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STAR CHAMBER TRIAL AND FAILURE TO CONVICT CAUSE THREE TO RESIGN

Kentzel, Smith and McCormack, After Presenting Charges of Neglect of Duty by Night Marshal Day, and Failing To Be Sustained, Resign Office.

There was a very trying situation in Covington this week. Not that Covington is alien to trying situations, but rather, apropos of the everlastingly maintained sameness in a situation that has been a situation since the time a line separated two distinct factions in the policies of the town. While this statement implies the existence of an outlined policy, some platform of principles or definite course of action adopted by each of the opposing factions, there will in reality be found no record of promises to be fulfilled, and consequently no denunciation for the failure of fulfillment. But there seems to have been a tacit understanding between the voters and the candidates that each would do better than the other. If elected. The first actual performance in this direction, that made the people sit up and take notice that there really was a difference between doing things and promising to do them, was when E. V. Richard was elected mayor. The landmarks of his administration are still visible, but the rosy tints that marked the dawn of a new era in civic interests

have faded away in a blend of personal interests, fear of animosities and a torpid indifference. Perhaps this is not a new experience in the history of town politics generally, but it is a situation that has had to be removed by every town that has made anything of itself. Dissatisfaction with existing conditions is the stepping stone to better conditions. If the spirit of dissatisfaction is awakened by an obligation to duty, hence reformation is a soothing lotion with which to bathe the public feelings. The voters of Covington were bathed in this solution at the last municipal election. The cooling liquid was poured from a split in the old council, and the emanations from its perfume suffused the dying faith and penetrated the crevices of the worn out confidence of the people. There was a rally to the standard and it was planted triumphantly on a mound of conquest. But the trouble is, this standard bore no outlined promises, saving a general declaration to "do better." But doing better, with no money in the treasury, was a difficult proposition. In fact, the new administration

PICTURE SHOW AUTO IS HERE FOR A WEEK

Prof. E. S. Richardson arrived in Covington Thursday with his picture show automobile. This auto is a novelty, because it is an electric light plant, picture show, traveling lecturer on the ingenuity of man in the extremity of necessity (because the possibilities of a motor machine have been moved up a notch by the inventive genius of Prof. Richardson) and the mover of a live wire from one section of the State to the other to educate the children in matters that are important to them in a manner that is impressive, interesting and amusing.

Notwithstanding the bad weather, Prof. Richardson came through by way of Hammond in tip-top shape, and says he found some very good roads between here and there. He says his machine has passed through bog holes that have stalled the teams of loaded wagons, and he is not afraid to tackle anything if it leads to a school house where there are children. Prof. Richardson is from the Junior Extension department of the Louisiana State University and is proud of the work that is being done by this university. Supt. Lyon and Prof. Richardson have marked out the following program to be carried out in this parish. On the dates and at the places mentioned pictures will be shown and Prof. Richardson will tell things in his very attractive manner that will be well worth listening to. As an educational proposition and a feature

of amusement these picture shows are away up:
Monday, March 8th—Edwards school, at 10 a. m.; Koepf school, at 2 p. m.; Madisonville school, at 8 p. m.
Tuesday, March 9—Garden District school, at 9:30 a. m.; Hickory Grove school, at 2 p. m.; Abita Springs school, at 8 p. m.
Wednesday, March 10—Houltonville school, 10 a. m.; Lewisburg school, at 2 p. m.; Mandeville school, at 8 p. m.
Thursday, March 11—Lacombe school, 10 a. m.; Peace Grove school, 2 p. m.; Slidell school, 8 p. m.
Friday, March 12—Robert school, 9 a. m.; Central school, 2:30 p. m.; Audubon school, 8 p. m.

gate the matter and the trial was conducted behind closed doors. Quite a crowd had gathered to hear the proceedings, but when it was found that admittance could not be gained it dispersed, but some remained in the corridor and it is said that these heard most of the testimony. The trial was said to have been conducted under the charter provisions, which requires a three-fourths vote to impeach an officer. The trial being secret, there is no way of telling what the testimony was, but it is stated that the vote stood three for expulsion and three against, Kentzel, Smith and McCormack voting for, and Planché, Addison and Martindale against, the required three-fourths being lacking. Judge T. M. Burns was employed by Marshal Day for his defense.

Tuesday evening in the regular meeting of the council, as a result of there being no finding in the trial, W. H. Kentzel, A. R. Smith and A. C. McCormack tendered their resignations. The resignation of Mr. McCormack was duly accepted, after which Mr. McCormack seconded a motion for the acceptance of the resignation of A. R. Smith, which was carried, and A. R. Smith moved the acceptance of the resignation of W. H. Kentzel. There was other and important business to be taken up, and the question of the legality of any action of the council with only three members present was presented. It was then noted that Mr. McCormack and Mr. Smith had taken part in the proceedings after their resignations had been accepted, in seconding motions, and it was decided that they were still legally members of the council, and their resignations of no effect, thereby making the necessary quorum for business, as a quorum had answered roll call and no point of order had been made as to the absence of a quorum. After the business was transacted the resignations of Smith and Kentzel were accepted.

At the meeting an amendment to the charter was adopted, which provides for biennial elections and for the election of a day and night marshal. The first election will be held on June 22, 1915, and every two years thereafter.

DR. MAYLIE RETURNS FROM SERVICE IN FRENCH CORPS

Makes the Trip on the Rembrandt, Which Carried 1100 Horses for Allies, and Landing at St. Nazaire Reports for Duty. Reaches Home Again on 22d.

We read the war news in the papers and in the magazines and we form some idea of its horrors, and our sympathies are touched by the pathetic incident disclosed in sacrifice to patriotism and the performance of duty, but when we hear it discussed by those of our own community who have returned from amidst the scenes that have been pictured by censored disclosures only, there is a new interest awakened and a greater realism attaches to them.

Dr. A. G. Maylie, the well known physician of Mandeville, has just returned from a trip to France on the Rembrandt, that left New Orleans with eleven hundred horses to be used in cavalry service of the allies. There were ninety-five men aboard, including the crew and forty-one muleteers, half white and half negroes. The steamer left New Orleans January 10, stopped at Bordeaux, France, January 30. On the morning of February 8 it put in at St. Nazaire. Some of the horses died on the trip. When the horses were landed, the doctor said, they were taken in charge by squads of captive German soldiers, ten to fifteen in a squad, each squad being guarded by two French soldiers. As the horses came off the boat they were marked with stripes of paint, different colors being used to designate the different service to which they were to be assigned. On the trip three cruisers and five gunboats were passed.

Dr. Maylie said that the muleteers got a shilling a day and could be put off at any port in America. This was the agreement they were compelled to sign. So handling war supplies is not nearly as enticing as working on the streets and levees.

Mr. Wm. Oswald, of the Garden District, was visiting in Germany at the time of the outbreak of the war. He was among the crowds that were beginning to realize that a letter of credit did not take the place of gold in the pocket, and when the mad rush was made to get out of the war zone and to the comforts of peaceful homes. Mr. Oswald reached here last October, where he has a beautiful home in the Garden District, and while he is a German, with all the love of a German for the Fatherland, he can talk with unbiased consideration of conditions there, of the sentiment of the people and of the probable outcome. He says at the outbreak of the war the feeling for Americans was very cordial, so much so that special efforts were made to aid them in leaving Germany and to see that they were comfortably transported to their destinations. Subsequent events may have somewhat changed this sentiment, but he is now, like the rest of the world, upon a common level. He says that no reliance whatever is to be placed in the reports of cruelties perpetrated by the army. All of the armies of the different nations at war contain soldiers who have been criminals at home—desperate and dissolute characters. Just as these men commit crimes in private life, so they are likely to commit them as soldiers. Isolated cases of this kind are magnified and used to create feelings of animosity and repugnance. They occur in all armies. They occur in the highest civilization in times of peace.

Dr. Maylie brought back with him some very large maps, which he presented to the public school of Mandeville. He also brought a number of books on agriculture which will be very useful in farm work and the instruction of members of the boys farm clubs.

Town Council of Covington Adopts Amendment to Charter, Making Term 2 Years, Marshals Elective

Covington, La., March 2, 1915. The town council met in regular session on the above date. Present: P. J. Lacroix, mayor; W. H. Kentzel, D. I. Addison, M. P. Planché, A. R. Smith, F. J. Martindale, A. C. McCormack. Absent: None.

A delegation of the Women's Progressive Union appeared before the town council, in the interest of the St. Tammany Fair Association, asking for a donation to assist their enterprise. It was moved by W. H. Kentzel, seconded by D. I. Addison, that the sum of \$250.00 be donated to the St. Tammany Fair Association. Carried.

The minutes of February 10th and February 15th and March 1st were read and approved. The secretary submitted his report for the month of February, as follows:
Receipts:
Licenses 70.00
Taxes 547.10
Fines 84.50
N. O. G. N. for lights 25.00
Cash on hand 12.74
739.34
Disbursements:
Feb. 3, check to V. Z. Young 104.50
Feb. 5, check to V. Z. Young 140.70
Feb. 6, check to V. Z. Young 52.25
Feb. 13, check to V. Z. Young 125.50
Feb. 19, check to V. Z. Young 49.65
Feb. 20, check to V. Z. Young 21.30
Feb. 26, check to V. Z. Young 78.25
Feb. 27, check to V. Z. Young 56.45
628.60
110.74
739.34
L. A. PERREAND,
Secretary.

On motion it was received and referred to the Finance Committee: A petition was received from Jos. Hoffman, asking to be appointed a special officer as night watchman with a salary of \$10.00 per month. Moved by F. J. Martindale, seconded by A. C. McCormack, that the petition of Jos. Hoffman be granted. Carried.

The resignation of Councilman A. C. McCormack was read to take effect at once. Moved by W. H. Kentzel, seconded by A. R. Smith, that the resignation of Mr. McCormack be accepted to take effect at once. Carried.

The resignation of Councilman W. H. Kentzel was read. Moved by A. R. Smith that the resignation of Mr. Kentzel be accepted, but failed for want of a second. The resignation of Councilman A. R. Smith was read but no action was taken on account of the failure of a mover or second. Moved by D. I. Addison, seconded by M. P. Planché, that the town pay the expenses of the committee to appear before the Railroad Commission,

not to exceed \$50.00. Moved by D. I. Addison, seconded by M. P. Planché, that the mayor be authorized to contract with the New Orleans Item for an advertisement in said paper, for a sum not to exceed \$200, and to be paid out of the budget of 1916. It was moved by F. J. Martindale and seconded by M. P. Planché, that Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 13, of the charter of the town of Covington, Louisiana, be amended and reenacted under and according to the provisions of Act 138 of 1898, Section 43, as amended by Acts 97 of 1900, 17 and 59 of 1902, 131 and 91 of 1904, 139 of 1906, 306 of 1908, 160 of 1910, 111 of 1912 and 181 and 25 of 1914, so as to read as follows:

That Section 3 of the charter of the town of Covington be amended and reenacted to read as follows: "The elective officers of the town of Covington shall be a Mayor, six Councilmen, a Day Marshal and a Night Marshal, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town. The Mayor and Councilmen shall in this collective capacity be called the Town Council, and shall choose and appoint a secretary, treasurer and as many other subordinate officers as they in their discretion may deem necessary for the peace and well ordering of the affairs of the town."

That Section 4 of the charter of the town of Covington be amended and reenacted to read as follows: "That municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the third Monday in June for the year 1915, and for each following second year thereafter. The officers elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first day of July, after their election, and shall hold office for a period of two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The qualification of voters and candidates, in all elections under this charter, shall be the same as required by the Constitution and Election Laws for voters at general elections and in addition shall have been for the space of one year next preceding the election residents within the limits of the corporation. That Section 5 of the charter of

the town of Covington be amended and reenacted to read as follows: "The election of the Mayor, Councilmen and Marshals, herein provided for, shall be held in pursuance of the General Election Laws, now or hereafter existing, on the subject of State and parish elections, insofar as they are applicable. The Mayor and Town Council shall appoint the commissioners of election, and returns of the election shall be made to the Mayor and Town Council, who shall make such proclamation, and promulgation and do all things in regard thereto, as is required of returning officers of the parish. Such officers shall be elected by a preponderance of the votes cast at such election; and shall hold office for a term of two years from the day upon which they qualify and enter upon the duties of their office, subject to the provisions of this charter; the person receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Mayor, shall be declared to be elected Mayor; the six persons receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Councilmen, shall be declared to be elected as such; the person receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Day Marshal, shall be declared to be elected Day Marshal, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for the office of Night Marshal shall be declared to be elected Night Marshal, and the parties so declared elected shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take oath of office, which oath may be administered by any officer authorized to administer oaths. And each subsequent election for Mayor, Councilmen and Marshals shall be conducted as herein provided, except in the event of a vacancy by death, removal from office, or resignation, by the Mayor, or any of the Councilmen, or Marshals, in which case the mayor or president pro tempore of the Town Council shall give ten days notice by publication, within twenty days after such vacancy has occurred, of an election to supply such vacancy, at which election the Mayor or president pro tempore, together with any two of the Councilmen shall preside, with

the same powers and in the same manner as the commissioners of election at the regular biennial elections." That Section 7 of the charter of the town of Covington be amended and reenacted to read as follows: "That the Town Council shall meet at least once in every month for the dispatch of business, and shall biennially choose a fit and discreet person for the office of treasurer of the town, who shall previous to entering upon the duties of his office be required to give bond in an amount to be established by the Town Council, with two securities, of whose efficiency the Town Council shall be judges. A majority of the Town Council shall form a quorum to do business, but a majority of two-thirds of the whole council shall be necessary to pass any law or ordinance, or to amend or change any of the provisions of this charter or to make, in writing, any such by-law, regulation or ordinance, not contrary to the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States, as they may deem necessary for the public welfare and government of said town, and specially with regard to markets, streets, highways or alleys therein, grading or filling up, keeping in order or improving the same, with regard to owners, or in relation to the town watch and patrol. They shall have full power over all ferries, wharves and bridges, with the exception of the present bridge over the Bogue Falaya river, within their jurisdiction, and may apply the proceeds to whatever purposes they deem most necessary or proper, which has for its object the improvement of the said town. They shall have full control over the entire revenue of the town, whether arising from fines, taxes or property belonging to said corporation. They shall have power to pass all ordinances and to enforce the same by fine not to exceed one hundred dollars for each offense, or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both, as they deem proper, for the breach of their by-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, which fine shall be recovered before the mayor in the

prizes. These prizes have been selected by Mrs. Levinson herself during a recent trip to New Orleans. There will also be an entrance prize. Refreshments will be served and there will be dancing after the games. Admission will be 25 cents.

A SOCIAL EVENT THAT PROMISES TO AWAKEN INTEREST IN A CAUSE TO WHICH MRS. LEVINSON IS DEVOTED

Mrs. Levinson, while a comparatively new unit in Covington society, has entertained so delightfully that the announcement that it is her intention to entertain for the benefit of our public school grounds will be received with pleasure. The M. C. B. Library has been put at the service of Mrs. Levinson for this purpose, and on the 19th day of March she will entertain at five hundred and hearts, offering thirteen very pretty

FIVE CARLOADS OF STRAWBERRY CRATES.

President Warner announces that five carloads of strawberry crates have been secured from the factory at Roseland and will be sold to time

strawberry growers of this parish at reasonable figures, so there is no reason for any anxiety that there will be a shortage in this direction. Berries

seem to be doing nicely and arrangements are being made for rates and shipments. It is also said that prices will be better this year than last and that the demand will be good.

PARISH FAIR ASSOCIATION ON A FOOTING THAT INSURES A GOOD FAIR THIS FALL

Bruner's Agents Overlooking Field

Commissioner Bruner of the State Agricultural Department is quite proud of his accomplishments in the matter of protecting the farmers in the purchase of fertilizers and the farm demonstration work. Mr. J. B. Ponder, in charge of inspection of this district, and Mr. Lean Sere, chief inspector, were here this week. Mr. Sere said: "I am here to look over the work, to see if the consumers of feed and fertilizer were properly protected and I am glad to find no complaints. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, E. O. Bruner, is leaving no stone unturned to protect the farmers and consumers of feeds and fertilizers against any unscrupulous manufacturers and whenever he catches them trying to put one over he goes after them and that without gloves. However, I am glad to say that we have found very few manufacturers who are not trying to do the right thing. We have the best system in the United States and we are determined to see it carried out." I suppose Mr. Bruner will be a candidate to succeed himself. "Yes, he is already a candidate and will, from all I learn, have a walk-over."

The parish fair association has been launched with every promise of success. Already a thousand dollars has been raised without going outside of Covington. If other parts of the parish do anything like their share in the promotion of this important object the fair will be one that the parish may be proud of. Solicitors will soon be busy throughout the parish, and as the stock has

been placed at one dollar a share everybody should at least have pride enough in the undertaking to become identified with it in some degree. The results of the meeting held March 6 are not available for this issue as we go to press before the meeting is over; but we may state that there is harmony and enthusiasm and that all are highly pleased with the prospects. Hurrah for a better fair!

MR. FINCH OF U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY INSPECTING PARISH

Elmer H. Finch, associate geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, was in Covington this week. Of course the results of his work cannot be made public as he is under sec-

recy, but we believe the mineral resources of this parish will go far beyond anything that has been anticipated. A map of this survey will be published by the Government.

ABITA SPRINGS CONTEST CASE GRANTED A NEW HEARING

TO THE PUBLIC. In view of the fact that I have fully determined to become a candidate for coroner, I wish to correct some rumors that I am not in the race. I feel that I am well qualified to fill the position and would devote my best energies to the office. I am a physician and surgeon, now residing at Folsom in the second ward. I have been a resident of the parish for eighteen years, am a member of the Southern Medical Association, the State Medical Society and vice president of the Parish Medical Society. I state these things simply to show my qualifications, and for the information of those voters who may not know me. The assurances of many friends lead me to believe that I will have a hearty support, and if I am elected my appreciation will be shown in a conscientious performance of my duty.

A rehearing of the Abita Springs contest case has been granted by the Court of Appeals. This means that the case will be gone over again in that court.

ST. PAUL'S VS. THE "ALL STARS"

St. Paul's College will open up the baseball season on Sunday, (tomorrow) with a game with the "All Stars" of New Orleans, at the St. Paul's stadium, at 2:00 p. m. Admission 15 cents.

To relieve pain try BLUE LABEL ANTI-SEPTIC, ask J. L. WATKINS, drug store. Bring your laundry on Monday to H. J. Ostendorf and get it back on Saturday. Agent for Dixie Laundry, New Orleans. feb 27

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