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Covington Gymnastic Club court.

**LIST OF DEAD LETTERS.**  
Following is the list of dead letters remaining in the Covington post-office:  
Wash Adams, Mrs. B. L. Bono, J. M. Dyer, Rhoda Dupre, Lottie Franklin, John Gertner, Jack Hughes, Lester Harper, D. F. Keen, Anna Kaufman, Miss L. Moore, George Plummer, Mrs. M. Richardson, Elrith Thomas.

## SHIPMENT OF PRODUCTS BY PARCELS POST WILL ENABLE FARMERS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT TRADE IN CITY

The following letter has been addressed to Capt. G. E. Millar, of Abita Springs, manager of the St. Tammany Truck Growers Association:  
New Orleans, Nov. 6, 1914.  
Dear Sir:—Acknowledging receipt of your communication relative to the shipment of farm products by parcel post, I beg to advise that under instructions from Postmaster General I am gathering names of prospective shippers and as soon as

sufficient number have furnished me a list of the articles which they are prepared to ship, I will have circulars printed for distribution to the public in New Orleans, giving the names of such shippers and a list of the produce that they are prepared to furnish. The preparation of this list will, of course, take some little time, but as soon as it is prepared a copy will be furnished you.

The following firms I am advised are in a position to furnish you light packing boxes or containers for parcel post shipments, in case you are interested in shipping by parcel post:  
Continental Bag Co., 635-49 South Peters Street, New Orleans, La.  
J. M. Raffel Co., E. J. Clarkson and Race Streets, Baltimore, Md.  
Robert Gair Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
The Thompson & Norris Co., Concord and Prince Streets, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Lawrence Paper Mfg. Co., Lawrence, Mass.  
Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, Sandusky, Ohio.  
Hartley Folding Box Co., 181 Griswold Street, Detroit, Mich.  
H. B. Elliott & Sons, Harbor Springs, Mich.

to special customers. This arrangement of the postoffice department provides an opportunity for finding customers that the farmer could create for himself only at considerable expense and loss of time. It is to be hoped, therefore, that advantages will be taken of this opportunity and that a list of names of shippers, with the produce desired to be shipped, may be gotten up and forwarded to Postmaster Voegtli. If the names are sent either to Capt. G. E. Millar, of Abita Springs, or to this office, they will be forwarded to their proper destination.

### The Decorated Cart of Abita School That Won Second Prize In The Flower Parade.



Seated in Cart—Naomi and Herbert Rausch. —Pulling Cart—Mildred Abney, John Rausch, Olive Allen, Joe Warren, Jamie Throver, Lucile Pedibedean and Carl Rausch.

### NEW SOUTHERN HOTEL OBSERVES ORANGE DAY

The New Southern Hotel, under the up-to-date management of Mr. Patin, presented a beautiful appearance last Thursday, the spacious dining room being decorated in observance of Louisiana Orange Day. Perhaps many people do not know that Louisiana grows the finest flavored oranges that reaches the market. To emphasize this fact Gov. Hall has issued a proclamation asking that this day be set aside as "Orange Day," and in observance of this Mr. Patin surrounded the diners at the hotel,

### Test Your Seed.

A seed testing laboratory is being conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture with the cooperation of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, for the use of the progressive farmers and seedmen of the South.

The purpose of the laboratory is to furnish information to farmers and seedmen as to the quality of commercial agricultural seeds. In the past the farmer has had no accurate means of determining the per cent of seed that would germinate, and their purity from mixture with foreign seed. The laboratory, however, enables the prospective buyer to obtain samples of seed from the seedsmen or grower and have them tested before purchasing.

### OFFICIAL CALL OF THE NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBOURS CONGRESS.

Members of the organization, duly appointed delegates, and all others interested are hereby notified that the Eleventh Annual Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 9th, 10th and 11th of December, 1914, in the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Governors of States and Territories, Mayors of towns and cities and presidents of commercial organizations and Waterway Associations have authority to appoint and accredit delegates and are earnestly requested to give the matter prompt attention.

The president of the United States has been invited to make the opening address and it is hoped that he will be able to accept the invitation. As on other occasions, addresses will be made by distinguished speakers from our own and other countries, but ample opportunity will be given for a general discussion of the vitally important questions which are to be considered.

This should be the largest convention, as it will be, for many reasons, the most important that we have ever held, and every community that is interested in the improvement and utilization of a waterway or a harbor should be strongly represented.

Respectfully,  
JOS. E. RANDELL,  
President.

### Gymnastic Club Wins.

The Covington Gymnastic Club second team and Covington High School team played a game of basketball at the gymnasium last Wednesday night which resulted in a score of 26 to 15 in favor of the Gymnastic Club.

The opening of the Covington Gymnastic Club, last Friday, was celebrated by a dance and a basketball game between the junior and senior teams of the club. Punch and other refreshments were served and the evening was enjoyed very much by everyone. The gymnasium was decorated with holly, ferns and roses.

Only members and invited guests were present and the gathering was most select. The great success of this affair speaks well for the future popularity of the club, both as to its social functions and its influence in athletics of Covington. It indicates the bringing about of very desirable

## AFTER LAPSE OF 123 YEARS COVINGTON CEMETERY NEEDS ADD MORE BURIAL GROUND



Mrs. J. C. Burns

changes and the club feels greatly encouraged in the work it has undertaken. It is intended to entertain at regular intervals and to otherwise popularize the work of the club, while anticipated improvements of the gymnasium will add to its attractiveness to those who recognize the importance of physical culture in the maintenance of health and the successful accomplishment of the general affairs of life.

HERE are many cities that have beautiful cemeteries and some that have such a number of them that they might be well called "Cemetery Cities." The care of these cities of the dead is one of affection that appeals to all hearts and the women of the country have been first in the efforts for beautifying graves and keeping in memory the departed loved ones.

There are seventeen old family tombs in the cemetery belonging to people who spent their summers in Covington or came here to escape epidemics in other places, because Covington has never closed her doors nor quarantined at any time, and about 25 single graves made under the same conditions. There are 149 family plots of whites, and 64 graves of people who came here sick, making Covington their temporary home, and about 100 plots belonging to colored people.

## Covington Gymnastic Club Gives First Dance Opening Friday Night

At an early date it is expected matters may be so arranged as to provide convenient hours for the young ladies' organizations that desire to take advantage of gymnastic facilities, and also to organize gymnasium work for the juveniles. It is the duty of our

representative citizens to give every encouragement possible to the endeavors to develop a successful form of club life in Covington, because the moral influence is of great importance in the building up of good citizenship and the future success of our young men.

Following is the line-up and score of the game last Friday night:  
Seniors—Christoffer, Simmons, forwards; Burns, center; Park, L. Smith, L. Menette, guards. Score, 13.  
Juniors—A. Smith, P. Smith, forwards; E. Menette, center; R. Menette, L. Anderson, guards. Score, 17.  
Referee—Burton White.  
Umpire—Prof. Smith.

Mr. Denechaud named several police juries that the Commission had called upon and stated that not a single one had failed to make an appropriation for said purpose, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and that he hoped St. Tammany parish could see her way clear to give \$350.

It was moved and duly seconded that the police jury of St. Tammany parish make an appropriation of \$150 to the Panama-Pacific Exposition towards the Louisiana exhibit.

## Police Jury Proceedings November 16

Covington, La., Nov. 16, 1914.  
The police jury met in regular session on above date.  
Present: Herman Schults, president; Louis Peters, Wm. Bruhl, Geo. F. Bierhorst, E. E. Talley, A. D. Crawford, Jno. A. Todd, J. B. Howze and F. L. Dutsch.  
Absent: B. A. Schneider.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.  
The following bids were opened for the fiscal agency of the police jury funds:  
To the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, Represented by its Police Jury.  
Gentlemen:—In accordance with your advertisement for bids for the custody of the funds of the parish of

St. Tammany, we respectfully submit the following bid:  
We will pay 3 1-10 per cent for the custody of the funds of the parish of St. Tammany, all in accordance with your letter and notice published in the St. Tammany Farmer, and Act 205 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1912.  
We herewith enclose sworn statement of our bank, as required by law. Very respectfully,  
HARVEY E. ELLIS,  
President.  
Mr. Herman Schults, President of Police Jury, Covington, La.  
Dear Sir:—In accordance with your invitation for bids for fiscal agents under Act 205, General Assembly of 1912, and agreeing to the terms as set forth therein, we beg to submit a

bid of 3 1-10 per cent interest per annum to be paid on daily balances carried by your body during the life of said contract.  
Respectfully submitted,  
COVINGTON BANK & TRUST CO.,  
E. G. Davis, President.  
It was moved and duly seconded that as both bids were the same that both be made fiscal agents. The Registrar of voters, the Covington Bank & Trust Co. to carry the road fund and the St. Tammany Banking Co. & Savings Bank to carry the general fund.  
Carried.  
Mr. Justin F. Denechaud, Commissioner of the Panama-Pacific Exposition addressed the police jury in behalf of said Commission and asked for an appropriation for the Louisiana exhibit that is to be made at the exposition to be held in San Francisco.

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| Assessor's fee                                | 3500.00    |
| Commission of tax collector                   | 3500.00    |
| Sheriff's salary                              | 500.00     |
| Conveying convicts to penitentiary and asylum | 2000.00    |
| Witnesses in criminal cases                   | 5000.00    |
| Other and general contingent expenses         | 25000.00   |
| Coroner and Jurors                            | 2500.00    |
| Grand and petit jury                          | 1500.00    |
| Repairing and constructing bridges            | 9000.00    |
| Beneficiary cadet to L. S. U.                 | 200.00     |
| Beneficiary cadet to La. State Normal         | 150.00     |
| Beneficiary to agricultural school            | 450.00     |
| Divers incidental contingent                  | 2500.00    |
| Maintaining public work                       | 14000.00   |
| Police jury expenses                          | 1500.00    |
| Parish printing                               | 400.00     |
| Registrar of voters                           | 475.00     |
| Secretary's salary                            | 900.00     |
| Emergency bridge fund                         | 10000.00   |
|   | \$32075.00 |

The following report was read: Statement of T. E. Brewster, Tax Collector, for the month of October, 1914.

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| Parish Tax    |       |
| Criminal fund | 76.70 |
| Road fund     | 38.95 |

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### Ho! For Circus.

Never since the days of the famous Danny Rice have such clowns been seen as will appear at the circus in New Orleans, Nov. 22, at Jackson Park. And such a host of other clowns—the snake charmer, the painted lady, the tattooed lady, the