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COVINGTON ASKS RAILROAD COMMISSION FOR DEPOT

Attend Meeting of Association of Commerce Monday

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEET AMENDS FIRE ORDINANCE

Ordinance As Just Passed Found Unsuitable To Conditions.

TOO STRICT AS TO MAKING OF REPAIRS

Public Opinion Favored Less Stringency in This Respect.

Covington, La., Jan. 23, 1917. At a special meeting of the town council on the above date the following members were present: P. J. Lacroix, Mayor; Aldermen Emile Frederick, J. E. Nilson, H. A. Mackie, A. R. Smith, D. I. Addison, M. P. Planche. Absent: None. All members having been duly notified.

The object of the meeting was to consider an amendment to the Fire District Ordinance.

The following ordinance was offered by H. A. Mackie, seconded by D. I. Addison:

ORDINANCE NO. 56.
An ordinance amending and re-enacting Number 53, adopted December 5, 1916, and entitled "An ordinance fixing the fire limits of the town of Covington, La., and regulating the construction and erection of buildings within said limits."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the town council of the town of Covington, La., in special session convened, That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 53, adopted December 5, 1916, and entitled "An ordinance fixing the fire limits of the town of Covington, La., and regulating the construction and erection of buildings within said limits," be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be unlawful, and it is hereby prohibited, for any person, firm or corporation to make repairs on any existing frame building, or existing building not constructed in accordance with Section 2 of this ordinance, within said fire limits, when such repairs will exceed \$25.00 in amount, without first having obtained a permit from the town council; provided that the town council, shall, in all cases, have authority, in their discretion, to permit repairs to be made on such buildings, upon application; provided further, however, that no permit shall be granted for repairs to be made to the roof of any such building, when the cost of such repairs will exceed \$50.00, unless the same be made with non-combustible material.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That this amendment take effect immediately from its passage.

Adopted January 23, 1917. A vote being taken it was unanimously adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Emile Frederick, M. P. Planche, J. E. Nilson, D. I. Addison, A. R. Smith, H. A. Mackie.
Nays: None.
There being no further business the council adjourned.

P. J. LACROIX, Mayor.
L. A. PERRAUD, Secretary.

THREE CASES BEFORE MAYOR'S COURT THURSDAY.

The saloon of Planche & Perbos was robbed Tuesday night of ten dollars in cash, taken from the drawer. Entrance was made through a transom that would not permit of a large man going through.

The same night a man was discovered behind the bar of Segond & Fontan, by Mr. Cass Segond. He got away, but Mr. Segond could hardly recognize him. Marshal Loyd associated the man with the one who had committed the robbery at the Planche & Perbos saloon, but when this man was arrested no money was found on his person and there was no way of proving theft.

PETITION FILED WITH RAILROAD COM'N ASKING FOR DEPOT

This Action Follows Failure of Association of Commerce Plan

OFFERED TO DONATE LAND FOR NEW DEPOT

A Modern Brick Structure Was Asked to Be Erected.

Wednesday, January 24, Attorney Fred J. Heintz, acting for the Association of Commerce, filed the following petition with the Railroad Commission. The general impression had been created that the Railroad Company would be willing to build a brick depot, suitable to Covington, if the land was donated, but later communications seem to leave little hope that the company will do more than repair the old depot. This is not satisfactory to Covington, and the Railroad Commission has been appealed to in the hope that it may see the justice of the demands of Covington in this important matter.

Petition to Railroad Commission.
To the Honorable Members of the Railroad Commission for the State of Louisiana:

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Covington, and patrons of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company, with respect represents:

1. That the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company has situated at the town of Covington, La., one of its principal towns on the route of the said railroad company, an old, antiquated structure that has served the people of said town as a depot for years immemorial.

2. That said depot has, and possesses absolutely no conveniences at all. That there are no toilets connected with same, and in case of necessity patrons of said railroad company have to travel to some adjoining building.

3. That the white patrons of said road, both male and female, when sending messages or receiving telegrams, freight and express, have to do so in the colored waiting room of said depot.

4. That this is a great inconvenience to ladies, and it has frequently occurred, that they (ladies) have requested male friends to send telegrams in preference to entering a room crowded with negroes.

5. That the said depot is ill lighted and insanitary. When the said depot is too small, it has connected with it a freight depot, and frequently during the rainy season, when freight and express is loaded on trucks and placed under the shed, that is supposed to be used for passengers, the passengers have to take refuge under sheds of saloons, livery stables and restaurants, located around the said depot.

6. That there is no adequate protection for the traveling public. The patrons have to regularly, on a rainy day, get off the train in an unsheltered spot.

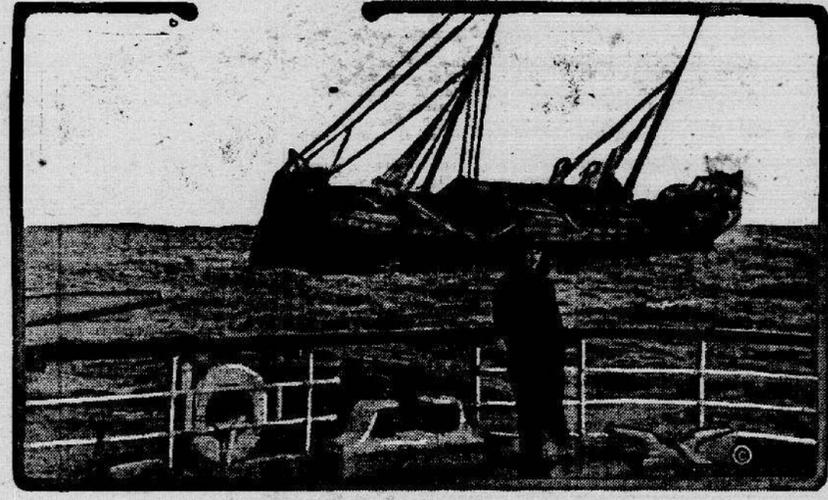
7. That the said depot is entirely too small for the use of the traveling patrons of the said road.

Your petitioners annex herewith the petition signed by some 452 of the citizens and patrons of said road, a resolution passed by the town council of the town of Covington, a resolution passed by the Covington Association of Commerce of the town of Covington, La., a resolution passed by the Women's Progressive Union of the town of Covington, a resolution passed by the Covington Fire Association, a resolution passed by the Covington School Improvement League, a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, asking that this matter be placed before your honorable body.

Wherefore, petitioners request that this matter be set down for hearing before your body, in order that they may present the above facts, and other facts necessary, in the premises to prove their contention that a new depot is necessary to the town of Covington, and after considering same, that you enter an order compelling the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company to erect a modern depot in the town of Covington, Louisiana.

POLICE JURY NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that all bills against the parish must be placed on file with the Clerk of the Police Jury for approval by the committee by the first day of each month, else they will be carried over to the next month before payment may be made.
F. J. MARTINDALE,
Clerk of Police Jury.

HOW AN OCEAN DERELICT LOOKS



All landmen have heard of, but few have ever seen, that grave menace of ocean navigation, the derelict. This photograph, taken on Christmas day from the United States coastguard cutter Seneca, shows the wreck of the Brazilian ship Nephthys. The Nephthys got into trouble soon after leaving port. She was towed 5,000 miles, but finally abandoned in a storm when about 150 miles east of New York. The Seneca was then ordered out to bring the wrecked ship into port, and after a two-day search found her and got a line aboard.

OIL WELL GOING DOWN INTO LAST BIG ROCK

Well Now Reaching Depth of Oil Found in Other Fields.

LOG SHOWS SAME AS THAT OF BIG WELLS

Work Going On Smoothly And All Anxious To Get Thro Rock.

A representative of The Farmer found Secretary Martin of the Meridian Oil Company poring over some charts showing the logs of oil wells that have made millions for their stockholders, charts that are issued by the United States from the department of the Geological Survey. He smiled as he looked up. "I was just thinking," he said, "what little difference there is between these logs and the log of our well at Sulphur Springs, and wondering if there would be as little difference in the amount of oil, should we strike it."

"Fine; but when are you going to strike it?"

"O, I don't say we are going to strike it. I only say we have just as good indications that we shall as the indications on those charts. Got the symptoms of the disease. But if the symptoms prove true, don't know how long a case of the disease we may have."

"You see, there have been quite a number of wells brought in that are on about the same parallel as this. There is little difference in the logs, the depth runs something over 3000 feet. Sour Lake is about 150 miles west of us. Then there's Goose Creek and Edgerly. This last bit well is 3100 feet deep. We have always felt sure we could not get oil at less than 3000 feet. We are now 3012 feet. We brought up shale and pyrite and fossils. We have struck gumbo from three to ten feet deep between rocks, and we have found a little crude oil. These are pretty good indications, although they do not prove that oil will be found in paying quantities. The only way to prove that is by getting the oil."

"We feel encouraged, however, and believe that we are now in the best rock. We are 42 feet into it. We struck the first rock at 2674 feet, making 338 feet of rock and gumbo we have gone through."

"Most of the wells in the coastal field have found some salt water. It is peculiar that notwithstanding our nearness to the Gulf we had not the least salt water."

The steady drill of the well can be heard all the time and everything seems to be working steadily. If anybody hears a blow out in the direction of Sulphur Springs, it may be assumed that the well has turned out to have the disease in accordance with the symptoms."

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that I will be in Pearl River, at H. J. WILLIAMS' store on Monday, January 29, 1917, for the purpose of registering voters.
E. J. FLEMING,
Clerk of Court.

ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE TO DISCUSS SEGREGATION

Matter Will Be Taken Up At Meeting To Be Held Monday.

PHYSICIANS TO BE PRESENT AT MEETING

Bad Weather Last Monday Night Caused Laying Over of Matter.

More than usual interest is being taken in the movement to protect the town from the dangers of tuberculosis, and also to put into effect sanitary laws that will give a feeling of safety to citizens and visitors. Segregation of consumptives in licensed boarding houses seems at this time to be an approved method. There will also be a re-organization of the Board of Health, with a view to a strict enforcement of the laws enacted for the protection of the town.

Members of the medical profession of St. Tammany parish and some from New Orleans are expected to be present to assist in a proper understanding of the situation and the provisions that should be made to correct the feeling of unsafety that seems to exist in some quarters, especially New Orleans. All people interested in the matter are invited to attend the meeting next Monday, January 29, at the rooms of the Association of Commerce.

This meeting was adjourned from last week on account of the very bad weather.

AUNT CAROLINE KICKS AT BEING IMPOSED UPON.

There is not much in the laundry business but hard work, and when this work is done by two tired arms instead of the machinery of the up-to-date system, you may expect a few cuss words thrown in with the bluing. And that isn't all. When you pay the old colored woman who brings the washing home, you must remember that she not only charges you for the bluing but for the cuss words, too; and she's entitled to it, for there is more risk to the colored woman who does your washing than being responsible for the pieces she puts in your neighbor's bundle, or the odd sock that wasn't put in, or the red that ran from somebody's gown into your husband's white pajamas. These are trifles. If you don't believe it, ask Caroline Hampton.

Caroline Hampton does the laundry and other work for Mr. and Mrs. C. S. A. Fahmann. She doesn't mind work as she has often been known to sing a tune of contentment while she scrubbed at some of the scenery painted in a moment of abstraction by Sid on the curtains of the Parkview Theatre. But there is a limit to her endurance. She draws the line at rocking the cradle and washing at the same time, especially when it is not her own chickabiddy in that cradle. And then, again, she does

LOST CHILD OF NEW RESIDENTS SETS ALL IN A COMMOTION

Catharine Baker, One of 11 Year Old Twins, Goes to Sleep in Bed.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN PARKVIEW THEATRE

Causes Searching Party To Scour the Town in a Vain Search.

A pathetic scene was turned into merriment, when little Catharine Baker was found cuddled up on the bed, after an excited searching party had tramped the neighborhood in search of her.

Attorney F. J. Heintz stopped the performance at the Parkview Theatre Sunday night to announce the pitiful story of the loss of little Catharine, who is about 11 years of age and one of twins in the Baker family. Just moved to Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Baker were distracted with fear. They had just arrived on the train that day and had taken possession of their new home in Covington, out towards the College. All were together, but suddenly it was discovered that Catharine was missing. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are natives and could only make themselves understood by signs and writing. They had looked for their little girl but could not find her, so they asked for help.

Mr. Heintz, Marshal Schultz, Night Marshal Loyd and Mr. Walter Molloy joined the searching party, but no trace of the missing child could be found. Finally search of the house was made, and the little one was found, as stated, asleep on the bed. The happy parents shed tears of joy at the discovery.

not care to have her clothes basket used for a cradle, anyhow. And here's where the row began.

Willie Taylor is a grandchild of Aunt Caroline's, and Willie seems fonder of having children than of doing any work. Caroline Hampton has already raised one up to three years of age, without tumbling, but she wants to stop at that. Willie, on the other hand, seemed to think that grandma might a well keep it up while she had her hand in. So when Caroline Hampton took the lid off the laundry basket, last Thursday, preparatory to delivering her washing, she saw a black spot on the white contents that looked as if the washing would all have to be done over again. But this black spot moved and made a noise that was so familiar to Aunt Caroline that she knew immediately it would take more than soap and water to remove it. In fact, as her surprise wore off she realized that Willie had left her to rock another cradle with one hand while she washed with the other, and she swore that this time there was nothing doing. She informed the authorities of Willie's doings and a constable headed off Willie at Madisonville, where she was making her get-away to New Orleans.

It is now "come to mother, darling." Instead of "sling that foot around."

SLIDELL VISITED BY U. S. BOAT; MACHINE GUN EXHIBITED

Lt. Commander Neville and Crew of 40 On Board the Nabuna.

MEDAL OF ESTEEM AWARDED HOUGHTON

Postmaster Gardere Says Receipts of Office Big Increase Over 1915

(By Staff Correspondent)
The Sixth Division of the Louisiana Naval Militia, Slidell, La., Lieut. L. V. Cooley, commanding officer; Lieut. F. Byron Richardson, second in command; Lieut. J. F. Poik, Surgeon, with the following members: Asst. Jacques, W. L. Baker, Luke Brom, B. T. Carroll, W. E. Canulette, John Cruthirds, F. A. Dear, J. H. Dunham, B. P. Decker, Chas. Fogg, Harold Gish, Robert Gauley, Isham Hafdee, Asa Hursey, Fritz Howze, J. D. Jones, K. E. King, Theo. Koepff, Thos. Leonard, John Leonhard, Dewitt Lawler, Ernest Luther, Geo. McCoy, B. J. McGinty, Ed. Moore, F. S. Nehls, Peter Oreglia, Sam Parker, John Parker, H. Peterson, F. F. Philbert, J. E. Prestage, W. M. Quave, Chas. Richardson, Frank Richardson, Jr., R. D. Singleton, L. V. Scarborough, R. E. Smith, Chas. Swinson, Gas Solberg, Robt. Taylor, Henry Taylor, H. K. Thompson, Mike Trassoc, Tom Whichard, Jr., J. A. Whichard.

The Government has assigned two cutters to this division, and later a power boat will be given to the command. The armament and equipment is identical with the regular requirement. Instructions are given in all branches of the naval service.

Under the Act of Congress of 1916 all men and officers of the Slidell Division will receive 25 per cent of regular navy pay, during the term of enlistment, providing they qualify in drills and attendance. The commanding officers have to pass a rigid examination in all branches of the service, such as ship and gun drills, gunnery, deck and boat hook, landing force, small arms, practical navigation and blue jacket manual.

Lieut. Commander Merrill, of New Orleans, will inspect and muster into service the Sixth Division at Slidell, Saturday night (to-night), in the armory of the company. All the men and officers have received guns and side arms and uniforms, which are the same as worn by regular naval forces.

Lieut. Commander Neville and a crew of forty on board the S. S. Nabuna, put in at Slidell on Sunday last and were visited by our local naval reserves. In addition to the members of the La. Reserves there were five men from U. S. torpedo boat Smith. While no actual firing was done the workings of the rapid firing machine gun carried by the Nabuna was explained in detail and was instructive to our boys. There will be a muster of the local company tonight when Lieut. Commander Neville will be inspector and mustering officer. We expect our boys to make a good showing and hope to have every member present fully equipped.

News and Personal.
Our old friend, H. C. Cornibe, long in the livery business opposite the depot, will remove his stable a little further east, on property owned by him, where he will combine fishing, hunting, baseball, farming, and other out-door sports, with his otherwise congenial business, having reaped the reward of an industrious and frugal life.

S. R. Redden has sold his property on Fremont street to C. L. Morgan, and will build at the corner of Michigan avenue and 10th street.

O. L. Moran has acquired the Cornibe property opposite the depot, we understand, and will build a large, fine building.

Houghton Presented Gold Medal.
Ben Houghton, Sr., 77 years old, fifty years a Mason, was presented with a gold medal by the association commemorating the event. Mr. Houghton is an old and honored citizen of Slidell and we wish him many more happy years.

We are advised by Postmaster Gardere that the postal receipts here are showing a very substantial advance over 1915. The record is: 1915, \$5,795.17; 1916, \$7,377.53. December was the banner month with receipts of \$4,513.12.

There is considerable talk about a new hotel being built in the vicinity of the depot. A thirty or forty thousand dollar structure to be backed by local people to cater to first class trade.

We are sorry to learn of the in-

FEDERAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION DRAWS BIG CROWD

Court Room Crowded Into Hall By People Anxious To Be Informed.

COMMISS'N'R. WILSON EXPLAINS BANK PLAN

J. H. Warner Presides and Is Elected President of Board.

The meeting held at the courthouse Saturday, January 20, for the purpose of organizing a Federal Loan Association for St. Tammany parish, filled the court room and overflowed into the hall. Everybody was anxious to learn the workings of the new rural credit system, the Farm Loan Bank, one of which has been established in New Orleans. Everybody seemed to want to borrow money, and some seemed to think that all that was necessary was to announce that they needed it and were ready to go to farming, even if they had no security to offer for the loan. One man asked Commissioner Wilson what a man could do who had nothing to give as security and still wanted to borrow money. Mr. Wilson said, "He will have to go way back and sit down."

The meeting was called to order by J. H. Warner, who presided. E. V. Richard was made secretary.

Mr. Warner introduced Commissioner Harry D. Wilson, who spoke quite at length, going over the law

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PARKVIEW THEATRE.

The program for this Saturday night will be a re-presentation of "The Eternal City," featuring Pauline Frederick. This feature was presented last night to a capacity house and is claimed as one of the best performances in a long time. The doors will be open at 4 p. m. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

The program for this Sunday will be Olga Petrova in "The Black Butterfly," a five part Metro production, and two single reel comedies additional. Open at 3 p. m. every Sunday. Admission on this day 10 and 15 cents.

The program for next Monday and Tuesday will be a five reel Paramount feature starring Sessue Hayakawa in "The Soul of Kara San." Admission both days 5 and 10 cents.

Program for next Wednesday and Thursday will be a five part feature entitled "The Years of the Locust." Admission both days 5 and 10 cents.

On next Friday night will be presented Little Mary Sunshine, a five part Pathe feature.

Jury to Mr. J. R. Dunham, which occurred at White Bluff, on Saturday, January 20th, being hurt while inspecting lumber for Salmen Brick & Lumber Company. However, we are pleased to hear from Dr. Singleton the injury is not very serious and that Mr. Dunham will be out in a week or ten days.