

**ST. TAMMANY FARMER.**

Covington, July 12, 1879.

**LOCAL ITEMS.**

**The Mails.**

The Covington mails will arrive and depart according to the following schedule, wind and weather permitting:

ARRIVE.	DEPART.
Monday... 9 P. M.	Monday... 2 A. M.
Thursday... 9 P. M.	Tuesday... 5 A. M.
Saturday... 12 P. M.	Friday... 5 A. M.

**Our Agents.**

The following named gentlemen are our authorized Agents, to collect subscriptions and solicit advertisements for the St. Tammany Farmer:

- Mandeville—Joseph L. Dicks.
- Madisonville—R. Galatas.
- Pearl River—Morris H. Tully.
- Bayou LaCombe—Chas. Aubry.

The Police Jury will meet in regular session at the Courthouse next Monday.

Mr. Charles Frederick has started a new stage line. See advertisement.

Mr. J. F. Sturcken offers a liberal reward for the recovery of a valuable young hound. See advertisement.

The steamer Georgia Muncy has been placed on the ways at Madisonville, for the purpose of having her recess wheel placed ten feet aft, in order to lighten her draft.

**Religious.**—Rev. A. J. Wither-spoon, Chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel, New Orleans, will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Covington, to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Parish Court met last Monday, Judge J. S. Bossier presiding. Nothing of public interest transpired.

There will be an extra session of the Parish Court next Thursday, for the purpose of holding a preliminary examination in the case of Chattellier, et als., vs. Fleetas, on a charge of assault and battery.

**THE "TOM AND JIM."**—We saw a beautiful little craft in the river this week, built by our enterprising young friends Messrs. Thomas Sully and James Bouigny. It is a neat and handsome boat of unusually fine model. It is 20 feet in length, 3 feet 4 inches wide, with 1 foot out-riggers, and is built of less than one-half inch cypress. It will carry four persons comfortably, and is constructed to run either by sail or with oars. We learn that Messrs. Sully and Guyol made the trip between the Old Landing and Brown's Landing, a distance of nearly five miles, in 19½ minutes, which speaks very well for her running qualities. Altogether, the boat is one of which the young builders may well feel proud. She (the "Tom and Jim") is painted white, with red gunwales, and we do not hesitate to pronounce her, in every respect, a much more beautiful model than the "Typo," or any other boat we have seen in these waters.

We learn that quite a number of sheep have been killed recently by dogs, on the opposite side of the Tchefaneta, between Covington and Madisonville. Shoot the dogs.

**FINE GRAPES.**—We received a basket of delicious grapes, last Tuesday, from Mr. Norman, whose place is ten miles from Covington. They were of the Concord variety, and the bunches were large and full and the grapes of exceedingly fine flavor. These grapes mature early and do well in our parish, and there is no reason why this should not become a rich grape and wine producing country. The profits of grape culture would greatly exceed anything our people can hope to realize by cultivating cotton and cane. Let St. Tammany become a vast vineyard—a little France—and our prosperity is assured. Many thanks to Mr. Norman for reminding us.

**Married:**

**WALPOLE—CUSHNEY.**—At Benton, Miss., on the evening of the 1st instant, by the Rev. L. R. Featherston, Major R. WALPOLE, of Yazoo City, Miss., to Mrs. J. E. CUSHNEY, of Covington, La.

Major Walpole is the proprietor and one of the editors of the Yazoo City Herald, and we presume is not generally known to our readers. The bride, Mrs. J. E. Cushney, is a daughter of Mr. J. E. Smith, of Covington, and has a host of friends and admirers here, who join us in extending hearty congratulations to the happy couple. The Major will doubtly accept our compliments, both as a brother editor and a brother-in-law. May the future have in store for him and his fair and accomplished bride, many years of peace, contentment and prosperity; and we earnestly hope that the Major's big Book may henceforth show an increased circulation.

May all the joys of life be their's, Unsullied by its many cares.

**GRAPE CULTURE.**

**TECHNICAL RULES NOT SO IMPORTANT AS PRACTICE—EVERY ONE CAN SUCCEED BY PROPER CULTIVATION AND GOOD JUDGMENT IN SELECTING SOILS SUITED TO THE SEVERAL KINDS OF GRAPES—THE PROFITS VERY GREAT.**

The following communication from an experienced grape grower is taken from the Texas Almanac. His remarks will apply equally as well to Louisiana, and contain much interesting and valuable information on the subject of grape culture:

"At your request I propose to give some items on grape culture, that may be of use to beginners here. The fact that our State is peculiarly adapted to grape culture, both in soil and climate, is now acknowledged; and also that we do not need the expensive preparation of the soil necessary in more northern climates. I have tested over one hundred varieties, and find that nearly all do well in suitable situations; but the difference is so great in some situations that a beginner might conclude that some kinds will not do here. For instance, the Diana will not grow in damp soil or in black land; it flourishes in light, sandy soil; while the Delaware will not do well in sandy soil, but will flourish where the Diana would not

grow. Concord will also do well in sandy soil. Clinton seems to require a richer soil. Herbemont, on sandy soil over a clayey subsoil, grows with great vigor and yields splendid crops of beautiful fruit. Iona and Israella are both new grapes that give promise of excellence. The Iona is a splendid table grape, and matured its fruit well on my place this season.

"It is important, when about planting a vineyard, to decide whether the object is table fruit or wine, and choose varieties suited to the object in view, and to plant enough to make it worth attending to. For field culture for wine, Concord, Clinton, Herbemont, Ives' Seedling, Jacques (or Black Spanish) and Scuppernon will be safe to plant in quantity; but it is advisable to plant some of such varieties as Delaware, Iona, Israella, some of Rogers' Hybrids, and others, in order to find out which kinds suit the surroundings best; for I am satisfied that the soil and surroundings have more to do with the vigorous growth than mere skill. In an unfavorable situation failure is almost certain, while, where the soil and situation are favorable, there is a good chance of success. All of our post oak lands will be found valuable for fruit growing; and where there is a red, clayey subsoil near the surface, the grape will flourish.

"Such rapid, strong-growing kinds as the Concord, Clinton, Herbemont, Ives' Seedling and Rogers' Hybrids, ought to have plenty of room—say eight feet by eight—and ought to be trained on trellises at least seven feet high. Four or five slats or wires would suit. The proper system of pruning is one that can not be given on paper without drawings, and there is so much difference of opinion about pruning that most growers follow their own ideas. In a vineyard there are few vines to which the same rules will apply. The pruner must cut each as it requires. Book rules may give the general principles, but the vine-grower must follow his own judgment in practice. In our long, hot seasons, the grape grows with a vigor unknown in the North. We have no books that will suit our case, and we must each do the best we can till we know all about the habits of the several varieties here. The longer I work among my vines, the less I am inclined to dictate rules for their management; but I will say that the mystery thrown around grape culture by some men is all humbug. Grapes will grow well and bear well if they are taken care of. Grape culture is not a matter of such art as some suppose. Give them the same careful culture you do your other crops, and you will soon see that it pays, and pays well.

"As for wine-making, I do not think there is any doubt about selling all we can make. At the North there is a ready market for all that can be made; and here we must excel, for our climate is so much more favorable, we can make a superior article. When we grow enough grapes, there will always be men found who can make good wine. That is an art that can not be learned from books. It is one that requires practice to excel in; and I can only say that, when we have the grapes, there will be men found who can make wine, and good wine.

"About the profits of grape culture, let any one read the reports of Northern grape growers, or Husman's "Grapes and Wine." We can beat them; I know we can. I am well acquainted with grape-growing, both North and in Europe, as well as here, and I know we can do as much, or more, in this branch of husbandry, than anywhere this side of California.

"At eight feet by eight, it will take six hundred and eighty vines to the

acre. In two years from planting they ought to give at least 6000 pounds of fruit per acre. If sold for eating purposes, the price given at market will show what it will pay. Here, grapes sell readily at 25 to 50 cents per pound; but at much lower prices it will pay well.

"For wine, an acre of grapes, when taken care of, will give at least 500 gallons. Mustang wine sells here at two dollars per gallon. Fine wines ought to bring much more. The cost of culture will not exceed \$50 to \$100 per acre, leaving a profit that ought to give satisfaction. Indeed, the profits can hardly be exceeded in any other business.

"I will now say to all who are thinking of planting vineyards, 'Go ahead.' There is no doubt of success if you do your duty. Buy your vines as near home as you can get them. Plant carefully and keep clean from weeds. Tie up your vines as they grow, and you will be well paid for your labor.

"W. WATSON, Brenham."

**SNAKE BITES.**—I had stopped for the night at a hotel in Southern Missouri, when another traveler hastened in whose dog had been bitten when a mile away, and its throat was then swollen in size with its head, and the animal was in great agony. Its owner asked for spirits of turpentine, which, being furnished, he applied repeatedly to the bitten part, until the dog became quiet, and by morning it was well. The traveler resides in the Ozark Mountain region of Arkansas, where he had, as he said, witnessed many such cures, not of animals only, but also of men, and he believed it an infallible remedy if soon applied; it quickly relieves the sting of a bee, and may cure the bite of a cobra if quickly applied outwardly and a little taken internally on sugar, as is done by the hunters among the Ozarks, who carry it in their pockets as they traverse that region where snakes abound.—*New York Observer.*

A gentleman accidentally stepped on a dainty poodle led by an elegant female.

"Stupid! A little more and you would have crushed Fido."

"Ah! If I had crushed him I would have replaced him!"

"You flatter yourself!"

**Covington Price Current.**

- COTTON—Selling at 10½ to 11c.
- WOOL—Clear Lake, 27c.
- SUGAR—Choice brown 7½c; choice white 13c.
- MOLASSES—New 20 to 25c per gallon.
- FLOUR—Common \$6 to \$7; choice family \$7 00.
- BACON—Choice clear sides 8c; clear rib 7c; smoked shoulders 6c; dry salted 5c.
- MESS PORK—Per bbl., \$10 00 to \$11 00.
- LARD—Choice 16c per lb.
- COFFEE—Prime 20c; good 17½c; ordinary 15c per lb.
- RICE—Prime 7½c; common 5c; rough rice 60c to 75c per bushel.
- COW HIDES—Dry salted 8c; flint 10c.
- BEEHWAX—Per lb., 20c.
- TALLOW—Scarce; would command 7c per lb.
- POULTRY—Grown chickens \$3 00; half-grown \$1 50 to \$2 00 per dozen; turkeys 75c to \$1 00.
- CORN—Mixed 65c; choice white 70c per bushel.
- CORN MEAL—\$1 00 per bushel.
- OATS—Choice black 50c; rust proof 75c per bushel.
- BRAN—\$1 00 to \$1 25 per cwt.
- EGGS—Per doz., 15c.

**NOTICE.**

Property for Sale in Madisonville and Covington.

Several dwelling houses, empty lots and land. One small farm near Madisonville. Twelve squares of land in Covington. Apply to

R. GALATAS, Madisonville, La.

**Boarding Houses.**

**MARTINDALE HOUSE**

Covington, La.

F. B. MARTINDALE, PROPRIETOR.

Board by the Day, Week or Month Terms moderate.

**MRS. F. A. BOSSIER.**

Having newly fitted up and refurnished her residence, at the celebrated

**ABITA SPRINGS,**

three miles from Covington, is now ready to accommodate a few boarders. Terms moderate. Parties driving out to the Springs, and wishing meals, can obtain them on short notice.

For Rent—For the Summer, a comfortable Cottage, near Abita Springs, containing four rooms and kitchen. A good well of freestone water on the place. Apply to Wm. Bossier. Or to J. S. Bossier.

**CEDAR GROVE HOUSE,**

COVINGTON, LA.

FRANCIS A. GUYOL, PROPRIETOR.

Is pleasantly situated, on the banks of the river, and affords excellent opportunities for Fishing and Bathing. Large and beautifully laid out grounds attached to the place. Abita Springs water furnished free of charge. Terms moderate. je 28

**Farm for Sale.**

169 Acres of Good Land.

WITH OR WITHOUT STOCK.

THIRTY ACRES UNDER FENCE

Call and examine the premises. There are abundant Fruit Trees on the place. Splendid residence and good water in the yard. Out-houses of every kind that are needed in this country, and a small Sugar Mill, in good order. The place is on the Columbia road, eight miles and a half from Covington. Apply to

CHAS. STRATTMAN.

**Farming Outfit Wanted.**

I want to purchase an old Mare, Horse or Donkey, Harness, Cart, Plow, Drag, Cultivator, Savage Pup, Small Tools, etc. Will pay for them in Store Goods, Hens, etc. W. GALL, Lewistown, La. je 28

**PINE ISLAND GUNAO,**

FOR SUGAR CANE, AND ALL QUICK

GROWING CROPS.

**PINE ISLAND**

**Ammoniated Phosphate,**

FOR COTTON,

And all Summer and Fall Crops.

The best Fertilizers in use, and prepared with great care for the Southern market.

THE KENNEY & MILLER (Minnesota.)

**Early Amber Sugar Cane Seed**

Crop 1878.

Fresh from the Kenney & Miller Farms.

DISCOUNT TO THE TRADE.

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**HUGH W. MONTGOMERY,**

160 Common st., New Orleans,

Sole Agent for the Southwest.

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