

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT; DEVOTED TO HER INTERESTS

This Page is Open to Every Woman to Express Her Views

(Edited by Miss Anna Morrell)

NOTES AND SELECTIONS BY MISS ANNA MORRELL.

THE COMMITTEE FAILS.

The U. S. House Judiciary Committee, by a majority of one, has voted to postpone action indefinitely upon all measures relating to woman suffrage or prohibition. By refusing to report them out, either with or without recommendation, it practically refuses to let them come before the lower House of Congress for a vote.

Of course, these big and burning questions cannot be indefinitely smothered in committee. Sooner or later, Congress must vote them up or down. After election and in the clatter of hammers and screech of saws, workmen all day long labored in the task of transforming the dignified halls of the Victoria Museum into long rows for members, Senators, and House officials.

"Work has not yet been completed upon the new Senate chamber, and, whether by accident or design, the placard which stood above the door still remains in the chamber. It reads 'Hall of vertebrate fossils (temporary exhibit)'."

Happily, that sort of fossilism is always temporary. In course of time a wind blows upon the dry bones, and they live.

BABYLON PAIR TO WOMEN CITIZENS.

Thirty-four hundred years ago a woman was placed on the pay-roll of a business firm of Babylon and received the same pay as the man she displaced, declared Dr. Albert V. Clay, of Yale University, in a lecture at the University Museum, Philadelphia, last week. Dr. Clay, an authority on the translation of Babylonian tablets, illustrated the difference between Babylonian treatment of a woman worker and that of America today, and drew his examples from recent translations of tablets found in the last few years in Babylonian ruins.

Woman's political and social position, he said, was better in that ancient day, as determined by her legal status, than it has been at any time since, even up to the beginning of the twentieth century.

Other tablets reveal stories of heavy penalties imposed on men for their treatment of women 4000 years ago. No cruelties were tolerated and woman was placed on a high social pedestal.

Concerning the gentleman who was displaced by a woman receiving the same salary, Dr. Clay said: "No doubt he went home and told his wife that things were in a pretty state when a woman got a man's job at the same pay, and that in the good old days of his grandmother women were content to stay at home where they belonged. And probably he added that these modern women were the limit, and let it go at that."

CHARITY BOARDS NEED MOTHERS.

The International Child Welfare League has created a Bureau of Information that will ask that women be put in the charities departments of cities and the State of New York and that they have part in the management of all institutions where orphans and other children are public charges.

"The League has been flooded with inquiries about the management of children's institutions," says Miss Helen Todd of California, director of the new bureau. "All of these letters were from women, and the management of our charities shows that women, who have the supreme interest in human life and its preservation, have no voice in the management of institutions where motherless children are kept. Those institutions, or rather the charities departments conducting them, are managed by men who do not give the welfare of the child a place second in importance."

Madisonville School League.

(By Mrs. K. W. New, President.)

The ladies of Covington have been a little in advance of the rest of us in the parish in realizing the urgent need of a woman's building on the parish fair grounds, and with the hope of convincing the women in the neighboring communities of the real necessity and convenience of such a building, and obtaining their cooperation, a committee composed of Miss Eastman, Mrs. Wm. Bodenbender and Mrs. E. R. Moses, visited Madisonville Monday, April 3, at three-thirty, and met with the School Improvement League, at a meeting called by its president, to discuss, informally, ways and means by which the funds may be raised to erect this building by fall.

Miss Eastman, in introducing the subject, referred to lack of space for the exhibits of previous years, and also the great necessity of better accommodations for women from the surrounding sections attending the fair for the day with their families, especially very small children.

She referred to Miss Boyer, principal of Domestic Science in Newcomb College, and her high opinion of the exhibits of last year, its varied displays and the excellent standard of the work done by the women of St. Tammany. In conclusion she convincingly presented the cause as one that should appeal to all interested in the success of the fair and one that should gain support from every section of the parish.

Mrs. Bodenbender then submitted further details of the subject, emphasizing the fact that no attempt is being made to construct a building in any way pretentious—the plan to cover actual requirements only, and cost of construction, etc., not to exceed five hundred dollars. Also, making it clear that while the ladies of Covington are advancing the idea it will require some assistance from every community to assure success in their endeavors. Their efforts in this matter are not being expended so that Covington may receive any particular benefit, but, for the general convenience in handling their exhibits.

To expedite the undertaking, she suggested that some lady who is interested in such community call a meeting of the ladies and that they appoint a committee to promote the work, the chairman of each committee to become a member of the Woman's Board, thereby keeping in close touch with the undertaking and having a vote in questions of importance.

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ONE TOUCH OF NATURE.

Passengers on the N. O. G. N. train Tuesday morning were surprised, on reaching Abita Springs, by the entrance of several ladies and two girls literally laden down with flowers.

On inquiry it was learned that these beauties of nature were the last tribute which was to be paid to a little Spanish girl by the name of Hilda Gomez. She was taken to New Orleans several weeks ago and placed in care of a physician, and although only fourteen years old, her little constitution had not enough vitality to withstand the strain which it was undergoing, and she passed to the Great Beyond on Monday, April 10th.

Though she had lived in Abita Springs only a short time she endeared herself to her schoolmates and the residents sufficiently to make them appreciate that they had lost a dear little individual. Accordingly, the Mothers' Club of Abita Springs elected Mrs. Terreboune, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Kauffman as their representatives, while the school chose Marie Rausch and Marion Thompson from their numbers to attend the last rites which were to be administered to the little girl in New Orleans.

The beautiful floral offerings were donated willingly by different individuals, and they were being taken over by the representatives chosen for the purpose.

It is such acts as this one by the ladies and children of Abita Springs which lighten the burdens of those who remain behind to mourn the loss of their dear ones. Notwithstanding the fact that these people were total strangers a short time ago, they experienced the one touch of nature that makes the whole world kin.

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In reply to the article "First Grade School Work," which appeared in The St. Tammany Farmer of April 1st, I wish to say that on "Visitors' Day" at the Covington school, I was also impressed; not with the diversity of opinion on many subjects existing between the representatives of the different schools, but with the absolute silence which prevailed during the entire meeting. If one of the 512 primary teachers had merely mentioned the fact that she seriously objected to the

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If this plan is bad why do such places as Shreveport, Alexandria, Monroe, Ruston, Lake Charles, such parishes as Verdon, LaSalle, Union, Richland, Madison, Calcasieu, Bourgeois, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Tangipahoa, Avoyelles, Assumption, Ascension, Lafourche, Caldwell, Red River, East Carroll, West Carroll, DeSoto, Sabine, Evangeline, Lafayette, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, East Feliciana, Concordia, Catahoula—in fact, almost every parish in the State prefer this method and those books. Hundreds have testified as to the success and ease with which they teach children to read by this method. No one dare say that all of these Superintendents and teachers are ignorant, for they are the leading ones in the State.

Any one is welcome to come to Covington and examine the first grade children in reading, for I have had experts to pronounce them good readers. I also know from my own experience that when a child has been taught by this method he has a foundation that nothing can shake, for having been taught New Educational Book I, he is able to read any number of primers and first readers.

In conclusion, I will say frankly that when a teacher attempts to teach a child to read without giving him any knowledge of phonics she is committing an unpardonable crime against the child.

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SUCCESSION NOTICE.

Succession of Willie P. Singletary. No. 3274.

In the District Court for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of this estate, and to all persons interested, to show cause, within ten days from the present notification (if any they have or can), why the provisional account presented by Arthur J. Singletary, Administrator of the succession of Willie P. Singletary, should not be approved and homologated, and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

N. GILLIS, Dy. Clerk of Court. a15-3f

A GRAND DANCE

To Be Given Easter Sunday at the Abita Springs Pavilion.

On Sunday, April 23, 1916, there will be a dance at the Abita Springs Pavilion for the benefit of the public school. There will be splendid music and all are assured a good time. Admission: Adults 25 cents, children 10 cents.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the St. Tammany Ice and Manufacturing Company, at the office of the company in Covington, on Tuesday, May 9, 1916, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and officers.

E. J. FREDERICK, Secretary-Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

In announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of Marshal of Abita Springs, I wish to call the attention of the voters to my record while serving in that capacity. I have always tried to perform my duties strictly and without prejudice to any one. I feel that my record should win me the support of the citizens, and I am not making my campaign for re-election on the foundation of promises, but on the foundation of my record of the past. I shall appreciate the support of my friends, and if elected I shall continue to give my very best services to the town.

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Proclamation of Election.

Town of Covington, Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

Pursuant to an ordinance passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington, State of Louisiana, parish of St. Tammany, at a lawful meeting held in Covington, La., on April 4, 1916, I, Paul J. Lacroix, Mayor of the town of Covington, hereby give notice that in compliance with said ordinance a special election will be held in the town of Covington, State of Louisiana, on the 16th day of May, 1916, for the purpose of submitting to the property taxpayers qualified to vote under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, at such election, the following proposition:

"To incur debt and issue bonds of the town of Covington, parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to the amount of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars, to run for a period of thirty seven years from the 15th day of July, 1916, to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from the 15th day of July, 1916, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of July and the 15th day of January of each year, and issued in such denominations, payable at such time and in such installments, with such other details relating thereto as shall be determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and authorized by law, for the purpose of erecting, constructing and equipping a system of waterworks for supplying the inhabitants of the town of Covington with water, the title to such waterworks system shall vest in the town of Covington, Louisiana."

For the purpose of the election the polling place will be the Courthouse, Boston street, in the town of Covington, and C. L. Smith, F. J. Martindale and Ben Fontan have been appointed commissioners and Robt. L. Aubert, clerk.

A said election the polls will open at 7 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m., and the election will be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable thereto.

Notice is also hereby given that on the 19th day of May, 1916, at 1 o'clock a. m., at the Mayor's Office in the town of Covington, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Covington will convene and will proceed in open session to open the ballot boxes, examine and count the ballots in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

Witness my hand at Covington Louisiana, on this 5th day of April A. D. 1916.

PAUL J. LACROIX, Mayor of Town of Covington, La.

We are authorized to announce FRED. J. HENNTZ as a candidate for District Attorney of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

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Public notice is hereby given that the building committee appointed by the parish school board on January 6, 1916, consisting of Theo. Dendinger, Sr., Geo. Koepf, Jr., P. A. Blanchard, E. A. Taylor, E. V. Heaghan, and Geo. R. Dutsch, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a one-story and basement frame school house to be built according to plans and specifications by Chas. Jenkins, and now on file at the office of the superintendent in Covington, La.

The house is to be built in the town of Madisonville, La., and on land purchased from Chas. T. Bradley.

Notice is also given that the above mentioned building committee will meet in the office of the parish school board in the town of Covington, La., on Wednesday, April 26, 1916, between one and two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of opening the bids and awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

The successful bidder will be required to give a satisfactory bond for one-half the contract price according to law, and a cash deposit of fifty dollars must accompany the bid to be held until the bond is furnished.

The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ELMER E. LYON, Superintendent.

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