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It is a significant but not a strange fact that exponents of pessimism usually lead tragic lives and no oftener meet with tragic deaths. One should avoid pessimism as he would a pestilence.

So far there has not been much of a drop in prices. Perhaps the fall started all right but got arrested before it reached the consumer. Prices have for many years had a knack of doing that.

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The sincerity of many newspapers in their advocacy of universal peace is now being discounted in their hotheaded demand for intervention in Mexico. There isn't a great deal of reliance to be placed in a newspaper which advocates peace and then proposes war at the drop of the hat.—Beaumont Enterprise.

**THE MOTHER'S FAVORITE.**

A cough medicine for children should be harmless. It should be pleasant to take. It should be effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is all of this and is the mothers favorite everywhere. For sale by all dealers.

With labor organizations hoisting wages and legislators imposing vexatious and expensive regulations, the expenses of the railroads have enormously increased, while the Interstate Commerce Commission will not permit them to advance their charges to meet the increased burden. One of the most iniquitous impositions upon the railroads is the "full crew" law enacted in this and other states, compelling them to engage and pay absolutely superfluous and useless employees.—Times-Democrat.

**COLDS & LA GRIPPE**

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Baton Rouge, La., March 11.—Superintendent of Education T. H. Harris indorsed the work of the Boys' Institute recently held at the State Normal School at Natchitoches. Mr. Harris asserts that there is "a great deal of dead timber in all of our school courses; we are using much material that is useless," and that it would be beneficial if practical agricultural instruction of this type "should find its way into all of the schools of the state."  
"Our fields are lying waste with scrub cattle and hogs roaming over them, while we are confining boys and girls in the schools to studies that have no connection with the state's industries, especially its most important industry—agriculture."—Picayune.

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**PASSIONISTS MISSION AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.**

On Sunday the 8th inst., was begun at St. Peter's Church a two weeks Mission, preached by the Rev. Fathers Adalbert and Anselm of St. Louis and who belong to the Passionist order. These missionaries do not speak from the pulpit but from the foot of a large cross standing on a platform erected in the sanctuary. The attendance at the services have been very large especially at night. While the men have been coming in large numbers it is the wish of Father Langlois and of the missionaries to see still a greater number present henceforth. The Mission will not close until the 22nd inst. A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to come and listen to the word of God.

Every morning a short instruction is given after the six o'clock mass and a sermon delivered after the eight o'clock mass. While the first service will be a test of the fervor of church members these cold mornings the missionary says that the Catholic must approach the mission in a spirit of self sacrifice.

At 7:30 every evening Rosation the beads followed by a sermon after which is given the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Children under sixteen years of age are not supposed to attend the night service, so that the seats may be taken by those who are more apt to be benefited by it.

**THE NEW IBERIA BELCHAA-ZAAR GIVING THE ELKS FEAST.**

The Fourteenth Anniversary of New Iberia's Elkdome was celebrated at the Alma House last Monday, March 9th. It was a typical Elks performance. A whole lot of circus, more bedlam, capped by a confusion of noise and agitation were the most salient features of the magnificent feast enjoyed by every participant. The special spirit of fraternalism symbolized by the ritual, the deeds and the acts of Elkdome was first introduced as an element to hold out protection to those traveling companies known as actors who used the stage and the green room as a medium of instruction of the people relative to the social and live problems of the world. The actor, whether he be harlequin or comedian, melodramist or tragedian was the first to conceive and give life to the idea of Elkdome and help to stretch out the National arm of friendship not only to the stranded, forlorn depressed troubadour, but also to those of every community in the land to subscribe to the virtue and the civilizing influence of the ideal of the universal brotherhood of man. While the clown in his caricature and mirth-provoking incongruities, performing the publicity act of the Order to arrest the attention of the public to the more serious and substantial work performed by the organization, the service, the solid beneficence diffused among the population by the Order, in the name of charity and friendship, terms respected and revered by every Elk must be written in letters of imperishable gratitude by the laymen or the general public who is the beneficiary of the best and most valuable activities.

The feast at the Alma House merely typified the mode of procedure of the Order and the fraternal art of enlisting the antipodal elements of our community in the sacred work of rescue from misery and poverty those that have a claim to the attention and care of the Order.

It may be true that conventionalities and expected rules of dignity and refinement at these conclaves of mirth and merriment may be ruthlessly cast aside and even scorned and all licensed outlandish antics indulged in, but no man can ever charge that the sentiments of charity, brotherly feeling, of ideal fraternalism, are not sacredly and scrupulously worshipped and made the hymn of every member bowing and praying before the shrine of the larger deity brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God. Whilst man's frailties and foibles need freedom and action, the serious conception of the fraternal work at hand is never made to suffer.

The feast was presided over by Exalted Ruler Louis E. Walet who made an excellent presiding officer. He endeavored with much difficulty and labor to explain the symbols and duties of the Order, but on account of the license and liberties that prevail on these occasions much of the service that would have been rendered by the Exalted Ruler was lost on the waves of noise and confusion. Brother Walter J. Burke whom everybody expected to deliver a gem on the Americanism of Elkdome or a classic on citizenship, were not only disappointed at the inability of human articulation to compete with Don Quixot army of wind-mill fighters not being able to gain the supremacy of the warring acoustics. With much chagrin and more disappointment Brother Burke had to abandon his ambitious attitude as well as his benevolent instructive advice.

Brother R. D. Southwell, one of the most loyal and active members of New Iberia's Elk Lodge acquitted himself most creditably and appealed even to the noisiest, rioter or temporary agitator for his spirit of fidelity to the most sacred principles of the Order. His expression "be white" was vociferously applauded and tumultuously caught up by the crowd, stands for nothing else but in personal integrity, loyalty, manhood and character. It is the best attribute manifested by the Caucasian in this period of our civilization where so many temptations and snares and pitfalls combine to emasculate those faculties in human nature.

Brother Ventress J. Smith under great difficulties and greater annoyance harrassed by wireless rivalry and pelted by maudlin drivel delivered one of the most eloquent toasts of the evening.

He defined the scope and the breadth of Elkdome's work. He stressed the influence it exercises in the growth and development of the community and the encouragement of the best and the most vital in New Iberia's citizenship. His appeal for a continuance of the strength and vigor displayed by Elkdome was an eloquent tribute of the love he bears for the Order.

Brother Simon, our popular District Judge, known under the subriquet of Beau Brummel of the Attkapas, responded to the feast of "The Ladies." If ever there was a champion of virtue and womanhood in this land of ours, entitled to wear the crown of the fearless cavalier and knight errant it certainly must be deservedly placed upon the brow of our honorable Judge. When the word mother and lady were graphically and even pathetically explained to the wreckless and uncontrollable noise makers, every discord and dissonance was cowed into silence and seemed to conquer the riotous spirit and bring it captive tied to the chariot of humility and repentance into the kingdom of absolute silence and attention.

Brother Edwin Broussard, an eminent attorney of New Iberia's bar being checked by jowl with the most active offenders against the peace and dignity of the feast, had not only great difficulty in explaining his predicament and the arrest of his good intention, but was submerged by his most intimate associates who surrounded him for protection at that time and forcibly prevented to make amende honorable for violations for which he was absolutely and honestly blameless. However, with his usual grit, determination and bull-dog tenacity he succeeded in giving us a glimpse between the clouds that were threatening around his toast horizon. His sentiments were very lofty and featured on the broadest plane of brotherhood and friendship.

Porteous R. Burke, popularly known as the prince of good-fellowship and a natural Irish comedian with an interesting inexhaustible store of wit and humor mounted the stage in defense of a subject which is a true mani-

festation of his life and all lives where sunshine and happiness and contentment are not only artificially cultivated but acquired by a receptive temperament and a charitable heart. The names with which he designated some of his most intimate friends at that time busily engaged in destroying the best images of civilization and imitating a reversion to savagery and paganism had a soothing effect on the clamor and din that invested the exercise. As an artful fencer and dodger in a difficult embarrassing position Brother Burke has no superior and should be awarded the prize of the evening.

Dr. White proved to be the comedian of the evening when he enacted a burlesque on one of the shy and timid Brothers present. The roar of laughter that greeted the success of the performance should make Brother White feel proud of the silent talents that escaped his daily manipulation.

With reluctance and great pains, Jules Dreyfus was hailed into the middle of the dining room where he was compelled to dish out some of his quaint and original vocabulary. Being schooled in that world university that recognizes man as his brother and life as the divine spark of the Universe, his ideas and expressions centered about the central work of Elkdome, the distribution of charity and benevolence in the United States. No lesson is more interesting and more inspiring in lofty ideals and sentiment that the life of the Nation and the life of humanity. Therein you can learn the tragedies and dramas of human existence. The pathos and the pleasures, the geers and the tears are painted on every footstep in man's career. Due to lack of time and difficulties of the surroundings the profoundest part of the philosophy remained unsaid and unsung.

The balance of the program was accomplished under the same refrain. Great credit must be given to the care and pain of A.G. Barrow, our friendly boniface took in the preparation and serving of the magnificent supper. From the standpoint of culinary art, we don't think anything superior has ever been executed.

Every epicure who can lay honest claim to the title can testify to the exquisite pleasure that met every dainty dish served to the different appetites at the board. The decorations were superb and as a piece of landscape artistry cannot be excelled. We hope that the proprietor of the Alma House will continue to maintain the acknowledged high reputation acquired as a caterer.

Last but not least were the beautiful electric lettering B. P. O. E. containing not less than 80 bulbs of all colors arranged by Mr. Walter F. Villermin, which were hung between the stately old Live Oaks which adorn the front of the hotel.

Those present were:

- Messrs. Silvio Broussard, Jos. A. Decuir, P. R. Burke, Jules Dreyfus, Nathan Davis, A. N. Muller, C. M. Compton, Jacob Mayers, John A. Buquor, Jos. J. Smith, D. Bonin, Wm. Lassalle, R. J. Lockwood, F. O. Schwing, I. W. Gajan, E. D. Southwell, M. B. Lemaire, J. W. Sanders, Gaston Patout, V. J. Smith, A. J. Moss, H. J. Smith, J. E. Verrett, Leon Landry, Julius Maier, J. L. Holbrook, A. J. Maumas, A. Rosenzweig, Geo. Mestayer, S. G. Rand, A. C. Boas, J. R. Perry, Robt. Taylor, T. R. Gayle, A. A. Dauterive, P. E. Broussard, Clet Girard, Fred Patout, S. W. Rowe, A. B. Lewald, J. S. Segura, Isidore Rosenzweig, Louis Jennaro, W. J. Burke, W. E. Decuir, E. Steinberg, L. C. Bouchard, Fred Mestayer, Alex Levy, Allen Daigre, A. Daigre, Rene Courrage, Hubald Romero, Ralph Landry, John T. White, M. W. Fisher, J. H. White, E. Richter, Joel H. Fisher, Geo. H. Riviere, W. E. Bland, B. J. Reinauer, H. Broussard, J. G. LeBlanc, Jr., L. A. Walet, Cleve C. French, G. P. Greig, Jas. Simon, H. J. Daigre, Ferd Kling, E. H. Buffinton, L. J. Dauterive, E. S. Broussard, J. R. Perry, A. C. Pickett, Jr., Gus Lamperez, Francis Voorhies, Lawrence Villermin, John R. Taylor, F. E. Courts, L. Pfister, H. Alleman, O. Renoulet, Jr., C. D. Kemper, Edward Estorge, W. L. Schoenman, Albert Levert, Lawrence Levert, Geo. Knight, Geo. Henderson and Gilbert Kahn.

**SHADE TREES, RIGHTS OF ABUTTING OWNERS.**

Plaintiffs were abutting owners of property on a city street. An electric light company, for the purpose of facilitating the use and operation of its lines and poles, sought to so trim as to materially damage certain shade trees bordering on the street in front of plaintiffs' property. Suit was brought for damages alleging depreciation of plaintiffs' property because of the impairment of its use and enjoyment resulting from the above depredation. The defense was interposed that as the fee in the streets belonged to the state, and as defendant company was a quasi public corporation, plaintiffs had no rights against the company that could interfere with any impairment of the trees for its use to ship into New Orleans on a week's notice even if the commission men of the Crescent City were offering \$6.50 per acre instead of \$3.50. If a demand was made upon the truckers of Calcasieu it is doubtful if altogether they could find enough okra to supply Fabacher's restaurant or the Grunewald Hotel for twenty-four hours. In fact, the local merchants are compelled very often, to send to New Orleans commission merchants to supply our needs.

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