

N. O. G. N. ANSWERS THE PETITION FOR DEPOT

Examination of Public School Shows the Pupils To Be Unusually Healthy

W. A. F. EKENGREN



New portrait of W. A. F. Ekengren, the Swedish minister to the United States.

SLIDELL READY TO LAUNCH BIG VESSEL, BALTIC NO. II, MCH. 12

Soldier Boys Pass Through On Their way to Homes.

CHILD'S PICTURE SHOW ALMOST STARTS A FIRE.

Birthday Party of Women's Missionary Union.

Other Matters.

(By Staff Correspondent)

Another big ship will be launched at the Slidell Shipbuilding Co. yards on March 10th or 12th, being Baltic II. Baltic I will leave here about March 20th for Gulfport, where she will take on fuel and a coastwise cargo for New York. Just as soon as Baltic II is launched, Baltic III and IV will be laid in her place. Baltic III and IV will be larger than I and II, and will each be of 3500 tons.

Train loads of soldier boys pass through on their way homeward. John Oliver, our fellow townsman, returned during the week from the border, having served with Battery B, Washington Artillery, and has a fund of experience to relate, and although having been very sick with typhoid fever for more than two months and having lost more than sixty pounds in weight, Oliver is high in praise of officers and men associated with his battery, and still has a large amount of patriotism in his system, which only awaits an opportunity to again assert itself. Things that impressed him most was the machine guns and the larger guns which are used on unseen objects, aim being taken according to advice from elevations, or aeroplanes, and the record of hits is way above misses, so accurate is the direction for shooting given. In regard to dissipation and drinking among the men, friend Oliver advises that the men are abstemious (Continued on page 6.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, MARCH SIXTH

Covington, La., March 6, 1917. The police jury met on the above date with the following members present: Geo. Koepf, Jr., E. J. Domergue, J. M. Smith, S. R. Cowart, Fletcher Crawford, W. H. Davis, Robt. Abney, J. B. Howze. Absent: W. A. Hood, B. A. Schneider. It was moved by E. J. Domergue and seconded by Geo. Koepf, that the secretary be authorized to write to the La. State Live Stock Sanitary Board about the qualifications of 75 Kil-dick cattle dip which sells at 75 cents per gallon. I. o. b. New Orleans (Continued on page 2)

N. O. G. N. REPLIES TO TOWN PETITION FOR NEW DEPOT

Claims That Depot is Well Lighted, Cost \$5000 and is Good Enough.

ASS'N. OF COMMERCE RAISES FUND TO FIGHT

Case Comes Before Railroad Commission at Baton Rouge on March 20.

At a special meeting of the Association of Commerce, Tuesday evening, March 6, the question of the new depot for Covington was taken up. Attorneys F. J. Heintz and A. D. Schwartz, attorneys for the Association, were present and explained the necessity of raising a fund to defray the expenses of witnesses before the Commission at Baton Rouge, March 20, when the case is set for trial. These attorneys are not charging anything for their services, the matter being one of civic interest. Fifty-four dollars were raised among the members present and the Association guaranteed to increase the sum to \$100.00. The town council appropriated fifty dollars to be added to this sum.

The answer of the N. O. G. N. Railroad to the petition filed by the town of Covington was read by Attorney Heintz. It is given in full below:

Citizens of Town of Covington vs. New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company, No. 2621. Before the Railroad Commission of Louisiana.

Now comes the defendant, New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company, and for answer to the petition of the plaintiffs, says:

1. It denies that the depot building in Covington is an old antiquated structure which has served the people of said town as a depot for years immemorial, but that defendant says that said depot building was newly constructed in the year 1905 at a cost of over five thousand five hundred dollars.

2. Defendant denies that said depot has and possesses absolutely no conveniences at all, and denies that there are no toilets connected with same, but it says that there are proper and suitable sanitary toilets within less than seventy-five feet of said depot, for the use of the traveling public.

3. Defendant says that the white patrons of the railroad have been in the habit of using the colored waiting room for sending and receiving telegrams, freight and express, without complaint, and says that at such times there are usually no colored people in said waiting room, but that white patrons can, if they desire, use the white waiting room for such purpose.

4. Defendant denies that said depot is ill-lighted and unsanitary.

5. Defendant denies that said depot is too small and says it is sufficient for the needs of the patrons of the railroad at Covington, and denies the other allegations of Article V of the petition.

6. Defendant says that said depot affords the same facilities for the traveling public in the way of protection from rain as are afforded by all ordinary depots on railroads in Louisiana.

7. Defendant denies that said depot is entirely too small for the use of the traveling patrons of the road.

8. Further answering defendant says that when application was made to it by some of the citizens of Covington to build a new depot in that town, defendant offered and expressed its readiness to improve said depot by painting it inside and outside, changing the colored waiting room so that white persons would not be required to use it, to equip it with sanitary closets on the premises and make such other minor improvements as might be deemed necessary, or, if the citizens would donate a site on Block 12 of said town, along the east side of the main line, that defendant would move the depot to this location and make the said repairs.

9. That the persons representing the citizens of Covington refused said offer and insisted that defendant build a new brick depot on another location than where the depot now stands.

10. That while the question of new depot was pending, the plaintiff procured an ordinance to be passed by the Town Council of Covington establishing fire limits in the town, including the site of the present depot, and prohibiting all persons from erecting or constructing within said limits any building whatever except of brick, concrete or other non-combustible material, and the roof covered with slate or other non-combustible material, and making it unlawful to make any repairs to any frame building to a greater amount than fifty dollars, and making it unlawful to increase or add to the dimensions of any building not con-

DOMESTIC SCENE ON THE MEUSE FRONT



These "trench kittens" are among the best loved pets of the French troops on the Meuse front.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BUILD LOCAL BUNGALOW

Considerable interest attaches to the recent purchase by the St. Tammany council, Knights of Columbus, of the building site at the corner of Vermont and Rutland streets, during the past week. It is the purpose of the order to build in time a handsome home. The Knights of Columbus, in addition to being an order organized for fraternal and charitable work, is given over largely to providing social entertainment for its members and friends, and a well-equipped home in a desirable part of town will be an asset in this respect. It is quite probable that the local court, Daughters of Isabella, will enjoy the new home as a domicile for their organization. One of the means of public entertainment provided by the order is the support of a popular lecture platform for the culture of citizenship along social and ethical lines. An example of the work of this character was offered Covington last Friday evening in the appearance of Mr. P. W. Collins, orator from Boston, who spoke on the comprehensive subject, "What's Wrong With the World," to a large audience.

COLLINS LECTURE IS WELL RECEIVED

P. W. Collins who lectured to a large audience at the high school auditorium, last Friday evening, was received warmly and made quite an impression. He was introduced by Adrian D. Schwartz, lecturer of St. Tammany Council, Knights of Columbus, No. 1380.

Mr. Collins' talk was, "What's Wrong With the World." Mr. Collins talked rapidly but distinctly and with a smooth and easy flow of language that was pleasing. The things he spoke of were things that probably have occurred to most of us, and that in different ways have been brought out in papers and magazines, yet he gave them a practical application that awakened new interest. His principal plea was for harmony among citizens, unburdened by political or religious prejudices. He made a plea for disinterested, non-factional work for the advancement of society and the cause of humanity.

Those who heard the lecture must have found much for thought and it is hoped, much that may be put to practical use.

structed in accordance with said ordinance. And defendant alleges that said ordinance was passed for the express purpose of preventing this defendant from making repairs to its said depot.

11. Defendant says that its depot in Covington is sufficient for the needs and uses of the patrons of its road, and is equal in all respects to a large proportion of the buildings in said town.

12. Defendant says it is not financially able to construct such a depot as plaintiffs are demanding, and that the business done by it in the town of Covington is not sufficient to authorize or require the construction of a new depot.

Wherefore, defendant prays that the petition in this proceeding be dismissed.

B. M. MILLER, Attorney for Defendant.

WHITE CUTS HIS WAY OUT OF PARISH JAIL, COVINGTON

Walter White, of Slidell, serving a sentence of two years, for carrying concealed weapons, confined in the parish prison at Covington, broke jail about 8:30 p. m., Sunday, March 4th.

The bar lattice work of the window of the cell, through which White made his escape, are two inches wide and one-quarter of an inch in thickness. They are supposed to be of chilled steel, but they were soft enough to be cut through with the saw used by White. This saw was a thin band of steel about one and one-quarter inch wide. It evidently had been broken to a length of about fourteen inches, ten inches square, through which White gained freedom, he had to saw through four of these bars, and it is said by prisoners occupying the cell with White that it took him two days to finish the work. After sawing the bars the staples holding the wire screen on the outside of the windows was also sawed through, and a large piece of cord wood, used for fire wood in the stove, was used as a battering ram to knock the screen far enough away from the brick wall to let his body through. None of the other prisoners attempted to pass out of the opening. This opening was ten inches square.

It is evident that White had assistance. The saw must have been gotten to him in some way by friends. The prisoners state that White had some days previously attempted to escape by using a piece of iron taken from the bedstead to pick the mortar from between the bricks, but this instrument was taken away from him. He had sawed it from the bed with an old knife.

White has not been traced but a sharp lookout is being kept for him.

1917 SHOULD BE RECORD YEAR FOR FARM CLUBS

(By G. C. Lewis, Farm Demonstrator.)

The year 1917 should be a record-breaker as far as good club work is concerned in St. Tammany parish. We have now every indication that this will be a record-breaker if we judge the way boys and girls are coming in and enlisting in the good work. Several schools have already sent in their complete list and others that did not happen to be at the schools the day we visited it, have come all the way to Covington in order to get their name in the club that will work hard in 1917.

The time is short now for enrollment, and I will close the books on the first of April, after which time no more can be taken in as that date is late enough for the preparation to be done and done properly. I therefore insist on every parent seeing or writing me before the first of April, if they are interested in club work, and they should be, even if the teacher is not. Get your boy in as soon as you can. He is needed in the club. He needs the corn and the parish needs the organization.

To show you what the club work means in the State of Louisiana, and how it is rated by officials who guide the educational part of our state government, I give below a letter from the State Department giving credits and how they are earned and what a real hard working club member (Continued on page 2)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SHOWS SCHOOL PUPILS IN FINE HEALTH

An examination of the school children of the public school of Covington was made this week for physical defects or disease of an infectious nature, and especially to learn if there were any pupils who had tuberculosis. The physicians who made the examinations were Dr. W. J. Durell, expert in this disease; Dr. Homer Dupuy, of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, of New Orleans; Dr. H. E. Gautreaux, of Covington.

These physicians gave their services entirely free of charge and put in a very hard day's work, examining 100 pupils for tuberculosis and about 175 for heart trouble, adenoids and poor vision. The work accomplished is very much appreciated, and would have been expensive, if paid for.

One of the most gratifying results of this examination is the fact that not a single case of tuberculosis was found. There were some cases of adenoids, one valvular trouble of the heart and some cases of poor vision that may be corrected.

It is understood that there will also be an examination of the pupils of the parochial school. The physicians announced that they had never examined a healthier bunch of children.

ARBOR DAY AT FAIR GROUNDS INTERESTING

The Fair Arbor Day at the fair grounds and the breaking of ground for the woman's building brought quite a crowd to witness the ceremonies, Friday afternoon. About fifteen trees were planted. Rev. Mr. Talmage brought the Boy Scouts to the grounds and they planted a live oak in commemoration of the occasion. Those donating trees were H. Bougere, Dr. Tolson, L. M. Bourgeois, Mrs. Chas. Bradley, Mrs. L. N. Clark, Miss Lou Gunzal and Mrs. O. M. Birch.

The trees planted included Camphor, Oak, Cedar, China Ball, Holly, Live Oak and Arbor Vitae.

Mrs. Chas. Scheffeld presented the 5th grade with the pennant won at the recent school parade at the opening of the fair, and there was quite a program of songs and recitations.

The laying of the cornerstone of the woman's building was an important part of the ceremonies, Mr. Frank N. Boudousque placing the mortar, and Supt. Lyon making the address and dedicating the building to its future usefulness.

Following is the program:

1. Song by the first grade, "The Naming of the Trees."
2. Recitation, "Planting a Tree," by Lucille Soniat.
3. Recitation, "Three Trees," by Dora Sheffield.
4. "A Story," by Will Leonard.
5. Recitation, "Three Little Trees," by Adele Meule.
- "Arbor Day," song by the third grade.
7. "Planting Trees," by Elizabeth Muller.
8. Recitation, "The Tree," Halle Yenn.
9. A recitation, "Tis Spring Time," by Emma Sawaya.
10. "Sighing of the Pine," by Rachael Kublon.
11. "The Planting of a Tree," by Wm. Boley.
12. Planting Song, by first grade.

MANDEVILLE PROHIBITS SALE OF LIQUOR 250 FT. OF BEACH

Report of Treasurer Hutchinson for Month of February.

TOWN ENDORSES THE SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

Vote of Thanks Tendered to Hon. Lewis L. Morgan For War Map.

Mandeville, La., March 6, 1917.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: W. G. Davis, Mayor; Dr. A. G. Maylie, J. L. Smith, Jas. Band and A. Hartman, Absent: A. Depra.

It was moved by Mr. Band and seconded by Mr. Smith, that the minutes of January 17, Feb. 2, 6, 15 and 16, be adopted as read.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Band and seconded by Mr. Smith, that the finance committee's report be received and warrants be drawn for all bills approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Band, that the treasurer's report for February be accepted. Carried.

Following is the Treasurer's report for the month of Feb., 1917:

Feb. 1, balance	1572.43
Feb. 8, sale of 2 lots in cemetery	10.00
Feb. 28, 1916 taxes collected	366.45
Feb. 28, fines	2.50
Feb. 21, recd from Dr. Gabert, account of bulkhead	50.00
Feb. 28, licenses collected	2746.26
Feb. 17, certificate of deposit No. 131	1445.90
Expenditures:	6094.34
Feb. 3, Jan. salaries	87.50
Feb. 9, Jan. street lights	142.58
Feb. 21, Jan. advances on sea wall	1445.90
Feb. 28, general expenses	47.50
Feb. 28, expenses on streets	99.80
Total	1823.08
Balance	4271.26
Special or Seal Wall Account:	
Feb. 1, balance	1859.09
Feb. 28, 1916 taxes collected	133.22
Total	1992.31
No expenditures.	

J. M. HUTOBINSON, Treasurer.

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REPORT OIL WAS STRUCK

A New Orleans paper, this week, made the statement: "At the Mer. Oil and Mineral Company, now drilling for oil in Covington, had sent in an order for oil tanks. This caused the statement to be made that oil had been struck, which is not true.

The fact is that this company did make inquiries as to whether tanks could be had on short notice. This was done because, in case oil was struck the tanks would be needed immediately. As conditions seemed very favorable that oil might be struck, and as the immense rock that is being bored through gives indications of getting softer, and it is anticipated that oil will be found beneath it, the precaution was taken to be prepared.

THESE BONDS A GOOD INVESTMENT

The recently organized bond issue of Drainage District No. 1, of St. Tammany parish, has caused some investigation by citizens as to the value of such bonds. It is learned that while the plan is comparatively new one the bonds are meeting with favor as an investment. In Louisiana, during the past four and a half years, there has been \$4,122,000.00 worth of these bonds issued, and they have sold above ninety. Land security is considered the safest of all investments.

It is anticipated that when the results of this drainage are demonstrated in this parish it will be but a short time when other parts of the parish will be created into districts. When the whole parish is drained, then we shall have farmers in earnest, because there will be money in it.

TOWN COUNCIL OF COVINGTON MARCH 6TH

Report of Secretary Perreand for Month Ending February 28th.

AMENDMENT TO FIRE ORDINANCE.

New Fenwick Sanitarium Exempted From Taxes for Year 1916

Covington, La., March 6, 1917.

The regular session of the town council was held on the above date, Mayor P. J. Lacroix presiding, and the following members present:

Emile Frederick, H. A. Mackie, J. E. Nilson, A. R. Smith, Absent: D. I. Addison, M. P. Plancha.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 6th were read, and on motion of A. R. Smith, seconded by J. E. Nilson, and carried, were approved as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of February 13th were read, and on motion of J. E. Nilson, seconded by H. A. Mackie, and carried, were approved as read.

The secretary submitted his report, as follows:

Covington, La., Feb. 28, 1917. To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington, Louisiana:

Gentlemen:—I submit the following as my report of receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 1917.

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W. P. U. NOTICE

The Women's Progressive Union will hold its regular meeting at the M. C. B. Library on Monday, March 12th, at 3 p. m. Among other matters will be discussed the advisability of charging each member a small fee for non-attendance at meetings. This fund to be used toward the erection of the woman's building at the Fair Grounds.

A FAVORITE COMING TO PARKVIEW NEXT MONDAY

Marguerite Clark.

THE PARKVIEW THEATRE

The picture program for Saturday night at the Parkview Theatre will be a five part Paramount feature, with an admission of 5 and 10 cents.

Sunday night's performance will be one of exceptional value when Miss Dorothy Gish will be presented in Alva's Boys' Last Race, a five part Triangle feature. In connection with this will be presented the laughable Roscoe Arbuckle in one of the most laughable comedies ever made, entitled "The Walters' Day." The theatre opens at 3 o'clock every Sunday. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Next Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13, will be presented Marguerite Clark in an eight part production entitled "Snow White." This picture is especially adapted to the Lenten Season and is recognized as one of the prettiest of all Miss Clark's productions. One hundred contest votes will be given with each admission, adult or child. The draw will open on each of these days at 5 o'clock in the afternoon with an admission price of 10 and 15 cents.

Wednesday and Thursday, March 14th and 15th, will be presented Kathryn Williams and Thomas Holding in the "Redeeming Love," a five part Paramount feature. Open each day at 7 p. m. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

The management postponed all serials that were arranged to start last week, until after the Lenten Season, and until some of the present sickness has subsided.