

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT; DEVOTED TO HER INTERESTS

This Page is Open to Every Woman to Express Her Views

(Edited by Miss Anna Morrell)

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VASSAR GIRLS GET OBJECT LESSON.

A good story is told by the New York Tribune about some twenty-five Vassar College undergraduates who were taken to a session of the Dutchess County Supreme Court by one of the professors. They are members of the class in political science and were taken "to see the legal wheels go round."

In over-ruling a motion the justice quoted the State law, which gives a husband a right to whatever money his wife may have. "Right there," says the Tribune "the class was turned into a suffrage indignation meeting, which ended with the solemnest kind of a pledge that this particular law will be the first wiped out when the golden age brings equal franchise."

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WOMAN SETTLES TEXTILE STRIKE.

A strike in Nashua, N. H., in which more than 1500 employees held out for over six months, was recently settled by a woman, Mrs. Eugenia Schlenk, after three weeks' work among the strikers. Mrs. Schlenk, who is only twenty-five years old, went to Nashua a stranger although accredited representative of the North American Civic League. She is of Polish birth and speaks the language of the strikers fluently, as well as English; and she gained their confidence at once.

Satisfactory terms of settlement were arranged between the strikers and the mill officials, which included the return of all the strikers to the mills almost immediately. The strike had necessitated keeping two militia companies on guard for several weeks; and the fines for strike disorders amounted to thousands of dollars.

SENATOR CLASSES WOMEN ANTI-HOGS.

"Chivalrous" Mississippi Legislator Asks Congress if a Hog Will Purify a "Wallow."

As a sample of how some men regard women, the debate on a limited woman suffrage bill in the Mississippi Legislature was illuminating. It is also a sample of some of the

Mississippi legislators. The bill in question proposed to give suffrage to mothers who have living children. During the debate Senator Whittington asked, "Don't you think women would purify politics?" Whereupon another senator replied: "Do you think a hog would purify a wallow?" Among the women present in the gallery were representatives of families who have helped make history in the State.

During the same session of the Legislature an unusually large number of bills were presented to restore the right of suffrage to former convicts. All save one or two were favorably recommended. "While Mississippi women are classed with wallowing hogs it is quite evident that ex-convicts are in high favor with legislators," says the Southern Women's Press Bureau.

REPORTS UNCLEAN FOOD FACTORIES.

"Must not woman exercise a new kind of chivalry in protecting her family from adulterated foods, from foods made in unsanitary condition, from foods which are denatured of their most important properties?" asks Mrs. Christine Frederick, writing in the New York Evening Sun recently. There is no stronger reason for giving her the vote than this very necessity to protect and defend her home. On April 8, the New York Globe called attention to the fact that the ice cream factories of New York City are "neither inspected, passed, rejected nor controlled. Comes made of dirty flour, colored with coal tar dyes, sweetened with sugar substitutes and packed filthily, are reported by this investigator. The individual housewife cannot visit every factory where food is produced, and even if she should, her individual complaint would receive as much attention as the protest of an enraged sparrow whose nest is upset. Give women votes to aid them in chivalry to the husbands and children they need not be urged to protect."

"VICTIMS OF THIS RESTLESS AGE."

For the comfort of those agnostics who foresee disaster from the entrance of "restless women" into industries, let these words from

the Niagara Falls Journal of March 29 prove that her fears are not unfounded: "Women, as well as men, are victims of this restless age. Take the recent case of the ambitious Illinois wife. Not content with keeping house and rearing a family of nine children, she persisted during rush hours in helping her husband show horses. But the strain was too much for her, and now she is dead at the age of 95."

THE WOMAN'S TRUTH.

More men have been blinded in the present war than in any other conflict in history. Henry G. Dodge tells in the New York Independent of the arrival at Marseilles of a great number of severely wounded French soldiers who were to be distributed through Provence. First came those who had lost arms and legs; and finally the blind.

"The waiting crowd, silent and with uncovered heads, made a lane through which the blind soldiers came. They stumbled over the flagging and down the steps with groping feet and always, though the orderlies guided them by the arms, their hands were stretched before them open wide; hopeless, hesitating hands, distrustful of the dark."

"The last in line was a handsome boy not over twenty-one, a sub-lieutenant of the Chasseurs d'Afrique. His fair hair was pushed back from his forehead by the black bandage over his eyes, his right leg was tipped to one side by another dressing on his head—and his right sleeve empty. And though there glittered on his breast the Cross of the Legion of Honor, he was trembling from head to foot, and kept repeating over and over, 'J'ai peur, j'ai peur, j'ai peur.' 'I'm afraid, I'm afraid, I'm afraid.' France had given him all she could—but he was afraid of the dark."

"And then that happened which changed the whole gruesome picture of horror and misery into something sublime. "A girl stepped out of the crowd to the boy's side, put her arm about his waist, and took his groping hand in hers. She was no more than sixteen, beautiful with the dark splendid, Greek beauty of the women of Provence—a girl of the people.

who looked as though she might have come into Marseilles that day from the country with her cartload of garden truck. "Courage, mon vieux," we heard her say. "Do not have fear. Let me walk with you."

"The orderly saluted and unhesitatingly stepped aside. The boy turned his bandaged eyes toward the girl, and, as he felt the protecting arm about his waist and the strong hand over his, his trembling ceased. His shoulders went back, and what had been a terrified child became a soldier again. It was the woman's touch that he had been needing—the hand and the word of encouragement of a woman of his own France—during the agonizing days in the hospital, and the long, terrifying train journey in darkness. "Courage, mon vieux!" It was the spur to make him a soldier again. One does not show fear before a woman. He took a few steps across the pavement to the waiting ambulance with steady and confident feet, his head turned always toward the sound of the voice at his side, and as he walked he smiled into the girl's face. How long had it been since he smiled!

"They came to the curb; and as she released his arm and an orderly stood ready to guide his foot to the step of the ambulance, he turned to the girl and paused a moment, with trembling lips. He raised his hand half way to the salute, and stopped. "What do you call yourself, my friend?" he said. "Adrienne, my lieutenant," she replied softly.

"There was no trace of coquetry in her voice or in her bearing. She stood, firm and straight, before him, like a soldier before his superior officer.

"The boy whipped off the red fez from his blond head and tucked it under the empty sleeve pinned to his breast. His hand went out and found her shoulder, as she stepped nearer to him.

"Merci, Adrienne," he said huskily, and bent and kissed her upon both cheeks. "The little peasant drew herself up like a queen, but her eyes were full of tears and for a moment she could not speak. Then trembling but proudly: "Merci, mon lieutenant."

"Her hands were clasped together upon her breast, and on her face was the look of Jeanne d'Arc standing before the Vision. The boy took his seat in the ambulance, and as it swung away from the curb his hand went to the salute, and his bandaged eyes turned toward the spot where she was standing. And until the car disappeared into the traffic beyond the station gate we could still see his erect figure and his hand raised to his forehead.

"The girl stood motionless, looking after him, until he was out of sight. She had not been kissed; she had been decorated."

The picture etches itself into the memory. It might well be symbolic. Among the dark and pressing problems of our time, thoughtful men are afraid—and the thoughtless are still worse off, because they have reason to fear and do not know it. But when the true woman comes and stands beside the man, together the two can find the way to their aim, and the horror of the dark will be over.

Easter Gift Sale A Big Success

"If we have as pleasant a time at our picnic as we did at the Easter Gift Sale—"

Thus spake the cashier, as the Ladies Aid Society discussed the annual picnic to be given the first Saturday in June.

With the Pastor in the chair, the presiding officer unavoidably absent, a general accounting was taken of the interesting event just past—about no longer hangs over the little corner church, \$110.04 being in the hands of the finance committee, nearly \$50 of this being the result of the Easter Gift Sale, consisting of flower plants, fancy work, etc.

Credit for this success is due in a general measure to the beautiful spirit in which all, even the little children, worked for the exhibit and its sale.

But especially are we grateful in our acknowledgement of the efficient management and untiring efforts of the worthy chairman-in-charge. And we must thank her, also, for

the most delightful afternoon previous to Easter when we met at the home to prepare Easter eggs for the children of the Sunday School, the dainty baskets for which were the gift of Mr. H. J. Conrad, supplemented by a few from the secretary.

We take this occasion to assure them of the warm appreciation of the L. A. S. for the donation. Many happy little children will treasure the pretty baskets of this Easter pleasure.

Several new members were enrolling and extended the glad hand, among whom is the Pastor's sister from Wichita Falls, Texas, who has come to cheer him in his bachelorhood, and will be an acquisition in our midst.

There was a surprise birthday reception to the Pastor in their cozy little cottage Friday evening.

ABITA LADY.

Woodmen Circle

Pine Grove, No. 212, Ladies Woodmen Circle, was honored Tuesday night, May 2, with the presence of the State Grand Guardian, Mrs. Amelia Smith, of Algiers.

The occasion was made interesting by the initiation of a class of eight new members: Meadames P. J. Lacroix, Herman Schultz, Sr. Herman Schultz, Jr., J. Lambert, J. Fogarty, W. Molloy, V. Z. Young and J. C. Burns.

The hall was beautifully decorated, a veritable forest of flowers being everywhere.

The initiation was conducted by the able officers of the camp with Grand Guardian Smith presiding after which she delivered a splendid address, full of sweet wisdom, love and unity, strength and power. She presented each of the new members with a new pin symbol of the order. Guardian Delery in a most gracious manner then presented her with a piece of cut glass from the camp as a token of appreciation for her help in the work.

Refreshments were served by a committee, an abundant supply of cream, strawberries and cake being furnished. MERRY C. MULLALLY, Clerk.

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AN ORDINANCE of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Covington, Louisiana.

Submitting to the property tax payers of the town of Covington, parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, entitled to vote under the laws and constitution of the State of Louisiana, the question of incurring debt by the said town of Covington and the issuance of \$60,000.00 Dollars for the purpose of constructing a system of waterworks in the said town of Covington. The title to such waterworks system to vest in said town of Covington, fixing the date and maturity of said bonds and each of them; and fixing where they shall be payable; fixing the rate of interest on said bonds; and providing when and where said bonds shall be payable; fixing a polling place for said election and the hours when the polls shall be opened and closed, and naming three commissioners and one clerk of election; and fixing the date and places when the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall meet to canvass the returns of the indebtedness and the result thereof; authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in the event the property taxpayers approve the issuance of the bonds as herein proposed, to sign and execute said bonds and the same to sell at not less than par according to law; providing that this ordinance when adopted by the property taxpayers of the town of Covington, and after the bonds herein authorized to be issued shall have been issued and sold that this ordinance shall become and remain in effect as long as the interest on the said bonds or the interest thereon shall remain unpaid; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing when this ordinance shall go into effect, all in accordance with the provisions of Article 281 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana.

Whereas, it is believed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington, Louisiana, necessary and for the best interest of said town and the inhabitants thereof that a waterworks system should be constructed within the corporate limits of the town; and,

Whereas, the ordinary revenues of the town are insufficient to construct said waterworks system, and in order to undertake such work it is necessary to raise funds in the manner provided by law; and,

Whereas, under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana the governing authority of the town of Covington, Louisiana, is authorized by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers of the town of Covington, qualified to vote under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana at an election, held for that purpose; and,

may be required for a sinking fund for the payment of the sinking fund for all purposes shall not in any year exceed the limit prescribed by the constitution of ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of the town, and to issue negotiable bonds not to exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the property of the said town; and,

Whereas, the assessed valuation of the said town of Covington, at the present time equals the amount of Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand and Two Hundred and Sixty-Four (\$715,263.00) Dollars; and,

Whereas, it has been and is now hereby determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington, La., to submit to the property taxpayers qualified as electors under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the following proposition:

That a debt be incurred by the town of Covington, in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and negotiable bonds be issued in said amount, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum payable semi-annually, the principal of said bonds becoming payable within 37 years and in such installments with such other details relating thereto as shall be determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and authorized by the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana. The funds raised from the incurring of said debt and the sale of said bonds to be used for the purpose of constructing a waterworks system in said town of Covington, and

Whereas, in the event said indebtedness designated in the foregoing proposition shall be authorized by the taxpayers to be incurred and bonds shall be issued therefor, the total amount of the indebtedness of said town (including said bonds) shall be within the constitutional limit of ten per centum on the assessed valuation of the property of said town, and the special tax to be annually levied to pay the installments of interest and principal of said bonds as they respectively fall due with all other special taxes levied and to be levied for other lawful purposes will be within the limit prescribed by the constitution, of ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property within such town prescribed by the constitution;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Covington, in regular session convened:

Section 1. That the town of Covington incur a debt of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to be used for the exclusive purpose of constructing, erecting and equipping a waterworks system in the town of Covington, Louisiana, for supplying the inhabitants of said town of Covington, Louisiana, with water, the title to such system shall be vested in the said town of Covington;

15 bonds of \$500 each, three of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1932 to 1936, both inclusive.

20 bonds of \$500 each, four of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1937 to 1941, both inclusive.

35 bonds of \$500 each, five of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1942 to 1948, both inclusive.

30 bonds of \$500 each, six of said bonds maturing on July 15th of each year from 1949 to 1953, both inclusive.

That to said bonds shall be attached the proper coupons representing interest on said bonds 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 each year.

And that the Secretary of this council be and he is hereby instructed to have prepared for use at said special election, all necessary ballots, ballot boxes, tally sheets, lists of voters and compiled statements of voters in number and amount.

Be it further ordained, etc., Section 3. That in order to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof as provided in Section Two hereof, a special tax shall be levied on all taxable property in the town of Covington sufficient to produce the following sums each year, to-wit:

- 1916 the sum of \$3500.00.
- 1917 the sum of \$3475.00.
- 1918 the sum of \$3450.00.
- 1919 the sum of \$3425.00.
- 1920 the sum of \$3400.00.
- 1921 the sum of \$3375.00.
- 1922 the sum of \$3350.00.
- 1923 the sum of \$3325.00.
- 1924 the sum of \$3300.00.
- 1925 the sum of \$3275.00.
- 1926 the sum of \$3250.00.
- 1927 the sum of \$3225.00.
- 1928 the sum of \$3200.00.
- 1929 the sum of \$3175.00.
- 1930 the sum of \$3150.00.
- 1931 the sum of \$3125.00.
- 1932 the sum of \$3100.00.
- 1933 the sum of \$3075.00.
- 1934 the sum of \$3050.00.
- 1935 the sum of \$3025.00.
- 1936 the sum of \$3000.00.
- 1937 the sum of \$2975.00.
- 1938 the sum of \$2950.00.
- 1939 the sum of \$2925.00.
- 1940 the sum of \$2900.00.
- 1941 the sum of \$2875.00.
- 1942 the sum of \$2850.00.
- 1943 the sum of \$2825.00.
- 1944 the sum of \$2800.00.
- 1945 the sum of \$2775.00.
- 1946 the sum of \$2750.00.
- 1947 the sum of \$2725.00.
- 1948 the sum of \$2700.00.
- 1949 the sum of \$2675.00.
- 1950 the sum of \$2650.00.
- 1951 the sum of \$2625.00.
- 1952 the sum of \$2600.00.

Be it further ordained, etc., Section 4. That the question of incurring said indebtedness and issuing of said bonds for the purpose above mentioned shall be submitted to the property taxpayers who are qualified electors for such purpose by special election which is hereby ordered to be called in said town on the 16th day of May, A. D., 1916, in accordance with the election laws of the State of Louisiana, and especially in accordance with Act No. 236 of 1910, for the purpose of voting on said question, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to proclaim the same as aforesaid; and that the ballots to be used at said election shall be in the following form:

TOWN OF COVINGTON, LA.
Special Election.
May 16th, 1916.
For the Issuance of Bonds.
Proposition to incur debt and issue bonds for 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, and 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 water works 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.

Signature of Voter. To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X) mark in the square after the word "Yes." To vote against it, place a similar mark after the word "No."

Be it further ordained, etc., Section 5. That the said election shall be conducted under the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, in so far as the same are applicable to special elections, and particularly under the provisions of Act 256 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, and acts amendatory thereto, at the following polling place: Courthouse, Covington, Louisiana.

The Commissioners of such election are designated as follows: C. L. Smith, F. J. Martindale and Ben Fontan; and Robt. L. Aubert is hereby designated as Clerk.

The polls shall be opened at seven (7) o'clock a. m., and closed at five (5) o'clock p. m.

Be it further ordained, etc., Section 6. The said Commissioners and Clerk shall receive the ballots of all duly qualified property taxpayers entitled to vote at the said election and shall deposit them as received in the ballot boxes to be provided for that purpose, and at the close of said election, shall count and canvass the votes cast for and against the said proposition on duplicate tally sheets to be provided for said purpose, and shall deliver one of the same together with the ballots and the ballot boxes to the Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be by him held and submitted to the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 19th day of May, 1916, at which time the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall assemble at the regular meeting place of the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen to canvass the returns and make promulgation of the results of said election as required by law.

Be it further ordained, etc., Section 7. That in the event said election results in favor of incurring the said debt of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars and issuing said negotiable bonds as representing the same, the Mayor of said town and Clerk of this Board shall cause to be issued the said Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars in bonds as aforesaid, representing said indebtedness of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars, maturing as hereinabove stated, with interest coupons attached thereto representing interest to become due thereon, and to be in

such form and tenor as may be approved by said Mayor and Clerk, but not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance and said bonds with interest coupons attached when issued shall be sold by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for not less than par and the proceeds of said sale shall be deposited in the treasury of said town to be used exclusively for constructing and equipping a waterworks system and shall not be used for any other purpose, the title to which waterworks system shall vest in and remain at all times the property of the town of Covington. The said bonds and the interest coupons attached thereto shall be payable as they mature at any bank or trust company in New York, N. Y., or New Orleans or Covington, La., in the United States, at the option of the purchaser thereof upon notice to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington thirty days before maturity of any bond or interest-coupon. In default of such notice the said bonds and coupons shall be payable at the office of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Covington.

Be it further ordained, etc., Section 8. That in the event the

majority of the qualified property tax paying electors of the said town of Covington, and due promulgation is made thereof as required by law.

Read and considered by sections and adopted as a whole at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by a recorded vote and may vote on the 4th day of April, A. D. 1916.

Approved in open session this 4th day of April, A. D., 1916.

PAUL J. LACROIX, Mayor Town of Covington, La. Attest: L. A. PERREAND, Clerk Town of Covington, La.

It was moved by A. R. Smith, seconded by J. E. Nilson, that the mayor appoint a committee to select three citizens to serve as a committee to revise the assessment roll of the town of Covington. Said committee to report their selection at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 1916. The mayor appointed A. R. Smith, M. P. Planche and J. E. Nilson.

There being no further business the council adjourned. P. J. LACROIX, Mayor. L. A. PERREAND, Sec.

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