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PROCEEDINGS OF POLICE JURY FEBRUARY TENTH

Statements of Sheriff and Treasurer; Bills Approved by Finance Com.

RECEIVES REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSION

Passes Resolutions Protesting Against Withholding Federal Aid.

Covington, La., Feb. 10, 1920.

The police jury met on the above date with the following members present. Theo. Dendinger, H. N. Fenderson, J. M. Smith, E. R. Cowart, Fletcher Crawford, W. H. Davis, E. P. Robert, J. B. Howze, A. J. Bennett. Absent: E. J. Domergue.

It was moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by S. R. Cowart, that the deputy sheriffs appointed by the Parish Committee be paid for serving at the past primary election, as they served by order of parish committee, but in future only one deputy sheriff will be paid at any election.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the police jury buy from William Cooper 1500 gallons Cooper's cattle dip at price of \$1.22 1/2 c. b. New Orleans, freight prepaid, with 12 months time on dip without interest.

Carried.

It was moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by H. N. Fenderson, that the police jury set a salary of \$75 per month and \$25 for expense for cleaning and making repairs to vats, etc., and keeping up pens, except in places where water has to be hauled a long distance. All vats must be cleaned in dipping season in the beginning of dipping, and in the middle of the season. The parish to pay for materials when the inspectors have to buy materials for vats and fences. Inspectors to start work on the first of March, 1920.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the police jury pay \$3.00 per week for family of Provosts in the fifth ward, the money to be given to Mrs. Wharton, of the Red Cross.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the carpet in the police jury room be taken up and sold at the price of 50c per yard, the floor to be stained, at the expense of the Parish School Board.

Carried.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Parish Fund.
T. E. Brewster, feeding prisoners, \$43.50.
T. E. Brewster, sheriff, attending court, \$20.00.
T. E. Brewster, fuel, telephone and conveying prisoners, \$26.43.
W. H. Kentzel, warrant books for police jury, \$16.00.
H. J. Smith's Sons, locks, \$4.75.
Sheffield's grocery shop, groceries for paupers, \$9.00.
Burns Furniture Co., blankets for jail, \$26.50.
St. Tammany Farmer, publishing proceedings, notices, etc., \$43.90.
City Drug Store, medicine for prisoners, \$3.00.
P. Decker, juror at inquest of Liza Cooper, \$2.00.
Daniel Parker, same, \$2.00.
Hoza Parker, same, \$2.00.
P. E. Hardee, same, \$2.00.
Alf. Parker, same, \$2.00.
H. E. Gautreaux, M. D., interdictio of Joseph Gagot, \$25.00.
H. D. Bulloch, M. D., interdictio of Joseph Gagot, \$25.00.
H. D. Bulloch, burial of Liza Cooper, car fare, etc., \$18.50.
St. Tammany Ice & Light Co., light and water, \$26.72.
Ramirez-Jones Co., book for parish treasurer, \$24.00.
Southwestern La. Industrial Institute, scholarship for Myra Fauntleroy and Zella Sharp, \$228.00.
F. J. Henitz, refund for board and railroad fare, \$7.54.
F. J. Martindale, express, stamps, etc., \$3.19.
Luka Broom, conveying prisoner from Slidell, and expenses, \$12.00.
E. J. Frederick, registering voters, \$90.00.

Road Fund.
H. T. Fauntleroy, overseer, and 6 men, 1 team, Military Road, \$25.00.
Ed. Sharp, overseer, repairing the Goodbye bridge, \$12.00.
J. F. Meyers, lumber for bridges at Sandy Ford and Simalusa, \$17.75.
Salmen Brick & Lumber Co., supplies for ninth ward bridge, \$55.04.
J. M. Currie, 18 days, \$117.00.
J. M. Currie, 18 days, \$72.00.
J. A. Currie, 18 days, \$72.00.
A. Gubler, 18 days, \$72.00.
Victor Galatas, 10 days, \$40.
Emile Galatas, 10 days, \$40.00.
Truman Smith, repairing bridge at Chinchuba, \$15.00.
Truman Smith, 4 days work on Lewisburg road, \$10.00.
Robt. Smith, 7 days, \$17.50.
James Toomer, 3 days, \$7.50.
Gus Smith, hauling lumber, \$12.
Fred Yates, overseer on Edward road, \$55.50.
John Quinn, 6 days, \$15.00.
Arthur Garrett, 4 days 2 hours, \$10.25.
Bob Bennett, 14 3/4 days, \$37.00.
Rob Bennett, 2 days with team \$10.
W. J. Bennett, 11 days, \$27.50.
W. J. Bennett, 4 1/2 days with team, \$22.50.
Sam Fussell, overseeing work on

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TO SUCCESS AS MAPPED ON HIGHWAY

Mississippi Valley Provides Route of Much Importance.

THE ORANGE AND WHITE TRAIL

Brought Through Covington Through Efforts of Association Commerce.

(By Karl Treen)

The Mississippi Valley Highway makes a neighborhood of the entire great, long, rich Mississippi River Valley. This route is also dubbed "The Orange and White Trail." It is the logical highway from the iron mines of the North to the sandy shores of the South. This highway, it is claimed, will be the best marked and maintained highway in the United States, and the best marked highway in the world. The only one that can boast of a marker on each pole, on one side of the road, throughout its entire length. More than ten thousand dollars has been expended in the markings along this route alone. In addition, the National Highway Marking Association, Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been granted a contract to place more than five thousand additional signs at corners, cross-roads and dangerous turns.

The official marker is a triple band of White, Orange and White. The top band represents the snow-capped mountains of the Canadian ranges; the central band of orange, a waving field of golden wheat and corn of "the granary of the world," while the lower band of white stands for the snowy cotton fields and the fragrant magnolia blossoms of Dixie Land.

It will connect eight states, as follows: Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, from Canada to the Gulf. It forks at Hattiesburg, one branch going to Gulfport and one going through Poplarville, Bogalusa, Covington and Hammond to New Orleans.

It was due to the activities of the Covington Association of Commerce at an expense of about \$250 that this great highway comes through our town. The Highway Association, of which our Association of Commerce is a member, pays for the markings and promotion of this highway. The counties, parishes and states through which it passes, build the road. The Townsend Bill, if it passes, will provide additional federal aid to what the parishes are getting now in road construction on national highways, such as the Mississippi Valley Highway is likely to be termed, because of its geographical lay out. More than three-fourths of the 2,600 miles of this road have been provided for in bond issues to build permanent roads and it is the intention of the Highway Association to make the entire route a hard-surfaced highway. More than 660 miles of this trail are now hard surfaced and in two years or less Covingtonians may motor to Chicago or Minneapolis with less trouble than they can now go to the state capital at Baton Rouge.

Middle Road, \$111.00.
B. Blanchard, 6 days, \$18.00.
Bill Crawford, 5 days, \$15.00.
John Crawford, 6 days, \$12.00.
Joe Banks, 1 day, \$3.00.
Joe Crawford, hauling 21 loads of brick bats, \$31.50.
Turner Miller, hauling 12 loads of brick bats, \$18.50.
Wallace Singletary, 6 days, \$18.00.
Andrew Trasok, 5 days, \$20.00.
Andrew Trasok, 3 days with horse and wagon, \$18.00.
Fritz Howze, 5 days, \$15.00.

We, the finance committee, have examined bills of the road fund to amount of \$1042.55, and parish fund to amount of \$723.03.

JOS. M. SMITH, H. N. FENLASON, Finance Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the finance committee be accepted.

Carried.

Statement of T. E. Brewster, tax collector, for the month of January, 1920:

State Tax:
State tax \$647.96
Veteran tax 1247.90

Parish Tax:
Criminal fund 1028.44
Road fund 2571.08
School fund 6170.55
General fund 3599.51

Corporation Tax:
Criminal fund 209.57
Road fund 523.91
School fund 1257.43
School tax, ward 1 679.02
School tax, ward 2 1079.15
School tax, ward 3 2125.65
School tax, ward 4 865.24
School tax, ward 5 358.63
School tax, ward 6 155.11
School tax, ward 8 233.17
School tax, ward 9 2729.54
School tax, Abita 489.18
School tax, Waldheim 236.26
Special road tax 9024.74
Poll tax 182.13
Per capita tax 381.16
State license 153.45
Parish license 39.23
Conservation license 7.92

Total disbursements: 10380.45
Balance Feb. 1, 1920 7479.70
Road Fund.
Receipts:
Jan. 1, balance 1296.95
Jan. 10, T. E. Brewster 10244.27
Jan. 10, per capita 125.24

Total bal. and receipts: 11655.57
Disbursements: 945.63
Balance: 10719.94
Special Good Roads Bond fund, balance Feb. 1, 1920: 5763.89
Dipping Vat Bond fund, balance Feb. 1, 1920: 139.35
St. Tammany Good Roads Bond fund, balance Feb. 1, 1920: 26,719.79

GEO. KOEPP, JR., Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that the report of the treasurer be accepted.

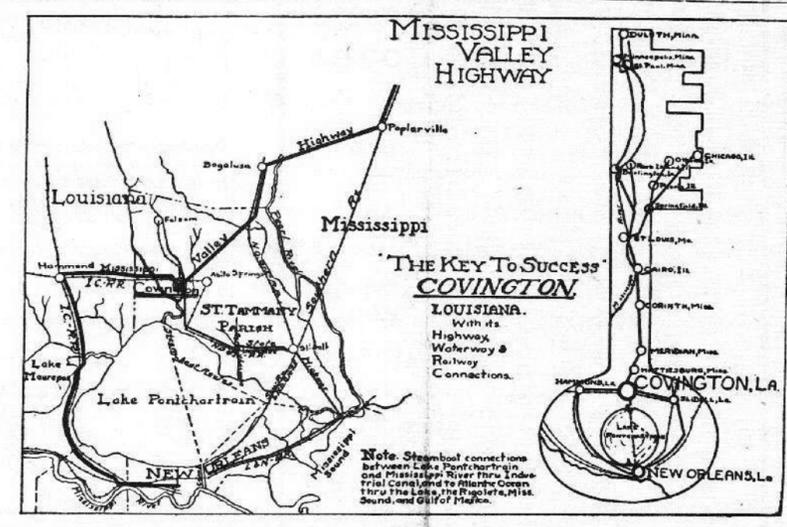
Carried.

The following report was read: Covington, La., Feb. 7, 1920.

To the Honorable Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, La.

Gentlemen:—This Commission believes the time has come when it is proper to acquaint you, and through this report to you, acquaint the people of St. Tammany parish with the situation which confronts the Commission in its efforts to perform its functions in connection with good roads improvement in St. Tammany parish.

As the Commission understands the laws governing the granting of



SINCE BUIE DID NOT DIE, IT'S A QUESTION IF WE WILL GET FEDERAL AID OR NOT

In the Meantime the People of St. Tammany Parish Feel the Injustice of Being Cut Out of Its Reward For Building Good Roads, and the Police Jury Passes Resolutions of Protest and Condemnation.

It seems that Engineer Buie is making good his declaration that St. Tammany parish could not get federal aid in the building of its public roads unless he died. We would not wish anything like that on Mr. Buie in the uncertainty of where he is going, but we certainly feel the injustice of having such a head of the State Highway Department wished upon us.

Trapping license	17.52
Costs, fees, etc.	284.96
Commissions	350.43
Total amount	44721.86
Amounts available to each fund:	
Criminal fund	1238.01
Road, regular	3117.75
School fund	16610.76
General fund	3752.99
Road, special	9024.74
Sheriff's salary	635.45
State	10241.93
Total	44721.86

T. E. Brewster, tax collector for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, do solemnly swear that the above is a correct statement of all taxes, etc., collected by me for the above mentioned funds, from the first day of January, to the 31st day of January, 1920, inclusive.

T. E. BREWSTER, Tax Collector.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of February, 1920.

GUY A. SMITH, Dy. Clerk of Court.

Moved and seconded that the report of the sheriff be accepted.

Statement of Geo. Koopp, Jr., parish treasurer, to the Police Jury, for the month of January, 1920:

Receipts from T. E. Brewster, on January 10:
General fund 13417.55
Criminal fund 4107.71
Rebate loan from sheriff 1000.00
Rebate com. from sheriff 66.91

Total receipts: 18532.18
Less o. d. Jan. 1, 1920: 732.03

Total to account: 17850.15
Disbursements:
Mileage and per diem 76.06
Office supplies 3.36
Official printing 35.83
Transportation 71.86
Feeding prisoners 38.93
Maintenance court 93.84
Coroner's jury 150.96
Parish board of health 63.59
Justices of Peace 342.50
Election expenses 1105.59
Tick eradication 4977.43
Loan - o assessor 2750.00
Dip vat bonds interest 450.00
Sheriff's salary 125.00
Miscellaneous 107.60

Without federal aid to the extent of every cent to which our parish roads may be entitled, it will be impossible for this Commission to do more than a minor proportion of the road improvement work outlined in the program, which is embodied in the ordinances adopted by the Police Jury in connection with the Good Roads Bond Issue. Every item of expense in this work has increased to such an extent that the fund available from this bond issue is insufficient for execution of the program complete.

In view of the conditions outlined in the foregoing, this Commission respectfully suggests and urges that your honorable body, in an effort to protect the interests of the people of our parish make formal and earnest protest against the treatment that is being imposed by the State Highway Department upon our parish roads, which, from the standpoint of this Commission, is improper and unfair.

For your information, we attach hereto copy of report made by Mr. Huckaby, Engineer of this Commission, under date of January 17th,

and growth of the State, it is discouraging to know that one man stands between them and the means for greater accomplishment without increased expenditure of home funds. This state of affairs is not only discouraging but is building up a feeling of resentment that might cause the whole parish to petition the Governor for relief. Resolutions of protest were passed at the meeting of the Police Jury, Tuesday.

1920, and copy of letter from Wm. R. Rhodes, Senior Highway Engineer U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Public Roads, addressed to Engineer Huckaby, under date of January 20th, 1920. Also copies of letters written by the Chairman of this Commission to Mr. Duncan Buie, State Highway Engineer, under date of January 28th and 31st, 1920, to which no replies have been received.

Now, as to construction of roads on which there is no reason to expect or hope for federal aid, this Commission begs to report that work is proceeding as fast as conditions will permit. Bad weather and the scarcity of labor have greatly interfered with, and will probably continue to retard, construction. Progress has been slow and unsatisfactory to this Commission as it undoubtedly has been to our people. However, the best possible, under the circumstances, is being done, and will continue to be done by this Commission.

The members of this Commission are giving to this work their best talents, their time and money without any expectation of, or desire for reward now or at any time in the future. In fact, without any hope of appreciation or recognition other than to retard construction. Progress has been slow and unsatisfactory to this Commission as it undoubtedly has been to our people. However, the best possible, under the circumstances, is being done, and will continue to be done by this Commission.

We request that you have this report published in the newspapers, as we desire all the people to know the true situation and conditions responsible therefor. If you need more copies of these documents, the assistant to the secretary of the Good Roads Commission will be pleased to furnish them.

Respectfully submitted,
GOOD ROADS COMMISSION OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

J. D. GRANT, Chairman.
W. OSWALD, Vice Chairman.
F. W. FATHEREE, Secretary.

Copies of Correspondence.
Covington, La., Jan. 31, 1920.
Mr. Duncan Buie, State Highway Engineer, New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Buie:—As Chairman of the Good Roads Commission of St. Tammany parish, I ask the privilege of writing you this letter for the purpose of obtaining information for use of the Commission.

Will you kindly advise why the State Highway Department withholds its consent to approval by Government Engineers of road projects in St. Tammany parish that may be entitled to federal aid?

After considerable delay, we were visited a short time since by Mr. Rhodes, Government Engineer, who approved two small projects which he said had received your o. k., but that he could not then, and cannot in future, approve any others until your consent is given.

The work of improving the good roads of St. Tammany parish is being greatly delayed, and the people deprived of facilities which they have a right to expect—by failure of the State Highway Department to take action in connection with the good roads projects of St. Tammany parish.

Your attention is respectfully called to this matter and you are requested to advise as to the policy that is now prevailing and will prevail in future in connection therewith.

Your early reply will be very greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

INTERSTATE CO. MAKES BIG DEAL TAKING OVER NICHOLAS-BURK

Business Ability of E. J. Domergue Evolves Million Dollar Concern.

GROWTH STARTS FROM COVINGTON

Interstate Business Profitably Handled By Numerous Branches.

Many of the great men, political, professional and business, have been urged to the goal of success in the sunlit fields of toil, neath the whetting pines or spreading oak, beside the rippling streams where many tribes of sporty fish furnish the material for the wonderful tales, dominated by the uninitiated as fish stories. In the privacy of the rugged limestone many a great man seen in the curling flame pictures of sweat and toil of bare feet and stubbed toes, and the inscription on the slate, "I love my teacher." All of which emphasizes the fact that one of the greatest grocery and provision establishments of the south is the evolution of a new venture in Covington established as the Covington Warehouse and Commission Co., Ltd., back in July, 1901, capital \$2,500, H. J. Smith, president. Not so many years when it is considered what wonderful progress has been made and how very small the start was.

The building up of the great concern now known as the Interstate Grocers, with establishments successfully operated at Covington, Slidell, Bogalusa, Franklinton, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and Columbia, Tyertown, Laurel and Hattiesburg, Miss., is due to the knowledge of the business and the managerial capacity of its president, E. J. Domergue, who is also president of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company, of Covington. He took the business over and started big things as the Covington Grocery & Grain Company. But a short time back the capital of this company was increased to half a million dollars. Unprecedented development of the business has urged new resources and success followed an effort to bring into the business one of the greatest grocery companies in New Orleans—the Nicholas-Burke. The business will be taken over in March and will retain the name of Nicholas-Burke Company.

The taking over of this big business calls for a further increase of stock and it has been decided to increase the capital to one million dollars, selling new stock to the amount of \$250,000. The Burke interest will take \$100,000 and the remaining \$150,000 will be apportioned among the stockholders and such outsiders as are fortunate enough to secure it. The big dividends paid by this company has always made the stock a quick seller, and successful business management has won confidence in its future.

Covington is justly proud that a concern of such proportions was born here. In the shadow of its growth other business enterprises are springing up. Big banking business, merchants with confidence in the future shining from their eyes, citizens climbing on the wagon that is now traveling the road to greater things for Covington and the parish of St. Tammany brings us back to the fact that the country is the birth-place of some mighty big things.

Owing to an unusual amount of official matter we are forced to omit several news items this week.

TAX SALES FOR THE TOWN OF COVINGTON, LA.

Town of Covington, La., vs. Delinquent Tax Debtors.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Louisiana and Town of Covington, I will sell at the front door of the Mayor's Court, in the Town of Covington, La., within legal sale hours for judicial sales, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on

Saturday, March 13, 1920, and continuing on each succeeding day until said sales are completed, all immovable property upon which taxes are now due the Town of Covington, La., to enforce payment of taxes due thereon together with interest thereon.

(Signed) **J. D. GRANT, Chairman.**

Covington, La., Jan. 28, 1920.
Mr. Duncan Buie, State Highway Engineer, New Orleans, La.
Dear Sir:—The Good Roads Commission of St. Tammany parish is making every effort to do some actual constructional work in the way of building new roads and also in the way of surfacing roads previously built, and the Commission finds in its efforts to do this work, that it is being subjected to onerous delays which the Commission is given to understand are necessitated by the failure of your Department to consent to the proposed roads the required inspection and approval for federal aid. Therefore, as Chairman of the (Continued on page 8)

STATEMENT OF GOOD ROADS COMMISSION.

Following is a statement showing all expenditures by the Good Roads Commission out of the road bond issue up to and including January 31, 1920:

Road bond issue, principal, premium and accrued interest to August 1, 1919	\$763604.20
Expenses from above amount account of following:	
Furniture and fixtures	425.69
Stationery and printing	301.76
Attorney's fees	1543.72
Maint. fund, police jury	1558.92
Covington-Slidell road	1217.45
Cov.-Pearl River road	983.26
Cov.-Madisonville road	19527.98
Cov.-Franklinton road	975.27
Cov.-Bogalusa road	601.50
Talisheek-Bush road	245.59
Slidell-Pearl River road	357.65
Bennett Bridge road	414.31
Office expense	2152.96
Equipment and supplies	5523.86
Chinchuba-Houltonville road	305.70
Bonfouca-Mandeville rd.	8.13
Ben Williams road	7.09
Military road	1576.30
Turnpike road	1372.83
Cov.-Hammond road	852.22
Madisonville - Ponchartroula road	189.72
Insurance	257.59
Engineer's supervision	496.44
Range Line road	4708.42
St. Tammany Parish Police Jury	10527.73
Middle Road	60.00
Advertising	3.50
Slidell-Salt Bayou road	309.72
Cov.-Talisheek road	185.85
E. J. Domergue, account maintenance work	92.35
Total	\$56784.60
Petty cash in safe	13.85
Balance on deposit Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	706805.77
Total cash on hand on January 31, 1920	706819.69

Total amount expended out of Good Roads Bond Issue up to and including Jan. 31, 1920, \$56,784.60. Of which there was spent by the Police Jury for:

Acct. attorney fee and expense in connection with bond issue	1543.72
Acct. Cov.-Madisonville road	19343.75
Acct. maintenance work	1558.92
Acct. loans made to the police jury to pay interest on bonds	10527.73
E. J. Domergue, acct. of maintenance work done for his account in Third Ward	92.35
Total	\$33066.47

For general road construction, surveys, equipment, etc., by Good Roads Com. \$2718.13

\$56784.60

The above shows that the amount of money actually spent by the Good Roads Commission out of the road bond issue fund, up to and including January 31, 1920, is \$23,718.13.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOOD ROADS COMMISSION.

Interest from the 31st day of December of said year, at the rate of 2 per cent per month until paid, and all costs. The names of said delinquent tax debtors, the amount of taxes due on the property assessed to each, to be offered for sale, as follows:

Ayers, H. B.—Squares 4 and 5, Wayside Addition, lots 4 and 5 sgr 2207, and improvements. 1918 taxes and costs \$40.45.
Barton, Mrs. A.—1-2 of square 19, Division of Spring, and improvements. Taxes and costs \$7.15.
Buckley, Mrs. K. W.—Squares 2 and 7, Oakridge. Taxes and costs for 1918, \$8.65.
Brunning, Theo.—1 lot 50x123 feet in Factory street, Taxes and costs for 1918, \$3.15.
Becknell, Jr. R.—Lot 1, square 1309, and improvements. Taxes and costs for 1918, \$5.15.
Bodreaux, R. A.—Lots 1, 2, square 2702. Taxes and costs for 1918, \$2.90.
Connaughton, Jas.—Merchandise, fixtures, stock, vehicles, auto. Taxes and costs for 1916, 1917, 1918, \$91.71.
Covington Amusement Co.—Improvements, lot 6, square 8, Division of St. John. Taxes and costs for 1918, \$19.45.
Curry, Jr., Jas.—A parcel of land in Florida Street. Taxes and costs for 1916, \$3.15.
Cundall, Frank—Square 1408, N. C., square 90, Sulphur Springs. Taxes and costs for 1918, \$7.65.
Cormega, W. B.—Lot 4, square 2805, and improvements. Taxes and costs for 1917 and 1918, \$6.15.
Depree, Mrs. F.—Lots 6, 7, 8, sgr 1707. Taxes and costs for 1912, \$2.15.
Dutruch, Miss E.—Part of lot 2 square 31, Connelly Addition. Taxes and costs for 1918, \$2.15.
Everett, J.—Square 8, Oakridge, Taxes and costs for 1918, \$6.35.
Fitzgerald, W. T.—2 lots in sgr 2906. Taxes and costs for 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, \$9.82.
Ferguson, W. B.—Auto. Taxes and costs for 1916, \$2.85.
Hebert Grocery Co.—Merchandise, (Continued on page 2)

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES AT PARKVIEW THEATRE.

Parkview Theatre will present this Sunday and Monday vaudeville and picture attractions of unusual merit. The Aerial Johnstons in daring acrobatic stunts, are said to be headliners, and Miss Blanche Varos is a very clever soubrette. Monday night Anita Stewart will be back in "The Kingdom of Dreams," with a complete change in the vaudeville acts. Alice Joyce in "Slaves of Pride," Tuesday, with matinee at 4 p. m.