

COMMISSIONER MALONEY ANSWERS ONLY FEW QUESTIONS OF ALGIERS FERRY COMMITTEE

City Hall, July 27, 1922. Algiers Better Ferry Service Assn. Gentlemen:

Your communication addressed to the Mayor and members of the Commission Council under date of July 4, 1922, was transmitted by the Mayor to the Commission Council in his message of July 11th, 1922, and referred to me by the Commission Council at its session held that date. As some of the matters referred to, involved a legal question, I referred this communication to the City Attorney.

With reference to the arguments advanced as to the policy of operating the ferry system in question, you should certainly by this time be familiar with the policy of the Council, as the points have been discussed and re-discussed in the several conferences that took place. In answer to your specific questions, I will answer as follows:

Questions and Answers The questions and answers are as follows: Q.—How much do the city's books show as having been paid by the Union Ferry company for this third district privilege from the 1st of January, 1906, to the date of your honorable body's having taken charge of the city's affairs?

A.—The figures furnished me by the department of public finances, as counting division, show that the amount of \$10,818.91 was paid to the city of New Orleans.

Q.—How much has the Bisso Towboat and Ferry Company paid to the city since the date of its succeeding the former company as operators of said third district service.

A.—All receiving warrants show that the monies were paid by the Union Ferry company.

Q.—By what authority is the Bisso company conducting said service.

A.—There is nothing in the official record to show that this ferry is being operated by the Bisso company.

Q.—Why were the boats and paraphernalia of the Canal street ferry system not appraised before the expiration of its lease on December 31, 1921.

A.—There is no such requirement in the franchise, and the city attorney so advises.

Q.—How much is the Southern Improvement and Ferry company supposed to pay the city for the privilege of operating the present Canal street ferry and how much has the said company paid the city since January 1, 1922.

A.—The Southern Improvement and Ferry company are continuing the operation of this ferry under its franchise requirements with all of its conditions, which mean that this company will pay to the city of New Orleans on a pro rata basis of its franchise price.

Such other questions as you asked are matters of opinion.

With the many conferences, we have had, and with all that has been said upon the subject, it seems to me that you should by this time understand my position which I have stated to you on numerous occasions, as well as the position of the council publicly expressed at various conferences. I may say this: That the majority of the Council does not look with favor upon municipal ownership and they instructed me to go ahead with the preparation of a franchise ordinance.

I had a number of conferences with residents of Algiers, and Mr. John Klorer, our City Engineer drew a franchise ordinance embracing suggestions made by your committee. This proposed franchise was published for 14 days and is now before the Council subject to such changes and amendments as would be for the best interests of the city, after which amending it can be adopted by the Commission Council.

I told your committee that I would be very glad if it would prepare a franchise ordinance which it would recommend to the city to advertise. Up to this moment I have not received that franchise ordinance, so I wish to again say that if your committee will send me amendments, properly adopted, and will recommend and request their adoption by the Council, to the proposed franchise ordinance which has just been published, it will be my pleasure to submit same to the Council for its consideration. I wish to add that if it is the desire of your committee not to co-operate in the preparation of a franchise, I will do the very best I can and offer for sale a franchise in which I will embody as completely

as I know how, those provisions which I believe will be both serviceable and salable.

Yours truly, PAUL H. MALONEY, Com. of Pub. Utilities.

The following is taken from the T.-P. of Sunday, the last paragraph of which will make interesting reading in connection with the above reply from Commissioner Maloney. MALONEY EXPLAINS STAND IN LETTER TO ASSOCIATION IN ALGIERS.

Commissioner Maloney in a letter yesterday to the Algiers Association for Better Ferry Service declared that he and all other members of the commission council are opposed to municipal ownership of the ferries and that contracts will be let within sixty days to the lowest bidding firms of franchisees offered by the city. Commissioner Maloney recently introduced an ordinance providing for letting ferry contracts to the most successful bidder.

Commissioner Maloney's letter to the Algiers association followed a communication and protest from that body which desired that the city take control of the ferries. Commissioner Maloney said he did not believe the city could operate an efficient system on a paying basis.

The commissioner informed the association that the franchise ordinance recently drawn was offered in the council only after he had gone over it with many leading citizens of Algiers. He said there will be no change in the franchise, as proposed in the ordinance unless some worthy suggestions are made.

The Algiers association's letter to the commission council was received early this month and referred to Commissioner Maloney. The association, which for years has been asking municipal ownership of the ferry systems, renewed its requests and they were turned down by the council.

Commissioner Maloney in a statement yesterday says he cannot understand why the association has objections to contracting of the ferry business and added that the Algiers body has given no reason why it should not be let out to individuals and neither had it offered any suggestion for changes in the franchise ordinance, despite the fact that it has been published for fourteen days.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALGIERS BETTER FERRY SERVICE COMMITTEE, AUG. 1, 1922.

Whereas: On July 8th, this Committee addressed a communication to the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Commission Council, requesting certain information pertaining to the Third District and Canal Street ferries, as well as to the City's future policy in the matter of the operation of said municipal ferry systems; and

Whereas, on July 27th this Committee received a letter from the Honorable Paul H. Maloney, Commissioner of Public Utilities, to whom said communication of the 6th inst. had been referred, in which letter said Commissioner, pretending to answer the several specific questions propounded in said communications of July 8th, simply trifled with the entire subject-matter, as seen in the evasions and omissions, which characterize this official document; and

Whereas, as citizens, the members of the Algiers Better Ferry Service Committee being entitled to the definite information sought, Be it therefore

Resolved, that the Honorable Commissioner of Public Utilities be requested to furnish this Committee with the following: What company or individual is operating the Third District Ferry and by what authority, as well as the period covered by said privilege, the amount agreed upon for same, together with the amount paid in to the City, since the present administration took charge.

What moral right or by what authority had the Honorable Commissioner of Public Utilities to extend from December 31st, 1921, the expired franchise of the Canal Street Ferry, at the rate fixed for said privilege in 1906, which privilege, it is generally believed, is now worth twice what it was at that time? What sort of an arrangement has Mr. Maloney with said ferry company—verbal or written and where can this document be found? For what

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Whose Summer Picnic Is This?



Personal Mention And General News

SHORT ITEMS CONCERNING WEST SIDE PEOPLE.

Miss Dorothy Duffy is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Verret.

Mrs. W. J. Burke, Jr., left Wednesday night for Texas.

Miss Katie O'Brien is the guest of Mrs. Frank Skelly in Chicago.

Miss Claire Finley left Saturday night to visit friends in Montana.

The Jolly Bunch will entertain at five hundred, euchre and lotto Thursday night, August 3, instead of last night, at the home of Mrs. Tom Rooney. Games will begin at 8 o'clock. Hostesses of the evening are: Mesdames T. Rooney, A. Clark, L. Sierra, R. Wilson, G. E. Walters, V. W. Cheronnier, C. Lyncker.

Mrs. A. Oelkers and little daughter Pauline, have returned from Texas.

Orange Grove No. 8, will hold its regular meeting to-night at 7 o'clock. The Juniors will hold their meeting before the older Grove. After both meetings, there will be a social meeting. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. J. E. Smith, formerly Miss Ione Lampton left Saturday morning for Houston, Tex., her future home. Mr. Smith left on the 23rd to accept a position there.

Mrs. E. Magreevy and children are summering at Long Beach, Miss.

Mrs. J. Foley and Miss Euphemie LeBoeuf are guests of Mrs. E. Magreevy at Long Beach.

Miss Elizabeth Guillot and nephew Floyd, left last week for Houston, Tex., to spend the summer.

The many friends of Miss Sydney Oloyrd will regret to learn that she was compelled to undergo an operation Sunday for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hauffe and children are spending awhile in Waveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Murtagh and family are spending sometime in Milneburg.

Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc are spending a few weeks at Waveland, Miss.

Miss Carmen Malbrough spent a few days in the city the guest of relatives.

Miss Marjorie Blakeman entertained a crowd of boys and girls at the home of her aunt on Elmira avenue, last Saturday night in honor of her mother, Mrs. B. H. Blakeman's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Antin returned home from Lafourche, where they spent two weeks.

Miss I. Kevlin and Mrs. A. K. Vallette have returned from Mandeville, after spending a pleasant week, the guests of Mrs. R. T. Younger.

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VETERAN POLICE CLERK RETIRED.

Mr. B. L. Anderson of 541 Bouny street, has been retired from the police force after serving for thirty-three years as a clerk. He retired Tuesday on half-pay.

Mr. Anderson is 64 years old and is among the oldest men in years and in point of service in the department. He joined the force as a clerk and leaves it as a clerk of the Eighth Precinct station. He entered the service April 24, 1889.

GRAND OFFICERS VISIT LODGE.

Indivisible Friends Lodge No. 404, F. & A. M., held a special communication last week at the Masonic Hall Past Grand Master Wynne G. Rogers and R. N. Deputy Grand Master Jos. Sinal were present and spoke on Masonic subjects that were of great interest to all present.

PYTHIANS ENJOY GOATS AND CAMELS

D. O. K. K. Band Gives Concert and Livens Occasion, Big Night in Algiers.

Last Saturday night the dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan initiated several candidates in the Pythian Hall in Bermuda street.

Lolo Temple, which is the name of the local order, brought all of their paraphernalia including goats, camels and other beasts so as to give the candidates a fair recollection of what took place.

Those who were vested with the robes, insignia and other honors were Thomas A. Heron, Harry M. Lauffer, Louis Lauffer, J. S. Cassil, William J. Erickson, A. C. Blasco, John Davies, George Jordan and Michael Singer. The initiation ceremonies were followed by a banquet in the Pythian hall.

The announcement of the ceremonial was as follows:

After several months of "watchful waiting" Allah granted the Knights of Khorassan one happy day of normalcy. There were many weary pilgrims roaming over the Desert of Louisiana, subsisting on "onion's crayfish, and buttermilk," and who were desirous to become followers of the Prophet. Lest they commit much deprecation, it is our duty to have them corralled, therefore it was decreed.

When the muezzin evnted his weird call for Saturday evening devotions, the Knights assembled on the 4th floor, Dr. Filinn's Dental Parlors, Canal and Royal Streets, at 7:25 for the purpose of forming the caravan, which left the village of New Orleans, for the Oasis of Algiers, Louisiana, the big burg across the father of waters, and there in the Pythian Castle Hall, were conducted the tyres over there which leads to the abode of everlasting youth.

The Pee—rade started from Canal and Royal promptly at 7:30 p. m. In the following formation: D. O. K. K., Band, votaries, tyres, camel trainers, tiger-trainers and attendants; aided abetted by the R. A. C., fireworks, fog-horns, tin-cans and 77777 cotties.

The royal beasts were gnawing their teeth in keen anticipation of the feast and the sands were superheated.

The domes of every Knight was decorated with a Fez and a smile was on the face of every Brave Knight, for verily, Saturday Night was a sure cure for ingrowing toenails and warts on the liver.

The 1922 purple prayer rug was had by every Knight, because Sahig is a peculiar cuss and wants to be shown, many Kay—Pee's were captured who had to cough up 25 bones, and who were then led to be slaughtered.

After several hours of intensities which involve all our propensities, we stopped for "Eats" and then—home home—sweet—home.

Did these brave Knights of Khorassan have a good time? I say they did.

GAS IN PI—FINNE.

Well At Gretna Easily Ignited.

George A. Hero, president of the Pi—finne, Feed Company conducted a demonstration last Wednesday at a test well for gas, near Gretna. Lighting a match, an employe of Mr. Hero applied it to gas issuing from the well. The gas ignited.

"This test well," said Mr. Hero, "has been sunk to a depth of 60 feet and will be deepened to 2,000 feet in an attempt to find natural gas in commercial quantities."

The test well is on a farm owned by the Pifinne Feed Company, four miles directly inland from Gretna.

Weddings of New Orleans Folks

WEST SIDE COUPLES WHO ENTERED THE STATE OF MATRIMONY DURING WEEK.

HOFFMAN—MUTZ.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1922, at 11:00 a. m., Miss Olivia Theresa Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Hoffman and Mr. Emile Mutz, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Church of Holy Name of Mary at a high nuptial Mass, Rev. Mc-Oscar officiating.

The bride was led to the altar by Master Oscar Philip Hoffman dressed as cupid. The two flower girls were Grace Weber dressed in pink maline over silver cloth, and Gladys Crombie dressed in blue maline over silver cloth. Both dresses were trimmed in rosebuds. Mrs. S. Sordelet, the bride's sister was matron of honor, she was dressed in lavender organdy over silver cloth and wore a picture hat to match.

Miss Anna Bly was first bridesmaid. She was dressed in blue organdy over silver cloth. Miss Lavina Hoffman was second bridesmaid and wore pink organdy over silver cloth. Miss Helen Estopinal was third bridesmaid. She wore yellow organdy over silver cloth. All wore picture hats to match dresses, and carried shower bouquets of pink columbia roses with tulle to match dresses. The groom's best man was Philip Hoffman. The other male attendants were John Tranchina and Aiden Baker. The ushers were Sidney Sordelet, Joseph Spurway and Oscar Hoffman. They were all dressed in white linen suits.

The bride was given away by her father. She was beautifully gowned in brocaded crepe covered with Spanish lace with pearl trimmings. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley.

The wedding was followed by a breakfast and reception at the home of the bride's parents, 145 Del aronde.

The young couple will be at home to their many friends after August 1, at their home, 1135 Numa street, Algiers. The happy couple received many costly presents.

The groom's gift to his bride was a handsome diamond necklace.

TO STRENGTHEN VIADUCT.

Commissioner Black announced that he has requested the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to abandon two of its tracks beneath the Newton Street viaduct in Algiers, that two massive steel supports may be put under the structure and make it available for use for at least another year.

The commissioner holds that the South New Orleans Street Railway Company should repair the viaduct but the company claims it has not the funds.

The Southern Pacific, which contributed a portion of the original cost of the viaduct, has refused to help pay for its upkeep. City Engineer Klorer estimated that repairs needed on the viaduct will cost \$70,000.

REGISTRATION TIME SHORT.

Men and women who desire to vote in the Democratic primary September 12 and who have not registered have only nine days in which to register, as the registration office will close and remain closed until after the primary.

The registration office is on the first floor, Carondelet street entrance of the City Hall annex. It is open from 9 a. m., until noon and from 1 to 4 p. m., each day except Saturday.

She Balked On Honoring Grave Of Wife No. 1.

However, 70-Year-Old Groom is Winner in Divorce Case

When her 70-year-old bridegroom insisted she lay flowers on the grave of his first wife, Mrs. Dora Leo Koester, 49, balked, she testified in Judge Percy Saint's court, in an action for divorce which was instituted March 24, 1920, and which the court dismissed after hearing the evidence.

Koester, who lives in Bouny street, denied with vigor, the charge of non support. "She left me seven weeks after we were married and took \$500 of my cash," he said.

The couple were wed December 8, 1919. Koester told the court his second dip into the sea of matrimony would be his last.

"But she was persistent," he said. "She kept running after me."

Mrs. Koester said the honeymoon had scarcely begun when her spouse requested her to honor the memory of the first Mrs. Koester. "I told him then that affections should be for the living and not for the dead, who, couldn't appreciate them anyway," she said.

Another rift in the domestic peace of the Koester household occurred when Koester told his wife she must wear a pair of antique earrings which had once been the property of his first mate.

Judge Saint twice threatened to send the couple to jail for contempt of court because they persisted in coaching their witnesses.

When Mrs. Koester left her loveliest, Koester sent ministers to urge her to return to his fireside, according to the testimony.

"I wanted to show the world I would redeem her, but she refused to come back," Koester said.

Mrs. Mary Voelker, plaintiff's niece, testified she was the innocent cause of the row that caused the matrimonial ship to finally sink. She said she had gone to a show with Mrs. Koester and that, on their return home, she rang the doorbell several times.

The Koesters had agreed that one ring only, would be recognized as official. A heated quarrel followed and the separation occurred shortly afterward.—The Item.

Mr. Koester celebrated his victory by giving a reception to his friends at one of his empty houses in Bouny street.

DONNENFELSER WAITS FOR MAN TO REPEAT THEFTS.

An early morning burglar is alleged to have been captured after several visits to the apartment house at 2015 St. Charles avenue, when Walter Johnson, 20 years old, 829 Baronne street, was arrested.

Several rooms at the house, which is operated by Henry Donnenseiser, had been robbed recently, and a watch was set for the thief. At 5 o'clock Mr. Donnenseiser heard the hall door open. He slipped out of his room and followed the prowler, caught him and held him until the police arrived.

K. of C. DEGREE TEAM OF ALGIERS ASSIST AT INSTALLATION.

The Knights of Columbus installed St. Anthonys Council No. 2035 at Bunkie, La., last Sunday. The degree work was done by the Santa Maria degree team of Algiers.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HUNT CONDUCTED A TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR PLAYGROUND TENNIS PLAYER AT THE ALGIERS PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY.

The entry list included players from Beauregard, Annunelation, Clay, St. Roch and Algiers playgrounds. The tournament started at 3 o'clock. Singles and doubles were played.

GOLD STRIKE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.



Panning gold almost within the shadow of the capitol building at Washington, D. C., is now being done. The strike was made across the Potomac. The picture shows Senator William H. King of Utah, a gold expert, looking on while discoverers of the placer mine pan the gold for his inspection.

A BOY CHAMPION FOR 1922



Gene Sarazen, of Pittsburgh, Pa., not yet 21 years old, is the new open golf champion of the United States. Four years ago he was a caddy. He played 72 holes in 288 strokes in the national tournament at Chicago, Ill.