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ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE OF COVINGTON COMPLETED AT PARKVIEW THEATRE

MEETING OF POLICE JURY ON MAY 17TH, REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR, ETC.

Covington, La., May 19, 1915. The police jury met in regular session on above date. Present: Herman Schultz, president; Louis Peters, Wm. Bruhl, Geo. F. Bierhorst, E. Talley, A. D. Crawford, Jno. A. Todd, J. B. Howze and P. L. Dutsch. Absent: B. A. Schneider.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of May, 1915. GILLIS, Notary Public. On motion, duly seconded, the above report was accepted as read. The following petition was read: Covington, May 9, 1915. To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, La.: We, the undersigned taxpayers of the fifth ward, hereby petition your honorable body to have the Ben Williams road where it intersects sections 28 and 29, township 5 south, range 12 east, so as to run straight along said section lines, because at present it runs through the property of Mrs. Margaret Ohlman, which causes the said Mrs. Ohlman to place two extra fences, and by complying to this petition no property holder in that section would be put to any inconvenience.

Respectfully submitted, L. H. Revere and six others. On motion, duly seconded, the above petition was laid over until the next regular meeting. The following report was read: To the Honorable Members of the Police Jury: Gentlemen:—We, your finance committee, beg leave to report that we have checked the warrants and examined the books and find same to be correct. We have also examined and approved bills amounting to \$296.15. Respectfully submitted, G. F. BIERHORST, J. B. HOWZE, Finance Committee. On motion, duly seconded, the above report was accepted as read. The following bills were ordered paid: T. E. Brewster, conveying prisoners, traveling expenses, etc., \$25.60. P. A. Blanchard, registrar of vital statistics, \$1.50. M. N. Johnson, registrar of vital statistics, \$1.25. Paul Vercy, conveying two prisoners from Folsom to Covington, \$4. J. R. Elliott, conveying the McGovern from Slidell to Covington, \$5. Paul J. Lacroix, jail supplies from December 22, to May 19, as per bills rendered, \$26.45. W. H. Kentzel, stationary for clerk of court, \$13.25. St. Tammany Publishing Company, publishing proceedings of April 19 and 28, and publishing assessor's notice, \$30.75. Hebert's Drug Store, medicine for prisoners, \$3.75. John Cannon, work on courthouse windows, \$1.00. Mrs. L. Miles, feeding prisoners from April 17 to May 19, \$163.00. Enoch Blackwell, juror at inquest of J. Long, \$2.00. Villere Kennedy, juror at inquest of John Duffy, \$2.00. Emile Revere, juror at inquest of J. Soloman, \$2.00. T. P. Crawford, juror at inquest of Ernest Benton, \$2.00. John Long, \$2.00. Joe Crawford, juror at inquest of John Long, \$2.00. Monroe Davis, juror at inquest of John Long, \$2.00. There being no further business the police jury adjourned until the next regular meeting, June 16, 1915. HERMAN SCHULTZ, President. E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary.

Table with financial data: Parish Tax, Criminal fund, Road fund, School fund, General fund, Corporation Tax, Poll tax, Special road tax, Railroad tax, Special tax ward 2, Special tax ward 3, Special tax ward 5, Special tax ward 6, Special tax ward 8, Special tax ward 9, Per capita tax, Dist. Atty. costs, Parish license, Grand total, Amounts available to each fund, Criminal fund, School fund, Road fund, General fund, Grand total. Total: \$3137.39.

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Delegation From Hammond Come to Covington In the Interest of Securing a Connecting Road. The good roads system that is now being built in St. Tammany parish will bring us in touch with the movement that is now on in the South for the settlement and development of lands and the bringing into notice the opportunities offered for investment. This movement is general and is being taken up by chambers of commerce and civic leagues in all the cities and towns. In anticipation of the advantages offered by increased facilities for automobile travel, whereby information of the general character of the country may be obtained and it is considered important that connecting roads between the towns should be available for rapid and safe transit, making it possible for excursion parties to link together a considerable stretch of country in tours of investigation. For this reason, Hammond is exceedingly anxious to connect with Covington through the good roads system that is about to be established in Tangipahoa parish. With this in view, a delegation of Hammond gentlemen came to Covington Tuesday evening, May 18, to meet those connected with the good roads construction in St. Tammany, and if possible secure the building of a highway connecting Covington with Hammond. The Tangipahoa parish line, we understand, passes by Goodbee, and the Hammond people propose to build to this line. This would leave practically eight miles of road extending through St. Tammany parish to connect with Hammond. About four of this eight miles is already constructed in what is known as the Pruden road, leaving about four miles of new road to be built by St. Tammany parish. This means a very small outlay in comparison to the advantages to be gained, and it is probable the road will be built, as it certainly should be. The Hammond delegation was composed of Messrs. Ed. Robertson, police jury member of the 8th ward, Tangipahoa parish; Sargent Pitcher, president of Hammond Progressive Union; C. R. Anderson, vice president of the Hammond Progressive Union; Jas. Jumonville, member of Hammond Progressive Union; At. June, the automobile dealer of Hammond. Mr. Harvey E. Ellis was host at an informal dinner to them at the New Southern Hotel.

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A High-Class Pastoral Play To Be Put On In Covington For Benefit Local Lodge Loyal Order of Moose. A refined and high class pastoral play, written by Jos. D. Clifton, will be the vehicle selected by the order of Moose for their benefit, at the park pavilion on the evening of June 16. The interpretation of characters in piece will be in the hands of the clever dramatic talent of Covington. Miss June Agnott, who has been featured for the past ten years with the best attractions, will be seen in the stellar role. Miss Agnott will be remembered as leading lady with the Crawford show, which was here three seasons ago. Her versatility and clever rendition of each and every role, her artistic work, all won for her popular comment from the Covington people. Mr. Clifton will direct and have charge of the performance. He will also be seen in the cast. The ladies and gentlemen of Covington who will participate are: Miss June Agnott as Agatha Re-

Editor St. Tammany Farmer: Dear Sir:—Permit me to congratulate you upon the able manner in which you expressed yourself in your editorial of the 1st inst., regarding the proper manner of preserving the roads for which our parish is spending \$180,000. I fully agree with you that the expense undergone will prove worthless unless the up-keep of these roads is done in a thorough, systematic and businesslike manner. I further want to express to you my approval of the card inserted in your issue of the 8th inst., asking the candidates who are going to run for the office of police juror of this parish to come out frankly and honestly how they stand on the subject of keeping

Bill of Exchange From Covington Has Seen War Service. The Covington Bank & Trust Co. has a little slip of paper that has passed through more scenes of the European war, looked upon more misery in the quarters of captured prisoners, bears more characters and stamps that are unrecognizable to the American citizen, than a war correspondent's passport that has been used by all the powers at war. It has brought pleasure to the sad heart of an Austrian prisoner in Siberia for a few short moments of hope and expectancy, only to disappear in the tangled requirements of the routine methods of warfare. Perhaps it will only be a memory to him, and perhaps he may get his money sometime. At present he is only dreaming of what that money could do for him now, for the piece of paper in question is a bill of exchange sent to Josef Patecek, brother to Frank Patecek, of Covington, on the Union Trust Company of New York. Mr. Patecek sent this money to his brother, Josef, who is a prisoner of war in Siberia, at Petrograd. It is covered with all kinds of unrecognizable stamps and endorsements, and while it bears the endorsement of Josef Patecek and passed through his hands, he has not yet received the money, \$25.00. He may get it in time. There is no telling. It was issued November 4, 1914, and has the endorsement of the "Banque de Commerce Siberie, Petrograde."

Large Delegation From Covington Attends Druids' Anniversary, Sunday. A large delegation from Covington, including citizens and members of Bogue Palaya Grove No. 21, U. A. O. D., attended the Fifty-ninth Annual May Festival of the Druids, at New Orleans, last Sunday, and all report having had a royal time, including the Covington baseball team, which lost to Gretna by a score of 4 to 2. Everything was done by the Grand Lodge to make the visitors happy, an excellent luncheon being served at the Druids Home, after which there was an auto ride to the fair grounds, where there was speaking, besides racing and other entertainment of the fair. Writers of Louisiana—Miss Lola Kleeman. Poem, Louisiana—Miss Mary Murphy. Reclamation in Louisiana—Master Levinson. Valedictory—Miss Alma Pechon. Presentation of Diplomas—Supt. E. E. Lyon. March. Monday Night. Song, "Come Where the Lilies Bloom." Salutatory—Whitaker Riggs. Class History—Elise Ray. Song, "Who is Sylvia?" Essay—Eleanor Artus. Valedictory—Virgie Dossat. Address to Juniors—Whitaker Riggs. Response—Bonnie Moses, '16. Song, "As Pante the Heart." Address—Nicholas Bauer, of New Orleans. Song, "O! Lovely Night." Presentation of Diplomas—Supt. E. E. Lyon. Address, by Dr. Tolson. Anthem—Gloria.

High School Commencement Program. The following program has been arranged for the commencement exercises of the Covington High School, which will take place at the High School auditorium Monday, May 24, 1915. Monday Morning, 10:15. Seventh Grade—"Louisiana." March. Salutatory—Miss Anita Combel. Purchase of Louisiana—Miss Carrio Beaucaudry. Marsellaise—Class. Inventors of Louisiana—Miss Almee Riggs. The Only President from Louisiana—Master Charles Dufour. Piano Solo—Miss Irma Domergue. Louisiana's Contribution to the Civil War—Miss Dorothy Cefalu. Dixie—Class. The Fish and Game of Louisiana—Master Leslie Sharp. Birds of Louisiana—Master Emile Frederick. Commercial Progress of Louisiana—Master Emile Menetre. Piano Solo—Miss Mildred Levy.

Movement to Secure Continuance of Recent Act of Police Jury Providing for the Maintenance of Roads. Slidell, La., May 14, 1915. Editor St. Tammany Farmer: Dear Sir:—Permit me to congratulate you upon the able manner in which you expressed yourself in your editorial of the 1st inst., regarding the proper manner of preserving the roads for which our parish is spending \$180,000. I fully agree with you that the expense undergone will prove worthless unless the up-keep of these roads is done in a thorough, systematic and businesslike manner. I further want to express to you my approval of the card inserted in your issue of the 8th inst., asking the candidates who are going to run for the office of police juror of this parish to come out frankly and honestly how they stand on the subject of keeping

Change in Schedule of N. O. G. N. Change of schedule of New Orleans Great Northern Railroad arrived at this office after schedule had been printed on page 3. This schedule change is as follows: No. 21, 8:20 p. m. instead of 7:05; No. 22,

Junior Classes Hold Track Meets at St. Paul's College, May 13th. Thursday, May 13, being a holiday at St. Paul's College, was selected as the day for the Annual Junior Class Track Meet. It was a great success and very interesting to watch the coming St. Paul athletes strive for honors. Paul Dazet (second commercial), showed great form, making 17 points by getting second in the 50 yard dash, first in the 100 yard dash, first in the half mile, second in the broad jump and third in the high jump. N. LeBlanc, also of the second Commercial, was responsible for his class winning. He showed up very good in the weights, getting first in the shot and first in the discus. M. Sieb (first commercial), started for his class by winning first in the high jump, first in the pole vault and first in the broad jump, and was greatly responsible for his team winning the relay. "Bus" Cannon (first commercial) was "doped" to win the shot put, discus, half mile and broad jump, but owing to a sore foot "Bus" was

Mandeville Fire Department Dedicate Their New Hall and Engine House. Tuesday, May 18, the Mandeville Fire Department dedicated their new engine house and meeting hall. At the smoker an informal and generally good time was had by everybody, lunch and beer being served and some excellent talks made by Mayor Davis, Dr. Paine, Attorney Neuhanser, Mr. Paquette, Mr. Piaggia, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Bailey. The department was congratulated by all upon the acquisition of the new motor truck. The principal speaker of the evening being Mr. Felix A. Jones, Sr., whose remarks were both humorous and complimentary of the accomplishment of the department, with a gentle hint to those who had not taken the active interest they should in a matter that so positively affects the interests of every member of the community. He expressed his appreciation of being called upon to assist in the dedicatory exercises and hoped that the company would have a long continuance of its career of usefulness, in which it was generously giving its time and energy "without fee or reward, and without money or price." The Mandeville Fire Department is much better equipped for fighting than most towns of its size, and has, besides, an excellent water supply. The new motor truck will enable them to get to fires in quick time, which is the best lead to effective work.

ST. TAMMANY STRAWBERRIES SAID TO BE OF FINE QUALITY FOR CRUSHED FRUIT AND SYRUP MANUFACTURE.

The taking up of a new industry by the Crescent City Carbonate Company has enabled the strawberry growers of St. Tammany parish to dispose of a good part of the crop that would otherwise have been left on their hands without profit. It is probably not generally known that very little of the berry crop is worked up in the production of natural syrup and crushed fruit. Nineteenths of the druggists, soda water men and confectioners get these products from the north and from California, notwithstanding quite a large amount in use. This New Orleans company may be considered pioneers in the industry. Mr. Wm. Bodebender, who has always had great confidence in the ability of St. Tammany parish to produce strawberries, as well as some other crops, to a perfection that is not surpassed by any other section, was the first one to call the attention of the Crescent City Carbonate Company to the fact that St. Tammany parish could supply their needs, as far as excellent fruit was concerned, and that he was justified in this assertion is upheld by the statement of Mr. H. R. Stevens, the chemist of the company in charge of the packing and putting up of the fruit here, that he does not believe berries could be grown anywhere of a finer flavor than those that have been brought to him at the St. Tammany Canning Factory, where he is putting up the crushed fruit in fifty-gallon barrels. Mr. Stevens is pleased with the result of his work, and predicts the handling of a larger amount of berries next year.

There were 22 crates of snap beans shipped Tuesday, and there will be a lot more coming in pretty soon. Next week we will be shipping truck and straw berries in car load lots, and planters seem well satisfied with the prospects.

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