

The St. Tammany Farmer.

"The Blessings of Government. Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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MRS. GODAU ADMITS GUILT

Says She Killed Wasserleben Because He Insulted Her. Shot Him in the Head as He Laid On the Bed. Then Took Body to Water and Threw it in. Suspected She Wanted His Insurance Money.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.—Following an inquest over the body of Frederick Wasserleben, the police officer, who was killed at his home here Saturday, the coroner's jury to-day rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds in the head received at the hands of his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. T. Godau. It was recommended that Mrs. Virginia L. Wasserleben, the wife of the dead man, and Willie Green, his brother-in-law, to be held as accessories. Hans Bergermann, a druggist, testifies his belief that Wasserleben had been systematically poisoned by his relatives. Mrs. Godau testified that she killed Wasserleben as he lay in bed late Saturday evening, after a fight which she said she dragged the body to the porch and covered it, in order that the children might not see it. Later she hauled it in a wagon to a desolate spot distant from the home, where, she said, she hoped it might be thought he was MURDERED BY THUGS Mrs. Godau repeatedly declared that her daughter and son were innocent. Mrs. Wasserleben, her daughter, denied all knowledge of the crime, and maintained that it was committed where the body was found. The funeral of Wasserleben was held this afternoon, and the widow and baby daughter were permitted to attend in company with a deputy sheriff. Delegations from the Police Department and lodges of which Wasserleben was a member acted as pallbearers. The police to-day became convinced that slow poisoning was resorted to by Mrs. Wasserleben in an effort to kill her husband in order to get the large amount of insurance carried by him. H. Krueple, a former justice of the peace, and who was an intimate friend of Wasserleben, said that the patrolman's physical condition some time ago was such that he (Krueple) suspected that he was BEING GIVEN POISON. Krueple says that he told Mrs. Wasserleben that if her husband died in the near future she would be suspected of having caused his death. He says that shortly after talking to Mrs. Wasserleben he noticed an improvement in her husband's condition. Chief of Police V. A. Giblin said to-day that at one time he spoke to Wasserleben about his apparent illness, and the patrolman told him that after each meal he suffered with pains in his abdomen. The police say that Mrs. Wasserleben at one time frequently consulted a clerk in a drug store in the western part of the city as to her husband's illness and that the woman at times went to a grocery store from which she could telephone to this clerk, whose name is Hans Bergman, and to whom she sometimes talked in English and sometimes in German. The police say that Bergman told them that he advised Wasserleben that his wife had predicted that he would not live until New Year's day. Mrs. Godau stated that she did not sleep much last night, and said: "How could one sleep when they knew that on New Year's day they would be in the county jail?" The woman in her confession to-day said: "Fred Wasserleben tried to assault me, and when I fought him off by tearing his shirt almost off, he fired a pistol shot at me, but I jumped out of the way. "Fred then threw the gun on the bed and laid down and TOLD ME TO KILL HIM, that if I didn't someone else would sooner or later. I fired a shot into his head. He then fell out of the bed in the death struggle, and sooner than hear him moan and see him suffer I finished him. I then wiped up the blood from the floor with an old blanket and tried to hide everything, even cutting the bullet out of the window that he fired at me. I then put Fred's police coat on him, buttoned it up, and tied a rope to his arms and dragged the body into a wagon. I hauled the body through the rain to the pond, backed the wagon into it and dumped the body out."

Charles Stein, the first husband of Mrs. Godau, the self-confessed murderer, was shot and killed in a field on his farm, supposedly by night marauders. He carried several thousand dollars LIFE INSURANCE The second husband, William Green, disappeared from home and was never heard from again. Mrs. Godau was arrested for the murder of her last husband, William Godau, who was found murdered on a September morning in 1902 near his chickenhouse. Mrs. Godau tried to fasten the crime on a negro. The woman was acquitted. Her husband was insured for \$3,000.

GREENLAW PROPERTY

Sold at Public Auction for Sixty-six Thousand. Bought by Lampton Realty Co. of New Orleans. 48 Acres Near Ramsay Included in the Sale. Property Will be Cut Up Into Small Sections.

New Orleans, Jan. 4, 1912.—The properties of the Greenlaw Lumber Company, valued approximately at \$400,000, were bought for \$66,000 yesterday by the Lampton Realty Company of New Orleans at public auction on the steps of the Custom House. The sale was conducted by Special Master Alfred E. Billings, who, with his assistants, spent over an hour reading publicly the announcement of the sale. A. W. Stevens Lumber Company and Van Cleave Lumber Company brought suit in the United States Circuit Court against the Greenlaw Lumber Company, as creditors of that company. Others joined in the petition, claiming debts, and the company was placed in the hands of receivers, Judge Foster appointing W. H. Sullivan and H. J. Frerich. A motion to obtain permission to operate the plant after the appointment of receivers was overruled, and the mill was shut down. Among the properties were forty-eight acres of land near Ramsey, in St. Tammany parish, on which the mill is situated; the mill, with all the machinery appertaining thereto; logging railroad train of locomotive and twenty-eight cars; rails on right of way at Franklinton, Zena and Ramsey; several million feet of lumber; right of way, and many other properties, down to two mules and one horse. The Lampton Realty Company announced that they would cut the property into several smaller sections, as it is too bulky to handle as it stands.

BLEW IN \$140,000. Treasurer of Mercantile Company in New York Surrenders on Embellishment Charge.

New York, Jan. 3.—Percy G. Vanderoef, well known in mercantile circles of this city, surrendered at Criminal Courts building late to-day to face charges of embellishment of approximately \$140,000 from the large wholesale house of Van Keuren & Thornton Company, of which he was treasurer. He entered a formal plea of not guilty and was locked up in the Tombs. Vanderoef is 37 years old and lives in East Orange, N. J., with his mother and sister. His salary has been about \$4,000 a year and he had \$11,000 stock in the corporation, which counsel said to-day had been turned over as partial restitution for alleged defalcations. District Attorney Whitman, appearing at the hearing of Vanderoef on the technical charge of the larceny of \$200 by drawing a check on the firm to pay personal restaurant and taxicab bills, declared the treasurer's books indicated shortages amounting to over \$100,000 covering a period of five years. All of the alleged defalcations were by check transactions, covered, it is alleged by fictitious entries on the firm's books. So implicit has been the trust in Vanderoef that his accounts had undergone but perfunctory examination until recently when suspicion was aroused. "I never knew of Vanderoef's speculating in the market," said counsel. "My opinion is, he simply lived beyond his means." A statement by the Van Keuren & Thornton Company declared to-night that the firm would continue in business and meet all of its obligations.

MON. JOHN T. MICHEL. Hon. John T. Michel, candidate for governor of this State, will speak in Covington next Thursday, January 11, 1912, in the Park Pavilion at 8 p. m. At Abita Springs, Friday, January 12, at noon, in the pavilion, at Slidell on Friday, January 12, at 8 p. m., in Red Men's hall. At Mandeville, Saturday, January 13, at noon. At Madisonville, Saturday, January 13, at 8 p. m., in U. F. B. A. hall. Everybody cordially invited.

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and she got this money after a legal fight, detectives being sent from Omaha, Neb., the headquarters of the Woodmen of the World, to investigate. Policemen Wasserleben carried insurance to the amount of \$7,000. The authorities believe that the motive for the crime was the collection of some \$10,000 in life insurance which Wasserleben carried. It is claimed that the dead man's mother-in-law and wife urged him repeatedly to take out more insurance and were responsible for his having accepted another policy several months ago.

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BIBLE STUDY CLUB QUESTIONS

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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

January 14, 1912.

The birth of John the Baptist. Luke 1:57-80.

Golden Text.—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. Luke 1:68.

1. Verse 57—What effect did it have upon Elizabeth when she found out that she was to become a mother? 2. Why have all christian wives who are about to become mothers, reason to rejoice and be inspired, as was the mother of John the Baptist?

3. Verse 58—If our hearts do not rejoice with those who are rejoicing, what does that suggest? 4. What special reason had these good people to rejoice at the birth of Elizabeth's babe? 5. Verse 59—When should the religious education of a child commence, and how should it be accomplished? (This is one of the questions that may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

6. Is there any public way to-day which we may profitably adopt in dedicating a child to God, which in any way answers to circumcision? 7. Verses 60-63—What should be our chief consideration in naming a child?

8. Why did they name this child John? 9. Would it be folly or wisdom for us in these days, to expect an angel to tell us the name to give to an infant? Why? 10. Why did they all marvel so

much when the name of John was given to the babe?

11. Verse 64—What were the circumstances in connection with Zacharias losing his speech?

12. To what extent, if any, does doubt take away the speech of a good man to-day?

13. Can you mention an old testament character who because of doubt about his power of speech, caused God to be angry with him?

14. Verses 65-66—What did Zacharias probably discourse about, to create such fear in the community?

15. Why do sinners tremble when the gospel is preached with power?

16. Verse 67—What is the difference between a man filled with the Holy Spirit and an ordinary man?

17. Are all persons who are filled with the Holy Spirit prophets?

18. Verses 68-74—What was the theme of Zacharias in his prophetic discourse?

19. What part of the things he foretold, actually came to pass? 20. Would you say that all the things that John foretold would have happened, if the Jews had accepted Jesus, and why?

21. Verse 75—Are all those who accept Jesus able to live "in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives?"

22. Verses 76-80—What was the character of John the Baptist, and what were the results of his work? Lesson for Sunday, January 21, 1912: The Birth of Jesus. Luke 1:1-20.

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ADDRESS

HAMMOND STORM-SWIFT.

Hammond, Dec. 30.—A terrific wind and hail storm swept Tangipahoa parish this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

North of Hammond and east of Natchitoches the damage was the most serious.

Dave Usher, colored, was instantly killed, when the house he was occupying blew down.

The report reaching Hammond shortly after 4 o'clock, indicated that great damage to property had occurred in an Italian settlement near the lumber camps of the Hammond Lumber Company.

It was also stated that a woman suffered serious injuries, though nothing definite could be ascertained as to the character of the injuries received by her. Dr. D. McGehee, in company with J. B. Arnold, a local lumberman, departed for the scene of the cyclone after 5 o'clock.

It is said that not a residence in the Italian quarters missed the fury of the storm. Cyclonic conditions prevailed here, a torrential rain adding to the discomfort caused by the elements, while a great deal of hail fell. Reports are being circulated from the lumber camps, owing to the high water making travel almost impossible.

MAIL CARRIERS WILL FLY.

This is an age of great discoveries. Progress rides on the air. Soon we may see Uncle Sam's mail carriers flying in all directions, transporting mail. People take a wonderful interest in a discovery that benefits them. That's why Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs, colds and other throat and lung diseases is the most popular medicine in America. It cured me of a dreadful cough," writes Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me. "After doctor's treatment and all other remedies had failed." For coughs, colds, or any bronchial affection its unequalled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Covington Bank & Trust Co. from twelve to two o'clock, Tuesday, January 9, 1912, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. E. G. DAVIS, Cashier.

TO THE VOTERS OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

Having been urged and solicited by many of the best and loyal citizens of the parish of St. Tammany to become a candidate for Assessor, I take this method of appealing to the electorate of the parish on behalf of my candidacy and cordially solicit your support and influence at the primary election to be held on January 23, 1912.

If elected Assessor I shall retire from my present business and devote my best services to the needs of the people.

Property holders will receive equal justice and courtesy, and the law applicable to the functions of my office will be strictly adhered to.

I pledge myself to employ competent and efficient deputies, and to carry out all the mandates of the law relative to my official duties as Parish Assessor.

Trusting to merit and receive your support on January 23, 1912, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly, E. LABAT.

NOTICE.

E. Elmo Bollinger, of Slidell, La., candidate for Representative, and any other candidates who care to join him, will address the voters of this parish at the following places and dates: Tuesday, January 2, 1912, at 8 p. m., LaCumb, La., 7th ward. Wednesday, January 3, 1912, at 8 p. m., Mandeville, La., 4th ward. Thursday, January 4, 1912, at 8 p. m., Abita Springs, La. Saturday, January 6, 1912, at 8 p. m., Madisonville, La., 1st ward. Monday, January 8, 1912, at 8 p. m., Pearl River, La., 8th ward. Tuesday, January 9, 1912, at 3 p. m., Slidell School, 6th ward. Tuesday, January 9, 1912, at 8 p. m., Evans Creek, La., 6th ward. Wednesday, January 10, 1912, at 3 p. m., Bush School, La., 5th ward. Wednesday, January 10, 1912, at 8 p. m., Sun, La., 5th ward. Monday, January 15, 1912, at 8 p. m., Slidell, La., 9th ward. Wednesday, January 17, 1912, at 8 p. m., Covington, La., 3d ward. Friday, January 19, 1912, at 3 p. m., Union School, La., 2d ward. Friday, January 19, 1912, at 8 p. m., Pilgrim's Rest, 2d ward. Saturday, January 20, 1912, at 1 p. m., Folsom, La., 2d ward. d23-4f

A CONTINENTAL CHORUS OF PRAISE.

It is doubtful if any Bible study plan ever received such enthusiastic endorsement by leading men of the nations as the "Suggestive Questions" and "Sunday School Lessons" now running in the St. Tammany Farmer. University presidents, leading Sunday school men, pastors of large city churches, as well as of smaller places, and the rank and file of the churches praise these questions to the skies. It is hard to make a selection from so many hundreds of testimonials, but here are a few, with a word or two culled from a few:

President Hadley, Yale University: "They are certainly calculated to stimulate thought." Rev. Waynes and Hoyt, Professor of Religion and Science, Temple University: "I think your questions suggestive and valuable." Vice President Gobin, Depauw University: "I am very much pleased with your questions and to have them published here."

President Burwash: "I have read with great interest your questions. Your method of dealing with the subject strikes me as most excellent." Principal Gordon, Queen's University: "The method adopted by you of issuing questions for the use of Bible classes is a good one; I have tested its value in my own church and the world." Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, Chairman International Lesson Committee: "I have read your questions and find them most capital." Rev. Dr. Arbuckle, M. E. Pastor, Columbus, Ohio: "Your International Press Bible Question Club is a happy thought." We urge all our readers to take up the study of these questions and compete for the prizes. One big prize you are sure to get in any event. You will need the St. Tammany Farmer to get the questions and the coupon. Subscribe to-day.

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"BOB" EVANS IS DEAD A CANNING FACTORY

Dies Suddenly at Home in Washington.

Suffered from Old Wounds of Fighting Career.

Was Conscious to the Moment of Death.

A Great Commander and a Great Fighter.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Rear Admiral Rodley B. Evans, "Fighting Bob" to an admiring nation, died suddenly late to-day at his home in this city. Acute indigestion ended the career of one of the most popular officers of the navy. He was ill less than two hours.

Admiral Evans, born sixty-five years ago in Floyd county, Va., arose to-day apparently in better health and spirits than he had enjoyed for some time. For years a sufferer from old wounds sustained after a Civil War and from recurrent attacks of rheumatic gout, the aged fighter seemed to have shaken off the burden of his advancing days. He displayed high spirits at breakfast and ate a hearty luncheon at noon. While in the library at 2 o'clock the admiral was stricken. Instantly his family sent for Dr. S. S. Adams, who, on his arrival, found the admiral in great pain. After treatment Admiral Evans fell into a restless sleep, and it was thought that the danger had passed. Suddenly after 4 o'clock, however, he awakened, and raising himself with difficulty, announced that he was choking. "I cannot get my breath," he said, and sank back. At 4:45 o'clock he died, conscious to the end.

At his bedside at the time of his death were his wife, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank T. Evans, wife of the admiral's only son, a lieutenant commander in the navy, and another member of the family, Mrs. Charles C. Marsh, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina.

The news spread with great rapidity and caused a profound shock in official circles. President Taft was one of the first to express his grief and condolence. He said: "Admiral Evans was one of the most successful squadron commanders we have had in the navy for a long time. He was a rigid disciplinarian of quick decision, the most highly advised in the intricacies of the machinery of cruisers and ships, and skilled in drilling them. I am very sorry to hear of his death."

Admiral Dewey was so overcome that he could not utter but a few words. "I am shocked beyond measure at the sudden death of my life-long friend, Admiral Evans," was all he could say.

Secretary Mayer paid this tribute to the officer's memory: "By the sudden death of Admiral Evans the country loses one of its most brilliant and able officers. It was on account of his ability that President Roosevelt selected him as commander-in-chief of the fleet that cruised around the world. Although on the retired list, he had kept up his active interest in the service, and his unexpected death comes as a shock to the navy."

Former Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, who happened to be in Washington to-day, pointed out that he himself had given Admiral Evans command of the Atlantic fleet in its cruise around the world, the choicest assignment ever extended to an American naval officer in time of peace. "He was practically an ill man when he was selected for this important duty," said Mr. Metcalf, "but his splendid record justified the department in giving him this recognition of his long and efficient service. He was one of the most efficient and capable officers the navy has known and his name has been a household word for many years." "One of the iron links that bound the old navy to the new, a commanding figure in each, was Rodley B. Evans. He did not take kindly to the sobriquet of 'Fighting Bob,' for although of gruff exterior, he was a man of the kindest impulses. Thus it never was used in his presence by his friends. But his dauntless courage in times of great emergency; the grim determination with which he faced overwhelming odds and the stoicism with which he bore his wounds and gazed unflinching in the face of death made the title so appropriate that as 'Fighting Bob' he was known wherever the English language is spoken.

Evans was a mere boy when he was sent to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Before he had got far with his studies the Civil war broke out, and, throwing his books to the winds, he went to sea and was assigned to blockade duty. It was in one of the two attacks made by the Northern Navy upon the powerful defenses at Fort Fisher, N. C., that young Evans received the wound through the thigh that made him a cripple for life. He suffered three other wounds, but as soon as he was discharged from the hospital he again plunged into the fighting and

Will Be Built Between Abita and German Settlement.

Will Make a Specialty of Tomatoes and Potatoes.

But Syrup and Vegetables Will Also Be Canned.

Will Be Run by Men In Progress of Parish.

The Abita Springs Canning Co., composed of J. P. Raush, Pres.; E. Aubert, Sec.-Treas., and A. B. Kuntz, Manager, of that town, expect to be in operation before the 1st of February.

The sweet potato crop will be first attended to, and then if cane syrup can be procured at a reasonable price they will can and bottle that product and place it on the market. This industry is a move in the right direction, and its success or failure is in the hands of those farmers who have been wishing for an enterprise of this kind, as they could have an assured market for their produce, at living prices, which shipments to northern markets does not always supply.

Sweet potatoes, tomatoes and syrup will be their specialties, although beans, peas, etc., will also be canned.

Farmers having sweet potatoes on hand and who wish to raise tomatoes this coming season will do well to see Mr. Aubert at Abita Springs, who will cheerfully explain in detail. The factory will be situated at the Low Davis road, five and one-half miles from Covington, near the German Settlement, and growers of above neighborhood are particularly asked to give their support.

It is now time for tomatoes to be planted in cold frames, the company will furnish seed and expert instructions.

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New York, Jan. 2.—Alfred Tennyson Dickens, eldest surviving son of Charles Dickens, the novelist, died suddenly of acute indigestion at the Hotel Astor here late to-day. Mr. Dickens was in his country on a lecture tour.

Mr. Dickens was a god-son of the poet Tennyson. He was in his sixty-seventh year. Mr. Dickens, who spent the greater part of his life in Australia, going there at the age of twenty, arrived in this country September 29, landing at Boston. He resided there for ten days, because of a slight indisposition, before beginning his lecture tour, which he opened at Lowell, Mass., Oct. 19. His travels to all the return engagements took him as far west as Denver. His last lecture was Dec. 28 before the State Teachers' Association at Indianapolis.

The lecturer was on his way to attend the theater last night when taken ill. He was better this morning and was preparing to go to Kingston, N. Y., to fill an engagement when he was attacked again. He died shortly after being removed to his room from the hotel lobby.

His home was in Melbourne, Australia. No arrangements will be made for his funeral until word has been received from his children there.

It became known to-night through announcement by Henry Clews, the banker that a number of wealthy men recently organized to create a fund in this country for relieving the condition of the destitute heirs of Charles Dickens in England and elsewhere. The fact that the fund was in process of formation was not known to Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of the novelist, whose death occurred here to-day.

WHAT MAKES A WOMAN?

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served until the end of the Civil War with great credit. With the ending of the war there came a period of stagnation which marked the passing of the old wooden navy. Evans drifted for a time into civil pursuits, although never relinquishing his connection with the service. In fact, as soon as Congress manifested its purpose to meet the insistent demand of Boatswain Chandler and Whitney for a reorganization of the American navy, Evans came back into the service, and was one of the leading spirits in planning the rudiments of what is now the American modern navy.