

St. Tammany Farmer.

February 24, 1912.

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Bogno Palaya Grove, No. 21 Meets on the first and third Satur days of each month, at 7:30 p. m. in Cantrelle's Hall, Covington, La. E. D. KENTZEL, Noble Arch. F. B. HEMPEL, Secretary.

MASONIC LODGE NO 188, F. AND A. M.

Meets every Second and Fourth Tues day at 7:30 p. m. L. A. PERREAND, Worshipful Master. R. S. BLOSSMAN, Secretary.

Knights of Columbus.

Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month in KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, Covington, La. J. B. LANCASTER, G. K. C. C. KORNFIELD, Recorder.

Office Phone 55. Residence Phone 151.

DR. H. E. GAUTREAUX Has Returned to Covington and Resu med Practice. Office—Southern Hotel Building, Hours—9:30 to 11:30 a. m., and 3 to 5 p. m.

DR. A. R. MATTINGLY,

1510 15th Avenue 'Phone 101.

DR. THOS. G. AHEIN, Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist, Residence 210 S. Cortez St., New Orleans, La.

MISS HENRIETTA MILLOTT TRAINED NURSE Graduate of Hotel Dieu Will accept calls in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Madisonville, La., 'Phone 53.

JOS. NOE

Expert Wheelwright and Blacksmith. Abita Springs, La.

FOR SALE—Pure blooded R. I. Red eggs, \$1.00 for thirteen. P. O. Box 212.

Poland China Hogs for sale cheap. W. P. Thibodaux, Military Road. Ja6-tf

FOR STUD—Poland China boar, blooded stock. Harry Piguet, Lee Road, one square from Motor Line. Ja20-4f

FOR SALE—One Berkshire boar, 1 1/2 year old; two sows. Harry Piguet, Lee Road, one square from Motor Line. Ja20-4f

FOR SALE—Two pure-blooded Berkshire sows and two boars, six months old. Apply to KEENAN, Ramsey, La.—Phone 106-3.

FOR SALE—A good horse, \$50. to CHAS. W. SMITH, Abita Springs, La. f10-4f

TRAINED NURSE—Miss Agnes Keenan, trained nurse, graduate of Charity Hospital, will accept calls in St. Tammany parish, La. Ramsey, La., 'phone No. 106-3. Ja13-3m.

ROOMS AND BOARD—In private family. References required. P. O. Box 505, Covington, La. f3-4f

EGGS—S. C. Rhode Island Reds; heavy laying strain; 15 for \$1. F. C. LORET, f10-3m 21st Avenue, Phone 164.

FOR SALE—Nice residence of Dr. Pigott, cheap. Apply at residence or City Drug Store. f10-1m

FOR SALE—A bay horse, surrty and harness. Also a good gray horse, to party who will take good care of him. Would make an excellent horse for the farm. Will be sold cheap, with above stipulations. Apply Covington Grocery and Grain Company. f24-4f

Don't buy shoes until you have seen the Hamilton Drown. They are for sale at Schmidt's store, Abita Springs. no4-tf

NOTICE.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. N. W. Watts, of Tallisheek, La., relative to the Tallisheek notes of last Saturday. He says that it is untrue that there was an entertainment at the Jim Thomas place, and he deprecates the mention of Miss Ella Watts, cannot always make an excellent horse for the farm. Will be sold cheap, with above stipulations. Apply Covington Grocery and Grain Company. f24-4f

The Farmer is always glad to have correspondence of the social doings of any locality in the parish, but such notes must not only give the name of the writer, but they must be truthful reports of actual occurrences. We cannot always know when reports are truthful. That is why we demand the name of the writer, although the article may be signed by nom de plume. THE EDITOR.

THANKS TO PEOPLE OF COVING TON.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped us in any way during the fire in our home on Ash Wednesday; especially to the members of the Fire Department who responded with remarkable promptness, and to Mr. Eddie Jones who did such brave and efficient work. Gratefully yours, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Haines and Miss Lucy Carter.

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BIG FIRE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Loss Estimated Between Seven and Ten Million Dollars.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 21.—In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, smoldering wreckage covers an area about one and one-half miles in length and varying in width from 200 yards to half a mile in the northeastern section of the city. More than a dozen of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins; 200 or more dwelling houses and store buildings are in ashes and approximately 1000 persons are homeless. An accurate statement of the monetary loss is not yet possible, but the most conservative estimates are that the amount will reach at least \$7,000,000. The insurance carried will not exceed 40 per cent. A few who suffered minor burns and bruises were the only ones injured.

Breaking forth without warning in an unattended rooming house, known locally as the "madhouse" shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and at a time when a fierce gale was sweeping from the northwest, the flames made remarkable headway. Leaping from the place of origin the flames pounced upon adjoining buildings and from them careened toward the southeast, generally making clean and desolate their route; but occasionally, in seeming sport, sparing a structure, sometimes a mere shanty, and again a place of some pretension.

Four hours later the area of destruction had been defined, but the work of the fire fighters was not then ended, nor is it ended yet, for all over the charred and blackened district lie piles of brick, mortar, cement, distorted tin, smoking merchandise, smoldering cotton and other debris, the consuming of which is a slow process.

In the early morning hours, the gale continued fiercely, and at times hurled clouds of burning shingles an dire great distances, threatening even further destruction. Two of the plants and threatened were those of the Texas Company and the Texas Packing Company. The latter was damaged to a considerable extent, but is capable of easy restoration. Several times the roof of the oil plant was ignited by flying brands, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

TEN PLANTS BURNED. The industrial plants destroyed include three cotton compresses, together with 55,000 bales of cotton, a syrup factory, a pencil factory, two rice mills, a cotton pickery and three saw mills. The compresses and cotton alone were valued in excess of \$5,000,000. Another building destroyed was St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Academy. In computing the total loss, besides the value of the store buildings, damage to property of the railway and public service corporations whose tracks the flames crossed must be taken into account. Quick action was taken for the relief of those rendered homeless, and night-fall found the victims with at least their immediate needs cared for.

ABITA SPRINGS NOTES. The Abita manerade ball was a success, a good sized crowd attended and a nice sum was realized, which went to the school. Music was furnished through the kindness of the Ragan Band.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson entertained a few of their friends last Friday evening. Those present were Miss F. Bailey, Mrs. W. McCaffery, Miss T. Terreboune, Mrs. Duquesne and Miss Duquesne, Prof. P. F. Graves and Mr. John Cahill.

A good crowd of Abita folks attended the carnival in New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Emile Caserta were Abita Springs visitors, Sunday, and were the guests of relatives.

Mr. John D. Lemons is in New Orleans on a visit. Miss Maude Lemons is visiting relatives in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

MILITARY ROAD NOTES. Misses J. Merhman and J. Menard, of New Orleans, visited Miss C. Werhman on Sunday.

Mrs. E. D. Wilbur and children are in New Orleans for the carnival. Mrs. Paul Cooper and baby, Leo, are guests of friends in New Orleans for carnival.

Mr. Carl Giest spent Thursday in New Orleans. Miss M. O. Pinckney spent the holidays in New Orleans.

The Tacky and Character dance given at the Garden District school last Saturday, was a success, even though the weather was very bad. Prof. Graves, of Abita Springs, and Miss Georgia Huddleston won the prizes.

MEETING OF KING'S DAUGHTERS. There will be a called meeting of the King's Daughters on Monday evening, Feb. 26, 1912, in the M. C. B. Library rooms at 3:30. All members are requested to be present, as matters of importance are to be discussed.

MRS. PRESTON BURNS, Leader. U. A. O. D.

There will be a special meeting of the United Ancient Order of Druids to-night, Feb. 24, at their hall, usual hour. Business of importance, all members requested to be present. E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary.

F. B. HEMPEL, Noble Arch. Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS.

During the last several days, since the death of our happy family was taken from us so suddenly, we have been almost blind with grief. Yet in this great darkness there have appeared two beacons of light; the one coming from God who already knows our thankfulness, the other coming from friends, who in their thoughtfulness, have done everything in their power to alleviate our suffering. It is impossible for us to sufficiently thank these dear friends for their many acts of kindness, which were so unselfishly and spontaneously given.

We feel that this letter of thanks, incomplete as it is, would be vain were it not for the many acts of kindness and the unflinching courtesies offered by the officers and young ladies of the telephone exchange. Faithfully, MRS. D. I. ADDISON AND FAMILY.

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CONVENTION OF SCHOOL LEAGUES

(Continued from page one.)

We met with some strong opposition, but we won the fight.

We held two big rallies last year. One a town-wide rally of our school work, and one a parish rally. Gov Sanders and Supt. Harris gave strong talks to promote schools interests. This fall at our town fair the schools were all invited to furnish exhibits and many of the schools of the parish were represented and no more creditable work could be found anywhere. Many blue ribbons were won and indeed they were well deserved. Next year this will be repeated.

Our membership is 65. Covington has no good school building, we are sorry to say, but has very hopeful prospects for the future and the league have good reasons to feel that it has helped to promote this result, and when she has one, she will be glad to invite you all to be her guests, thus giving us a chance of returning some of the many favors we have enjoyed.

MRS. S. W. PRAGUE, Secretary Covington League.

Mrs. Moses also read the following letter from Mrs. R. B. Paine, showing the interest that is being taken by the Mandeville league:

Mandeville, La., Feb. 14, 1912. Mrs. E. R. Moses, Thibodaux, La. Dear Mrs. Moses:—While our School Improvement League is not a part of the State organization, it is our desire to let this body hear from us, so it can assist us in getting into line. We feel that the work in a large one, and we would like to have instruction as to what and how to do to be of the greatest advantage to the school. Just now we are working hard to try to get our school term extended from 6 or 7 months to 9 months, and we are having a hard task indeed. We will appreciate your interest in our behalf with the State League and will try to see you on your return.

With best wishes, Yours sincerely, MRS. C. S. GALBRATH, President. MRS. R. B. PAINE, Secretary.

Among other things of interest, it was told how the Alberta League raised \$140 by collecting cat sacks and selling them. The discussions brought out many suggestions as to ways and means. The fact that the State Leagues have expended \$288,000 the past year shows how much good is being done.

Many new leagues are being organized in St. Tammany parish, notably, the Garden District, Audubon, Folsom, Abita Springs and Mandeville. These leagues will be invited to attend the meeting of the Covington league, to be held a week from Tuesday, and efforts will be made to organize the parish league.

Covington, Juniors, earned \$16, and bought basket ball set, basin, soap, towels, etc. Garden District League earned \$88, had school house repaired, bought desks, etc. Folsom League organized Saturday.

Abita Springs League to be organized soon. Seven Leagues in the parish of St. Tammany.

MANDEVILLE NOTES.

The steamer Dolive made fast schedule and her trips across the lake brought each time hundreds of passengers. The people of the parish are very anxious to patronize the company, so the fare on the Dolive should be the same through the summer and winter season.

The Misses Corinne and Estelle Smith spent carnival in New Orleans, returning to Mandeville Wednesday. While there they were the guests of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Smith returned to Mandeville Wednesday night. They enjoyed the parades in New Orleans very much.

Mrs. Goldie Golden, Hartman, Artus, and Mr. Golden and sons and Miss Lyons returned to their home in Mandeville Wednesday.

Mrs. Watkins and her sisters, the Misses Watkins, spent Mardi Gras in New Orleans, making the trip on the Dolive very pleasantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. David spent Mardi Gras in New Orleans, being passengers on the Dolive.

Mrs. Freda Stretton attended the Comus parade Tuesday night, returning that same night after the parade.

Mrs. Louis Alvarez, accompanied by her friend Mrs. Robinson, were passengers on the Dolive Monday night attending the Proteus parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dykeman and father, Mr. V. Dykeman, spent Mardi Gras taking in the sights in the great New Orleans.

Mrs. Marie Dyer spent several days in New Orleans as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hebert on Napoleon Avenue.

Mrs. Lucas Prieto, also her children, were in the Crescent City Mardi Gras day.

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WE DO NOT SEEK PRAISE or thanks in connection with our business, but appreciate kind words, nevertheless. We like to read what the St. Tammany Farmer said about us last week, and have heard similar expressions from several of our customers. The letter we publish herewith from the 'little' Armour Packing Company also pleases us: ARMOUR PACKING COMPANY, OF LOUISIANA, LIMITED. CHICAGO, ILL.

\$1.00 Starts an Account Here Ask any of your friends who have money in the bank if it pays to save. You will find that ten out of twelve of them started with a small deposit. Come to this bank and open your account to-day.

FIRST PRIZE-WINNERS New Orleans and St. Tammany Poultry Show November and December, 1911

SLIDELL DEPARTMENT. News Gathered by our Correspondent, Social Events, Etc. Mrs. and Mrs. Hoover and children attended carnival in New Orleans. Mrs. Camulet and family, of Mandeville, have moved to Slidell to make their home here. Hope they will like it here.