

St. Tammany Farmer

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This issue of the Farmer is the initial number of the thirty-seventh year of its existence. It has not only kept pace with the growth of the parish, but we believe we may truthfully say that it has aided largely in that growth by its interest in public affairs and its support of those movements and undertakings which it has considered important and beneficial. We believe we are publishing the largest country newspaper in the State, our regular issue being twelve pages, and we have tried to make it a welcome visitor to homes in St. Tammany Parish. By the addition of a linotype machine of the latest improved model we have been enabled to increase the amount of reading matter and to make the paper still more valuable, and it is our intention to so improve it that not a home in St. Tammany parish can afford to be without it. The work in which we have taken especial interest, and in which we have in every way possible aided those progressive citizens who have devoted themselves to the cause, has been the advancement of the agricultural interests of the parish. It is therefore with pleasure that we note the large increase in farming operations, especially in truck growing.

It shall be our endeavor to promote good government, to encourage civic pride and progressive spirit, and to assist in the development of every part of the parish.

We thank our patrons for the liberal support they have given us and will endeavor during the coming year to make the paper still more deserving.

Fighting for the Exposition

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Washington is taking interest in the reported rivalry of the big railroad systems to aid those other rivals, New Orleans and San Francisco, in their fight for the Panama Exposition. World's fair traffic is worth struggling for, and if the railroads undertake to bring influence to bear one way or the other some lively fighting will be indulged in before the selection is made. New Orleans, because of her position as the logical point for this exposition enjoys a great advantage over San Francisco, which congressmen have freely admitted.

The fight which was made last May by Governor Sanders, Mayor Behrman and the Legislature before the committee of the two houses would have resulted in the elimination of San Francisco when the vote was taken in the committee on foreign affairs in the Kahn and Estopinal resolutions, but for the fact that President Taft let it be known that he wished to have two expositions. At that time Taft was under political pressure which probably has been lifted by the recent elections and it is exceedingly doubtful if he can save the Pacific coast city when the committee on expositions takes hold of the question this winter.

It is reported that the Harriman agents have come here to help San Francisco, making the lineup as follows:

For San Francisco—Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific and allied lines.

For New Orleans—Pennsylvania, Louisville and Nashville, Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and allied lines. The Pennsylvania railroad is said to have been neutral until yesterday when it came over to New Orleans.

In behalf of New Orleans heavy pressure is brought to bear on the Southern Pacific Railroad, which has big terminals in the Crescent City. It was said at the New Orleans headquarters to-day that a committee of representative business men had sent the following telegram to the New York headquarters of the line:

"If you do not withdraw your support from San Francisco and stay out of this fight it will cost you \$18,000,000."

The Southern Pacific has many concessions and desires more from New Orleans, but the San Francisco representatives declared that nothing could turn the Southern Pacific's support away from San Francisco.

The report that Governor Clift and a big delegation is on the way from San Francisco and the activity here of Rudolph Speckles, the San Francisco graft fighter and member of the family of sugar millionaires, has aroused much interest here as to what New Orleans will do next.

Lost His Mind

New York, N. Y., Dec. 1.—When the steamship Momus arrived here to-day from New Orleans a well-dressed Englishman, who took passage under the name of Mr. Howard, was taken in charge by a representative of the British consul's office and will undergo examination as to his sanity.

Late on Monday night, while several passengers were in the smoking-room and Howard was supposed to have retired, he suddenly appeared, scantily dressed, but holding aloft two pistols, and wearing a large knife in his belt. He was declaring at the top of his voice that he was being persecuted. He ran out of the smoking-room, and just then Mrs. Bundy, a young bride, came out of her stateroom, alarmed by the man's cries. The Englishman is said to have pointed both pistols at the young woman, but she never moved. In fact, according to the passengers, she was the coolest person on board.

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