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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ST. TAMMANY HOLD CLOSING EXERCISES

Most Schools Report Very
Successful Term and
Interesting Close.

COVINGTON GRADS ATTEND BANQUET

Addresses Call Attention to
Need of Increased Sal-
aries for Teachers.

The graduating exercises of the
Covington High School took place
at the auditorium of the school Mon-
day evening, May 24th. The audi-
torium was prettily decorated with
the class colors, pink and pea green,
and ferns. The scent of the roses
and sweet peas perfumed the air and
the class colors were seen every-
where.

The address of the class president,
James Clann, who delivered the valedic-
tory, was a credit to the class, and
Laura Perreand, Margaret Burns,
Katie Seiler and Marie Olinde gave
new laurels to the class of 1920.

Misses Iris Planché, Esther Clark
and Jeanette Moses sang the trio
very prettily.

The costume of the girls was
organdie, and they looked
charming indeed, as they faced proud
parents and friends in the audience.

Prof. C. C. Henson, of the New-
man Manual Training School, New
Orleans, delivered an address that
was both interesting and instructive,
especially in consideration of the dif-
ficulty that is now facing the schools
in procuring efficient teachers. Sal-
aries have not advanced in propor-
tion to the remuneration received in
other callings, and teachers are en-
tering fields where their earning
power is greater.

Superintendent Lyon also gave a
short address on the coming needs
of our schools, and he also spoke of
the need of more money.

The diplomas were presented by
Mr. N. H. FitzSimons, president of
the School Board.

The stage was occupied by Supt.
E. E. Lyon, A. J. Park, principal,
and the higher grade teachers.

After the exercises ice cream and
cake was served in the basement and
dancing was the pleasure of the
evening.

Following is the program:
Bible Reading and Prayer.
May Song, by choruses.
President's Address and Valedic-
tory—James Clann.

Worthy Charities—Laura Perre-
and.
Woman and Her Vote—Margaret
Burns.
Need of More Protection—Katie
Seiler.

Bolshevism—Marie Olinde.
Song, "The Brook," by choruses.
Vocal trio, Carmena, Iris Planché,
Esther Clark, Jeanette Moses.

Address, Supt. E. E. Lyon.
Presentation of Diplomas, N. H.
FitzSimons, president of the Parish
School Board.

Announcements.
Song, "Silver Eyes," by choruses.
Congressman J. Y. Sanders was
prevented from delivering his Wash-
ington that required his presence
there.

MANDEVILLE SCHOOL.
Mandeville, May 24—On Friday,
May 21st, the children of the Man-
deville Junior High School waved a
happy "au revoir" to their teachers
whom they had grown to love dearly,
and yet many of them felt a heavy
tugging in their young hearts for
not all of the teachers will return
May happiness and success follow
them in their new paths.

The year has been a strenuous one
for the faculty and the children, and
because it was so anxious it was
crowned with success such as Man-
deville will be proud of, due to the
ardent efforts and determination of
Miss Eleanor Rayne and her assist-
ing teachers.

FARMERS SHIP FIRST CAR NEW POTATOES TO-DAY

Secretary Treen Reports
That Price of 5 Cents
A Pound Was Given

ANOTHER CAR SHIPPED SOON

Prominent Interests En-
dorse Work of Associa-
tion of Commerce.

Mr. Karl Treen, secretary of the
Association of Commerce, says the
farmers will ship their first car load
of new Irish potatoes to-day and will
get 5 cents a pound for them. An-
other car load will be shipped in a
few days.

The farmers are showing more in-
terest in shipping produce, and by
coming together are making it
possible to ship in car load lots and
to obtain recognition in the market
at early high prices. The result will
be, also, that better railroad service
will be obtainable.

The Association of Commerce is
we hope to say the state.

In conclusion, would like to add
the urgent request to all who are
truly interested in its welfare and
work, to join the League, for by
co-operation only can we meet the ex-
pectations of our school children.

MRS. J. E. LEMIBUX,
Secretary Mandeville School Im-
provement League.

SIDELL SCHOOL.
Sidell, May 26.—Commencement
exercises of the Sidell High School
were held at the Community Hall,
Saturday, May 22. The speaker of
the evening was Mr. C. C. Henson,
who delivered a splendid address,
after which the class program fol-
lowed.

Salutory—Miller Redden.
Class History—Louise Mayfield.
Class Prophet—Sinner Tabary.
Class Poem—Evelyn Crow.
Reading—Anna Morris.
Class Humorist—Bertha Keller.
Class Will—Russell Dunham.
Valedictory—Elizabeth Morris.
Music—High School Choruses.
Sidell Orchestra and Class Song.

High school diplomas were deliv-
ered by Supt. E. E. Lyon, of Covington;
also certificates of promotion
were given thirty-six members of the
seventh grade.

Mr. Lyon spoke of the needs of the
school system of our state and our
parish.

Prizes and scholarships were given
by the principal, T. H. McEwen.
The prize given by the Sidell Bank
for the highest grade for the year in
the high school went to Howard Tay-
lor. Elizabeth Morris was awarded
the scholarship to the State Uni-
versity, and Evelyn Crow to Lafay-
ette Industrial. Special mention was
made of the prize given by the Inter-
state Bank and Trust Co. for the
best essay written on the assigned
subject, "Worthy Charities."

Too much cannot be said for the
help that is given to the differ-
ent schools by such excellent rewards
given by this very worthy institu-
tion located at New Orleans, and the
benefit that those competing receive.

This is the largest class that has
gone out of the Sidell high school,
and the people look forward to the
time when it will be even larger.

ABITA SCHOOL.
The Abita Springs public school
held its closing exercises at the pavilion
on the night of May 25th, which
was largely attended. Mayor Abney
made an address and awarded the
graduates their diplomas. Follow-
ing are the graduates: Thelma
Blanchard, Annie Mae Burnett, Maxine
Chambers, Bileen Finnegan,
Emily Kustennmacher, Elizabeth Lam-
onin, Lewis Chambers, Julien Hor-
doun, Ewald Kustennmacher, Ralph
Lally, Eugene Tremoulet.

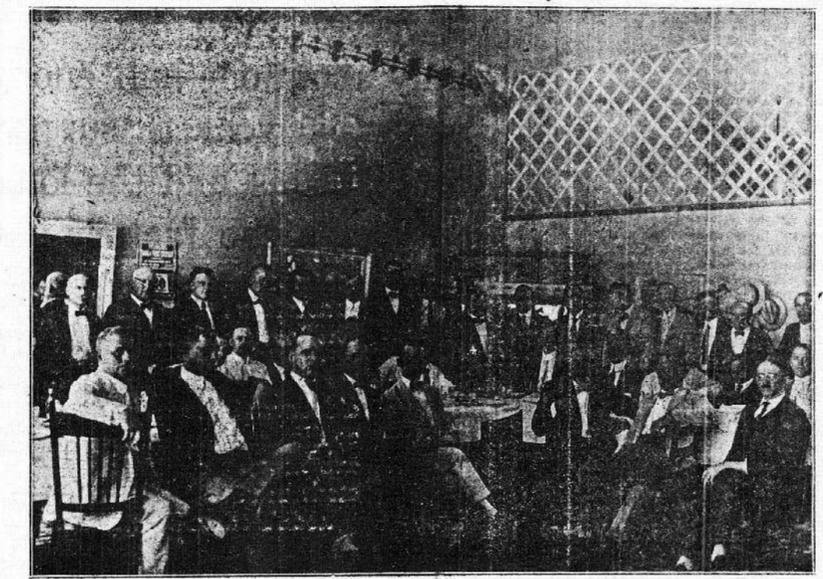
The faculty has the thanks of the
public in general and they deserve
great credit. The faculty is com-
posed of Miss Annie Caldwell, princi-
pal; Miss Martha McNeely, Alma
Pechon and Nettie Sojourner.

After the entertainment was over
the dancing floor was cleared and
dancing was enjoyed until early in
the morning. Mr. L. L. Chambers
deserves great credit for the manner
in which he arranged matters.
If you wish to enjoy a cool and
pleasant evening at Abita Springs
come over on June 13th.

Our new postoffice is completed
and the postmaster has moved in.
It is a credit to Abita Springs.
Misses M. and M. Sharp, of Man-
deville, visited their niece, Mrs. W.
Sanders, and also enjoyed the school
entertainment.

All Catholics throughout the parish
should attend the play to be given
at the Abita pavilion on Sunday,
June 13th, for the benefit of the
new church.

COVINGTON ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE DINES THOMAS BROOKS FLETCHER, THE FAMOUS AND POPULAR LECTURER WITH REDPATH, IN COVINGTON RESAURANT



Mr. Fletcher is standing in center of group with white cross on coat.

BOGUE FALAYA PARK' HAS NEW PAVILION.

The new Park Pavilion has been
completed and other improvements
to Bogue Falaya Park are being con-
sidered. Probably there is no other
work that would bring greater pub-
lic appreciation. The warm days of
summer are fast approaching and it
will be a welcome resting place in
the heat of the day and fine sport
for the children in the afternoon.
Swinging seats have been donated by
quite a number, and we shall tell
something of the donors when the
list is completed. It is a kind of
public spirit that counts.

Dr. Stevenson has presented plans
for the gate and these are being
gone over by the Park Commission.
The entrance to the park will be
much improved when the gate is
built.

winning recognition for the public
service it is performing. The big
interests of the parish are always
the first to recognize the importance
of such work. Mr. Fletcher,
lecturer, made it very plain in his
talk at the dinner and in his lecture
at the Chautauqua in the evening
that no community can build itself
up without the co-operation of its
citizens and business men.

In this connection the following
letters will prove of interest:
Covington Association of Commerce,
Covington, La.

Gentlemen:—Your letter of May
10th received, with enclosed report
of the activities of the Association.
Consider this splendid work and that
the Association is doing the kind of
work which will greatly help all citi-
zens of our parish.

Consider that other companies
with large interests in this parish
should be members, and will no
doubt be pleased to join the Covin-
gton Association of Commerce in the
event they are not already members.

Consider your plans and actual
active methods of assisting the farm-
ers, to sell their farm produce, as
well as other assistance and help
given the farmers, is of great benefit
to all of the parish.

Yours truly,
**POITEVENT & FAVRE LUMBER
COMPANY.**
Ramsay, La., May, 1920.
To the Association of Commerce,
Covington, La.

Gentlemen:—We will have to ad-
mit that the Covington Association
of Commerce is doing more in as-
sisting our parish and community in
progress and development than any
other organization we know of, and
in my opinion it has done more in
the last six months than it has done
all time previous. This goes to
show that the Association is growing
more, and taking more interest in
the welfare of our parish.

A number of things could be men-
tioned that have been accomplished
through the assistance of the Covin-
gton Association of Commerce, and I
mention particularly that of market-
ing the first car load of syrup, which
was the first to leave the parish; also
the operation of a potato curing
plant and shipping several car loads
of potatoes. These two articles are
about the most staple articles of the
parish. Therefore thru the efforts
of the Association of Commerce
growing of syrup and potatoes has
been stimulated.

The Association will not stop on
just syrup and potatoes, but every
effort is being put forth towards the
betterment of the parish both in
growing and manufacturing indus-
tries. I am in favor of giving the
Association the proper co-operation,
and if every other person will do
likewise, it will be just a matter of
a few years until we will see many
benefits derived therefrom. We have
a wide field to work in, and a good
organization behind it. So lets all
get together and co-operate with the
Covington Association of Commerce.

Yours truly,
GEO. H. KOEPP, INC.,
Per Geo. H. Koepf

AN ALARMING THING FOR LOUISIANA

Issued by the United States Pub-
lic Health Service.
Out of 8,450 routine patients ex-
amined in the Post Graduate and
Bellevue Hospitals in the city of New
York (white) 27.1 per cent had
syphilis.

Out of 1,642 routine patients ex-
amined in the University of Illinois
and the Michael Reese Hospitals in
the city of Chicago (white) 18.4 per
cent had syphilis.

The record for percentage of vene-
real disease brought into the army
by the second million draft men was
New York, 2.91 per cent.
Illino's, 4.96 per cent.
Louisiana, 11.21 per cent.

If one were prone to draw infer-
ences what would you conclude as
an approximate percentage of syph-
ilis in the public hospitals in the
State of Louisiana? WHO PAYS
THE BILLS?

A western editor recently remark-
ed, after having been upbraided for
calling attention in his columns, to
the venereal disease menace that "it"
was better to have venereal diseases
in your newspapers than in your
homes," and, rather more dryly:
"Ignorance may be bliss, but gonor-
rhea isn't!"

WILLIAM ELDER,
Scientific Assistant, U. S. P. H. S.

**MR. V. Z. YOUNG MAKES PRIZE
HONEY.**
The most beautiful honey we have
seen in some time was raised by Mr.
Van Z. Young, at his place in Cov-
ington. The boxes come direct from
the hive and both wax and honey are
pure and clean, without a speck of
dirt or discoloration. All the cells
were perfectly formed and sealed
clean to the corners, excepting two
unfilled cells in one corner. The
honey was made by Italian bees and
were fed on white clover (Dutch
Clover) that grows at his place. Mr.
Young states that in gathering the
honey he used no veil or coverlet
of any kind and was not stung once.

RIDGE SCHOOL NOTES.
In spite of the unfavorable weather
our box supper and program was
quite a success. Without much of a
crowd we cleared \$20 on our boxes
and refreshments. The program
was as follows:

Song.
Welcome—By seven girls.
Dialogue—"The Blue and the
Gray."

The characters were: Grand-
mother, Miss Hazel Davis; Herbert,
Miss Elizabeth Davis; Jack, Mrs.
Bertha Gamble; Jane, Miss Jose-
phine McKean; Bess, Miss Lois Daw-
son.
Recitation—"Somebody's Mother"
by Miss Ruby McKean.

Monologue—"Making Believe," by
Josephine McKean.
"Work and Win," by ten pupils.
Recitation—"Spring Signs," by
William Ray McKean.
Dialogue—"The Prince." Char-
acters were: Allie, Josephine Mc-
Kean; Nettie, Ruby McKean; Mary,
Ruth McKean; Robert Paul Prevost;
Archie, Odell Prevost; Ralph
Ray McKean.

Monologue—"Playing at House-
keeping," by five girls.
"Shell Song," by five girls.
Mrs. Daniel McKean and little
daughters, Leura and Gracia Mae,
attended the program held at our
school.

Mrs. Rachel Dirksen was among
those present at the exercises.
Mrs. J. Keith is on the sick list.
We wish her a speedy recovery.
Mrs. J. B. Porter is improving.
The crops are looking much bet-
ter since the rains.

DO YOU WANT PROHIBITION CONTINUED?

To the Citizens of America:
One year of prohibition has
brought more laughter to children
and more smiles to women than any
other legislation.

It has turned almshouses and
breweries into factories, jails into
corncribs, and brought their inmates
forward into the great industrial
army.

It has added untold billions to the
nation's wealth, transferred money
from the saloon tills to savings
banks and newly erected homes.

The Eighteenth Amendment has
increased farm and city values,
quicken industry and brought to
the United States the greatest era of
prosperity ever known.

The pro-liquor element is doing its
utmost to repeal the Volstead Act.
It would nullify the Eighteenth
Amendment, which would mean the
overthrow of National Prohibition
and its attendant prosperity.

The liquor minority proposes to at-
tain its ends by capturing the Na-
tional Conventions of the political
parties.

The dry majority, as demon-
strated by ratification in forty-five states,
must control these conventions.

We ask you to get every state, dis-
trict, and local organization, of what-
ever kind within your reach, to
adopt resolutions substantially as
follows:

"Be it resolved, that we hereby
authorize our names to be used at
each and every political convention
to be held in 1920, notifying the
leaders of all parties that we will
support such parties as specifically
endorse by platform declaration the
Eighteenth Amendment as interpret-
ed by the Volstead Act, or some
measure equally effective; and nomi-
nate candidates unequivocally com-
mitted to its enforcement.

Immediately wire a copy of your
resolutions to each of the following
persons who have agreed to act as
custodians of these resolutions for
their respective parties: U. S. Sen-
ator Arthur Capper, Washington, D. C.
(Republican); U. S. Senator Morris
Sheppard, Washington, D. C.
(Democrat); Congressman Charles
H. Randall, Washington, D. C.
(Prohibitionist).

The crisis is real. Time is short.
Republican Convention meets June
8th. Democratic Convention meets
June 21st. Immediate action is neces-
sary.

Signed:
Arthur Dean Bevan, Clarence T.
Wilson, E. J. Fithian, Chas. Scanlon,
Irving Fisher, Daniel A. Poling,
Francis E. Beauchamp, J. H. Kel-
logg, Francis Baldwin, Margaret
Winteringer, Virgil G. Hinshaw.

SUCCESSION NOTICE.
Succession of Kenneth Mitchell,
Deceased.
No. 121.
Twenty-sixth Judicial District Court,
Parish of St. Tammany,
Louisiana.
Notice is hereby given to the credi-
tors of this estate and to all other
persons interested to show cause,
within ten days (if any they have or
can) why the final account presented
by Gladden S. Mitchell, administra-
trix of this estate, should not be ap-
proved and homologated and the
funds distributed in accordance
therewith.
By order of the Court,
m293 GUY A. SMITH,
Chief Deputy Clerk of Court.

ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AT DINNER TALKS HIGHER RATE

Mr. Farris, of N. O. G. N.,
Host to Merchants of
Covington.

FREIGHT RATES TO BE RAISED

Tells Why It Is Necessary
and Gets Approval of
the Association.

Mr. W. E. Farris, general manager
of the N. O. G. N. Railroad, was
both host and guest of the Covington
Association of Commerce at a dinner
given at Gabe's Tavern, Tuesday.
There were present: E. F. Webb,
F. P. Marsolan, M. P. Planché, N. H.
FitzSimons, R. H. White, Fred
Heintz, J. H. Warner, W. R. Hebert,
Leon Hebert, H. A. Mackie, C. H.
Sheffield, A. R. Smith, W. H. Kent-
zel, L. L. Morgan, Karl Treen, D. H.
Mason.

The dinner was given by Mr. Far-
ris for the purpose of discussing the
contemplated increase in freight
rates. This increase is now being
considered all over the country. In-
vestigation of the financial condition
of the railroads shows the absolute
necessity of in some manner increas-
ing the operating income of the
roads. Mr. Farris has shown a dis-
position to consult and co-operate
with the patrons along the line of his
road and to do all that can be done
to build up the country that feeds it.
Regardless of any personal consid-
eration in the matter, it is a sound
business principle that he could not
afford to overlook. But as we have
said, Mr. Farris's attitude toward
Covington is very friendly and en-
couraging.

As the increase in income has be-
come a necessity hardly disputed by
any one, the principal discussion was
whether it would be best to increase
passenger rates or freight rates.
The general opinion seemed to be
that an increase in freight rates
would distribute the burden more
evenly and adequately, as the cost
would be proportionately attached to
every article sold, used and consum-
ed, thereby dividing it among all
the people in such small amounts
that it would hardly be felt, while if
the increase was placed on passenger
traffic it would be borne by compar-
atively a few.

Mr. Farris read some figures show-
ing the necessity and reasonableness
of the proposed increase in freight
rates. The increase in freight rates
would be \$120,000,000 required in in-
creased operating income to allow the
railroads to earn the not more than
six per cent allowed by law for divi-
dends. An increase in freight rates
of 31 per cent would be required to
earn this amount. Mr. Farris did
not make the statement, but the
statement is made by Railway Ex-
ecutives that the decrease in operat-
ing income of February, 1920, as
compared to February, 1919, is 224
per cent.

Mr. Farris said that all labor and
all construction work and material
and machinery had increased enorm-
ously, while there had not been
money with which to increase the fa-
cilities of the roads. Trestle tim-
ber had increased 180 per cent; ties,
140 per cent; coal, 231 per cent;
labor (section) in 1917 was 13.5 per
hour, to day it is 28 cents, with the
tendency to go up; taxes 48 per cent
higher. That the maximum rate of
freight increase since the war had
been only 20 per cent.

Various members of the Associa-
tion discussed the matter with Mr.
Farris, when finally a motion was
put and carried that it was the sense
of the Association that the railroads
were entitled to 31 per cent increase
in operating income and that an in-
crease in freight rates was prefer-
able to an increase in passenger
rates. A committee was appointed
to draw resolutions to that effect.

Railway Executives make the fol-
lowing statement:
March Returns are Disturbing.
This, however, will be a slow pro-
cess and until the present feeling of
uneasiness throughout the world and
in this country which encourages, ap-
parently, a lack of a desire to work,
is changed and there is a greater
spirit to work and save, the country
cannot count on any large contribu-
tion to the net earnings of the rail-
roads through a saving in expenses.

In fact, the results for the month of
March are even more disturbing than
those for February.

The returns for February show as
follows:
Net Operating Income.
United States (deficit) \$12,217,639
Eastern Dist. (deficit) 28,959,721
Southern District 6,544,752
Western District 9,187,320
a decrease over February, 1919, of
\$22,006,294, or 224.8 per cent for
the railroads of the United States
as a whole.

The net operating income for the
month of March, 1920, for certain
railroads, shows as follows:
Baltimore & Ohio \$270,279
Central R. R. of N. J. 399,467
Erie R. R. 147,562
Maine Central 331,779
Pennsylvania (E. & W.) 5,556,334
Wabash 571,415
Central of Georgia 134,896
Florida East Coast 461,464
Louisville & Nashville 1,400,630
Seaboard Air Line 601,547
Chicago Northwestern 496,809
Chicago Great Western 248,301

HOUNDS TRACK MAN WOUNDED BREAKING INTO PATECEK'S

Blood Trail Marks Flight
to Store of Smith Har-
ware Company.

WOUNDS DRESSED IN NEXT STORE

A Hard Day's Work Ended
Without Catching the
Wounded Burglar.

Attempted robbery of the Patecek
store and the supposed shooting of a
man caused considerable excitement
in Covington Wednesday morning.

About 2 o'clock in the morning
Mr. Patecek was awakened by Miss
Werner, night operator of the Cum-
berland Telephone Company, who in-
formed him that a man had attempt-
ed to break into his store at the back
entrance. Mr. Patecek did not awak-
en when she first called and she then
started the buzzer in his room, which
also rang the connected telephone in
the store and scared the would-be
burglar away. Mr. Patecek found
the transom above the door broken.
Before retiring again Mr. Patecek
went to the window to close it, when
he saw two men standing in the nar-
row passageway below and heard
them talking very low. He got his
gun, which was loaded with No. 9
shot, and fired both barrels at the
men. Examination showed blood
marks on the ground and on the
fence where the man had jumped
over. Night Marshal Jones was at-
tracted by the shooting and in trac-
ing the man found the door of the
Smith Hardware Company open. He
went in but found no trace of the
man. He then phoned Mr. A. R.
Smith, who came to the store. He
found that a Smith & Wesson re-
volver had been taken, but did not
miss anything else. Later in the
morning the City Cash Store of Pol-
lar & Richard was found to have
been entered also and blood stains
were on the floor. Nothing was tak-
en except two towels and a jar of
vinegar. It is thought that the bur-
glar took these to dress his wounds
and then went out through the sky-
light, as he had entered. It is also
thought he entered this store on the
supposition that he was entering the
Smith hardware store. Nothing
more developed, so the citizens sub-
scribed a fund of \$150.00 and wired
to Mr. Gant, at Crystal Springs,
Miss., to bring his dogs. Mr. Gant
was working on a case, but got here
Thursday morning and the dogs took
up the trail, following it from the
roof of the Smith Hardware Com-
pany out Jahneke Avenue and thru
St. Paul's College and then to the
Tchehouca river about the old Fred-
erick Camp and back to the Tche-
houca bridge, where it was lost, ap-
parently.

It was learned that a negro named
Mose Smith, living at Abita, was re-
ported wounded and that he had
been in Covington Tuesday night.
As the dogs trailed to a house on
Florida Street and Smith was re-
ported as having been there a deputy
sheriff was sent to Abita to get him.
He was examined by Sheriff Galatas,
Mr. Gant and others, but he denied
all knowledge of the affair. Mr.
Gant then took him outside and plac-
ed him about fifty feet from three
other negroes and brought the dogs
to the trail. The dogs did not seem
much interested. One of them roled
on the ground and scratched himself.
However, they rambled leisurely
along towards Smith and finally, a
short distance from Smith one of
them bayed. It was not a demon-
stration that satisfied many of the
onlookers that the dogs were par-
ticularly interested in Smith, but Mr.
Gant seemed to think that the dogs
had crossed the trail of the other
three negroes and taken up the trail
of Smith. So Smith was locked up
pending further developments.

Many are of the opinion that a
young negro named Boll Weevil is
the man wanted. The trail followed
was a bare foot and Boll Weevil goes
barefooted. The haunts and habi-
tats of Boll Weevil lay along the
trail and it is figured that he was
smart enough to fool the trailers.

It seems to be another case of
burglary in which the burglar will
escape.

LIST OF DEAD LETTERS.
Following is the list of dead let-
ters remaining in the Covington post-
office:
A. H. Bowling, Miss M. De Labrie,
Mr. and Mrs. M. Fryer, Miss Villa
Fallow, Walter Jourdan 2, Fred Lee,
Mrs. Francis Magee, Everlan Rob-
ertson, Jonates Raymond, A. Sicks,
Mrs. Alphonse Taylor, Fannie White.
JACOB SEILER,
Postmaster.

Miss Alma Heintz, accompanied by
little Ella May Frederick Donaldson,
left Sunday for Vredenburgh, Ala.,
where they will spend some time as
the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick
Donaldson.

The comparison of the net operat-
ing income for the years 1916 and
1917, before the full effect of war
conditions was felt, and 1919, are
interesting and show the very great
reduction in the earning power of the
roads named.