

NEW DEPOT FOR COVINGTON NOW SEEMS ASSURED

Houlton Brothers' Stock and Dairy Farm a Big Demonstration

COVINGTON TO HAVE A NEW DEPOT IS NOW ADMITTED

Commissioners Michel and Taylor Look Over the Ground.

ASSOCIATION AND G. N. COME TO AGREEMENT.

Committee to Be Given Full Power to Act With Railroad Company.

John Michel and Shelby Taylor, members of the Railroad Commission, were in Covington Wednesday looking into the matter of a new depot for Covington. They were met at the depot on the arrival of the morning train by members of the Association of Commerce, and Attorney Heintz, for the Association, and Attorney Miller for the N. O. & G. N., were also present. The depot was examined and the ground offered for the new depot by the Association was gone over.

Later in the day a proposition was tendered by the N. O. & G. N. to confer with a committee of the Association, if power for final action was given, that whereby the company would build a depot on the new site not to cost more than \$9000, if the case was withdrawn from the Commission.

If an amicable settlement of the matter can be made in this way, it will be much more pleasant for all concerned. There should be nothing but the friendliest of feeling between the citizens and the railroad company. There seems to be a desire to co-operate for the benefit of both the road and the town. The town is interested in the success of the railroad and the railroad, as a business proposition, must be interested in the welfare of the town. It seems as if the depot matter is about to be settled and that Covington will be given a depot that will meet her needs and be an ornament to the town.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

Covington, La., May 17, 1917.

Pursuant to call the town council met on this date to appoint three commissioners and one clerk to serve at the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 1917.

Present: Mayor P. J. Lacroix, E. P. Frederick, J. E. Nilson, M. P. Planché, A. H. Smith, H. A. Mackie. Absent: D. I. Addison.

It was moved by J. E. Nilson, seconded by M. P. Planché, that the following be appointed to serve: Commissioners: R. S. Blossman, P. S. Barell, Jos. Delery. Clerk: J. E. Smith.

Carried. On motion, duly seconded, the council then adjourned.

PAUL J. LACROIX, Mayor.

L. A. PERRÉAND, Secretary.

AT PARKVIEW

To-night at the Parkview Theatre will be presented Miss Marguerite Oak in "Wildflowers," a five part Paramount feature. Doors open at 6 p. m. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

The program for Sunday night will consist of Douglas Fairbanks in a five part Triangle entitled "American Aristocracy," also Roscoe Arbuckle in a two part Keystone comedy, "His Wife's Mistake." Doors open at 5 p. m. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Monday will be presented Marie Doro in a six part feature entitled "Castles for Two." Doors open at 7 p. m. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Tuesday there will be a lecture at the theatre by Mr. A. L. Chappuis who will explain the needs of the insane of the state. There will be pictures of the State Insane Asylum, and the lecture and pictures will be free.

On Wednesday and Thursday will be presented Kathryn Williams in "Out of the Wreck." Billie Burke will be presented with "Out of the Wreck" on Wednesday. Regular prices both nights—5 and 10 cents. Open Wednesday at 5 p. m. Thursday at 7 p. m.

COVINGTON TO HAVE A POTATO KILN.

It is understood that the different interests contemplate erecting and operating a sweet potato kiln in Covington. One of these interests has, at the solicitation of the Canning Company, agreed to co-operate with the cannery. Efforts are now being made to unite all interests, as it is felt that a larger and more useful plant could be operated in that way.

HOULTON BROS. MODEL FARM VISITED BY BIG CROWD

Farm a Demonstration of Great Value to St. Tammany Parish.

OVER 800 ACRES IN CULTIVATION.

A Profitable Venture In Farming and Stock Raising.

Tuesday, May 15, the model farm of the Houlton brothers, at Unecud, was visited by prominent people from all over the State. Governor Pleasant was to have been among the guests, but was unavoidably absent and was represented by his secretary, John Marshall. We have before described the convenience and arrangement of the beautiful cottages on the grounds and their furnishings, as well as the unique sayings on the paneled walls, but the object of this gathering was, of course, to see the practical demonstration of the leading men and women of the State was not to show that the comforts of the metropolitan city could be found on a Louisiana farm in the pine woods, but that the Houlton brothers were demonstrating that these pine lands were a valuable investment for the farmer, and of great service to the country in a crisis like the present, when conservation of food is one of the most important things to be accomplished. Also, that the Houltons are accomplishing great good in this section by the practical demonstration that these lands, which are a fair specimen of the lands of St. Tammany, being right on the parish line, may be made to produce profitable crops, will maintain high bred cattle for beef or milk, producing the finest grade of dairy products.

We have not space to go into detail, but we wish to mention a few of the important things in connection with the farm:

In 1914, this farm of over 800 acres was in virgin pine, excepting 18 acres. In 1915, 200 acres were cleared of stumps, but no record was kept of crops. In 1916, 590 acres were cleared. 120 were put in oats, 200 in corn, 120 in lespedeza, 210 in cowpeas, 100 in sweet potatoes, 8 in Irish potatoes, 8 in alfalfa, 60 in velvet beans, 325 in wild or native grass, and a field of rice. The net profits from this were \$13,914.65, as follows:

Aces Product	Bushels	Am't.
120 corn	3,200	\$2000
200 corn	6,000	7800
210 cowpeas (turned under)		1200
100 sweet potatoes	10,000	5000
8 Irish potatoes	1,250	1250
325 wild hay		4225
field of rice		257
	Tons	
120 lespedeza	180	3195
8 alfalfa	28	560
		\$25927

Less operating expenses: Interest on investment, land, buildings, etc., of \$44,500, at 6 per cent, \$2,670; supplies, such as seeds, etc., \$2,037.16; labor, \$7,315.19. Total, \$12,022.35. Profit, \$13,914.65.

Another interesting account shows the comparative expense in the use of dynamite in blowing stumps, including burning and boring: 1-2 stick, 1415 cents; whole, 184; 1-2-2, 2265 cents.

The dinner was given in a new barn, 150 feet in length, and fifty people were seated at the table, which was loaded with good things, all raised on the farm, and while there was chicken gumbo, fried chicken, roast pigs, vegetables and salads topped off with delicious strawberries, the corn bread, from home ground meal, and the rich milk and butter, would have made a delectable dinner.

VERY WORTHY MOVEMENT.

We wish to call attention to the advertisement of Mr. A. L. Chappuis, on the last page of this section. It will speak for itself, but it may be well to call attention to the work of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. It came into existence because it was believed that national and state societies for the conservation of mental health were necessary to awaken public interest in this great humanitarian effort to provide for those suffering from nervous and mental diseases and mental deficiency; to encourage in hospitals, universities and other institutions the study of these diseases. The best plan of accomplishment was considered to be through popular education. Social service in connection with a survey of the field will enable the searching out of those in need of attention and the giving of aid of a nature that may

DR. JOSEPH A. BLAKE



Dr. Joseph A. Blake, whose wife is the former Mrs. Mackay, has accepted an invitation of the French government to become head of the hospital built and conducted by Dr. Eugene Doyen, the famous French surgeon who died some months ago. This institution, which is the finest in Paris, will reopen with Doctor Blake in charge and will be conducted as a war hospital under the American Red Cross.

CANNING CLUBS GIVE OUT THE PROGRAM OF MAY 21-23

Following is the tentative program of the three-day short course of the Canning Clubs demonstration to be given at the school house in Covington, May 21, 22 and 23. Preparations are being made to make this demonstration of practical value in the present crisis of this government:

First Day.
9 to 12—Assignment of girls to homes.
12 to 1—Lunch hour.
1 to 1:30—addresses—Supt. Lyon and Mr. Richardson, Supt. of Junior Work.

1:30 to 3:30—Canning of Vegetables—(1) Tomatoes. (2) Catsup. (3) Soup Mixtures. (4) Green Tomato Fichler. (5) Dista Relish.

Second Day.
9 to 9:30—Poultry lecture.
9:30 to 11:30—Canning of fruits.
11:30 to 12—Record books, practical demonstration.

12 to 1—Lunch hour.
1 to 1:30—Discussion of Winter Gardens—(1) Cultivation. (2) Reports.

1:30 to 3:30—Sterilizing, sealing and processing vegetables. (1) Actual work done by girls.

Third Day.
9 to 10—Booklets, history of crop.
10 to 10:30—Sewing course.
10:30 to 11:30—(1) Bread making. (2) Home nursing.
11:30 to 12—Group picture taken. Dismissal.

The important part now is popular education that will show the great need of the work in hand. The free moving pictures that will be put on at the Parkview Theatre May 22, at 3:15 for the children's matinee, and 8:15 for adults, is a part of this education. The police jury of this parish has donated \$100 to this cause. It is money worthily spent, for there could be no greater responsibility than that of relieving the suffering of those who are mentally deficient and treatment of the insane an obligation that can not be put aside in a civilized country. The work deserves the support of every one.

Go and see the pictures. Perhaps you do not know.

A CARD.

To the Public:
I wish to announce that I have withdrawn my candidacy for Mayor of Covington. I greatly appreciate the loyalty of my friends and the assurances of support that I have been given, but I am convinced that my duty lies in the maintenance of the solidarity and strength of the Citizens Party, with which I have affiliated and in whose principles and objects I am in entire accord.

I therefore believe that it is to the best interests of this community that I join with this Party in the accomplishment of the good that may result in its success and shall support it.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. PECHON.

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSURES AFTER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

A Week of Delightful Entertainment and Instruction.

CONTRACT MADE FOR ANOTHER SEASON.

Big Patriotic Sunday With Speaking by Morgan and McGibney.

The Chautauqua ended its engagement in Covington Thursday night. It proved a financial success and the Association of Commerce feels that it has conferred a benefit upon Covington in bringing entertainment of such high order to the town. It has been both instructive and amusing. The Chautauqua people have not only amused and instructed us, but they have won our esteem for their cleanliness, intelligence and genial, social qualities. The Redpath Chautauqua will take with them the good wishes of the people of Covington.

Miss Florence Madden and Miss Ethel Bougere did excellent work in the sale of tickets for the Association of Commerce. Eight hundred dollars worth of tickets were sold, less three tickets, which is certainly an excellent showing.

Sunday's patriotic rally was one of the big things of the Chautauqua. Lieutenant McGibney and Hon. Lewis L. Morgan made rousing speeches. Mr. Morgan giving local color to the proceedings and Lieutenant McGibney telling things strengthened by actual experience in the war with his forceful eloquence. Mr. Morgan paid a well deserved tribute to the good work being accomplished by the Association of Commerce. The speakers were introduced by Mr. E. G. Davis.

During an intermission of the performance Thursday evening, Mr. E. G. Davis, chairman of the Chautauqua Committee, Association of Commerce, stated that the \$800 guarantee of the Association was covered by the sale of season tickets with exception of six dollars. Feeling success in every way he would like to have it return next year and ask that those who joined with him in this desire stand up. Fully three-quarters of those present arose. With this endorsement, the Association of Commerce entered into a contract for a return of the Chautauqua in 1918.

J. H. Warner, president of the Association of Commerce, also said a few words, thanking those present for the splendid support given the Chautauqua.

Mr. C. F. Ward, superintendent of the Chautauqua, thanked the people of Covington for the many kindnesses shown all those connected with the Chautauqua.

The attendance Thursday night approximated one thousand, counting actual ticket admissions.

At the children's entertainment Thursday evening in the presentation of "Circus Day in Fairyland," the following took part:

Russel Moise, Jack in the Box; Carl Otto, Big Bear; Otis Heintz, Middle Size Bear; Wm. Holmes, Little Bear; Norma Coney, Golden Lookers; Margaret Pechon, Doll; Mercedes Planchard Cinderella.

Elves—Virgie King, Annie Fay Leonard, Camille Park, Margaret Barrow, Marion Smith, Irene Reeder, Ruby Park, Francis Segond, Josie Frederick, Katherine Burns, Marion Coney.

Flower Girls—Katie Sells, Thelma Worley, Claudia LeBlanc, Irma Lev, Rachael Roubion, Dorris Frederick, Iris Planché, Ollie Wadsworth, Cecile Roubion, Aline Bernard, Mollie Cooper, Laura Perreand, Vivian Warner.

Fairies—Hester Burns, Lara King Anna Davis, Mathilda Haik, James Pechon, Lady Melkin Boykin, Grace McCormack, Eva Burns, Ruth Stegmon, Inez James, Margret James, Ida Poole, Margaret James.

Soldiers—Bobbie Morphy, John Morphy, Joseph Morphy, Herbert Warner, Bennie Planchard, James Boykin, Jack Ellis, Jared Heintz, James Simon, William Reeder, Elridge Poole, F. F. Planché, Frank Ellis, Anthony Frey, Abe Garberg, Joseph Garberg, Will Leonard.

Carland Girls—Mary Holmes Alma Heintz, Irma Pechon, Ethel Dossal, Gladys Lacroix, Gertrude Worley, Evelyn Norman, Eunice Hakhauser, Juanita Hawley, Myrtle Denman, Mildred Smith, Margaret Sharp.

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Moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by W. A. Hood, that the parish pay \$3.00 per month to Jos. Hoffman to watch the courthouse and jail in connection with his other night-watchman's duties. Carried.

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JUDGE MILLING TALKS OF FALSE IMPRESSION OF STATE BOARD

Criticises Paper for Making Incorrect Statements.

TAX NOT OVER 50 PER CENT OF VALUATION

Board Doing the Best It Can To Equalize the Taxes.

Judge T. M. Milling, of the State Board of Affairs, spoke at the courthouse Wednesday at 11 a. m., to citizens and members of the Police Jury.

He said there was to be no flattery speaking but a plain statement of facts, in the discussion of a disagreeable matter, in order to convey the ideas he wished to convey. The papers of the State were telling the people things without having a knowledge of what they were speaking about. That writers should acquaint themselves with the laws that created the Board and the powers given it. That it was necessary for the board to have the good opinion and co-operation of the people in order to accomplish the work for which it was created. That it should have the confidence of the people until it had failed to do what it should do. That there was no attempt to dodge responsibilities. The Board wished to co-operate with the Police Jury throughout the State in carrying out the intent of the law in equalizing taxes. That if the Police Jury failed of their duty they could block this effort at equalization. That the intent was to reduce the taxes, if possible, by placing land on the rolls that had not been on them and by correcting the glaring inequalities in assessments.

Judge Milling recited instances where lands adjoining and of the same value were assessed, one for \$10 per acre and the other for \$16; in another instance, one for \$15.00 per acre and another for \$7; an immense amount not assessed at all. He said that it would be a difficult matter for the board to accomplish all that should be done. In fact, that it could not be done this year. That it might take three or four years to do it. To get the benefits anticipated would require the co-operation of the people, the local authorities and the passage of acts by the legislature.

The matter was difficult to handle because everybody had a constitutional objection to paying taxes, because while every one was benefited, the results were not tangible. But

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POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS MAY 16TH

Covington, La., May 16, 1917.

The police jury met on this date with the following members present: Geo. Koepf, Jr., W. A. Hood, E. J. Domergue, J. M. Smith, S. R. Cowart, Fletcher Crawford, W. H. Davis, Robt. Abney, J. B. Howze. Absent: H. J. Schneider.

It was moved by Geo. Koepf, seconded by E. J. Domergue, that the sum of \$100 be paid to A. L. Chappuis for the betterment of conditions for the insane. Carried.

Moved by Geo. Koepf, seconded by J. M. Smith, that Miss Martha Williams be retained as Home Demonstration Agent at the same salary as it terms as in the past 11 months. Carried.

Moved by Geo. Koepf, seconded by W. A. Hood, that the parish pay the expenses to the orphan asylum in Lake Charles of four orphans from Folsom, and the expenses of Lertine Smith who takes them, and the secretary to find out the cost of same and issue warrant, and Miss Smith is authorized to give to all police jury an itemized account of all expenses. Carried.

Moved by Geo. Koepf, seconded by J. M. Smith, that P. J. Heintz be instructed to try and find a suitable place to put five orphan children from Ramsey in some charitable institution, and if he cannot help provide for them until he can find a place for them, the sum to be spent not to exceed \$15 per month. Carried.

Moved by E. J. Domergue, seconded by W. A. Hood, that the sum of \$50 be donated to the sprinkler fund of the Charity Hospital, in New Orleans, La. Carried.

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MAIL GOING TO MADISONVILLE.

Postmaster Sells announces that arrangements have been made by which mail will go to Madisonville at 3:30 p. m. This gives an opportunity for much later mail service than heretofore and will be a great public convenience.

MISS MARGARET H. ERVIN, JR.



Miss Ervin is a successful criminal lawyer of Chattanooga, Tenn. She is the only woman lawyer now practicing in the state.

J. Y. SANDERS GIVES PLANS FOR KILNS FOR KEEPING POTATOES

The following extract from a letter from Congressman J. Y. Sanders gives some information that should be valuable to the farmers and all who are planting sweet potatoes:

Washington, May 7, 1917. Mr. D. H. Mason, Covington, La.

"My Dear Mr. Mason:—Your letter of the 3d, in which you ask me about the details on the subject of dry kiln for sweet potatoes just received. The State Agricultural Department is getting out a bulletin which you can get by writing to Mr. Wilson. By writing to the Mississippi College, Meridian, Miss., you can get some very valuable information. The International Harvester people, of Chicago, also get out a valuable bulletin on this subject.

"There is no secret in putting up a dry kiln. It should be a building, tight, with a passageway down the center, running north and south, with racks on each side, built horizontally, about two feet apart. This building should be made, say 16 feet wide, 4 feet passageway, and as long as a person wants, within reason, with a space for a stove in the center, and a cupola, or air passage, in the roof, with a transom window looking south.

"In gathering potatoes they should be hauled direct from the field to the kiln, and as soon as the kiln is full, a fire should be built in the stove, the kiln closed up, and temperature kept between 100 and 110 for say 10 days, at the end of which time the potatoes are cured. They will then keep indefinitely.

"Yours very truly,
"J. Y. SANDERS."

THE REGULAR'S TICKET.

We are authorized to make the following announcement of the ticket of the Regulars:

REGULAR DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Mayor.
Paul J. Lacroix.

For Aldermen.
S. D. Anderson.
C. W. Alexis.
Emile Frederick.
Jasper E. Nilson.
M. P. Planché.
Adrian D. Schwartz.

BAHAM SHIP YARDS.

It is denied by the Baham Ship Yards that the Southern Oil & Transportation Company has bought them out. This statement was made by Mr. Alton, but it seems, by this, that the transaction did not go through.

WHAT IS DOING IN SLIDELL IN BUSINESS AND SOCIALLY.

Baltic II Will Leave Yards May 20, Weather Permitting.

THE DIXIE RANCH ONE OF BIG ONES.

Lumber Industries Well Organized for Big Business Coming.

Steamship Baltic II will be ready to leave Slidell Shipbuilding Co's yards on May 20, wind, tide and weather permitting, and will proceed to Pensacola under her own power after passing through the Riglets.

The Baltic I, now known as "Flush," has been warmly praised by those capable of judging, as being well constructed, durable seaworthy and for a new boat exceptional light and stiff. If the middle grounds can be negotiated as well as done by Baltic II, and the tide favorable, little trouble is anticipated in taking Baltic II out to deep water.

Baltic III is now being planked and she will shortly be ready for launching. Baltic IV is entirely framed and work on her progressing finely.

The ocean going steamer "Maple" is also being planked and will be launched in the near future. After the completion of these boats, and as space is available, the company expects to begin building six ships of about 4500 tons, being nearly half again as large as any built here, on government contracts. We hope that when the time arrives for getting those ships into deep water that the middle ground channel will be dredged—the only obstacle in the way of building big ships in this section—as any boats built on Lake Fortchartrain will necessarily have to pass through that channel in order to get into deep water.

The Slidell Live Stock and Farm Co., through one of their officers, Mr. L. T. Miles, reports fine progress being made at their ranch about eight miles from Slidell, where several hundred native cows are bred to high grade Hereford bulls, and the results being obtained fully justify the expense incurred, and with the splendid future which seems assured for the cattle industry, by reason of the great new packing house which Morris & Co. are inaugurating in New Orleans, and the high market prices prevailing all over the country, this section would appear to have almost a golden opportunity which this people should not fail to take advantage of.

In addition to stock raising the Farms Co., known as "Dixie Ranch," have approximately 100 acres in corn, 100 acres in oats, 100 acres in crimson clover, large fields of alfalfa, rye, etc., and where 20 bushels of oats is considered a fairly good yield and 25 to 30 bushels exceptional, it was estimated recently by an experienced farmer, that the yield from the oats on this farm should be at least 40 bushels to the acre.

They also have pigs (high grade Duroc Jersey), chickens, and are endeavoring to raise mules and horses, however, the progress along the latter line has not proven very successful thus far. A trip of inspection to this ranch is well worth while and no doubt would be of benefit to a great many of our home folk by way of illustrating the possibilities of our parish.

The lumber industries are seemingly well organized to take care of the large business expected, and lumber furnished particularly in governmental ship yard material will be subject to standards as to grade, dimension and maximum price, so that with well understood lines to work along the mills will know exactly what is wanted and price will be uniform so that the mill desiring to produce the stock can do so with the full knowledge of what is desired. While was is exactly what General Sherman said it was, it has its recompense and no doubt will be of great benefit to our part of this "Great Country."

Slidell School League met in regular session on Tuesday at the school auditorium, twenty-two members and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lyon being present for the annual election of officers. Supt. Lyon gave an interesting talk principally upon the production of garden truck, and the handling of same for future use by canning, and advised that Miss Martha Williams, parish demonstrator, would gladly respond to any requests for advice along these lines. Also said that he desired all teachers to be members of School Leagues, that it brought them in contact with workers for their benefit as well as the school children and that they should have a live interest in the League.

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