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THERE MAY BE RACING AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

The Tennis Tournament Big Success and Finals Will Be Completed Today

CONFESSES HE SET FIRE TO RESIDENCE OF MRS. PAYNE

Mystery Surrounding Burning of This Beautiful Place Revealed.

W. E. ELLIS TELLS HOW HE PUT OIL ON FLOOR

Pronounced a Paretic and Irresponsible by Commission of Physicians.

On the evening of December 31, 1915, the Covington Fire Department was called to fight fire at the beautiful residence of Mrs. C. J. Payne...

Last Monday evening, August 21, Mr. Ellis came to Covington. He saw Sheriff Brewster and asked him about the dog license...

"To the Hon. Dist. Atty. St. Tammany Parish: To the Hon. Sheriff St. Tammany Parish: Jasper E. Nilson, Agt. L. and L. and G. Ins. Co."

"Dear Sirs:—I, the undersigned, set fire to Mrs. C. J. Payne's residence on Military Road Dec. 31st, 1915, 7:30 p. m. for reasons verbally given Hon. Dist. Atty."

"(Signed) 'W. E. ELLIS'" Sheriff Brewster thought the whole thing was a joke.

"What is this?" he asked. "It's my confession," answered Ellis.

"Do you mean it? Did you write this?" questioned the sheriff. "Yes, I wrote it," said Ellis.

It began to dawn upon the sheriff that matters were really serious and that a man was confessing that he had set fire to the Payne's residence, an incident that had almost been forgotten.

Turning the confession over, Sheriff Brewster asked Ellis to sign his name on the back of it. Ellis did so and the signatures proved to be alike.

There was nothing to do but to lock Ellis up and get in touch with Judge Carter. This Sheriff Brewster did over the telephone, and Judge Carter came to Covington Tuesday morning and examined Ellis, with the result that Dr. F. F. Young, Sr., and Coroner Bullock were appointed a commission to examine into the matter.

In the meantime Sheriff Brewster had visited Ellis that morning, with a view to ascertaining if he would cling to his confession in sober condition. All that Ellis had said the night before he again repeated. He said he had set fire to the building by pouring oil over the bathroom floor and lighting it. His reasons for confessing were that he was haunted by the ruins and desolation of the once beautiful home.

It is not even certain that Ellis did set fire to the building. He may be laboring under a hallucination. Ellis will be taken to some institution where he will be cared for.

TENNIS GAMES EXCITE GREAT INTEREST ALL THE WEEK

Beautiful Silver Cups On Exhibition In Window of Smith Jewelry Store.

FINAL WIND-UP OF GAMES THIS EVENING

Dance and Distribution of Prizes at Gymnasium Hall Tonight.

Tennis has become the all-absorbing game of Covington. If you want to be in the swim you must be a tennis fiend; you must play tennis and dream tennis and you must be willing to get up early in the morning when the birds are singing their first call, and you must forego the early supper or the late dinner, as the case may be.

Crowds have been witnessing the tournament that will be closed today, and even at 6 o'clock in the morning enthusiasts might have been seen stepping it out to the tennis grounds to see some of the crack players swing the racket with that remarkable accuracy that produces the inshoot, the outshoot, the drop and the many other puzzling curves that are a part of the scientific results of good tennis playing.

Following is the score and games as given by one of the players, Mr. Whit Riggs, Jr.:

August 21, 5:30 a. m. L. Theriot defeated N. Salter. P. M. Bailey, B class, wins from H. Kohne, B class, in straight sets of 6-3, 6-2. No handicap. Sets marked by witty jests of Kohne. 7:30 a. m.

K. Kohne, A class, is defeated by John Meyers, B class. 15 points handicap on every second game allowed Meyers. Set marked by spectacular playing of Meyers. Perhaps most spectacular in whole singles tournament. Completely outclassed Kohne. Score: 6-1, 6-2. Eliminated in first round: L. Theriot, H. Kohne and K. Kohne.

Second Round—Paul Bernard, B class, defeated by W. Riggs, Jr., A class, score 6-0, 6-1. Handicap of 15 points every second game allowed Bernard.

8:00 a. m. E. G. Davis defaults to Compton C. Fisher defaults to N. Salter.

9:00 a. m. P. M. Bailey, B class, played N. Salter, A class, and after two sets had been completed (one each), and the score standing 6-5 in Bailey's favor, the set was discontinued on account of rains. After a slight shower Salter was unable to finish the set being completely exhausted by the gruelling cross-court playing of Bailey.

L. Smith defaults to J. Meyers. J. H. Smith, A class, defeats S. Caserta, B class, 6-1, 6-2. 15 points handicap on every second game.

Kenneth Moise, C class, defeated by Joe Wood, 3-6, 3-6, 6-0. 15 points handicap on every game.

E. Alpeunte defaults to Rev. Talmage. Eliminated in second round—P. Bernard, L. E. G. Davis, C. Fisher, N. Salter, L. Smith, S. Caserta, K. Moise and Ed. Alpeunte.

4 p. m. August 21—Third Round. W. Riggs, A class, defeats Compton Moise, B class, 10-6, 6-2. Moise received handicap of 15 points on every second game.

W. Salter, A class, defeats P. M. Bailey, B class, 6-4, 6-2. Handicap of 15 points every second game. 5:30 p. m.

John Meyers, B class, defeats Julian H. Smith, A class, 6-4 5-8, 6-0. Handicap of 15 points on every second game.

Rev. Talmage defeated Joe Wood (both A class) 2-6, 9-7, 8-6. This was about the hottest set of the tournament. Eliminated in Third Round—C. Moise, P. M. Bailey, Julian H. Smith and Joe Wood.

PARISH FAIR PREPARATIONS LOOK TO A BIG EVENT.

Grand Stand Will Be Built With Restaurant Situated Beneath It.

BASEBALL, TENNIS, ATHLETIC SPORTS

Street to Main Entrance Is Shelled Two Blocks and Will Be Completed.

Work is now going on to put the fair grounds in condition for the fair this fall. Paint and whitewash is being used to put the buildings and fences in clean and military condition. Thirty catcher trees have been re-planted in place of those lost.

A grand stand will be built in rear of the main building, and a restaurant will be built under this grand stand. A baseball diamond and tennis field will be laid out and athletic visitors will be encouraged, so that visitors who are fond of outdoor sports may enjoy exhibition games of this kind.

It is contemplated putting in a race track. This feature is almost an assured thing. The Empire coops have been adopted for the poultry department. These coops will be furnished free to exhibitors, and are the best exhibition coops that can be obtained.

Two blocks have been shelled on the street leading from Covington to the main entrance. Two more blocks will be shelled by the town and two by the Association of Commerce.

Another feature of interest is that the Boy Scouts will camp at the fair grounds. While this organization is recent, there has been considerable enthusiasm and the work has been taken up with vigor and there is quite a large membership.

There will be ball games between Covington, Franklinton, Slidell and Bogalusa. It has also been proposed that the Slidell Band attend the fair and assist the Covington Municipal Band in providing music at the grounds. St. Paul's College Band has also been invited to aid in the musical program, and also the college has been invited to take part in the fair, and in the athletic events.

Governor Pleasant has been invited to be present, but has not yet made it known whether he will be able to attend.

Public comfort is a matter that will receive special attention, and we believe visitors will have more conveniences, better rest rooms and other comforts than at any previous fair.

Dance at Abita Springs.

There will be a grand dance at Abita Springs, Sunday, August 27th. Arrangements have been made for good music. All are invited. Admission 10 cents. Dancing will commence at 7:30 p. m. au26-27

6-4. Gladys Jung defeats Mrs. J. H. Smith, (both A class) 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. 9 a. m.

Hazel Doesat defaults to Leah Alpeunte. O. McNealy, B class, defeats Elise Ray, B class, 6-3, 6-2.

A. L. McNealy defeated by Yasabel Ellis 7-3, 6-0. 3 p. m.

Mrs. L. Beaucourday defeats Francis Nobles 4-3, 7-5. Leah Alpeunte defeats O. McNealy 4-3, 6-2.

Mrs. E. G. Davis defeats Yasabel Ellis 6-3, 6-1. 5:30 p. m.

Mrs. E. G. Davis wins first and second sets from Gladys Jung. Miss Jung rallied, but Mrs. Davis finally won after a hard fight. 7 p. m.

FARMERS' LOAN ASSOCIATION APPEALS TO FARMERS

One of the Largest Gatherings of Farmers Ever in Court Building.

The meeting at the court house last Thursday, at which the Federal Land Bank was discussed, was one of the latest meetings of farmers that we have had in Covington.

Mr. W. J. Leppert discussed this new federal loan proposition in all its details, and it was generally agreed that the Federal Land Bank was an institution that was much needed in Louisiana and that a large number of farmers would thereby be enabled to establish themselves in profitable farming operations.

The measure is also meeting the support of the bankers of St. Tammany parish as well as the business men. Most of the prominent men of Covington were present.

Commissioner Denechaud was also in attendance, but the time was given principally to the address of Mr. Leppert, who interestingly and clearly outlined the object and workings of the bank.

If New Orleans gets the bank, and she is positively entitled to it, there is no doubt that it will be liberally patronized in this section. The organization of a Farm Loan Association will simply be a formality. The sentiment for its organization and participation in its loan features is assured.

Association of Commerce Listens to Talk of Mr. H. S. Herring.

Mr. H. S. Herring, of the New Orleans Board of Trade, was a guest of the Covington Association of Commerce at its meeting last Monday evening.

Mr. Herring consented to address the members and talked very interestingly of the kind of work that should come before bodies of that kind, and of the means of accomplishing things and sustaining interest in civic affairs.

He is an advocate of the merging of all bodies, farming as well as commercial, so as to bring together all forces for the accomplishment of any object, and that one thing should be taken at a time and efforts concentrated on this object until it is either accomplished, or found to be impracticable.

Mr. Herring's talk was very much appreciated and was listened to with interest. He spends considerable time in Covington during the summer months and is interested in its welfare.

The Concert at Rest Awhile Monday.

On Monday, August 28th, the last but not least one of the Rest Awhile concerts will take place. Rest Awhile closes the doors to the summer guests on September 12th, when the final entertainment will take place.

The enjoyment which these little affairs give to the guests has been somewhat marred this summer by the absence of the public. Heretofore when anything was given quite a crowd was present, both people from Mandeville and summer visitors, but this year somehow that interest has been lost and their absence has been felt both by the committee and the guests.

There is no special invitation needed, but all are welcome. Through The St. Tammany Farmer which has always been so generous in recording all doings of Rest Awhile, the Rest Awhile Circle invites all to the concert on Monday, August 28th, and also to the closing exercises on September 12th. FLORENCE LAVELLE.

REGIMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD ON THE MARCH



COVINGTON TO HAVE A BRILLIANT MUSICAL 31ST.

A Program of Unusual Excellence, Under Auspices of Ladies Aid Society.

On Thursday evening, at the high school auditorium, at 8:00 o'clock sharp, Covington, Abita Springs and Mandeville will have the opportunity of enjoying a musical program of unusual excellence, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church.

Madame Eugenie Wehrman-Schaffner, and her sister, Mrs. C. Bennett Moore, will present an elaborate series of instrumental and vocal numbers for the benefit of the Sunday School Building fund of the Presbyterian Church, at Covington. Both of these artists are products of New Orleans and Paris.

Madame Schaffner, it will be remembered, left Paris upon the outbreak of the war with her two children, leaving her husband attached to the hospital corps on the French battle ground, where he was killed on September 7, 1914.

The dual program to be presented by both artists is given below. Owing to the cause for which the musical is given Mesdames Schaffner and Moore have consented to appear, and the prices have been so fixed by the Ladies Aid Society, so as to place the benefit of this exquisite program within the reach of all.

It must be borne in mind that the performance will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and that anyone coming late will not be seated, whilst a musical number is being executed. The performance will be concluded by 10 o'clock, and cars will be waiting for visitors from Mandeville and Abita Springs.

The first five rows of the auditorium will be reserved at 25 cents additional.

Program. I. Etude ..... Chopin. Fantasia Impromptu ..... Chopin. Polonaise ..... Chopin. Mme. Eugenie Wehrman-Schaffner. II. Jewel Song from Faust ..... Gounod. In Time of Roses ..... Grieg. Bonjour Suzon! ..... Debussy. Mrs. C. Bennette Moore.

III. With Fan and Mantilla ..... Moskowski. The Jugless ..... Moskowski. St. Francis Walking on the Sea ..... List. Mme. Eugenie Wehrman-Schaffner. IV. Barcarolle ..... Spencer Johnson. Which ..... Hawitt. Until ..... Sanderson. Spring (Waltz Song) ..... Leo Stern. Mrs. C. Bennette Moore.

Real Estate Transfers

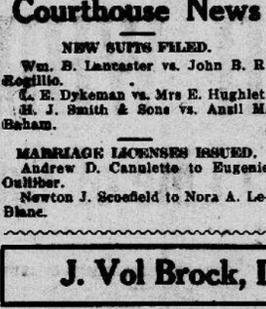
Mandeville and Abita Springs Land Co. to C. G. Fletcher, lots in Mandeville, \$100. Frank Brown to Chas. Mott, 3 lots of ground in Bossier City, \$500. Thomas & Hood to J. E. and J. A. Stanga, lots in Covington, \$850. Sarah Jenkins to Henry A. Soule, half interest in lot 9, also lots 12 and 13, Mandeville. P. Jenkins et al to Henry A. Soule, half interest in lot 9, also lots 12 and 13, Mandeville. T. G. D. Richardson to L. A. Misset, 19.08 acres land in headright 63, \$200. J. Murray to School Board, lot in corner of sw q sec 6 tp 6 s r 10, 45. Ernest Pr'eto to E. L. Atkinson, lot 13 square 7, Mandeville, \$300. W. B. Lancaster to W. E. Patrick, lots 2 and 4 square 7, W. E. Patrick, General Favoron to Mrs. N. and H. Levy, 2 lots in Mandeville, \$1500. J. E. Stanga to Mrs. Louise Schulz, lot 11 square 94, Covington, \$875. W. B. Lancaster to J. M. Ferran, lots 21 to 40, square 26, Abita Springs, \$104. W. B. Lancaster to F. A. Lang, lots 31 to 42, square 95B, Abita Springs, \$120.

Courthouse News

NEW SUITS FILED. Wm. B. Lancaster vs. John B. R. Bogilla. G. E. Dykeman vs. Mrs. E. Hughlet. H. J. Smith & Sons vs. Anil M. Baham.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED. Andrew D. Canulette to Eugenie Ouliber. Newton J. Scofield to Nora A. LeBlanc.

J. Vol Brock, District Attorney



J. Vol Brock, District Attorney and Candidate for Re-election, Will Address the Voters of the District at Times, Places and Dates Below.

JULIEN—Tuesday, August 29, at 10 a. m. ALEXISON SCHOOL—Tuesday, August 29, at 2 p. m. TAYLOR SCHOOL—Tuesday, August 29, at 4:30 p. m. COVINGTON—Tuesday, August 29, at 8 p. m. TALLISHEEK—Wed. Aug. 30, at 11 a. m. HICKORY CREEK—Wed. Aug. 30, at 4 p. m.

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Baseball, Entertainment for School Fund and Other News Notes.

4 to 2 was the score and Ramsey the loser in last Sunday's game. The batteries were Marquis and Rankin for Ramsey, Cusack and Lee Grenier for Mandeville. Next Sunday we play the Nortons, of New Orleans, a return game, giving them a chance to wipe out the defeat of two weeks ago. We are anxious for a go at Covington. We believe we

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SIGNAL CORPS TELEGRAPHER



Bird Expert Photographs. W. J. Trench, agent for the South Pa. a year ago left his overalls hanging on a peg when he went for a visit. In one pocket was a valuable key with a string attached to it. The string dangled out of the pocket. When Mr. Trench returned he found his overalls, but no key. He had just found the string and the key when he kicked a wren's nest while stepping over a bunch of cactus—Montone (Cal.) Dispatch, San Francisco Chronicle.

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