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## ELECTION FOR WATERWORKS TO BE CALLED

### Saloon Men Brought in Court; Accused Selling to Minor

#### DISTRICT COURT TAKES UP BUSINESS OF DELAYED TERMS

Judge Lancaster Again Assumes His Duties, After a Long Illness and Serious Operation. Charges Grand Jury in a Clearly Enunciated Declaration of Their Duties and Obligations. CALLS ATTENTION TO RUMORS OF IRREGULARITIES IN ELECTION MATTERS, VIOLATION OF LIQUOR LAWS Tells the Jury that Under an Ordinance of the Town of Covington the Restricted District Has Been Abolished and No Lewd Woman Could Ply Her Trade; Neither Should Negroes.

There was more than usual interest in the convention of the District Court last Monday. For the first time in many months Judge Lancaster was able to assume his place on the bench, and occurrences of the recent election gave intimation that the judge's charge to the grand jury might be a stringent criticism of a condition that has been growing worse at each succeeding election, and that has culminated in excesses that have become intolerable.

poll list transmitted to clerk of court showed 184 votes; that no tally list was transmitted to clerk of court, but poll list alone; that list to chairman of Executive Committee showed 191 votes cast at said election while tally sheet to said chairman with poll list showed in one place 126 for Crawford and in another place 122 and in another 117 votes; that tally sheet showed 79 votes for Crawford in one place and in another 74 votes, the aggregate in each case being more than the actual vote at election; that the Executive Committee made return of 1088 votes for Crawford and 1077 for Koepff; that the committee could not legally consider the same or include the same in its compilation or tabulation of the votes cast for the candidates for assessor, without illegal exercise of judgment; that if said committee had rejected or refused to consider or act upon said illegal returns, the returns from the other precincts of the parish would give Koepff 998 votes and Crawford 971 votes.

It is asked by the petitioner that the box be opened by the Court to determine whether returns were deposited in box as required by law, and if necessary to count ballots. The petition also names the following as not registered and without legal right to vote, but who did vote: Warren Bruhl, McCauley McLain, Lige Jenkins, Ira Williams, Frank Tisdale, C. C. Rivers, Archie Fussell, Bud Kevier, J. H. Holliday, W. P. Parker, H. F. Faustler, Fount Sharp, W. T. Keating, Bud Zell, Fletcher Perry, Ellis Erwin, King, R. T. Tyson, Ansel Sharp, Willis Tisdale, C. Fussell, J. M. O'Keefe, Henry Loyd, Andrew Thomas, James Thompson, C. Fitzgerald.

The judge laid special stress on investigating violations of the restricted district ordinance of Covington. He said the town had abolished the old district and made it unlawful to carry on any lewd vocations within the town limits; that the town had the right to govern itself and to pass ordinances, and that these ordinances could be enforced, but that where there were no ordinances the State law was in effect. He also called attention to the plying of their trade by negro prostitutes. He said this should be stopped.

The answer to this petition has not been filed at this writing, but it is understood that eminent counsel has been obtained from New Orleans as well as locally, and that the case may bring to light a good deal in regard to election matters that will make interesting, even if somewhat startling.

The following are named as registered voters but without poll tax for 1914 and 1915: John F. Meyers, Dan Loyd (or Leard), W. P. Dutsch, Thomas Fitzgerald, D. Cannon, J. S. Galloway.

As several terms had passed without a sitting of the Court, there was quite a long docket to be disposed of and there were quite a list of cases by default.

State vs. Miller Williams, disturbing the peace; not guilty.

State vs. A. Hartman and J. L. Reed, selling liquor to minor; plead guilty of selling, but did not know he was a minor. Will be sentenced Monday.

Much interest is manifested in a case that may be tried next week. In the matter of the election of assessor there is a contest of the Sanctorius of the first precinct of the second ward. A petition has been filed by Geo. Koepff, Jr., one of the candidates for assessor, through his attorneys, B. M. Miller, A. L. Bear and L. C. Moise. The petition recites that the returns were not compiled and returned prior to January 29, 1916, but that the Parish Executive Committee met on January 29 and proceeded themselves to compile and tabulate returns made by commissioners and clerks of election after a protest in writing by the petitioner that the poll list and tally sheet required by law to be made by commissioners for clerk of court and chairman of Parish Executive Committee were not signed by commissioners and clerks of election of said precinct and not sworn to as required by law; that list to clerk of court showed that 184 voted in said precinct, while tally sheet showed 201 votes for the two candidates for assessor, showing that 17 more votes were actually cast; that list to the Executive Committee gives names of 191 voting and the tally sheet gave 117 for Crawford and 79 for Koepff; in another place 122 for Crawford and 74 for Koepff, the aggregate in both cases being more than the number actually voting; that the Executive Committee overruled the written protest of petitioner and wrongfully and illegally declared that petitioner received 79 votes and Crawford 117 votes.

State vs. Emile Caserta, assault and battery; plead guilty; fined \$25 and costs; in default, six months. Sentence suspended.

State vs. Toulouise Depriest, disturbing the peace; not pressed; no witnesses available.

The petition further recites that

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or's demand dismissed at his cost. D'Valerie Isadora vs. Louis Mises; assigned to second day of April term. A. D. Lindsay vs. St. Tammany Naval Stores; dismissed at plaintiff's cost. State vs. U. Depriest, Paul Herbez, J. H. Heintz, Jos. Rausch, Chas. Biggio; selling liquor to minor; fined \$75 and costs of court, each.

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#### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS ON FEB. 13

The quarterly conference of the Methodist Church will be held in Covington Sunday, February 13. Elmer W. Holmes will preside. Rev. J. M. Boykin, the recently appointed pastor of the church, has entered upon his duties with an energy that promises to awaken new interest in bringing the church up to its strength and standing of former years. The prayer meetings, church services and Sunday School work, as announced in the notice in

#### Waterworks Plan to be Again Put Before the People at Mass Meeting

The Association of Commerce met Monday evening at the New Southern Hotel and took up the question of waterworks for Covington. The members were unanimous in putting the matter before the people, and it was decided to call a mass meeting of citizens to meet at the courthouse on Saturday, February 12, 1916, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of going over the question and thrashing it out in all its details. Engineer Kramer has prepared plans such as it is supposed will meet the requirements and satisfy the people. Judging from the general expression of opinion, and he will be present at that meeting. The secretary has been instructed to mail to every property-holder a notice of the meeting with a general outline of the work desired to be accomplished. The matter will be so handled that no property-holder will have occasion to say that anything was put over without a chance for protest. It will be up to the people to adopt or reject the plans for waterworks, but it is determined that every one shall have an equal opportunity to discuss the matter and make suggestions for or against a waterworks system, and that finally the people shall be responsible for the adoption or defeat of the plans by actual vote at the polls. Report was made that the Covington "booster" book was in the hands of the printer and would soon be on the press.

#### Talk of Organization to Purify Conduct of Elections Hereafter

There will be organized effort for purity in politics in St. Tammany parish. Various methods have been discussed for weeding out all influences of money, whiskey, or other illegal manner of securing votes, and while definite plans have not been announced several have been considered. The strong feeling is so pronounced that support of every good citizen may be relied upon to carry the matter through.

#### Covington Hi Basketball Team Still Keeping Up Its Championship Record

Last Saturday Covington Hi won its seventh straight victory by defeating Rugby Academy, of New Orleans, to the tune of 45 to 12. The score was rather one-sided but the game was hard fought throughout. The Rugby boys displayed true sportsmanship by their clean and aggressive style of play and deserve a great deal of credit for the manner in which they took defeat. L. Smith was individual star of the game on the defensive keeping

#### The Labor Troubles at the Jahncke Navigation Co. Yards, Madisonville, Will Probably Be All Settled Today

Alleged labor troubles in the St. Tammany shipyard of the Jahncke Navigation Company brought a strong protest to Labor Commissioner McGilvray from Dr. George F. Williams, of Madisonville, who has taken up the cudgel, he says, for his fellow-townsmen. Pay rolls 8 weeks overdue and the discharging Monday last of men who complained specifically state in Dr. Williams' statement.

#### Slidell Savings & Homestead Association

On page three will be found the statement of the Slidell Savings and Homestead Association. The same statement appeared in last week's issue, with the exception that an error in the figures of the undivided profits has been corrected to read \$2,112.35 instead of \$112.35. This association is in excellent condition and is doing a profitable business. It has just declared its usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent and still holds to its undivided profits account \$2,112.35. This showing of profitable business is also an indication of the good the association has done in encouraging the building of homes and making property owners of those who otherwise would be putting the same money out in rents.

#### Frank Brown, Jr., of Abita, Has His Hand Shattered by Dynamite

Monday, Feb. 1, Frank Brown, Jr., of Abita Springs, age about 10 years, got into one of the little camp houses that are used in road construction and moved from place to place, and found some dynamite caps and a hatchet. He took a cap and placed it in a crack in the floor proceeded to hammer it with the hatchet. The cap exploded and terribly mangled his left hand. He was brought to Covington by his father in an auto and Dr. Warren dressed the hand. He advised Mr. Brown to take the child to the hospital in New Orleans where the hand was in a very bad condition. This was done, and while the thumb and part of the hand was saved, all four fingers had to be amputated.

#### St. Tammany School Children, With Scholarships in Agriculture, Go to Baton Rouge to Attend Course

Farm Demonstrator Pritchett and former farm demonstrator, G. C. Lewis, have gone to Baton Rouge to attend the opening of the winter short course in agriculture at the L. S. U. on February 1. Miss Martha Williams, canning demonstrator and domestic science teacher, has accompanied, and she has taken with her two prize winners, Nelson Sharp, first in the Boys' Corn Club, and Lacey Tal-

#### Parkview Theatre Will Present the Two Orphans Saturday, February 4

"The Two Orphans" featuring Theda Bara, is the big feature to be presented at Parkview Theatre this Saturday night at the advanced price of 10 and 45 cents. A special matinee will be started at 5 p. m., and a special ticket entitling the holder to an additional 50 votes in the Juvenile Auto Contest will be given with each matinee.

#### To Be a Boxing Bout at Abita Springs

There will be a six round boxing contest at the Abita Springs Pavilion, Monday, February 7, at 7:30 p. m., between L. P. Grille, better known as the "St. Tammany Wild Cat," and Duke Mindmiller, better known as the "German Tiger." Max Koekerl manager for Grille; Sam Donono manager for Mindmiller.

#### MYSTERY OF MURDERED MAN FINALLY SOLVED; THREE IMPLICATED IN KILLING

Early in January the body of a murdered man was discovered in the woods near Bush, in a desolate, isolated spot, and but for the accidental discovery the buzzards might have cleaned the bones and left the skeleton to bleach in the sun. After the discovery the coroner, the sheriff and the coroner's jury waded to the spot through mud and water and the inquest was held without the development of any clue other than to the murdered man's identity or the murderer. Later Coroner Helms found men who believed by the description that the murdered man was one Fowler, who was a syrup boiler and had worked for them. This clue was traced up and ended in the body being exhumed a few days ago, and the coroner states that there is little doubt that it is the body of Chas. Fowler. Having something to work upon, the quest was again made for some

#### COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Roll of honor for first grade is as follows: Wilbert Cannon, Edward Cannon, Paul de la Bretonne, John Morphy, Alfred Smith, Irvin Schonberger, Herbert Warner, Anna Fay Leonard, Camille Park. Third Grade. Jesse Williamson and Edw. Fullerton have withdrawn from school as their parents have moved from Covington. James Siron, F. Shefield, Tom Poole, Frank Ellis, Egie McLemore, Augusta Edwards and Mildred Ward were neither absent nor tardy during the month of January. Clara King entered school last week. She attended school in Franklinton the first half of the term.

#### Mr. Jahncke, It is Stated by a Well Known Citizen of Madisonville, who Formerly Worked for the Jahncke Navigation Company at Madisonville, and who now has two sons employed by the company, that the sentiment of the employees of the company is not in conformity with the letter written to the Daily States and to this paper. In fact he states that the employees may write a letter expressive of appreciation and esteem for the company. It is also stated that Mr. Jahncke will be in Madisonville today, when arrangements will be made for all men to go to work with perfect satisfaction to all concerned.

Whenever there is large employment of labor, disagreements are almost unavoidable at some time; but where a settlement of disagreements can be made with satisfaction to employee and employer, the escape from trouble is always looked upon with satisfaction by the community. Mr. Jahncke is looked upon as a man of remarkable generosity and liberality. He has done much for the town of Madisonville and he has never been called upon in an emergency when his boats were not put in service free of charge. Only recently, in a case of illness, his boat was placed at the disposal of a patient who required immediate surgical attention, and his aid is given in such a kindly and benevolent spirit that the sense of obligation is lost in the pleasure it seems to give him in doing these things. One should hesitate a long time before attributing to Mr. Jahncke's management unjust indifference to the welfare of his employees.—Editor.

#### Continuing, Dr. Williams writes: "Now, it further developed that Mr. Jahncke telephoned the other shipyard to whom he had allotted his work to be completed, and requested or demanded that they employ no one whom he had dismissed."

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"We have been engaging men at the St. Tammany yard lately," said Mr. Jahncke, "not because we need them, but in order to keep them busy. There was no hurry about the work we wanted done, and we are not moving much gravel and sand now. Our equipment is idle at all our wharves and yards.

"Sunday everybody in the Madisonville yard was thoroughly satisfied, with the possible exception of one negro-caulker. I had agreed to do more than the men asked. I assure that the people of Madisonville do not feel as Dr. Williams' letter would indicate."—N. O. Daily States.

The St. Tammany Farmer has received a stringently critical letter from Dr. Geo. F. Williams, of Madisonville, relative to the matter in the above extract from the States. We do not publish it because, after inquiry into the matter, we do not believe the statements do justice to

#### BAPTIST SERVICES SUNDAY

It is announced that there will be services at the Baptist Church in Covington, Sunday, February 6, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. H. P. Hunt will preach.