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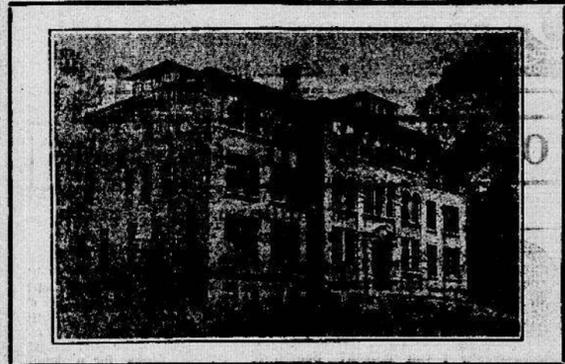
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## WORKING FOR FAST N. O. G. N. TRAIN TO NEW ORLEANS

### Funds Needed to Keep M. C. B. Library Operating Coming Year

#### SAINT PAUL'S COLLEGE



#### A WIRELESS STATION ERECTED IN SCIENCE DEPT. OF ST. PAUL'S

**A College That Is Winning an Envyable Reputation as an Institution of Learning and Whose Record in Athletic Fields Was One of Unprecedented Success.**

The very newest thing in the science department at St. Paul's College is the Wireless Station. For the past two months, under direction of Rev. Father Martin, O. S. B., the station has been in process of erection, and only the past two weeks, bringing the last pieces of the set found it complete. A description of the station follows:

The Aerial is of the inverted L type, consisting of two strands of No. 4 B. and S. copper wire, which is soon to be replaced by an Aerial of four wires of superior material. This will be composed of fine antenna wire of seven strands of No. 22. The height of the Aerial is 82 feet, with a length of 90 feet. The transmitting set consists of a rotary converter, which, run on city current, furnishes alternating current, 150 volts to a 1-4 K. W. "Blitzen" Step-Up Transformer, a high potential condenser of the glass-plate type, .01 M. F. capacity; 1-4 K. W.; stationary spark gap; 1-4 K. W. "Blitzen" oscillation transformer.

The receiving set includes a "Blitzen" receiving transformer; fixed condenser; rotary variable condenser, mounted in a cabinet; a Ferron detector, and high grade 2000 ohm head set.

The radio set is complete and of the latest and most approved design. It is expected when the station license is applied for, that the limit range allowed amateur stations—two hundred meter-wave length—will be required, giving sufficient wave-length to carry to New Orleans and points in the vicinity. Messages may be caught from all parts of the division, and a favorite diversion has been to daily catch standard time from the air. This is given out from central stations at 11 o'clock each day, and is designated by a long series of dots, followed by a pause, and then one long dash at eleven o'clock sharp.

The radio set, as installed, is complete, and only awaits the verdict of the State Inspector, and the granting of a license before operation. We would like to get in touch with any amateurs in the vicinity, as communication via wireless will be to our mutual benefit in such a case.

The Literary Societies and Debat-

ing Clubs furnish entertainment weekly, and from the quality of argumentation, and the piquant with and repartee that presides at every session, one readily believes that in some of the speakers he sees future celebrities. A picture of the Senate or Congress arises before the mind's eye when beholding some youthful orator declaiming for or against "Government Ownership," or for or against "Government Control of the Mississippi," etc. Much good material is being developed, and Louisiana will not suffer from a scarcity of barristers, if indications count.

The baseball team of St. Paul's has been organized, and under the able management of Coach Bruce Hayes, formerly connected with Tulane University, and whose reputation as a baseball man is too well known to necessitate comment, the boys have been working hard and are now just rounding into form. Three games have been played to date, two being with the St. Joseph Seminary of St. Benedict, resulting in an even break, one won and one lost. The last game played on Sunday, March 26th, against Viccaro's Semi-Pro. team out of New Orleans, resulted in a defeat for the collegians. The New Orleans aggregation was made up of a list of the best baseball players in New Orleans, and added to this, the pitching of Brockman, of the Viccaro's, was sensational at times. The score was 7 to 1.

The schedule of games is now practically complete, and includes most of the prep. schools in the vicinity, particularly New Orleans, and many good games are anticipated. The next game will be Sunday, April 2 (to-morrow), at St. Paul's stadium against the team of Loyola University of New Orleans.

Wednesday, the 29th instant, the St. Paul Juniors journeyed to St. Benedict to play a return game with the Juniors of that institution. They determined to wipe out the stain of defeat suffered in a previous game. The Paulites won by a big score—18 to 10—thus evening things up somewhat.

St. Paul's College has made a remarkable record in the field of athletics, and has one of the finest cinder tracks and stadiums in the country.

#### Public School Rallies Will Be Held at Talisheek for the Fifth and Sixth Wards, and At Abita Springs for Abita, Mandeville and Garden District Schools. Interesting Programs Prepared

#### ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE EXPECT TO SECURE FAST TRAIN

E. J. Domergue, and J. Louis Smith of Committee Receive Encouraging Letters From New Orleans Supporters of Plan.

#### WOULD LIVE IN COVINGTON IF THE PEOPLE SUCCEED IN GETTING TRAIN

Out of Forty-two Letters Written, Twenty-four Express a Preference for Covington If Quick Time Could Be Made to City.

When the Association of Commerce took up the question of faster train service for Covington, there was only a partial comprehension of the greatness of this question. There has been a realization, in a general way, that slow train service was keeping people away from Covington, but the great extent to which this inadequate service was responsible for fewer people of New Orleans establishing residences in Covington and adjacent towns became more comprehensive when the committee appointed by the Association of Commerce got to work in the interest of the "Bankers' Special," which the N. O. G. N. Railway promised to put on between Covington and New Orleans, if a guarantee of thirty daily passengers was given by the Association. This train is to have a schedule time of one hour and forty-five minutes, with stops at Abita Springs, Mandeville and Slidell. The committee is composed of E. J. Domergue, Jr., J. Louis Smith, and John L. Haller, and the committee is assisted by E. G. Davis.

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#### A SLIDELL FIRE BURNS FOUR BUILDINGS

Woman Rescued From the Flaming Building by D. S. Cleveland.

LOSS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$20,000.00

Contents of Buildings Mostly Saved by Work of Several Hundred Citizens.

Slidell, March 29.—Fire originating from unknown causes in the Headley Hotel and restaurant, a two-story building, at 4 a. m., today, destroyed this and three other buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$20,000. All the buildings were insured.

A Mrs. Jones narrowly escaped death in the hotel building. She was overcome by smoke soon after the blaze was discovered by D. S. Cleveland. The latter brought her out of the doomed structure to safety and she was revived.

Cleveland asserts that if he could have obtained a bucket of water when he first discovered the fire he might have been able to extinguish it at once, but that he could find none and it was while looking in a room nearest the blaze that he found the woman overcome by smoke. At the time he had placed her in safety the fire was beyond control, and within a short while the Headley building was wrapped in flames which were communicated to a one-story building occupied by Joe Provata as fruit store and barber shop. The fire spread until it destroyed the two-story building owned and occupied by C. L. Baker as saloon, and the two-story dwelling of Henry Cornibe was burned also. This late building, also the Headley Hotel and Provata place, were owned by O. R. Brugler.

The fire occurred in the vicinity of the recent Hoyle saloon fire. The hard work of several hundred citizens saved most of the contents of all the buildings.

#### PARKER SPEAKS AT PARKVIEW THEATRE

The 306 Seats of Theatre Were Filled, About 20 on Stage, Few Standing.

GOOD MANY PLEASANT PEOPLE IN AUDIENCE

Parker Warmly Applauded and Considerable Enthusiasm by Parker Men.

The Parker meeting at the Parkview Theatre, Friday week, drew a crowd estimated at from four to five hundred people. It was the first time the people of this section had had an opportunity to hear Parker speak, and there were a large number of Pleasant people in the audience. Parker was frequently applauded. He roared Bob Ewing as a boss. He denied that he was in favor of putting the negro in politics, spoke of his plan for rural credit system, outlined the manner in which he would form the constitutional convention, spoke in support of his short ballot and declared for the abolition of the fee system. His speech covered matters that he has gone repeatedly over and that has been reported in his various speeches. He also declared for abolishing the primary law, and he seemed to be particularly displeased with lawyers and newspaper men.

Harry W. Fitzpatrick and Gus J. Labarre also spoke. Mr. Labarre said that he had been informed that he was the only man in the United States that positively refused to hire a negro to work in his timber camps. That he refused to have a negro in the village in which his home was located.

Nothing was said that has not been brought out in his other speeches.

He wanted to ask the editor of the St. Tammany Farmer some questions about the constitutional amendments, but the editor was busy getting the paper to press and could not be present.

Taken altogether the meeting may be said to have been an enthusiastic Parker meeting. Probably every Parker man in this section who could be present was present. There were about twenty on the platform, and Mr. E. G. Davis introduced the speakers.

#### Breakwater Meeting, Mandeville Today

Mandeville citizens will hold a meeting at the town hall Saturday evening for the purpose of settling the question of the release of the contract for the building of the breakwater. At a former meeting this matter was supposed to be settled, legal advice having been given that there was no obstacle in the way of such a procedure. Since then the question seems to have arisen as to whether the notes, which it is said

were subject to the completion of the contract, could be collected in the hands of a third party. It is understood that the face of the notes show the existence of the contract, and therefore could not be legally negotiated. As the legal point in this matter seems easily to be settled, it is probable that there will be no further hindrance to the re-letting of this contract after the meeting next Saturday.

#### Meridian Oil and Gas Co. Confident It Will Strike Oil at Sulphur Springs.

The drilling crew of the Meridian Oil and Gas Company arrived from Meridian last Sunday afternoon, and immediately took their places at the drilling rig.

It is claimed that this drilling crew has been trained like a baseball team, and that they are all honest, sober, and competent persons.

The officers of the company say they will maintain military-like discipline while the well is being drilled. No member of the team will be permitted to loiter or drink, and any violation of the rule will be cause for immediate discharge.

The drill has started and the man-

agement expects to bring in the well in thirty or forty days. Artesian water has no terrors for this drilling team, and the officers confidently claim that if there is oil in St. Tammany parish they are going to get it.

Mr. Henning, the driller, is the expert who was brought here by Mr. Sassinot some three years ago to try to save the well that had been lost. He has made several close inspections of oil prospects here since that time, and it is understood that he has assured the company that he is going to bring in an oil well beyond all question.

#### Literary and Athletic Exercises and Contests for Boys and Girls.

April 27 there will be a school rally at Talisheek, in which all the schools of the Sixth Ward will participate, and all those of the Fifth Ward that desire to do so. The program will be singing by each school, recitation or declamation by two pupils from each grade of each school; spelling contest by two pupils from each grade of each school, words to be taken from the 500-word list sent out by the State Department of Education; athletic contests, events to be divided into classes A and B, according to height, high jump; running broad jump; standing broad jump; egg race by girls; 50-yard dash for boys; 100-yard dash for boys; sack race; potato race; chinning the bar; throwing baseball both boys and girls; basketball game, between school teams.

Dinner will be had on the grounds. Each person is asked to bring a basket.

The Abita Springs rally will be as stated in The Farmer, except that the date has been changed to April 25th.

#### APPEAL FOR M. C. B. LIBRARY

If Covington had no public library and the question was brought up of its need in the community, it would be considered a good thing; and if the proposal was made by some wealthy philanthropist to donate a library to the town on condition that the upkeep of the library would be provided for by the citizens of the town, the proposition would be grabbed up in a hurry. If this statement is true, and it certainly is unless we are the most unprogressive people on earth, then it is not a shame that the efforts of the young women who have by their energy and perseverance provided us with such a library should be rewarded by a flat failure of the people to appreciate the work, and that not enough money can be raised in behalf of the library to pay the small salary of the librarian?

This is the situation, and if something is not done the library will have to be abandoned. The subscription is but one dollar a year. If there are any who desire to become subscribers, now is the time to send the subscription in. There are many good books in the library. Surely there are people enough who read, in and around Covington, to make up a sufficient fund to meet the librarian's salary and the few expenses of the library. We appeal to the people to come forward and show some appreciation of the benefits offered by the library and reading room that is frequently the resort of visitors to Covington. In fact visitors seem to appreciate it more than home folks, who should be proud of it.

#### At the Parkview Theatre.

The program for this Saturday night will include Mme. Olga Petrova in one of Metro's big features entitled "What Will People Say." This feature is in six parts and will be presented at the advance prices of 10 and 15 cents. Doors open at 6 p. m.

Sunday's program will consist of a five-part Paramount feature starring Elaine Jans, entitled "Betty in Search of a Thrill." The prices on this night will be 5 and 10 cents.

Wednesday, April 5th, there will be a six-part feature of the Paramount program with two subjects on it. This feature will prove of special delight to the children.

Sarah Bernhart is coming in "Jeanne Dore," and "Undine," Easter Sunday.

#### Addison Robbery

Tuesday afternoon Miss Angie Addison, who was to attend the three o'clock silver tea at Mrs. L. M. Bourgeois' went into her room and took some silver from her purse and returned the purse to its place on the bureau. She did not again enter the room until about 7 p. m. It then presented an alarming appearance. Bureau drawers were opened and the contents were tumbled about; the wardrobe was in a similar plight and the condition of the whole room showed that thieves had visited it during her absence. Jewelry was left undisturbed. A watch was still lying in its place on the bureau. The contents of the purse, some three or four dollars, was missing. The authorities were notified immediately, but the thief has not been caught.

#### SPEAKERS, PLEASANT MEETING



Hon. Harry Wilson.



Hon. Geo. K. Favrot.

#### AUTO ACCIDENT AT TALISHEEK CAUSES INJURY TO SEVERAL IN PARTY

Car Plunges Into Excavation at Curve and Turns Over Three Times.

#### INJURED SENT TO THE TOURO, NEW ORLEANS

No One Was Killed and the Most Seriously Injured Will Soon Be Out.

Talisheek, La., March 27.—Talisheek staged one of the most spectacular, unusual and fortunate of automobile accidents Sunday afternoon when a seven-passenger automobile, carrying six persons, dived almost headlong into a water-filled hole in the road, turned three somersaults, scattering the occupants on every side, and piled up on the side of the road badly broken and battered—and not a serious injury was suffered by any one of the six persons. One passenger suffered minor fracture of the skull and a wound on the knee, and most of the others were bruised, but two escaped without scratch. Misses Mary Dunham and Sarah Halley were brought to Touro Infirmary Sunday night.

The party was composed of Burdett Russ, W. W. Pope, Miss Mary Dunham, fifteen years old; Miss Sallie Halley, seventeen years of age, and a fifteen-year-old son, all residents of Slidell. Russ, who is a cousin of Miss Dunham, was driving the machine. None of the passengers, says the two young men, was acquainted with the road. Russ said to a reporter Sunday night at Touro Infirmary that he was driving the car at a good speed along the public road, and that they had arrived at Talisheek, a flag station twenty-five miles above Slidell, when they came to the junction of the new road with the old.

Trap at Junction Point.

He explained that the new road leads northward from the old one, and that, unknown to any one of the party in the car, a large hole had been dug just above the point of juncture, and in the center of the old road, the dirt from it having been used in the building up of the embankment forming the crotch of the two highways. As the car approached rapidly, he says, he could not see this hole; and, seeing the old road continued uninterrupted beyond, he did not suspect the existence of the pit until he was too close to it to avert the accident.

When the car dived into the hole, it rolled over three times, finally settling in a badly battered condition, on the side of the road. Russ and Pope, both of whom were interviewed, are of the opinion that the absence of fatality or serious injury was due largely to the fact that the top of the car was down, instead of being pinned beneath it.

Passengers Appeared Dead.

"All of us were badly shaken up and knocked half unconscious," said Russ. "Pope and I were the first

#### SHALL STATE BE RULED BY DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS?

This Pertinent Question Is Shown by Speakers to be Important in Present Campaign.

#### COURTHOUSE FILLED BY PLEASANT VOTERS

Convincing Arguments of Speakers Received by Enthusiastic Audience With Applause.

The Pleasant speaking at the courthouse, Thursday evening, was preceded by fireworks and music by the excellent brass band of St. Paul's College, Prof. C. C. Kornfeld, leader, and the courthouse was crowded, some standing in the hallway.

Prominent citizens were gathered around the speakers. Judge T. M. Burns presided and was introduced by Mayor P. J. Lacroix.

Judge Burns said he was glad to see so many citizens respond and to see so many ladies present. That wherever the word "Democrat" was heard he always wanted to be present. The ablest reformers in the State had come forward to advocate the cause of our Democratic candidate for governor. All should stand shoulder to shoulder, carrying the banner of a man whose character and ability could not be questioned. He could not understand how any Democrat could be persuaded to go to the Progressive or Republican or whatever party you might choose to call it. The Judge spoke quite at length in review of the present political situation and then introduced Hon. Harry K. Wilson, nominee for Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, paying him some very high

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