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PROHIBITION VS. BLIND TIGERS

SENSATION AND EXCITEMENT GOES TO A HIGH PITCH THIS WEEK

Meeting of Law and Order League Held to Take Action in the Matter

Last Monday the trials of two men were held before City Judge Herr, charged with running blind tigers in Opelousas, and both were convicted.

Mr. Devilliers, clerk for Mr. Herr, fined \$100 and costs, and Mr. Watson, clerk for Mr. Lassalle, was fined double that amount.

The trial of Honor, clerk for Mr. Green, clerk for Lewis, and Mr. Gaffey, clerk for Theodore, were postponed until Tuesday, but owing to the absence of one of the witnesses and injuries of the other cannot be held at this time.

George Glover and Leo Potwell, two men employed by the Anti-Saloon League to ferret out the blind tigers in this city, and who were here to testify against several parties charged with violating the prohibition law, were induced to leave their boarding house last Tuesday night, and were brought out to the race track, where they were set upon by a body of men and severely beaten, and warned to leave the city.

There are, of course, two sides to the story of how the men came to leave their boarding house to go to the race track. One is that Glover and Potwell had arranged with a representative of the saloon owners to leave the city on consideration of being paid a certain sum of money. That they were willing to sign a sworn statement to the effect that the testimony already given by them was untrue and that they had not bought liquor of those yet to be tried. That the representatives of those alleged to have sold liquor without a license pretended to be sincere in their acceptance of the proposal, and when they had obtained the signed statement refused to pay Glover and Potwell anything, whereupon the latter pulled pistols and started the row which resulted that they were overpowered and disarmed and given a severe drubbing. The story of Glover and Potwell is to the effect that they had been warned that if they remained in town over night they would be mobbed and consequently received a proposition from supposed friends to the effect that they would take them out of town to a safe place, where they could remain over night and return in the morning, which proposition they accepted, but soon found that they were being led into a trap. When they discovered themselves at the race track in the presence of some seven or eight men, they were covered with revolvers and made to sign a document, they say, the contents of which they were not informed, and were then set upon and beaten and told to leave town. The above is substantially the two sides of the occurrence, though there are several other versions, and the truth will probably be brought out in a judicial investigation to be conducted by the district attorney in this city, and that the men have been under surveillance of his officers for several days. He further said that as he was to stand all the responsibility for the lawlessness in this city or parish, if any, he should at least be accorded the opportunity of co-operating with detectives or other persons sent here to catch violators of the law. He announced his readiness and willingness to enforce the laws, but said he must have the confidence and support of the citizens.

Public opinion is somewhat divided on the subject, and the anti-saloon league is coming in for a gooey share of criticism on account of their manner of conducting the case, particularly because of their failure to lend moral support to the detectives or the municipal officers in the conduct of the prosecutions for violation of the prohibition laws.

The officers on guard profess to be astounded at the fact that Glover escaped from the building without their knowledge, while some have been so bold as to assert that the officers arranged for and assisted in his departure. Whatever the truth may be, it is confidently asserted in knowing quarters that Glover will be returned here if it is possible to ascertain his whereabouts and the prosecutions vigorously pushed.

There was some little excitement created Thursday when it was ascertained that some party had gone to Rev. A. W. Turner's residence last Wednesday night and warned the family that a mob proposed running him out of town. Rev. Turner was out of town, and his family was much wrought up over the intelligence. However, the ladies at the house rang up the Masonic Lodge, and several members of the order hastened to the residence. It has not yet been ascertained whether the visitor was a friend or foe, but the matter is being investigated. Rev. Turner, it appears, was among those active in bringing about a prosecution of the violators of the prohibition law.

While there was no judicial investigation Thursday, the district attorney made affidavits against Adam Budd, Remi and Edward Wallior, William Lewis, Dr. Richardson and William Watson, charging them with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill and murder, connecting them directly with the assault upon Glover and Potwell on Tuesday night. The accused furnished bond for their appearance in the district court. It is not known when the matter will be tried, as the court is not now in session, owing to the illness of Judge Perrault, and, in fact, there has not been a term of criminal court here in over a year.

Excitement still runs high here, and further trouble of some kind is not altogether unexpected.

There is much criticism of the municipal and parochial officers, and many assert that they are not trying to do their duty. The officers, on the other hand, give evidences of activity, but there appears to be a general feeling of unsafety and dissatisfaction.

Potwell, who is in a precarious condition, was sent to the sanitarium at Alexandria Thursday afternoon, and gave out the statement that he would return when he had recovered from his wounds and testify in the cases now pending in the city court against violators of the prohibition law. Since he worked in conjunction with Glover, however, it will be necessary for the latter to be present at the trial in order to give full effectiveness to their testimony.

There was no judicial investigation into the assault upon Detectives Glover and Potwell, which occurred Tuesday night, in the city court Wednesday morning, owing to the fact that the district attorney appeared in court Wednesday morning and announced that he had secured sufficient evidence upon which to base affidavits without the necessity of an investigation. It further developed that George Glover, one of the detectives, had escaped from his boarding house during the early hours of Wednesday morning and could not be found to testify at the trial of the "blind tiger" cases fixed for Wednesday.

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On the other hand, many believe that he was forced to leave by threats or intimidation, and that if he had remained the accused parties would have been convicted.

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A DELIGHTFUL OUTING.

A few evenings ago Misses Lizzie and Erin Blacksher tendered their friends a pleasant hay-ride to their country home at Plaisance, a distance of about eight miles from their home in Opelousas.

The grounds were beautifully decorated, and Japanese lanterns were burning in every corner of the large yard. Refreshments were served in abundance, and the feature of the evening was the cutting of about twenty-five large watermelons. Dancing and singing was indulged in, and at eleven o'clock the trip home was begun.

In the party were Mrs. J. de Q. Doneho, chaperonne; Misses Bee Smith, Betsy Dupre, Florie Oakes, Rosa Lee Knott, Edna Knost, Goldie Gardemal, Ellen Simon, Lou Bienvenue, Nellie Milburn, Marie Meginley, Emily James, Eleanor Doneho, Katherine Doneho, Rit Desmarais, Lou Dietlein, Mary Littell, Alma Thompson, Bessie Sandoz, May Brown, Hart Wilkins Gladys Perrault, Bergna McCorkle, Lizzie Blacksher, Erin Blacksher, Mrs. Doneho; Messrs. Tom Brooks, Jack Perrault, F. J. Brewer, Edwin Ross, Clifford Edwards, Geo. Bienvenue, Wayne Blacksher, Sidney Dejean, Roy Edwards, Watt Evans, C. B. Chachere, Hubert Phillips, Marvin Turner, Joe Blacksher, Patton Blacksher, Henry Larcade, R. A. Newson, J. F. Dezauche and Dr. E. T. Bercier.

FUN AND FISHING.

Last Sunday a jolly party of Opelousas gentlemen went out fishing to Second Lake, and returned Monday evening. The party consisted of Messrs. A. L. Lacombe, Chas. Bailey, Raymond Breaux, Lastrapes and Charles Perrault, Edwin Quirk. They reported no results, but plenty of "bites"—from mosquitoes, sand flies, etc. Mr. Lacombe is reported to have done the vaudeville "stunts" for the party, while Chas. Bailey had a twenty-one round "go" with poison oak. Lou Loeb did the culinary specialty.

FIRE.

The alarm of fire last Thursday night was occasioned by the burning of the residence of J. H. Augustus, colored, in the southwestern portion of the city. The building was insured for \$300, and the furniture for \$300, in the Lacombe agency. This is the second time Augustus has lost his residence by fire. About three years ago he was burned out.

The Tariff bill was passed last Thursday evening, and now goes to the President for his signature.

HE WILL REPLY TO HON. T. H. LEWIS.

Attorney Ponder Will Speak on the Courthouse Square at 8:30 This Evening.

A former Attorney General of the State and a member of the national council of the Knights of Columbus, will reply to a speech made by Hon. T. H. Lewis, Mr. Ponder will answer the charges made by Mr. Lewis that the last legislature was the most extravagant in the history of the state of Louisiana, with the exception of reconstruction days.

Mr. Ponder will contend that the last legislature was economical and wise, and the members showed as a rule a genius for making proper and wholesome laws, and that it was not extravagant at all, and, on the contrary, only such laws were enacted as were salutary and wise, and the public was saved a great deal of useless expense in many instances.

Mr. Ponder will cite the various acts and states that he expects to convince the people of Opelousas and the surrounding country that the last legislature deserves credit instead of censure. The speaking has been widely advertised, and a large number of citizens and taxpayers will doubtless hear Mr. Ponder. He expects to cite the act creating the State Game Commission, and show that it is self-supporting and not one dollar is drawn out of the state treasury, and that, furthermore, that the Game Commission has turned over to the state some \$30,000.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT THE HISTORIC CITY OF MOBILE, ALA.

Important Business Transacted and Officers Elected---Banquets, Receptions, Etc.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the National Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled in Mobile, Ala., Tuesday, Aug. 3d.

At eight o'clock the delegates and officers of the national council assembled at the local Knights of Columbus Hall and paraded to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, headed by the St. Louis Knights of Columbus Zouaves and band, the officers and prelates, in carriages.

At 8:30 o'clock Archbishop Jno. J. Glennon of St. Louis preached the sermon. He referred to the honor and privilege of being given an opportunity to speak a word of welcome to his brethren from the historic pulpit which he occupied, and said it would be presumptuous to attempt to speak for Mobile, her citizens, priests and bishop. "Their invitation to you and their presence here to greet you are much more eloquent than any words at my disposal."

Promptly at eleven o'clock the formal opening ceremonies began in Lyric Theater. On behalf of the city of Mobile, Hon. Pat J. Lyons, mayor of the city, welcomed the delegates. On behalf of the local Knights, Past State Deputy M. Mahorner, Jr., spoke in eloquent language.

Responding to the greeting by Mayor Lyons and Knight Mahorner, Supreme Knight E. J. Hearn made an able address.

Reviewing the work of the order during his incumbency (ten years), he said there were orders in sixteen states, the District of Columbia and in one province of Canada. There were 381 councils, with 22,005 insurance and 42,267 associate members. The active councils number 1,381.

The national treasurer's report shows total assets of \$253,774.47. At the close of business June 30th the order had to its credit a total of \$2,763,243.25. Forty new jurisdictions have been established, 1,000 new councils and a total net increase of 184,022 in membership. During the ten years the order has established the fourth degree, the highest in the order, a complete revision of the constitution and by-laws, and complete revision of the insurance system. The Knights of Columbus have established a chair of American history at the Catholic University at a cost of \$50,000.

Several amendments to the by-laws and a number of resolutions were introduced. The report of the national officers consumed the remainder of the session. Supreme Knight Hearn made his annual report, on which he was highly complimented.

National Secretary Daniel Colwell submitted his annual report, covering the past eighteen months, this being his twenty-seventh report. During that period there have been added 141 new councils and 46,136 new members, the total membership being 226,289.

National Treasurer P. J. Brady submitted his report, showing the receipts and expenditures in the various funds of the order, and called attention to the laws of the order as being cumbersome and unsatisfactory and out of harmony with present-day banking methods. He gave the value of the securities owned by the order on June 30th at \$2,486,612.24.

A banquet was tendered at the New Battle House, at which covers were laid for 500 guests, and at which Chairman Matt Mahorner, Jr., was toastmaster.

Invocation—His Grace, Archbishop John J. Glennon.

Review of a Decade—Edward L. Hearn, supreme knight.

The Call of the South—Hon. Frank P. O'Brien, mayor of Birmingham.

A Message from the Outer Fringe—Joseph Scott, past state deputy, California.

Fraternity—"A Pledge of Good Citizenship," L. G. Santer, past state deputy, Illinois.

Our Reunions—Hon. M. J. Wade, Iowa.

Twentieth Century Knighthood—Eugene Walsh.

A Voice from the Lakes—Martin H. Carmody, state deputy, Michigan.

The Order in Cuba—C. A. Johnson-Harding, Havana.

The Order in Louisiana—Hon. L. P. Caillouet, state deputy, Louisiana.

At the second day's session of the National Council, Knights of Columbus, Quebec was selected as the place of the next annual meeting, in August, 1910, and officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:

James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, supreme knight, being moved up from deputy supreme knight.

M. H. Carmody, of Grand Rapids, Mich., deputy supreme knight.

The office of the historian of the order was created, and Daniel Colwell, of New Haven, Conn., was elected to that office.

The following additional officers were elected:

W. J. McGinley, national secretary, New York.

D. J. Callahan, national treasurer, Washington, D. C.

J. H. Pelletier, national advocate, Boston, Mass.

Dr. W. E. Buckley, national physician, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. P. J. McGivney, national chaplain, Middletown, Minn.

P. J. McLaughlin, national warden, Newark, N. J.

The newly elected members of the national board of directors are: Mat Mahorner, Jr., of Mobile; W. H. Gulliver, of Portland, Me.; Daniel J. Griffin, of New York, N. Y.; John A. Bowler, of Sioux Falls, S. D.

C. J. Smyth, of Omaha, Neb., was the fifth candidate for membership on the national board, but was defeated by Mahorner.

Washington will be one of the contestants for the 1911 convention, at which time it is proposed to dedicate the massive monument to Christopher Columbus, which is to be erected on the plaza opposite the Union depot in that city, at a cost of \$100,000.

A testimonial of \$8,000 was given retiring Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn, of New Haven, Conn., for his untiring efforts and wonderful success in the management of affairs.

The presentation speech was made by Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles, Cal. Past Supreme Knight Hearn, though taken by surprise, managed to make a grateful response.

The new position of national historian, which was created and will be occupied by retiring Secretary Dan Colwell, who has served the order continually for twenty-seven years, carries with it an annual salary of \$2,500.

Most of the day after the election of officers was devoted to the report of the committee on laws. They approved a large number of amendments, as well as disapproving several. Chairman E. H. Doyle of Detroit then made his annual report on affairs of the endowment. The convention then adjourned.

A Florida Republican explains that "the high cost of chickens is not because of the protective tariff on beef, but because the negroes steal so many chickens." If the negro has any political friends left in this country, we should like to know where they are.