

Saturday, June 4, 1881.

J. E. SMITH . . . . . PROPRIETOR  
W. G. KENTZEL . . . . . EDITOR

Election tickets printed at the FARMER office, low for lucre.

Work is progressing on the new bridge across the Bogue Falia.

Board is wanted by a lady in a private family. See advertisement.

Wool is quoted at 21 cents, against 30 cents at this time last year.

New Irish potatoes are selling in Covington at twenty-five cents a peck.

A little cotton is still being shipped from Covington to New Orleans.

New corn is having its ears pulled out of some of the gardens in Covington.

Shot generally come in sacks, but go in barrels, and sometimes in hogs heads.

So far this year, Covington has escaped that terrible scourge, the base ball fever.

Conkling has gained a new position by his resignation—a position in the rear ranks.

Judge Thompson will go on a little courtship expedition to Amite City next Monday.

Plum trees are fairly loaded down with the delicious fruit, and the fig trees give promise of an abundant harvest.

Col. Thos. A. Scott first commenced life as a canal driver.—*New Orleans Times*.

We thought his first occupation was that of driving milk.

The spontaneous mchness of the blackberry crop is one of the attractions in this vicinity at present. They are "free to all" who have the energy and inclination to gather them in.

The influx of summer pilgrims has fairly commenced, the arrivals from the city showing a steady increase. There is ample room in Covington for all who wish to come. We have several good hotels, and there are a few houses for rent.

Our thanks are due Col. Wm. Preston Johnston, President of the Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge, for an invitation to attend the Annual Commencement Exercises of the University, on July 1st to 4th, inclusive.

**FIRE.**—The large saw mill owned by Mr. Jay, and located about four miles from Covington, was entirely destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. This mill was doing a good business, and Mr. Jay had just received an order for 100,000 feet of lumber to build the new hotel at Abita Springs.

We respectfully solicit correspondence from all portions of St. Tammany and Washington parishes, upon matters of local and general interest. A few lines occasionally will undoubtedly be of benefit to the locality from whence they are written, and aid us in advancing the interests of our readers and the public generally. Make them short and newsy.

In our opinion, one of the most delightful enjoyments afforded our summer visitors is that of boating on the Bogue Falia. It may not be generally known that the river is navigable for skiffs, for a distance of several miles above Covington, while the scenery is unsurpassed by any stream in the world. It is prettier than a picture. The most fertile imagination can conceive of nothing half as charming, while the superiority of nature over genius defies the skill of the artist to depict such a beautiful scene upon canvas. Taken in the "cool of the evening," it is just quite too awfully delightful for anything.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

An election for Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Covington will be held at the Courthouse next Monday, the 6th inst. So far as we know, the present incumbents, from the Secretary down to his Honor the Mayor, have given general satisfaction, and we have no doubt they can be re-elected, if they will consent to retain their honorable positions for another year. In the absence of information concerning new aspirants, ambitious to serve the corporation for the general good, and the glory attached to the position, we advocate the re-election of Mayor Randolph, and as many of the present Aldermen as are willing to accept a second term. The responsibilities are great, it is true, but the duties are not very onerous, particularly when, as during the past year, the Council meets once a month, and promptly disposes of the business on hand. In our humble opinion, the present Council only committed one serious error (and that by a mere majority) when the rate of taxation was reduced from one cent to three-quarters of a cent. The total revenue from taxation, at one cent, only amounted to \$523 27, which was reasonable enough, and indicated a very low and fair assessment. But by reducing the rate of taxation to three-quarters of a cent, the revenue from this source, under a new assessment, for the present year, only amounts to \$364 21. Considering the number of tax payers, and the comparatively small sum paid by each, this reduction was not calculated to benefit them individually, to any great extent, while it very materially cripples the work of the Council, which is for the benefit of the entire corporation. It will be very difficult for them to sustain their credit during the coming fiscal year, unless the delinquents of 1880 come promptly forward and settle up, and the taxes of 1881 are collected closely and in full. The present Mayor and Aldermen found the streets, alleys and bridges in a miserably dilapidated condition, but considering the resources at hand, they have accomplished a great deal toward placing them in good repair, and at the same time have steered clear of debt and maintained the credit of the town at par. If they are willing to serve for another year, we say, by all means, re-elect them.

The regular annual picnic of Miss Kellar's school took place last Tuesday, in one of the beautiful groves near Covington. The weather was very unpropitious, however, and a heavy shower about eleven o'clock put a dampener upon the jubilant spirits of the little folks, and they were compelled to repair to the residence of Justice Kennedy, where they were taken in out of the wet. There the "festive board" was soon spread, and the balance of the day spent in youthful enjoyment. We acknowledge the compliment of an invitation, and intended to be present in the evening, had not the rain sandwiched between us and our promised pleasure. We return thanks to the talented teacher, however, for liberal samples of some of the "good things" provided for the occasion.

The seed of many ornamental and useful trees ripen in spring, and if at once planted will produce young trees by fall, that will safely pass the winter. The scarlet maple, for instance, ripens its seed late in May. If planted at once, they would grow to a height of at least eighteen feet by fall. A silver maple will grow in four years, from seed, large enough to make considerable shade. Such seedlings may be raised by anybody, or bought of the nurseryman for two dollars per thousand. Still thousands of well-to-do farmers have no trees either for shade, ornament or shelter.—*E.C.*

A subscriber from one of our rural postoffices requests us to mail his paper separately, in a secure wrapper, as it is generally two weeks old before he receives it, in consequence of being delayed and read by those who do not subscribe for it. These little acts of petty larceny are frequently occurring, and we may yet be compelled to prosecute some of the culprits, in justice to ourself and our paying subscribers.

The Atlanta and Alabama railway line, to run between Atlanta and Birmingham, Alabama, was permanently organized on the 28th of May by the election of officers. Three of the directors are capitalists of Atlanta, and the others are connected with the Richmond and Danville road, which has a controlling interest. This road will be 130 miles long, and will connect with a line from New Orleans to Meridian, the contract for the building of which was let on the 27th ult., making a through and direct line from New Orleans to New York. This line will be, it is predicted, a strong rival of the Louisville and Nashville, and of Cole's Southern system.—*Daily States*.

EDUCATIONAL.

COVINGTON, LA., June 2, 1881.  
EDITOR ST. TAMMANY FARMER:  
I see, in the last edition of the FARMER, that you "would be pleased to hear something from other schools." I may not send so interesting an epistle as the letter from "Pine Grove," so will merely state that I closed my school (for the summer) on Friday, May 27, 1881, and although several of my pupils receive many marks of excellence, the following named youths, having been perfect in their recitations, excellent in deportment, and regular in attendance throughout the session, are awarded the prizes, with the approbation of their teacher:  
First Prize—Master Cornelius Seiler.  
First Prize (for Spelling)—Master Willie Sturcken.  
Second Prize—Master Victor Fredrick.

Yours, etc.,  
MARY M. KELLAR.  
FROM WEST PEARL.

WEST PEARL RIVER, May 27, '81  
EDITOR ST. TAMMANY FARMER:

Our neck of the woods is waking up, after a nap which was much longer than Rip Van Winkle's. We have been cheered by the good news of the new railroad that is to come through here. But "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and some say they will not believe it until they hear the neigh of the veritable iron horse. Seeing is believing, surely.

We have two new stores at or near Indian Village. Competition is the soul of trade, and this lively competition in the grocery and dry goods line has brought the prices down to city rates, which is a good thing, of course, for everybody.

Real estate is changing hands. Some who bought land at the late tax sales have sold again, and half of Coquille Island has been bought in by some of the railroad men. Others are coming to buy land, and lively times are sanguinely expected. Hope there will be no disappointment to the air-castle builders.

Notwithstanding the extreme severity of last winter, the fruit crop seems to be quite promising. Plums are more plentiful and larger than I ever saw them here before, and the peach trees are looking well and bid fair to yield an abundance of the delicious fruit. The orange trees were nearly all killed. The old trees, with their thorny, blackened branches pointing upward, seem to be asking for one sigh of pity from the passers-by, and present a desolate appearance indeed. Only one tree in this

neighborhood has any oranges, and that has but four. At least that is all that I have heard of. It is on the farm of Mr. Francis Sudler, Sr. Mr. Sudler is one of the oldest citizens of the parish. He has been very ill for several months past, but is now able to walk and ride around a little. He is in his 84th year. Soon these venerable landmarks will all be gone, and the places that knew them will know them no more. May those who fill their places be as good and noble as I know some of them to be.

Nature has lavished her treasures in this part of the parish, and "if you tinkle her with a hoe, she will laugh with a harvest." Means, energy and enterprise will make this country a spot to be envied, in the not distant future. Schools will flourish, church spires point upward, prosperity and happiness will reward the good people, and—*and here I must stop, else some one will ask, "Is your correspondent also among the prophets?"*

L. C. S.  
PUN-ISHING EDITORS.

What we want now is a poem in which the word "butter" is made to rhyme with "oleomargarine." We offer as a prize for such a one an ole churn.—*New Orleans Times*.  
Please pass the butter, e'en though it's oleomargarine.

Keep your old churn; we don't want it.—*Baton Rouge Sugar Planter*.  
If any newspaper poet can get up a better rhyme for oleomargarine than Brother Hyams has made, let him dash off.—*Louisiana Capitalian*.

The rhyme is pretty fair, Brother Jastrenski, butter-milk man might improve on it.—*State Central Express*.

The rhyme is good, give Hyams the churn, Let midnight oil and genius burn.—*Late Vindicator*.

Where's the cream of these jokes on "oleomargarine" anyhow?—*New Orleans Democrat*.

Would inform Brother Barke, butter don't know.—*Louisiana Democrat*.  
Beef-ore we're knocked down and creamated, we enter our solemn protest against all this but-tery nonsense.—*Uncle Stas*.

Cheese it now. You must think there's all sorts of fun in this nonsense.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

Gosh'en ain't the old lady saucy. *Coffax Chronicle*.

Let's ad-churn before somebody gets Kross.—*Baton Rouge Advocate*.  
It's a subject we'd rather not Advocate, but as it seems to Suet the public, and for fear of some one giving us a Whey, we've made this Sprind. Review it over, brother quillists, and give us a Fresh paragraph, as we are Courier-ous to see how it will all Pan out. Tallow a fellow what all this means, won't you?—*Gretna Courier*.

It has a card to us, since skimming over the above, that a creamation society is badly needed for some of those under fellows. This tent for fat business must be nipped in the bud. However, We'd rather be kicked by a charger lean, Than have to eat oleomargarine.

**COTTON STATEMENT.**—The following table shows the amount of cotton shipped from Covington to date:  
Bales.  
Since Sept. 1, 1880 . . . . . 2238  
Same time last year . . . . . 2150  
Total last year . . . . . 2190

DIED.

PERIOUE—At Mandeville, on Friday, June 3, 1881, ALICE LACROIX, wife of N. PERIOUE, aged 24 years.  
ALEXANDER—At the residence of her son, near Covington, on Wednesday, June 1, 1881, at 5:30 A. M., CAROLINA ALEXANDER, aged 67 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

A lady in delicate health desires plain Board in a Private Family in Covington or Mandeville. Address, with terms, MRS. STELLA EDMUNDS, je6 2t New Orleans, La.

F. A. GUYOL, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Office—Courthouse, Covington, La. Office days, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. je6

STATE TAX SALES OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

State of Louisiana vs. Delinquent Tax Debtors, Parish of St. Tammany.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, I will sell, at the principal front door of the Courthouse, in which the Civil District Court of said parish is held, within the legal hours for judicial sales, beginning at eleven o'clock A. M., on

Saturday, the 18th day of June, 1881,

and continuing on Monday, and each succeeding day, until said sales are completed, all immovable property on which taxes are now due to the State of Louisiana and Parish of St. Tammany, to enforce collections of all taxes assessed in the year 1880, together with interest thereon from the thirty-first day of December, 1880, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum until paid, and all costs. The names of said Delinquent Tax Payers, the amount of taxes due by each on the assessment of said year, and the immovable property assessed to each, to be offered for sale, are as follows, to-wit:

- Amos George, 20 acres land situated on Bayou Paquet, \$1 60.
- Aiken John, 20 acres land, lot 9, section 26, township 9, range 15 east, \$1 50.
- August Joseph, widow, one house and lot, corner of Cedar street, Madisonville, \$1 50.
- Bush James, 40 acres land improved, on Bogne Chitto, \$2 05.
- Brown & Dawsey, 320 acres land improved on Pearl river, \$0 30.
- Bi-nvenc T, 120 acres land improved on Bayou Liberty, \$2 50.
- Bloome E Mrs, lot 15, in square 10, lot 1 in square 10, 1 lot in square 34, and lot 2 in square 91, in Mandeville; also 38 acres land in section 34, township 7, range 11 east, \$10.
- Burdall E G jr., or E G Barksdale jr., 120 acres land, southwest quarter of section thirty, township five, range ten east, \$1 12.
- Burdall E G sr., or E G Barksdale sr., 161 acres land, west half of west half of section twenty-nine, township five, range ten east, \$1 12.
- Burdall L, or L Barksdale, 161 acres land, northeast quarter of southeast quarter of sections nineteen and twenty, township five, range ten east, \$1 12.
- Brown Charles, forty acres land, northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section nine, township eight, range twelve east, \$1 75.
- Billard Andrew, a portion of ground in the town of Mandeville, bounded north by Monroe street, south by land owned by Doussan, west by land owned by the estate of Lonstlot, and east by Carondelet street, \$2.
- Boyer Henry, southwest fraction of section twenty-nine, township —, range eleven east, \$1 50.
- Borde Jean sr., one hundred acres of land, a piece of land in section forty, township seven, south range eleven east, commencing on a creek on the section line dividing said section forty from section thirty-nine, \$5.
- Cross T P, square No. 83, in Mandeville, 2 40.
- Cousin Dorville, 222 acres land, township eight, section thirteen, range thirteen east, with improvements, \$37 67.
- Curo Alexander, eight acres land on Bayou Lacombe, \$2 75.
- Onil P J, lots seventeen and eighteen, with improvements, in Lewisburg, \$9.
- Cupidon Celestine Miss, five acres of land on Bayou Liberty, \$3 05.
- Caillot J E, two lots, corner of Monroe and Lafitte streets, in square 34, in Mandeville, \$2.
- Coward Samuel, sixty acres land and improvements, on Bogne Chitto, \$4 75.
- Cenas C F, four lots and improvements in Lewisburg, \$7 50.
- Contin A, squares 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82, in Mandeville, \$5.
- Conrat L, lot fourteen in square twelve, Mandeville, \$5 50.
- Catholic Church, a tract of land in the town of Claiborne, \$12.
- Carmiche Andrew and Catherine Bolis, twenty acres land in fractional section one, township eight, south range eleven east, \$1 50.
- Dwyer P Mrs, two tracts of land situated in the town of Claiborne, as per description in act of sale from Nathan Page to P. Dwyer, recorded in Book of Conveyances "H," folio 531, \$1 50.
- Doussan Eug, two acres land on Bayou Lacombe, \$1 12.
- Dennig E Mrs, 160 acres land, township eight, section thirteen, range thirteen east, \$2 30.
- Davis M, 160 acres land, southeast quarter of section nine, township eight, range thirteen east, \$3 72.
- Davis W T, eighty acres land, west half of northeast quarter of section five, township eight, range twelve east, and eighty acres land, east half of southeast quarter section thirty-six, township seven, range eleven east, \$5 25.
- Doussan Henry Mrs, lot four and part of lot five, with improvements, in the west part of Mandeville, \$5.
- Denny R C, eighty acres land, east half of southwest quarter of section seven, township eight, range thirteen east, \$3 50.
- Dutsch Henry, eighty-three acres land and improvements, in section five, township six, range twelve east, \$10 10.
- Davis S D, 157 acres land and improvements, northwest quarter of section twenty, township four, south range twelve east, \$11 05.
- Delegantre M L, a tract of land on West Pearl River, \$6.
- Denel J B, one square of ground in Madisonville, \$1 75.
- Doussan D A, eighty acres land improved on Salt Bayou, \$9 07.
- Doucet Leocadie, thirty acres of land improved, Bonfouca, \$3.
- Drinkwater W W, four lots and a house in Madisonville, \$4 75.
- Ducere L, 119 acres land improved on Bayou Lacombe, \$4 70.
- Dudley Washington, two acres land near Madisonville, \$4 20.
- Dufort A, a parcel of land near Madisonville, three dollars.
- Durien E, forty acres land, more or less, on Tebeuncta river, \$6 cents.