

The St. Tammany Farmer.

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

J. H. MASON, Editor

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCHOOL BOARD ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Report of Superintendent Elmer E. Lyon Sets Forth Condition of Schools and His Plans for their Improvement.

Covington, La., Jan. 6, 1912.

The parish school board met in regular session in the court house on the above date with President Charles A. David in the chair.

Members present: John Englehardt, first ward; T. J. O'Keefe, second ward; Dr. J. F. Pigot, third ward; C. A. David, fourth ward; W. H. Kahl, fifth ward; H. Q. Parker, sixth ward; T. P. Crawford, eighth ward; W. E. Gause, ninth ward. Absent: John H. Davis, seventh ward.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and on motion of Mr. Gause, seconded by Mr. Parker, they were approved as read.

The Superintendent's report from October 9th to December 31st, inclusive, was read and accepted. It is as follows:

To the Honorable President and Members of the Board of School Directors of St. Tammany Parish: Gentlemen:—In making this my first quarterly report of the conditions of the schools of this parish, I shall confine myself to a brief statement of the matters that need your attention.

The white schools are all in session and the work is going on smoothly, with the exception of the one at Filgrim. Rest. This school has been temporarily closed because of the transfer of the teacher to Alton, thus filling a vacancy caused by a resignation.

The colored schools at Covington, Sildell, Stading or Indian Village, St. Joe, White Settlement and Third Ward Filgins have been closed and the same teachers, so far as possible, given schools in other parts of the parish. This is in accord with your wishes, I believe.

The patrons of the Sun colored school are now continuing their school one month longer through private subscriptions. The colored schools at Lacombe, Hay Hollow, Houltonville and Five Miles still have been opened. The one at Mandeville will open on January 8th.

The semi-annual teachers examination was held December 21st, 22d and 23d, by the acting superintendent. I was pleased to note that two of the ladies receiving certificates for the first time were St. Tammany girls.

In the construction of new school houses, commendable progress has been made in all cases, with the exception of the one at Folso. Work on this building was stopped by a legal turn of affairs, and this matter will claim your attention at this meeting. The new Middle Roads school house has been finished and is now occupied. This school should be visited in the near future by your committee.

It has been deemed wise to hold the Teachers' institute one day every month, rather than two days every other month.

It is my desire to so manage the schools of this parish, that the most remote ones will become a living part of the parish school system. I shall, therefore, present for your consideration today a plan whereby I believe this result may be expected. It will never be possible as long as the Superintendent visits the schools only once a session.

The people of Dunbar have petitioned the school board for a public school, claiming that they have had none since Mr. W. G. Evans was your superintendent. I visited Dunbar on December 26th in order to learn the true conditions of school affairs there. In company with Mr. Edward Kelley, of that place, I went into the homes of the children, and in some cases into the very kitchens in order to see the children myself. I am positive that I saw and counted twenty-two children of school age, and these were children whose parents told me lived there the entire year. I was emphatic in my statement that I did not want to visit the homes of the floating population, although things would not be prevented from patronizing the school, should one be opened there. I went into a small school house which they told me was built by the people and turned over to the parish during Mr. Evans' term in office.

From what I could learn at the time of my visit I do not hesitate to say that I believe their claims to a public school are just.

My financial statement from Oct. 19th, 1911, to Dec. 31st, 1911, inclusive, is attached to this report. In closing I wish to pledge you my best and most active efforts for the advancement of the schools throughout the parish, and I earnestly hope to merit your co-operation. We all know that the best man in the State may fall as superintendent, unless his board is in hearty sympathy with his policy. I am, therefore, asking for your assistance and support, for I will not work alone.

Respectfully,
ELMER E. LYON,
Superintendent.

RECEIPTS.
Balance on hand Oct. 19, 1911, 22,022.85

Current school fund, 558.00
Folio tax, 391.40
Police jury appropriation, 743.23
Fines and forfeitures, 369.10
Special school tax, 97.91
Municipal appropriation, 283.53
Interest on balances, 837.10
Dog tax, .95

Total balances and receipts, \$25,193.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

White teachers salary...	7551.50
Colored teachers salary...	850.00
Superintendent's salary...	174.86
Rent	45.00
Construction of school buildings	13,973.05
Maintenance and repairs	108.50
Furnishing houses	101.58
Telephone service	12.15
Total	\$22,816.64
Balance on hand at close of quarter	2,376.43
Total	\$25,193.07

The creditors and bondmen of Alexander Farmer, contractor for the new Folsom school house, appeared before the board and asked that in view of the fact that Mr. Farmer had left the parish owing for labor and material, a sum greater than the balance due him for work done on this building, that the school board assume the entire debt and take possession of the school building as soon as possible. The architect, Mr. Charles Jenkins, was asked to report upon the work done on the building, and he stated that as far as the work had gone it was up to specifications.

Hon. J. B. Lancaster, upon the request of the board, appeared before them and stated that if the board saw fit there was no legal reason why they could not pay the balance due for material and labor used in the construction of this building.

Moved by Mr. Gause, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the board pay the balance due on the Folsom school house provided the architect reports after examination, that the building is worth the entire amount, and also provided that Mr. John Carroll and others of Folsom fulfill their offer to place the new blackboards in the building free from cost to the school board, and also provided this amount, if paid, should come out of the second ward special tax. This was carried unanimously.

Representatives from Onville school appeared before the board and asked that a public school be established at Onville. Moved by Mr. Gause, and seconded by Mr. Crawford, that the Superintendent take charge of the school affairs at Onville and do as he thinks best.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted that the Covington Bank and Trust Company be required to give additional depository protection equal to the amount of the superintendent's bond, provided the average deposits for last year were found to be not less than \$10,000.00.

The following report from the building committee of the Sildell high school was received and read: Sildell, La., Jan. 5, 1911.

To the Honorable President and Members of the School Board, Parish of St. Tammany: Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned members of the Building Committee of the Sildell high school beg leave to report the following, to-wit:

That on May 17, 1911, the firm of Stevens & Nelson were employed as architects of said building at a cost of 25 percent of the cost of said building for drawing plans and specifications for the proposed building, and for the supervision of the construction of the building.

On the 20th of July, 1911, contract for the erection and entire completion of a three-story brick building was let to L. C. Garber, of Jackson, Miss., for the sum of \$18,469, being the lowest bidder on said building. Also the contract for the heating and plumbing on said building was given to the firm of C. C. Hartwell Company for the sum of \$2,898.

The above contracts have been recorded and bonds for same have been given, the amount of same being one and one-half of the contract price, and the bonds also have been recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of this parish as the law directs.

We beg leave to further report that your committee has from time to time met and has given strict surveillance to work that has been accomplished to date, and in addition to their own personal supervision and that of the architect, the town has seen fit to employ a practical and experienced man who devotes his whole time to inspecting the material and workmanship.

We beg further to report with assurance and satisfaction that the work up to date has progressed to a state of almost completion. The rooms and hall-ways on the third floor are now completed; in fact the whole building is nearly completed, including heating and plumbing. We look forward to its being completed in full within the next ten days.

Your committee, realizing the urgent and essential necessity of having a water supply for drinking and other purposes took the liberty of having a well driven for same and have submitted the cost of same to your honorable board for your approval.

We also have a tank to erect and connections from said well to the building for the purpose of having water in building, the approximate cost of which will be about \$200.

Trusting that this will meet with your hearty approval, we beg to remain, Yours respectfully,
Paul Garder, Chairman.
J. M. Currie,
F. W. Salmen,
J. T. Liddle,
O. R. Brugier,
J. J. Dubuisson.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB QUESTIONS

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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

January 21, 1912.

The Birth of Jesus. Luke II:1-20. Golden Text—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke II:11.

1. Verses 1-2—Who were Caesar, Augustus, and Cyrenius?
2. Verses 3-4—What was the political or national status of the Jews at this time?

3. Judah had neither King nor law-giver at this time; what prophecy is there which intimates that Messiah was to be born under such conditions?

4. Why was Bethlehem called the city of David, and what does the name signify?

5. Verses 5-6—What would be a correct designation of a man who does not willingly pay his taxes?

6. Why were Joseph and Mary not to be censured, for traveling abroad at such a momentous and critical time?

7. Verse 7—Do we need to do anything special, except doing our every duty, to help God bring to pass at the exact time and place whatever he has planned for us? Give your reasons.

8. Why was it the plan of God that Jesus should be born in Bethlehem in a stable, and cradled in a manger?

9. Does God have more interest in the masses or the classes, that is in the poor or the rich?

10. How do you account for it

that no person gave up his room in the inn, and that no private citizen offered hospitality to a woman of such respectability, in such a serious condition?

11. Verses 8-10—Which method assures us of the more Divine revelations and why, specifically seeking them, or devoutly attending to our every day duties.

12. May any godly person in these days ever expect to be visited by an angel?

13. Why is there never any reason to fear, either a natural or a supernatural revelation, if we are serving God?

14. Verses 11-12—Why was the birth of Jesus good tidings to the shepherds and to all men?

15. Does wealth, or social position, or education, make people more sensitive to the supernatural, than the opposite of these things?

16. Verses 13-14—Did this host of angels come at this moment, or were they already there and the eyes of the shepherds "suddenly" opened, and their ears attuned, to see and hear them?

17. What if any reason is there to believe that we are constantly surrounded with a host of angels?

18. Verses 15-16—How much hurt or help would this revelation have been to the shepherds, if they had gone to Bethlehem to see for themselves?

19. Verses 17-18—How much obligation rests upon Christians, to make Jesus known to the world, when we find out the facts concerning Jesus, that our hearts are so mightily stirred. (This is one of the questions that may be answered in writing by the members of the club.)

Lesson for Sunday, January 28, 1912: The Presentation in the Temple. Luke II:22-39.

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

The bill of James J. McKean for furnishing pipe and driving a 556 foot well at Sildell high school, at 75 cents per foot, amounting to \$417, was laid over until the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Pigot, that the Superintendent employ a competent architect to make a thorough examination of material and workmanship used in the construction of the new Sildell high school, and report to a committee composed of Mr. Gause, the president of the board, and the superintendent, before the building would be accepted by the parish school board. This was carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Kahl, that Mr. Gause be instructed to dispose of the old school building at Sildell to the best advantage to the parish. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Pigot, and duly seconded, that Mr. Gause and the secretary confer with the builder of the Sildell high school to have the building insured, to date from the expiration of the present policy, the new policy to run for three years, it being understood that the builder was to pay his pro rata of the premium up to the time when the building is accepted by the school board. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gause, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the amount of this insurance be divided equally between Mr. Liddle and Mr. Ellis, the two insurance agents of Sildell. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Pigot, seconded by Mr. Kahl, that the people at Dunbar be given a four months school. Carried.

The following teachers were nominated by the superintendent and accepted by the board: Miss Hazel Winter, Middle Road school. Miss Cora Abel, St. Tammany school. Miss Winona McCaffery, Abita Springs school. Miss Adelaide Gagert, Lacombe school. Mrs. Hester Wallace, Folsom school.

Arabella Shum, the colored school at Brown Settlement. Miss Rose Crawford, transferred from St. Tammany to Pearl River.

On motion, duly seconded, it was ordered that that part of the minutes of the school board meeting held on October 7th, referring to the school board electing Mrs. Hester Wallace for Folsom school be stricken from the record.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted to permit all teachers to make up lost days caused by rainy weather or bad traveling.

It was declared to be the purpose of the board not to pay the teachers for the loss of time caused by their having to take the examinations on December 21st and 22d, but that they would pay the teachers' substitutes for those days.

On motion of Mr. Gause, seconded by Mr. Parker, the contract for printing was re-let to the St. Tammany Farmer at the same rate as last year.

The following trustees were nominated by Dr. Pigot for the Covington colored school: O. J. Rene, Rev. L. C. Carter, Rev. Alfred Wright. Approved by the board.

The following trustees were nominated by Mr. O'Keefe for Folsom school: James C. Blackwell, Daniel C. Wallace, A. P. Blackwell, I. B. Wagcomb, I. W. Stevens. They were approved by the board.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted to give the secretary power to change the location of the superintendent's office in accordance with a plan proposed by him.

Upon request of Mr. Kahl it was voted to continue the German Settlement school eight months. The teacher's salary for the last month is to come from the fifth ward special tax.

Moved by Mr. Gause, seconded by Mr. Parker, that President C. A. David be sent as a delegate to the Superintendent's and School Board's Convention at Baton Rouge, on January 8th and 9th. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Pigot, and seconded by Mr. Parker, that the meeting adjourn, subject to call. Carried.

CHAS. A. DAVID, President.
ELMER E. LYON, Secretary.

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THE PARISH COMMITTEE A WOMAN MURDERED

The Saint Tammany Parish Executive Committee

Vivian Goldstein, a Jewess, Brutally Killed.

Meets January 9 and Announces Clerks

Evidences that She Attempted to Defend Herself.

And Commissioners of Democratic Primary.

Body Hidden Under a Mattress in the Room.

Adjourned to Meet Again on January 25

Detectives Working on Clues at Scene or Crime.

Covington, La., Jan. 9, 1912. The Democratic Parish Executive Committee met in the court house in Covington, La., on above date, pursuant to adjournment, all members being present either in person or by proxy.

Chairman J. J. Cusachs stated that the object of the meeting was to appoint commissioners, clerks, watchers and deputy sheriffs for the primary election to be held throughout the parish on Tuesday, January 23, 1912.

The following were appointed: First Ward. Commissioners—E. Goldstein, Felix Currow, H. V. Smith. Clerks—Theo. Dendinger, Anthony Koopp.

Second Ward, First Precinct. Commissioners—Sid Burns, J. H. Burns, Leander Fussell. Clerks—C. E. Taylor and H. T. Fauntleroy.

Second Ward, Second Precinct. Commissioners—Paul Yeger, Henry Yates, G. C. Wallace. Clerks—B. Bryant, Wm. Wallace.

Third Ward, First Precinct. Commissioners—L. A. Perremond, N. M. Hebert, Jr., W. L. Fussell. Clerks—A. H. Grimmer and J. H. Smith.

Third Ward, Second Precinct. Commissioners—Robt. C. Abney, Theo. Strain, Chas. W. Schmidt, J. DeLabrettonne, Chas. David, Wm. Peters, Wm. Boyle, H. Levy, Paul Casier, Tom Newman, Chas. Wilcox.

Fourth Ward. Commissioners—P. H. Hansborough, O. C. Bridges, W. R. Smith. Clerks—Jas. Band, Alex. Smith.

Fifth Ward. Commissioners—Leroy Michell, C. Jenkins, Robt. Williams. Clerks—P. Pierce, Theo. Talley.

Sixth Ward. Commissioners—Ellis Crawford, D. Evans, Peca. Craddock. Clerks—Grover C. Thomas, Theo. Morin.

Seventh Ward. Commissioners—Sam Glover, Berry Todd, R. G. Hadden. Clerks—John Davis and Harry Culbertson.

Eighth Ward. Commissioners—Chas. Smith, Louis Talley, J. F. Crawford. Clerks—H. J. Willis, C. Crawford.

Ninth Ward. Commissioners—Henry Keller, J. M. Hansborough, H. Jack. Clerks—Phillip Hearsey and W. H. Gardner.

Deputy Sheriffs. Ward 1—Geo. Datsch and A. C. Lyon. Ward 2, Precinct 1—J. M. Fussell and T. J. O'Keefe.

Ward 2, Precinct 2—John Willey and W. Willey. Ward 3, Precinct 1—Chas. Heints

New Orleans, La., Jan. 8—A murder, which, in sheer brutality, resembles the saddest tendency shown in the Davi murder, was discovered about 2:15 o'clock Monday morning, when the body of Vivian Goldstein, a Jewess of Syrian extraction, was found in her place at 1311 Bienville street. Investigation and an autopsy performed by Coroner J. A. O'Hara showed that while the dying woman had been subjected to horrible abuse by her slayer and also that she had struck the man in the head with a blood-stained brick, which was found close to her body.

Detectives and policemen spent the early part of the morning in the search for the slayer. At noon Inspector of Police James W. Reynolds said that the police were working on a clue.

The body of the woman was found on the floor beneath the mattress which had been rolled from her bed. Her face was bloody and a small wound was found on the top of her head. A bottle, covered with blood and bearing several hairs upon its bottom, indicated that this had been used upon the woman.

About 12:15 the detectives and police had been at work on the case found an iron rod in the back yard of the house. This rod had some blood on it and was bent and battered. There was also on it a light thread, which was at first taken to be a hair, but which proved to be a thread from a towel.

The finding of this bar and other evidence in the back yard caused the police to believe that the man after committing the murder, had run through the rear door and leaped over a back fence to the house next door and had thus made his way to the corner.

That the woman had struggled appeared evident from the condition of the room in which her body was found. Bloody finger prints were found on her throat and it is possible that Bertillon Operator Norris will take a photograph of these in order to identify the slayer should he be captured.

It was evident, Coroner O'Hara said, that after being struck down the woman had been horribly abused. The woman was very dark of skin, and her hair was of that crisp, curly sort usually found in negroes. However, it is said that the woman was a Jewess, of Syrian extraction, and was not colored.

POLICE JURY. The police jury will meet in regular session Monday, January 15, 1912. GEO. KOEPP, JR., President. E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary.

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and Ed. Lacroix. Ward 3, Precinct 2—H. Oslman and Jack Bennette. Ward 4—P. C. Smith and Robert Smith.

Ward 5—Louis Grantham and L. W. Purvis. Ward 6—H. Q. Parker and Davidson Richardson. Ward 7—Wm. Davis and J. T. Arnold.

Ward 8—T. P. Crawford and S. B. Cessman. Ward 9—C. V. Gusman and L. W. Collier.

The following resolution was adopted: Be it resolved by the Democratic Parish Executive Committee of St. Tammany parish, La., that all candidates of the Democratic party of this parish, who have no opposition, are hereby declared the nominees of this party.

There being no further business the Parish Executive Committee adjourned till Thursday, January 25, 1912. J. J. CUSACHS, Chairman. W. L. FUSSELL, Secretary.