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COVINGTON, LA.:
Saturday, January 10, 1880.

THERE WILL BE A GRAND DAY PROCESSION, AND MASQUERADE BALL AT NIGHT, IN COVINGTON, ON THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY. FUN FOR EVERYBODY.

Mr. J. H. Goldsby, the artist, has arrived in Covington, and established his art gallery in the Courthouse, where he will be happy to accommodate all who wish have their pictures taken. Mr. Goldsby has already established an enviable reputation among our citizens, as an artist, and we advise all to call on him before it is too late. He expects to remain here about two weeks. His prices are very reasonable, as will be seen by referring to his advertisement, in another column.

The Town Council of Covington have made a good commencement for the new year. Taking advantage of the present favorable weather, they are busily engaged in having bridges repaired, streets cleaned, etc.

COME TO COVINGTON, FEBRUARY 10, AND SEE THE GRAND PROCESSION OF "REX."

PENSIONS FOR THE VETERANS.—In Congress, on Wednesday last, the House Committee on Invalid Pensions unanimously agreed upon a bill granting a pension of eight dollars per month to every surviving soldier of the Mexican, Florida, Creek and Black Hawk wars. It will soon be reported to the House. We believe there are a number of "vets" in St. Tammany who will be entitled to pensions under this bill.

"THE DAILY STATES."—This is the title of a new evening paper, which made its *debut* in New Orleans on the 3d inst. It is edited by Major H. J. Hearsey, late of the *Democrat*, and one of the most fluent, able and forcible writers in the South. We gladly welcome it to our exchange list. "May it live long and prosper."

GORGEOUS DISPLAY IN COVINGTON, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

The financial condition of the corporation of Covington will compare favorably with that of any other town in the State. Covingis free from debt, and has money in the treasury!

LETTER FROM NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 3, 1880.

EDITOR ST. TAMMANY FARMER:

After all the compliments of the season--if the FARMER is in condition to receive them among the "egg-noggs" and other things it took on New Year's Day—it seems Covington had a "huge" time during the happy week of merriment and peace and good will.

From the notice in the FARMER, I see that Rex himself is to pay you all a visit. New Orleans folks are real disappointed at this, because they have been led to believe that his "Royal Highness" intended to remain in this city during his visit to our country. Well, "so mote it be." We consent to this visit, provided Covington promises to do the "needful" by the doughty monarch.

So far as the experience of your correspondent goes, "calling" was not so general this year as in former times, although the weather was all that could be desired. Receiving by gaslight, through the afternoon, is still the proper thing, as it is supposed that receiving in this way gives added brilliancy to the costumes of the fair "receivers."

Among the beautiful and graceful costumes of the day, those of Miss Bussey, Miss Block and Miss Henning were particularly noticeable for their elegance, and the ease, grace and cordiality with which the fair "occupants" received their many friends and acquaintances.

Miss Bussey wore a dress of white cashmere, the train, cuffs and collar of which were of white silk, delicately and profusely painted to represent every imaginable flower, executed by the fair wearer herself, and it is generally conceded that the young lady's taste and skill, in thus making her costume so comely, attracted more attention than any of the numerous and lovely ones receiving.

There were many others perfectly splendid. The house of Miss Ella Thomson seemed to be the headquarters for the young gentlemen from "across the lake," and I found that Miss Mamie Perkins, of Madisonville, was assisting at the reception with Miss Thomson.

Glad to see the FARMER improving so much. Hope it will live to see many returns of this delightful season. A. L. R.

NEW YEARS' EVE, 1879.

EDITOR ST. TAMMANY FARMER:

The closing scenes of 1879, and the welcoming in of 1880, will long be remembered with pleasure by the many guests who thronged the grand halls of the old "Bullet Mansion," in Madisonville, on that eve.

The doors of that once gay and hospitable house have been closed for many years, as sickness and sorrow have made many changes in their happy household band, and they sought solace for their grief in other climes. The grand old "castle" bears the marks of suffering from the late war, yet enough of its beauty still remains to charm the eye.

Our "gay crowd" from Covington left here as the "shadows of evening were falling," and were borne rapidly along by the swift and spirited steeds belonging to our young townsman Mr. Davenport, and in a very short time we arrived at the doors of the "old Bullet castle," where the courteous gentleman of the house, Mr. B., received us, and we were presented to his amiable sisters, who ushered us up the broad staircase into a magnificent dressing-room, where every convenience for the toilet was prepared for our reception. After sundry peeps into the mirror all seemed satisfactory, and we repaired to the drawing-rooms. I stood at the door entranced with the beauteous scene that met my eyes. The lofty frescoed walls were draped with lovely wreaths and graceful festoons of moss, brilliant leaves and bright scarlet berries of the holly tree, while scattered through the rooms were groups of lovely girls—golden-haired blondes and sparkling brunettes—with their gay cavaliers. Joy and merriment were pictured on every face, and when the enchanting sounds of music burst forth, the mazy dance began. Ah! it was a lovely scene. And as the clock pealed forth the departing year, each one of that joyous assemblage mingled in the merry dance; and when the last stroke died away on the midnight air, from the lips of our host were heard the words: "Welcome in the bright new, 1880. To one and all, a happy, happy, glad New Year!" And soon from guest to guest the words went forth, until the rooms echoed and re-echoed the sounds, "Happy New Year," after which greeting all partook of a delicious supper.

We continued our gayeties until an early hour in the morn, when we bade our kind friends adieu, all agreeing that Madisonville had given us one of the most delightful evening parties which we had ever attended. M.

Covington, Jan. 8, 1880.

REX COMING.

HAVANA, Jan. 7, 1880.

To the Duke of Bogue Falia, Covington, La.:

His Royal Highness "REX" arrived at this port this morning, on the Imperial yacht "Neptune," and will depart to-day for Key West. All well on board. Will arrive in Covington on Monday evening, Feb. 9, without fail.

[Signed] WARWICK,
Prime Minister.

SOME RUTA BAGAS.—We received a fine boquet of ruta bagas this week, from our friend Mr. D. W. Richardson. They are, without exception, the finest we have ever seen, both as regards size and flavor. They were of uniform size, an average one measuring nineteen inches in circumference. This is but another proof of the fact that our soil is peculiarly adapted to agricultural pursuits. All we need is an army of industrious immigrants, to settle up our country and develop its resources. Industry will surely and abundantly meet its reward in St. Tammany and Washington parishes, where there is still a large area of unsettled land, peculiarly adapted to the purposes of farming and gardening.

REX IN COVINGTON, MARDI GRAS.

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
POLICE JURY.

COVINGTON, LA., Jan. 5, 1880.

The Police Jury of the Parish of St. Tammany met on the above date at the Courthouse.

Present—Wm. Badon, President; Pat. Welch, Jas. W. Smith, George Kepp, N. Fendleson, J. M. Abney, J. L. Dicks.

Absent—A. Cousin, M. H. Tally, J. Y. Crow.

Quorum present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A committee of three was then appointed to make an estimate of the probable expenses of the parish for the ensuing year, consisting of the following members: J. M. Abney, N. Fendleson and J. L. Dicks, to be assisted by J. M. Thompson.

The following bills were then approved:

Isaac Evans, Clerk of Police Jury, $4 16.

W. G. Kentzel, bill for advertising registration notice, $5 00.

The following bills of Commissioners of Election were also approved:

First Ward—John Haas, $2; F. Snier, $4; Mathew Morgan, $2; Paul Duillion, clerk, $4.

Second Ward—John Stevens, $2; Vincent Populas, $4; Louis Willie, $2; A. J. Core, clerk, $4.

Third Ward—James Taylor, $3; St. Ange Bossier, $3; Jules Maille, $3; F. A. Guyol, clerk, $3.

Fourth Ward—M. Sharp, $2; M. L. LeBlanc, $4; Frank Ribava, $4; Theo. Verret, clerk, $2.

Fifth Ward—Calvin Rayborn, $4; J. M. Abney, $4; J. A. Cooper, $2; H. C. McCall, clerk, $2.

Sixth Ward—D. Singleterry, $4; Emile Welch, $4; Bennet Bowen, $2; George Wilson, clerk, $2.

Seventh Ward—A. Todd, $4; Joe Block, $4; P. Ducre, $2; Jas. Ernest, $2.

Eighth Ward—Wm. Crockett, $2; Horace Rousseau, $4; Elijah Lewis, $4; C. F. McMahon, $2.

Ninth Ward—Theophile Facione, $4; Manuel Garcia, Jr., $2; Ulysses Troullier, $4; Louis Gallatas, $2.

Tenth Ward—Victor Mauren, $6; Jasper Thigpen, $6; Calvert Mitchell, $2; R. A. Orr, $2.

W. C. Morgan, Clerk of Court, was authorized to purchase three books, to record Sheriff's titles, wills and judgments, and present his bill at the next meeting of the Police Jury.

A petition was presented for a public road in Honey Island. On motion of Mr. Welch, it was laid on the table.

A petition for a change in the Pearl River Road was laid over until next meeting.

The following resolutions, for the establishment of ferries at Honey Island, were then read:

Resolved, That there be a public ferry established on West Pearl River, leading to Honey Island, and one on East Pearl River, leading from Honey Island to the Mississippi shore; and that there be a committee of three appointed to locate said ferries.

Resolved further, That as soon as said ferries are located, the right of way be advertised and sold to the highest bidder, for the term of five years, the purchaser to furnish his own floats and flat-boats.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted, the committee to serve free.

The President then appointed the following committee to locate the ferries:

J. M. Cradoe, R. A. Orr and J. McKean.

Bill of H. J. Smith, $2, for serving on Coroner's jury, January 8, 1878, was approved.

It was then moved and adopted, that W. G. Kentzel be allowed the sum of $125, for publishing the acts of the Police Jury, and to serve as Secretary of the Police Jury, for the year 1880.

EXPENSES FOR 1880.

To the honorable members of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Tammany:

Gentlemen—We the undersigned committee, appointed by your honorable body to make an estimate of the probable expenses for the year ending December 31, 1880, beg leave to make the following report:

Grand and Petit Juries....	$1000
Witnesses in Criminal cases	300
Clerk of Court, in Criminal cases.....	150
Sheriff, in Criminal cases....	250
Clerk of Police Jury.....	100
Printing.....	100
Tax Collector.....	200
Coroner and Jury.....	150
Repairs to Courthouse.....	100
Repairs to Jail.....	200
Contingent fund.....	500
Total.....	$3650

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. DICKS, Chairman.
N. FENDLESON,
J. M. ABNEY.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

The following bills were then approved:

J. M. Abney, 1 day and mileage, 28 miles.....	$2 90
N. Fendleson, 1 day and mileage, 28 miles.....	2 90
J L. Dicks, 1 day and mileage, 20 miles.....	2 50
J. W. Smith, 1 day and mileage, 80 miles.....	5 50
Geo. Kepp, 1 day and mileage, 20 miles.....	2 50
P. Welch, 1 day and mileage, 40 miles.....	3 50
Wm. Badon, 1 day.....	1 50

The Jury then adjourned to meet Monday, February 16, 1880.

A true copy of the minutes.

WM. BADON, President.
J. O. POOLE, Secretary *pro tem.*

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IN COVINGTON.

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Business Hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

State of Louisiana, parish of St. Tammany—Parish Court.

MRS. M. F. POOLE vs. RICHARDSON AND WALKER.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the aforesaid court, bearing date January 8, 1880, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the door of the Courthouse, in the town of Covington, parish and State aforesaid, on *SATURDAY*, the 7th day of February, 1880, between legal sale hours, the following described property, to-wit:

THIRTY-SEVEN PINE SAW-LOGS, more or less, lying in East Middle River, in this parish and State, marked as follows: "XIXV."

Seized in the above entitled suit.

Terms of sale—Cash.

W. B. COOK, Sheriff.

Covington, Jan. 10, 1880.

NOTICE.

SEMALOOSA CREEK, JAN. 10, 1880.

My wife, having left my bed and board, I hereby notify the public that I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by her, and forbid her from making any sale of cattle or goods belonging to me. DENNIS O'KEEFE.