St. Tammany Farmer

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IN DEFENSE OF OUR PROSPERITY.

How many people in St. Tammany Parish who note the struggle that is being made by the State of Louisiana to secure the Panama Exposition for the city of New Orlearns realize what it means, not only to the State, but to the whole South? How many have considered what it means to St. Tammany Parish? You who were born and reared in the parish. You who have homes and property interests here. You who have watched its transformation from a pine-covered forest to sunlit fields of waving corn and verdant pasture—how many of you have weighed the consequences of defeat?

For the sake of a principle you would sacrifice life. For the protection of home and loved ones you would dare all the hardships of cruel war and glory in the deprivations that brought safety to home. This fight for the exposition involves all these principles. It is admitted that New Orleans is the logical point. But California shakes her gold in our face and laughs—says we are too lazy and poor to raise the money. Shall we knock the chip off her shoulder, or shall we slink away. Nothing is ever gained without some sacrifice and toil. We cannot reap the harvest without planting the seed, and we cannot win this battle without the united strength of all the communities of the State. St. Tammany Parish will be one of the largest beneficiaries of this exposition. She is on the eve of an agricultural development that will make her one of the most prosperous sections of the South. Her greatest need is the settlement of her cut-over lands, and in no other way can her advantages be brought to public notice to such an extent than by this exposition. Thousands of people who visit the exposition will be brought here by cheap excursions, ard they will be people who have the means to buy. They will be delighted with our climate, and will see the opportunity for agricultural pursuits. Our lands will be settled up and we will enjoy a prosperity that many have never dreamed of.

And furthermore we will not have to wait until 1915 before we begin to enjoy the fruits of the exposition. As soon as the question is determined, work will begin in New Orleans. Large numbers will be employed in clerical and structural work. Our mills will ship lumber, our farmers will ship food supplies and the influence of general activity will be felt throughout the State.

Conversely, the whole United States is watching to see how we come out of the fight. If we win, we will be applauded. If we lose, we will earn the reputation our adversaries wish to force upon us, and it will take years to escape from the depression that will follow. So, we are not fighting simply for the fruits of victory, but against the consequences of defeat.

There will be a call for subscriptions to stock from citizens of St. Tammany Parish, and we hope the response will place us among the progressive people who are to place Louisiana in the position she deserves as one of the most favored spots in the Union.

PROF. H. B. MESSICK.

Prof. H. B. Messick has assumed the duties of his office as parish superintendent of public schools. He is a graduate of the Peabody Normal School of Nashville, Tenn., and has been principal of various schools in different parishes. He is eminently qualified for his present position, is progressive in his ideas and we believe will work conscientiously and beneficially for the advancement of education in the parish. He is in favor of consolidation of the country schools, the adoption of the transfer system and the employment of the best teachers obtainable. The outlook seems good for the ensuing school term, and with a little help the different wards should secure a ninh-months term.

WHY BE SO ANTIQUATED?

Nearly every town in the State is chartered under the Act of 1898, in order to take advantage of its provisions for the proper conduct of a municipality. Why does Covington lovingly cling to its old charter, which was passed by the legislature in 1832 and amended in 1870? Whenever we wish to do anything we are handicapped by lack of power. Under the provisions of Act No. 136 of 1898, page 224, a petition signed by twenty-five freeholder electors will force a reference of the subject to the people for decision. This number could easily be obtained. Is it not time to take the matter up?

OF INTEREST TO TRUCKERS

The time is ripe for those that intend to get out of the rut and strike out a path for themselves and their families. There will be a truck farmers meeting called in the near future to enlarge or organize on a substantial footing an already existing truck farmers' association. There are at present about twenty members and there are enough good men in Covington, Mandeville, Abita, Waldheim, Ramsay, Madisonville, Folsom, etc., to make that 200. The rough outline of the intended organization is as follows: Manager, secretary-treasurer, and four good responsible, practical men to form the board of directors, elected by vote. They will meet to transact the business of the association, and order cars, buy seed, crates, hampers, etc. Keep in touch with the markets. Quarterly meetings will be held, when every member will be required to attend.

Where the members of the Association are so widely scattered it is utterly impossible to get full meetings to transact businss that cannot be discharged. Each member will be required to give in the acreage he intends to plant; also the particular kind of vegetbles; must agree to plant and ship at the same time as the rest of the members, each individual to have the privlige of shipping to any proluce merchant he may choose. His only obligation will be to pay freight on his shipment, the amount agreed on so much per barrel, crate or hamper. This charge will be slightly in excess of the correct amount and the expenses of the management will be defrayed by it and at the end of the season each shipper will get a return rebate pro rata to his shipment.

Union is strength, and when a body of practical men get together it means that there will be "something doing." The enterchange of ideas, discussion of the different methods of planting, fertility, etc., will benefit each and every one. The experiment station can be called upon to do their share. For instance, say one month before planting time a lecture could be arranged for to get the latest information on growing beans, potatoes, or any other product the association decides to plant.

No limitation would be placed on any one member from shipping something in addition to his main crop, say lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, etc.

The different kinds of vegetables could be handled in bulk and packed and shipped at the shipping point, where ice could be obtained. Crates, barrels, etc., could be stored in the association's packing shed, saving hauling and unskilful packing done on the farm. Uniform packages, stenciled plainly with honestly packed goods will soon win a reputation that will always command a higher price than those carefully packed with the finest on top and worthles underneath. Think this over and look over your ground carefully. Pick out one-half, one or more acres that you can get into the highest state of cultivation by January 25, 1911, and come to the meeting prepared to cast your lot with the rest. To use a homely phrase, "don't bite off more than you can chew" And remember to keep a cover crop of crimson clover or anything along that line to prevent your ground from leaching during the winter rains, and above all look after the drainage, put in all the stable manure you can and prepare to put in from 300 to 500 pounds of commercial fertilizer to the acre.

G. E. M.

A PRACTICAL TRUCKER.

A Man Whose Experience in the Trucking Business Will be of Benefit Will Go Into Business Near Abita.

A practical New Orleans shipper and trucker was taken over some of our nearby farms the other day. He made a careful examination of the soil and growing crops and gave out as his opinion that the crops he had inspected "were as fine as he had ever seen; that the soil would grow anything that climate conditions would allow; that a couple of years ago he thought that a trucker would waste his time and money, but he had looked on the conditions and was mistaken, and is backing up his opinion by estblishing his son in the trucking business. A most welcome addition as he and his son have been manager and secretary of the New Orleans Market Gardeners Association.

CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

Mrs. Jessie Jenkins Charges A. M. Harrison, a Drummer, With Abducting her Daughter, Louise, Fifteen Years of Age.

There was quite a sensation when Mrs. Jesse Jenkins, who lives on Bogue Chitto, about ten miles north of Covington, preferred charges of abduction against A. M. Harrison, a New Orleans drummer. She claims that Harrison visited her house and on Sunday took her daughter, fifteen years of age, away, and that he did not return with her. Mrs. Jenkins came to Covington and made an affidavit against Harrison before Judge Robert Badon.

As far as we can learn Harrison has hitherto had a good reputation, but the charges in this case are very serious and damaging. His whereabouts at present is not known, and Mr. Jenkins is very anxious to get hold of him. He is said to have boarded the train somewhere near Folsom and is probably in New Orleans.

Mrs. Jenkins says that Harrison frequently stopped at the house during his business trips in that part of the country and in that way became acquainted with the family and the girl, and that she had no suspicion of any evil intent on his part. He is a married man and both he and Mrs. Harrison are known in Covington.

Harrison had entered into an agreement to go into a general merchandise business with Mr. Jenkins, and on the day of his disappearance with the girl had made out a bill of the goods they were to put in. A building had been erected for the purpose.

A New Orleans paper gives the following further information:

The presence in New Orleans of a young girl who is said to answer descriptions of Louise Jenkins, the fifteen-year-old Covington maid who is declared to have been abducted from home, was announced Wednesday night by J. A. Evans, proprietor of Mississippi House, 1318 Canal street. A. M. Harrison, the New Orleans drummer, who is charged with abducting the girl, is also said to have been here, and to have met the girl on Canal Street.

The case of Louise Jenkins is attracting attention throughout this section of the State. The girl disappeared last week and was last seen with Harrison, who, although a married man, was paying rapt attention to the girl on his visits to St. Tammany.

The young woman who is now taken to be Miss Jenkins, reached New Orleans on last Monday via the New Orleans Great Northern. She was alone and carried no baggage. The girl was taken in charge by a Travelers' Aid Society agent, and was conducted by this officer to the Mississippi House, where she was given a room. The girl declared that she had come here to meet her husband and if she liked the city they might take up their residence here.

Tuesday night, shortly after nine o'clock a young man who said that he was the girl's brother-in-law appeared at the Mississippi House and asked to see the boarder, the girl having registered under the name of Adeline Reid. The man was refused the request, and went away. On Wednesday after breakfast the girl left her room and walking in Canal street she was seen to meet the man. The two disappeared.

Mr. Evans thinks that the girl is none other except Louise Jenkins, and that the man who represented himself as her brother-in-law is Harrison.

The M. C. Bs' have been very active of late. Their freshly painted library building presents a very attractive appearance with its pearl gray walls outlined against one of the prettiest landscapes in Covington.

It may interest our readers to know that a large supply of standard books have been lately added to the already popular stock of literary works in the libary.

The following is a list of some of the books recently added: A Modern Chronicle—Churchill; The Spinner and the Sun—Myrtle Reed; Little Sister Snow—Frances Little; White Magic—Phillips; The Ramrodders; Kilmeny of the Orchard; Lady Merton Colonist; Going Some—Rex Beach; The Twisted Foot; Hearts Contending; The God Trail.

MANDEVILLE ELECTION.

At the election in Mandeville Monday, A. Hartman, was elected Mayor P. C. Smith, marshal; A. Depre, J. M. Smith, Jr., A. C. Bosse, J. M. Davis, H. H. Levy, aldermen.

PEARL RIVER NOTES.

The most prominent event in the society this week was the wedding of Miss Josephine Blackwell, daughter of J. D Blackwell, of Varnado, La., and Mr. Francis Palmer, of Pearl River, which was quietly celebrated at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chas. Hammond, at 5:30 p. m., August 9. Miss Blackwell was given away by her brother. Mr. D. F. Watts acted as best man, assisted by Miss Pearl Henley. Only members of the fa ily and a few friends attending. After the ceremony refreshments were served, preparatory to the departure of the new couple on an extended bridal tour.

Mrs. C. G. Joyner and her neice, Miss Alma Crawford, made a trip to Covington this week.

Miss Adele Heitkamp has returned to New Orleans.

Miss Stella Prevost, of Poplarville, Miss., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bancks this week.

Mrs. D. F. Watts is visiting relatives at New Orleans.

Col. E. S. Cobb is spending a few days at his summer home, Riverside.

Mr. Enoch Blackwell, of MsNeil, is spending some time at the home of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Hammond.

Mr. Will Bentz and family will spend several months at his summer home near Pearl River.

Capt. Chas. Post has returned from New Orleans.

Miss Mary Welsh, of Slidell, is spending some days visiting Miss Mamie Braig.

Mr. C. Wise has returned, after a business trip to the Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blake have left for their new home at Cumstock, La.

Mrs. Dresselhouse, of New Orleans, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Singleton.

Mr. Hy. Miller has returned from Poplarville, Miss.

The Pearl River team defeated the Cariere baseball aggregation by a score of 14 to 7. A large crowd was in attendance including chief "rooter" Coleman.

BLUE BIRD.

BAYOU LACOMB.

Bayou Lacomb, La., Aug. 10, 1910.

As there is being sent in from here a full account of Mr. N. Cousin's encounter with an alligator last Monday I will not occupy further space with the matter, except to sty that it is a most gruesome story.

Misses Alma Smith, Eva and Pearl Todd and Mr. Bruce Donald visited Mandeville on Sunday. After their return Sunday evening they had a pleasant hay ride. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Oley, Mr. Smith, Mr. I. Todd, Mr. B. Donald, Miss Alma Smith and the Misses Todd.

Arnold Siekmann and A. Rovira were the guests of the Davis family on Sunday.

Miss Ola Davis, of Hub, Miss., is visiting relatives here.

Miss Rovia is enjoying her visit to the Misses Davis.

Mrs. Louis Wicker and two little daughters, also Miss Ola Davis, visited Mandevi'le on Wednesday.

John Smith and John Miller visited the Crescent City on Saturday.

A New Orleans company has established a "Forest Products Company" in Bayou Lacombe for the purpose of working up stumps, old logs and pine waste, into alcohol, creosote, turpentine and by products.

Editor of the St. Tammany Farmer,

Dear Sir—In recent issues of the Farmer you have been spinning some good yarns about that big pumpkin on exhibition in one of the show windows of Covington, now I want to tell you a bona fide, "cross-my-heart," true story about a St. Tammany alligator—not a vegetable alligator pear, either—but a real live, "sure enough" alligator with four legs, a nasty breath and a well developed appetite for horseflesh and pickaninnies.

Mandeville, your big pumpkin patch, and Bayou Lacombe may equally share the honor of producing and developing the particular specimen of alligator referred to herein, since he makes his somewhat spectacular entrance upon the land, or rathe waterscape, of St. Tammany parish, about half way between the town of Mandeville and Bayou Lacombe, to Nemour Cousin, however, of the latter town, must be accorded the glory of engaging in single combat and overcoming him.

Last Tuesday, while driving homeward from Old Landing, to Bayou Lacombe, Mr. Cousin stopped at Big Branch to water his horse, and having neglected to provide himself with a bottle of "Covington Antiseptic," got out of his buggy, bathed his face in the creek and took a drink (of water himself. Loosening his horse's check line, he climbed into his buggy again and drove into the creek just a couple of yards above the bridge which spans it. Now Big Branch is a small stream with a big name, which crosses the Mandeville-Bayou Lacombe road about four miles from the latter town; it is shallow and not very wide at this particular crossing, but gets deeper and wider a little farther down where it empties into Lake Ponchatrain, and the very last place where one would look for the "unexpected" (in the shape of a big alligator) to happen. But while "Dandy," the handsome pacer, was quenching his thirst and his master dreamed of logs, timber deals, big profits and other large affairs, a horrid alligator was noiselessly emerging from the shadows of the bridge and swimming swiftly towards the unsuspecting horse. Suddenly there was a swish and a swirl of of water and immense alli ator with wide open jaws launched itself at the horse and but for a quick movement of the latter, whi h brought the buggy wheel between him and the saurian, Bayou Lacombe's fastest pacer would have been minus a hind leg. As it was, however, the impact of the 'gator's shoulder against the wheel broke one of the spokes, while tis teeth laid open the flesh on the horse's hind leg, just below the hock, making a very ugly wound, which will unfit him for many days.

The panic stricken horse dashed wildly through the creek and up the bank, almost upsetting the bug y and throwing its occupant into the water. Mr. Cousin had caught a a glimpse of the alligator's ugly head and open mouth only a few feet from his own legs, and it is still an open question as to which was the worst scared, the horse or the driver. At any rate, the latter only got control of the situation after the horse had raced a couple of miles homeward. Next morning taking his rifle, shotgun, a long pole and a colored man with him Mr. Cousin drove over to Big Branch, the scene of the previous day's adventure, and be an searchin for the monster that crippled his horse and frightened himself. After poking about the hole among the sunken logs and other debris that had floated under the bridge, the alligator was located and goaded till he came from his hiding place and gave battle to the disturbers of his peace. It required four bullets and a load of buckshot judiciously distributed in varius parts of his anatomy, to place that alligator hors du combat, and convince him that a citizen of Bayou Lacombe driving a thirsty pacer on a hot day, had water priviliges in Big Bran h which it was unsafe for even an overgrown eight feet and seven inches long saurian to ignore or dispute.

Mr. Cousin thinks that the alligator was after him, but was willing to compromise for the horse. The compromise suited the man very well, for while he would doubtless prove a delicate morcel and welcome variety to the "menu" of an hungry fish, he has no particular hankering for the reputation of a "Jonah." It is stated that during the fight between Mr. Cousin and the alligator, the latter bellowed with rage and exuded a musky odor which permiated the atmosphere for miles and made the surrounding country smell like a colored dance hall on a July night.

Now Mr. Editor, if you think there is any exageration in the foregoing, just ask Nemour next time you see him in Covington, he'll show you the wounded horse, the photograph of the alligator, certification of measurements, eight feet, seven inches from snout to tip of tail, and any other little detail that you may deem necessary to the verification of the above incident. He will convince you that the destruction of the Minitaur and the conflicit between St. George and the Dragon, were but as sham battles to his slaughter of that alligator.

H.

A REGISTERED KICK.

Looking over the report of the Abita Springs town council, one has to pause over the "no further business' and wonder if any of the honorable members had been down at the shpring lately and looked into the condition of it and its surroundings? Surely not. It seems to the "man in the street" that a proper representation to the Abita Water Company would be a step in the right direction. The world loves a kicker, particularly when he has right on his side, as he surely has in this instance. Those old logs and tops are still obstructing the streets they were intended to clean.

THE MAN IN THE STREET.

MANDEVILLE NOTES.

Miss Minnie Thorton, of McDonoughville, is the guest of Miss Mildred Smith; they visited friends in Covington Tuesday.

Miss Enola Smith, Messrs. Barkley and Warren Smith and Arnold Dullon, all of Covington, enjoyed an auto ride to Mandeville Sunday.

Misses Irma Heyd, Anna Frosch, Estelle Smith, Frieda Forester, Carrie Krebel, chaperoned by Mrs. C. A. Heyd, were spending a day in Covington last week visiting friends.

Mrs. L. Watkins and Mrs. Thiery spent Tuesday in Mandeville as the guests of Mrs. L. P. Stretton.

Miss Miriam Watkins spent the evening in Mandeville with Mrs. Stretton and Alvarez.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levy are sorry of their moving to New Orleans. While in Mandeville they made many friends and they will be greatly missed.

Hon. Lewis Morgan was in Mandeville Wednesday and is always welcome in his home here.

Miss H. Bierhorst entertained a few friends to a musical.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cornibe was made very lively last week when a few friends were invited to a soiree musical.

The Catholic congregation contemplate giving a picnic to Houltonville in the next two weeks for the benefit of the Catholic school. The fare will be 25 cents the round trip.

Miss Annie Bierhorst, sister of Hon. Geo. Bierhorst, has as a guest Miss Eva Ponstein, of New Orleans.

The Misses Levy, of Slidell, are spending some time in Mandeville as the guest of their grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Levy.

Isidore Levy took a trip to New Orleans last Monday.

Misses Winnie and Anita Aufdemorte are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Couregе.

The death of Mr. Bernard de Marigny has grieved his many friends. Sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Mrs. Alice Bonnot was in Mandeville Monday afternoon attending the funeral of her brother, Mr. Bernard de Marigny.

Mr. and Mrs. Ganucheau had the misfortune of losing their "Mammy." She died suddenly last Sunday and her remains were taken to New Orleans for burial.

Mrs. Boudousquie and daughters, Misses G. and A., spent the day in Mandeville Friday, the guests of Mrs. Stretton.

Miss Septima Shellhaas and Miss Mary Pinckney returned from New Orleans, where they had been attending the Summer Normal School.

Misses Louise Durel and Louise Van Dyke are the guests of Mrs. Demaree.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Daussat returned to their home in Berwick last Saturday.

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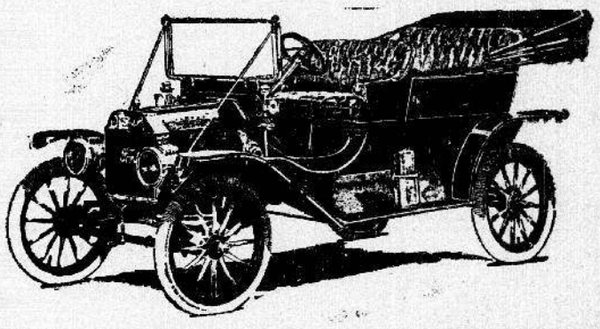

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" Abita Springs	5 10	7 35	9 35	11 35	1 35	2 35	3 35	4 35	5 35	6 35	7 35	8 35	10 35
Ar. Covington -	5 25	7 50	9 50	11 50	1 50	2 50	3 50	4 50	5 50	6 50	7 50	8 50	10 50

* On Trip No. 11, North Bound, car connects with boat at Mandeville for West End.

SOTUH BOUND	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Lv. Covington -	*5 30	8 00	10 00	Noon	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	6 00	7 00	8 00	9 00	11 00
" Abita Springs	5 45	8 15	10 15	12 15	2 15	3 15	4 15	5 15	6 15	7 15	8 18	915	11 15
Ar. Mandeville -	6 20	8 50	10 50	12 50	2 50	3 50	4 50	5 50	6 50	7 50	8 50	9 50	11 50

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