

# 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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## HOW TO GET A \$600 PLAYER PIANO OR \$400 CABINET GRAND FREE

If You Do Not Win the First Prize, Then You Still Have a Chance at the \$400 Cabinet Grand Piano or Other Prizes.

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Commencing next Monday the Farmer inaugurates the greatest popularity voting contest ever launched in the State by a weekly newspaper. In this contest more than one thousand dollars in valuable prizes will be given away absolutely free to the most popular ladies in the parish of St. Tammany and the parishes adjoining.

The contest is under the management of the United Contest Advertising Co., of New York and Jacksonville, Fla., one of the largest contest advertising companies in the country. They have placed Contest Manager C. K. Thompson in charge of the contest and he will be at the service of the contestants until the close. In this way the contest will be under the management of distinguished parties thereby insuring a fair and square deal to all.

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Fill out the coupon which is printed in this issue of the paper with the name of some young lady that you would like to see win one of the handsome prizes, then insert your own name and send or bring it to the newspaper office and the contest will be entered with three thousand votes to start with. To enter the name of a friend will not cost you one cent, and it is not necessary for you to be a subscriber to this paper in order to nominate your favorite candidate.

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Subscription blanks will be furnished by the contest department upon request, and if you will get out

among your friends a little effort on your part will enable you to win one of the many prizes.

We would like to have every contestant call at the St. Tammany Farmer office and talk over her campaign with the Contest Manager who will be glad to render any assistance possible and will explain the contest thoroughly.

Explanation in Detail of the Contest.

The contest will open in earnest Monday, April 8th, and will continue no longer than nine weeks. Any white lady of good character married or single, residing in St. Tammany or surrounding parishes is eligible to nomination in this contest for the valuable prizes offered. No obligations are attached to entering. It costs nothing to win, the prizes are to be given absolutely free to the contestant receiving the largest number of votes during the run of the contest. Votes cannot be bought.

All money must be paid to the Contest Manager who will have entire control of the contest. Contest Manager's signature must be affixed to votes before they have any value in the contest. The contest will be run on the same basis, fair and square, to all. Votes can only be obtained in the manner stated in another column of this paper. Contestants must report weekly in person or by letter.

Votes once issued cannot be transferred to another contestant.

To all who enter the contest we guarantee fair treatment. No partiality will be shown to any contestant. The final count of the ballots will be made by a committee of prominent business men and their decision will be final.

Distribution of Prizes.

After the two main prizes are awarded at the close of the contest, the territory will be divided into districts and there are at least ten district prizes to be awarded to the contestants. The grand prizes may go to any of the districts.

Send the ST. TAMMANY FARMER from now till 1912, one year, for which I inclose one dollar. Count me a member of the Local Club of the Bible Question Contest.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB QUESTIONS

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### SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

April 14, 1912.

The Use of the Sabbath. Mark 11:23; III:5.

Golden Text—The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Mark 11:27.

1. Verses 23-24—What are the Old Testament laws for keeping the Sabbath day? Ex. xxiii:12; xxxi:14-17; Deut. v:14.

2. What is the origin of the Sabbath day, and what was its original purpose? Gen. 1:2-3; Deut. xxxii:21.

3. Was it true or not, and why, that Jesus did break the letter of the Sabbath law?

4. Verses 25-26—Did Jesus have the right to change or modify the Sabbath law or any other law? Give your reason.

5. With the exception of natural law, are there ever cases when it is necessary to break the letter of the law in order to keep its spirit? Give your reasons.

6. What are the facts concerning this reference to David? See Ex. xxix:32-33; I Sam. xxi:8.

7. How do you reconcile the inference from the words of Jesus that David did right in eating the shewbread, notwithstanding it was an unlawful act? See Lev. xxiv:5-9.

8. If David and Jesus had the right to suspend Scriptural laws

when the circumstances seemed to them to justify it, what are our rights under similar circumstances?

9. Verses 27-28—Jesus here states in substance that the Sabbath law must bend to man's real welfare. Why would he, or not, have said the same thing about every other law?

10. Does God give to every holy man the same right as Jesus had over the Sabbath law and presumably every other law? Why or why not?

11. Verses 1-2—What was the reason that the Pharisees hated Jesus and sought how they might destroy him?

12. Verses 3-4—How may we decide with certainty as to what we should or should not do on the Sabbath day? (This is one of the questions which may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

13. What would you, for example, say that the engineer of the through express on the Sabbath day may please God at his work just the same as the minister in the pulpit? Why?

14. Why did they not answer Jesus' question?

15. A poor boy came to church on a cold Sunday with no buttons on his coat. A good sister took him into the vestry and sewed buttons on. Did she do right or not, and why?

16. Verses 5-6—When is it right to be angry?

17. Why did Jesus cure people miraculously in those days and not in these?

Lesson for Sunday, April 21, 1912.

The Appointment of the Twelve. Mark III:13-19; Matt. v:13-16.

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### MRS. McREE ACQUITTED.

Opelousas, April 3.—Eleven to one for acquittal. This was the verdict that sent Mrs. See Runge McRee a free woman from the courthouse in this city this morning. Under the instructions of the court, it took only nine to render a verdict, and the defendant had two more than required.

The scene in the courtroom was pathetic beyond description. Mrs. McRee wept great big tears. Her knees quaked under her wept and rushed to counsel for the defense. Probably the most notable feature was Colonel T. H. Lewis. He is on the declining side of life, and he rushed over to little Vallers, the youngest daughter of Mrs. McRee, and taking her in his arms, he embraced her time and again.

The child probably knew little or nothing about the real significance of the scenes that were taking place, but the aged counsel for the defense grasped the situation.

COMOTION IN COURTROOM.

So great was the commotion in the courtroom that Judge Favre was compelled to instruct Sheriff Swords to maintain order. The crowd had to be warned that no demonstration should take place.

The court convened at 10 o'clock this morning as usual. The customary form of finding out if all of the jury was present was gone through with, and directly thereafter the court asked:

"Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?"

"We have," was the reply. It was then stated that eleven of the jurors were for acquittal and one for conviction.

The jury was polled, and it was found that Alcee Arnaud, of Arnaudville, was the sole juror in favor of conviction.

Things have been at fever heat in Opelousas to-day. Those opposed to the verdict of the jury allege there has been grave miscarriage of justice. Those who favored an acquittal say that justice has been done.

There are some who assert that the trial will have a bearing later on the politics of St. Landry parish.

One thing, however, is certain, the case is over and Mrs. McRee is a free woman.

Mrs. McRee was indicted for murder on the charge of having killed Allen Garland in September, 1911. There was no witness to the killing save Mrs. McRee herself. She said she killed Allen Garland in defense because he had insulted her. She said that on the morning of the killing she telephoned to the Garland homestead for a spoon of thread and Allen Garland came over with the thread and asked her if her husband would be at home that night.

### SHOT TO DEFEND HONOR.

"Why do you ask such question?" Mrs. McRee says she uttered. Young Garland is alleged to have replied that he proposed to come over. That he further thought she was no good. She claimed she shot to defend her honor and body.

The State claimed the testimony showed that Mrs. McRee did not shoot in self-defense, but that she shot young Garland as he sat in the chair and that she shot him down in cold blood.

That the case has been bitterly contested there can be no denial. R. Lee Garland, district attorney and an uncle of the boy, was accused as counsel in the trial just closed.

The Garland family is as old as St. Landry parish itself. Mrs. McRee is the wife of a railroad man and not a native of Louisiana. Points of family connection were argued to the jury, but frankly it must be admitted that such points were not stressed. The case has been a matter of thousands of dollars and what is more has caused personal and bitter feelings.

As far as the general public is concerned relief was expressed that the case is over. It is probable that never again will a homicide so stir the people's passions. At noon to-day Mrs. McRee, accompanied by her husband, left for Texas.

### GOOD ROADS CONFERENCE.

New Orleans, April 4.—A joint good roads conference will be held in New Orleans April 8 in the auditorium of the Progressive Union. The automobile dealers are behind this movement, and they have planned an effective campaign for the purpose of developing the spirit of good roads, the idea being to bring about co-operation among all the counties and parishes, particularly in Mississippi and Louisiana, in opening up new roads and improving old ones in such a way as to give access to and from each and every section of those two states.

The speakers at the New Orleans conference include Governor J. Y. Sanders, of Louisiana; Mayor Martin Behrman, of New Orleans; George H. Maxwell, the man who is leading the great national drainage movement; State Engineer Frank Kerr, of Louisiana; John A. Kruse, of Chicago, an engineer of national reputation; Jarvis Lombard, Louisiana State Highway Commissioner, and President J. S. West, of the Hammond Progressive Union, who will tell about the "King Drag."

Lame shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold all dealers.

### MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY DRILLING COMPANY.

Covington, La., April 1, 1912. Meeting of the stockholders of St. Tammany Drilling Co. for the election of a board of directors.

Members present: B. B. Warren, Thos. Lacroix, P. J. Lacroix, A. R. Smith, A. H. Grimmer, J. A. Dornier, Eugene Bolla, A. C. McCormack, L. Cole, E. G. Del Corral.

The president, A. H. Grimmer, made his report of the actions of the board during the year. Among other things was a contract between the St. Tammany Drilling Co. and St. Tammany Oil Co. by which was transferred 20 mineral leases and the rental of the drilling rig.

It was moved by J. A. Dornier, and seconded by A. C. McCormack, that the president's report be accepted and action of the board be ratified. Motion carried.

L. Cole was appointed to the chair and A. R. Smith secretary, and the meeting proceeded to the election of the board of nine directors. It was agreed that each member vote for nine directors as no particular ticket was suggested. The following received votes as follows:

B. B. Warren, 9; A. H. Grimmer, 9; C. McCormack, 7; Jos. Delery, 5; Chas. W. Schmidt, 2; S. D. Bullock, 8; A. R. Smith, 10; Thos. Lacroix, 10; E. G. Del Corral, 9; J. A. Dornier, 3; L. W. Ailford, 2; P. J. Lacroix, 9.

A. H. Grimmer, B. B. Warren, E. G. Del Corral, Thos. Lacroix, P. J. Lacroix, A. R. Smith, L. Cole, S. D. Bullock, and A. C. McCormack received the majority of votes and were declared elected.

There being no further business the board adjourned.

A. R. SMITH, Acting Secretary.

Meeting of the New Board of Directors.

Covington, La., April 2, 1912. Board met with following members present: B. B. Warren, L. Cole, A. H. Grimmer, Thos. Lacroix, A. R. Smith and S. D. Bullock.

Mr. L. Cole was appointed temporary chairman and A. R. Smith secretary.

After due discussion the election of officers ensued, as follows: A. H. Grimmer, President; L. Cole, Vice President; A. C. McCormack, Secretary; A. R. Smith, Treasurer; Thos. Lacroix, Custodian of Machinery.

Some fathers regret not having had the chance of following such an attractive plan of Bible study as is offered by the Linscott Questions course appearing in our paper.—Get the children "in line!"

### EASTERN STAR WILL ENTERTAIN NEXT MONTH.

"A Modern Aanaas" Will be Title of Comedy, or in Plainer English "A Darn Liar."

The Eastern Star has, in previous years, given to the public comedies and dramas of a high class and have never failed to please the public to such an extent that they wait with interest the coming of the next performance.

The play, which will be staged in the early part of next month for their benefit, will be one of them which has never had its equal in Covington theatricals. The cast is selected from the best local talent, and the majority of them are capable beyond the average.

"The Modern Aanaas" is recommended to amateurs with the utmost confidence, and it is absolutely certain to provoke roars of laughter from start to finish.

The next issue of the Farmer will contain a list of the cast, with a synopsis and the other particulars.

BACHELORES CALLED MISMITS.

Woman's Homestead Association Would Retire Them to Private Life.

Boston, April 2.—The Woman's Homestead Association of Massachusetts has declared war on all bachelors who aspire for public office, and it will engage actively in a campaign to defeat any unmarried man who announces his candidacy for anything in the State of Massachusetts.

The association's declaration of war is contained in the following resolution: "Be it resolved, That the Woman's Homestead Association purposes to keep a tag on all bachelor candidates for public office at the hands of the people until we retire them to private life, where they properly belong, because they are misfits of society."

The value of Varnish Stain depends very largely upon the grade of Varnish used in making it. Campbell's Varnish Stain is made from the toughest gum floor Varnish. You can finish your floor with this stain and pound it with a hammer without causing the finish to chip or scratch. H. J. Smith & Son sell it.

If you are at all interested call in to our office and see the list of prominent men and leading educationalists endorsing our weekly Linscott Suggestive Questions; it may surprise you.

### CLERKS AND COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION.

Following are the commissioners and clerks of election to be held April 16, 1912:

First Ward. B. T. Goldate, W. H. Bohning, Anthony Koopp, commissioners; Eug. Mugnier, clerk.

Second Ward, 1st Precinct. C. E. Taylor, H. T. Fauntleroy, Paul Duturich, commissioners; S. Burns, Clerk.

Second Ward, 2d Precinct. W. T. Wallis, Wm. Henry Yates, I. B. Wascom, commissioners; J. D. McLean, Clerk.

Third Ward, 1st Precinct. W. H. Kentsel, Anatole Beaucouray, Wallace Poole, commissioners; F. J. Marindale, clerk.

Third Ward, 2d Precinct. Frank Martin, Robt. Abney, E. J. Terbonne, commissioners; A. O. Pons, clerk.

Fourth Ward. W. G. Davis, John David, George Glockner, commissioners; A. Smith, clerk.

Fifth Ward. L. A. Mitchell, Walter Pierce, M. Mizell, commissioners; J. D. Thomas, clerk.

Sixth Ward. David Evans, H. Q. Parker, G. C. Thomas, commissioners; J. B. Drury, clerk.

Seventh Ward. Berry W. W. Todd, Harry Culbertson, Isom Keller, commissioners; Wm. Meeks, clerk.

Eighth Ward. B. T. Crawford, Frank Peeler, Sam Boss, commissioners; W. G. Pow, clerk.

Ninth Ward. W. E. Eddins, John Hansbrough, Wm. Peeler, commissioners; Walter Smith, clerk.

W. E. BLOSSMAN, W. E. PARKER, Board of Supervisors.

TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

I have established a real estate office at Abita Springs, La., which I will run in connection with my New Orleans office.

I expect to devote my entire time in the future to the development and sale of property in this section. My office in New Orleans and real estate connections that I have in other States afford me unusual facilities for handling real estate and rentals successfully.

I will be pleased to list the property of those who desire to sell—large or small tracts, houses or lots. J. E. GLIBSON, Abita Springs, La.

## POSTOFFICE CLOSING AT 8 O'CLOCK

Inspector Black Orders Office Closed at Night.

Postmaster Theriot Says He Is Obeying Orders.

Citizens Petition the Department at Washington.

Patrons Say They Pay to Get Mail at Any Hour.

According to the ruling of Inspector Black of the U. S. Postal Department, the corridor of the Covington postoffice has been closed after the distribution and delivery of the evening mail at 8 o'clock p. m. This action has brought many protests from those who are box renters and have been in the habit of getting their mail late in the evening of in the very early morning hours. The matter has been discussed from the different points of view, and while here are arguments on both sides of the question, the final settlement of the matter must rest with the Postoffice Department at Washington. To this end a petition of the citizens has been drawn up and presented to Postmaster Theriot to be forwarded to Washington, to which he has attached the following letter:

Covington, La., April 3, 1912. Chief Clerk of the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find petition from the patrons of the Covington postoffice requesting me to submit same to your department for your consideration. This change went into effect March 1, and was ordered by Inspector H. H. Black, March 27.

Respectfully,  
P. E. THERIOT, Postmaster.

The bringing about of this order was caused by conditions which in New Madrid, Mo., meager reports; Inspector Black said could not be allowed by the U. S. Government. A representative of the Farmer called on Mr. Theriot and asked him why the postoffice had been closed. For answer, Mr. Theriot took him through the lobby, the box and mail taken from the boxes by the patrons. "I will show you just what Inspector Black showed me," he said.

"Now we will go over these boxes and see how many of them are unlocked." Within a square of eight feet he found five or six boxes open, small and large, one of them belonging to a company whose mail is not only large but should contain many valuable letters.

"You see," said Mr. Theriot, "any one inclined to do so can not only carry off the boxes, but can get into his arm through the box and within a circle of two feet can extract mail from the adjoining boxes of patrons who have locked them and are in no way responsible for the negligence of those who have not."

"Aside from this," continued Mr. Theriot, "there are always in the office a large amount of stamps, valuable letters and packages. New Orleans is the nearest depository of the postoffice funds and this is unavoidable."

"Is there any law, Mr. Theriot, that requires postoffices to be locked at night?"

"Not that I know of. It rests entirely with the inspector. When he finds that conditions exist that should not be reported then and the department orders them corrected."

Mr. Theriot spoke of other reasons that influenced the closing of the office at night that are familiar to all the patrons but that it is hardly necessary to give public notoriety. He stated, however, that he wished to do all in his power to conduct the office as it should be conducted and to please patrons, if possible.

"If patrons could have a full knowledge of the many difficulties with which the postmaster has to contend," said Mr. Theriot, "I would get more sympathy than criticism for carrying out instructions that must be obeyed, and for attempting sanitary and other improvements in the office. While I myself am not under civil service rules, each of my employees in I work in the office early and late and assume many duties that are not required of me by the department. Several years ago the postoffice at Bogalusa was closed under the same conditions that exist here. The citizens petitioned for it to be opened. I do not believe, however, that the petition was granted."

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular, madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

## HIGH WATER THREATENS OVERFLOW

Danger from Flood Gradually Creeping South.

Thousands of Homeless People in Stricken District.

Twenty Blocks in Memphis are Under Water.

Kentucky and Arkansas in the Flood's Pathway.

Four towns on the Mississippi river are seriously affected by the wall of water, more than 200 miles long and from eight to ten feet higher than official flood stages, surging between bluffs or high banks on one side, and levees on the other. The greatest strain to which the levees are subjected covers that portion of the river between Hickman, Ky., and Helena, Ark., but gradually creeping southward. Thirty thousand acres of very rich farming land in Jackson county, Ill., are flooded as the result of the breaking of two levees south of Chester, Ill., yesterday.

Summarized, the situation is as follows:

At Hickman, Ky., factory district swamped. 3,000 homeless, business section partially inundated, residence section safe; 1,000 homeless rescued from Dorens, Mo., community being cared for. Food supplies sufficient for three more days. Prompt aid from outside of State badly needed to avert calamity. Country about Hickman a practical inland sea. Damage \$150,000 or more.

At Memphis, Tenn., eighteen to twenty-five blocks in north part flooded, 1,300 driven from homes. Levee at Memphis, Tenn., business section operating irregularly. Country about Memphis a practical inland sea. Damage \$150,000 or more.

At New Madrid, Mo., meager reports; town flooded; no loss of life reported; damage not estimated.

Columbus, Ky., part of town flooded; residents moving out rapidly, suffering in outlying districts. Damage in vicinity \$100,000.

Extent of danger zone over farm land not now being filled because of fear of levee breaking. 800,000 acres, conservative estimate.

Gauge readings at 7 o'clock last night show the following stages:

Memphis 42.9, a rise of .3 in twelve hours; Pittsburg 19.5, a rise of .7; Cincinnati 49.8, a rise of .3; Louisville 85 feet, a rise of .1; St. Louis 50.1, a rise of .1; Cairo 54.8, a rise of .1; Paducah 48 feet, a rise of .4; Helena, Ark., 50.1, a rise of .3; Vicksburg, Miss., 46.1, a rise of .1; New Orleans 16.7, a rise of .2.

RAILROAD LEVEES OUT.

Dykes Protecting Cairo Drainage District Fall.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—Both the Mobile and Ohio and Big Four road levees at Cairo have collapsed, according to a dispatch received here early this morning. Four hundred men are reported marooned on the Big Four levee and a steamer is going to their assistance. No loss of life reported.

The levees protected the Cairo drainage district. The main levee around the city of Cairo is intact and it is believed will hold. The plants of twenty two lumber concerns, a village of 600 persons, and many small farms, are flooded, according to the dispatch.

The Mobile and Ohio levee on the west side of the district was the first to go. Two hundred feet of the embankment went through at 9:30 last night in an effort to close the gap eleven carloads of sand and rocks were dumped into the crevasse. This gave way in a short time and at two o'clock this morning the waters of the Mississippi were rushing in and filling the territory between the levee and the Illinois Central tracks, a short distance of two miles.

The Big Four levee, along the Ohio river, burst at 1 o'clock this morning and water is pouring through a gap about 300 feet in width. This levee is 20 feet high. The men affected are laborers at work bolstering up the Big Four levee.

The Illinois Central now is the only road entering Cairo of which the tracks are intact.

The break in the Big Four levee is near the Cairo County Club, two miles above the city.

Among our weekly Suggestive Questions are some on capital and labor, on the home, commercial matters, Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

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