

# 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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## WELCOME BANKERS' ASSOCIATION



Reading left to right—Lewis E. Pierson, President Irving National Exchange Bank, New York City. J. H. Fulton, Chairman Executive Council, Jos. Gottlieb, President La. Bankers Association.

We wish to call the attention of the bankers and their guests to the many advantages of Covington as a health resort; the opportunity for investment in land; the situation for the building of factories, with its waterways, cheap fuel and pure water, free from lime and sediment; the loveliest climate in the world and the second healthiest spot in the United States, according to the reports of the United States Government. A land of flowers and birds and pure air and opportunities. Look it over and think about it.

## BANKERS CONVENTION

Bogue Falaya Park Pavilion Chosen for Meeting.

Bankers' Special Delayed by Wreck in Its Way.

Outline of Original Program for Two Days Session.

Ladies Taken in Charge by W. P. U. of Covington.

Beautiful weather followed after the storm for the reception of the bankers and to give Covington time to remove the debris of trees, shrubs and flowers broken by the hail and scattered by the wind, but there was not time for nature to restore the beautiful appearance of the full bloom of flowers and budding trees. Some of the bankers arrived as early as Thursday and took the opportunity to look over the town. The trains were met by members of the committees, who looked after their comfort and saw that they were conducted to their apartments.

The Bogue Falaya Park Pavilion, where the bankers met, was decorated with United States flags and bunting, the ceiling being festooned with moss and other parts of the building decorated with palms. The lobby and corridors of the New Southern Hotel were scenes of handshaking and felicitations of old friends and new acquaintances, and the bankers dropped their busy expression long enough to smile encouragingly at the prospects of a successful session and a relaxing program.

The following was the program for Friday: Roll call. Prayer—Rev. J. M. Williams. Address of Welcome—Dr. F. G. Marrero, Mayor of Covington. Response—Hon. L. E. Thomas, of Shreveport. President's Address—Joseph Gottlieb, of Baton Rouge. Secretary's Report—L. O. Broussard, of Abbeville. Treasurer's Report—L. M. Poole, of New Orleans. Report of Legislative Committee—Hon. E. T. Merrick, of New Orleans. Address—Necessary Legislation Regarding Bills of Lading. Hon. Lewis E. Pierson, former President of the National Bankers Association, President of the Irving National Exchange Bank, New York. Appointment of Committees on Nomination.

Boat ride on Tchoufunca river and Lake Ponchartraine, 2 p. m. Program for Saturday. Friday, 3 o'clock p. m., a committee of ladies from the Women's Progressive Union, with Mrs. E. G. Davis as chairman, called on visiting ladies at the New Southern Hotel to present compliments of Covington ladies, and program for their entertainment.

8 o'clock, Friday, autos were in waiting at New Southern Hotel with committee to take the ladies sight-seeing. Friday evening, 8 o'clock, vaudeville and informal dance at Park Pavilion.

Second Day. Saturday, 12:30 o'clock, a boat ride down Tchoufunca river on lake



JOHN F. DIENDORF, Cashier of the St. Tammany Banking Company and Savings Bank.

to Mandeville and return by way of motor cars. Saturday evening, 9 o'clock, reception and musical at Southern Hotel parlors.

Second Day. Roll Call. Prayer—Rev. J. M. Williams. Address—"Immigration, Reclamation and Drainage," Hon. Geo. H. Maxwell, Director of the Pittsburg Flood Commission, Washington, D. C. Formal Discussion of Banking Topics. Election of Officers. Appointment of Delegates to American Bankers Association Convention. Banquet at Southern Hotel at 8 p. m. Adjournment.

Following are the officers of the Louisiana Bankers Association, for 1911: President—Joseph Gottlieb, Vice-President Louisiana National Bank, Baton Rouge. Secretary—L. O. Broussard, President Bank of Abbeville. Treasurer—L. M. Poole, Vice-President Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, New Orleans.

Following are the District Vice-Presidents: First Congressional District—L. H. Dinkins, President Interstate Trust and Banking Company, New Orleans. Second Congressional District—M. Lichtenstein, Vice-President Commercial National Bank, New Orleans. Third Congressional District—Jno. G. Neel's, Cashier Bank of Gueydan, Gueydan.

Fourth Congressional District—W. F. Voorhies, Assistant Cashier First National Bank, Shreveport. Fifth Congressional District—H. D. Angar, Cashier Union Bank and Trust Company, Monroe. Sixth Congressional District—Harvey E. Ellis, President St. Tammany Banking Company and Savings Company, Covington.

Seventh Congressional District—Dr. W. D. Haas, President Merchants and Planters Bank, Bunkie. Following are members of the Executive Committee: J. H. Fulton, Chairman, President Commercial National Bank, New Orleans. Charles Janvier, President Canal-Louisiana Bank and Trust Company, New Orleans. A. Breton, Vice-President German-American National Bank, New Orleans. Ben Johnson, Cashier Bank of Commerce, Mansfield. Prof. Henry G. W. Bolton, Vice-President Rapides Bank, Alexandria.

O. M. Wright, President Ruston State Bank, Ruston. R. N. Sims, Vice-President Peoples Bank, Donaldsonville. E. G. Davis, Cashier Covington Bank and Trust Company, Covington. Following are members of Legis-

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L. O. Broussard, Abbeville, Secretary.



L. M. Poole, New Orleans, Treasurer.



Covington Bank and Trust Company.



St. Tammany Banking Company and Savings Bank

## A MODERN ANANIAS

An Entertaining and Lively Three Act Comedy.

Will be Put on at Bark Pavilion Thursday, May 9.

For Eastern Stars, Management Sidney Fuhrman.

"A Modern Ananias," the big three-act comedy which will be staged at the Park Pavilion on Thursday, May 9th, under the management of C. S. A. Fuhrman, will be one of the best three-act comedies ever shown in Covington.

The cast, which may be seen below, is an exceptionally good one and as this is the first home talent show of the season it is anticipated that a record breaking crowd will be out on the 9th. Following is the synopsis of the play:

Lysander Lyon was, in his infancy, deserted by his mother and taken care of by a bachelor uncle who grew immensely rich in California. Lysander made his uncle's heir and goes to Europe to study. To inculcate economical habits he is restricted to a small allowance, and meeting a wealthy widow, whose hold on life is slender, he marries her unknown to his uncle. After his marriage he finds himself stepfather to a leechy old maid, to whom, on her mother's death the expected fortune reverts. Meantime the uncle has become guardian of Nellie Golden-gate and decides that his two wards should marry. Unknown to Lysander he crosses the continent at the time when that young gentleman is paying a surreptitious visit to America. Lysander meets Nellie and scrapes an acquaintance with her. But owing to Francisco's blunder, thinks her name is Prudence—the name of her friend. In order to avoid a marriage with Nellie, whom he thinks he has never seen, he invents a story to the effect that he is already married and then complications ensue. Finally he is forced to confess all his deceptions except one—the truth about baby Nellie forgives him and so does the uncle, for his fibs and also his first marriage, but both imagine baby to be a little child. Then the truth comes to the surface, when he marries his stepdaughter to his uncle and himself marries Nellie.

Following is the cast: Lysander Lyon, M. D., with a vivid imagination—C. S. A. Fuhrman.

Nellie Golden-gate—With a pickled accent; Lysander's classmate—F. N. Boudouque.

Francisco—With an elastic conscience; Lysander's valet—H. K. Goodwyn.

Baby—With the sobriquet of "Little Toxy-wooty"; Lysander's stepdaughter—Miss Clara Faulk.

Nellie Golden-gate—With a sickle face; the clone's ward—Miss Mae Poole.

Prudence Mayflower—with New England roots; Nellie's friend—Miss Lucy Lyric.

Kittie—with so much a month and board; baby's maid—Miss Estelle Evans.

Scene: Newport, at the present time.

Act I. Afternoon—Lysander lives back, the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, D. D., Superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, writes: "Thank you for sending me your newspaper questions, they create interest in the deeper meaning of the Sunday school lesson, which is an excellent idea and I wish you success." If you have not yet begun the reading of these questions it is about time you fell in with the procession.

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WHY THE MISSISSIPPI? The great Mississippi river, which is causing such damage this spring, is certainly true to a name applied to it by the Indians, "an almost endless river."

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ness that are objectionable, such as the cutting up of the streets in wet weather by the heavy hauling, this could be provided for by setting aside a street for this purpose and putting it in proper condition for this work. If Covington is to gain the advantages of having a navigable river it must allow its use in legitimate enterprises and make it as convenient as possible. We understand, although we can not speak with authority, that if arrangements are made so that the company can secure a proper position for its mill near Covington, it might also be provided that there shall be no commissary, thereby throwing the entire trade to the merchants of Covington. The matter is worth looking into.

Your very truly, D. E. SHERIDAN.

A mill that will employ 500 men and turn out 100,000 to 125,000 feet of lumber a day is worth going after by Covington, for it would turn loose at least \$700 a day, most of which would be spent here. While there are some features of the milling busi-

## HAILSTORM BEATS RECORD

Old Story of "Size of a Hen's Egg" Becomes Authentic.

Seems to be Verified by the Experiences of Saturday.

Hail Covered the Ground Three to Four Inches.

Horses and Cattle Share in the General Discomfort.

Constant rain has so discouraged outside work that lounging in the house has become exorbitant. About 5 o'clock Saturday evening, those indoors became alarmed at a roaring, pounding sound on the roof that sounded as if the coal man was delivering coal on top of the house instead of in the yard, and those outside thought a crushed ice factory had exploded and was coming down on their heads. People outside rushed for shelter and those inside attempted to save their window panes by closing the blinds, receiving bruises and bumped heads for their trouble. There was about twenty-five minutes of excitement, after which citizens gazed into yards covered from four to six inches deep with various-shaped lumps of ice, some white, some clear and some almost like frozen snow, weighing in some instances two ounces, and varying in size according to the earnest declaration of church members, up to as big as your fist. Beautiful flower gardens were shorn of their beauty and looked as if the cattle had been turned into them. Leaves beaten from the trees strewn the sidewalks until they looked green on the lawns and the feet sank into them like soft cushions as one walked along. The oldest inhabitant hung his head in shame and acknowledged that he had never seen anything like it before, adding that it "was pretty near as bad in 1887."

Goodbye again seems to have suffered most from the hail, as it had from the storm a few days previously. The gardens there were completely ruined, as were many of the gardens in Covington, depending upon the varying disposition of the storm, which was freakish, being especially spiteful in some places. Mr. Meyers, near Goodbye, says that two oxen were knocked down in the cow lot and a young man riding horseback was knocked from his horse. A young lady in a hired conveyance near Abita Springs was frightened into a fainting spell and the driver had to manage both her and the frightened horse which refused to believe that he was not being pelted to make him go faster. Cattle put their tails in the air and forgot that it was milking time or that they had young calves in the pen, while they made the speed limit through the woods. Birds were terror stricken and the rooster failed to call the hens to a feast of hailstones.

On the farms surrounding Covington and Abita more or less damage was done. Some places escaped with little loss, while others had early truck completely ruined. Mrs. Minke, on the Arch Cook place, lost none of her beautiful field of potatoes, while Mr. Darrin, on the Garland tract, may suffer a loss of \$1500. Mr. Alexius, near Covington, lost his entire bean crop, almost ready to gather, worth probably \$600.

In Covington, in spite of the severity of the storm, the loss from window breakage is small. The Smith Hardware Co. had several skylights broken and some damage to stock, while A. C. Faylor's photograph gallery was damaged some.

Taken altogether, however, one such hailstorm is enough to satisfy the curiosity of Covingtonians and the farmers of St. Tammany parish. We don't want any more.

## THE OIL WELL CHRISTENED

Large Crowds Visit the Oil Well All Day Sunday.

Pretty Little Nell McDonald Christens It With Wine.

Will Henceforth be Known As St. Tammany No. 1.

A New Eighty-horse Power Engine is Now Driving.

Sunday was a day of celebration for the oil people. Mr. McReynolds, the manager and Mr. Harrison, the driller were kept busy explaining the details of well drilling, while others served refreshments to the ladies and gentlemen who had come out to witness the initial proceedings of bringing oil to the surface in St. Tammany parish. Dr. B. B. Warren addressed a few pertinent remarks to the people gathered around him, detailing the positive indications of oil in announcing the christening. Pretty Little Nell McDonald then stepped forward and breaking a bottle of champagne over the pipe christened the well "St. Tammany No. 1."

The well is now down about 900 feet and will continue at the rate of about 200 feet per day. In order to facilitate the driving and insure a depth of 3000 feet, if necessary, a fourteen-inch drill and an eighty-horse-power engine has been put in. Mr. Falor, the photographer, took an excellent picture of the well, which is on exhibition at his parlor. The directors are highly pleased at the interest that is being manifested, and stock is selling well. They say that as soon as a positively assured stock will be withdrawn from the market.

The enterprise of the Farmer in publishing Dr. Linscott's Suggestive Questions on the Sunday school lesson, is appreciated by the leading people of the community. They interest at the churches as well as those that do not belong to any church. Bishop Fallows, in winding up an enthusiastic letter to the author says: "I hope you will continue to give them to the church and the world."

DERIVATION OF NAMES OF MEXICAN-BORDER TOWNS.

Texas. El Paso—Takes its name from the presence of the Rio Grande. The name is Spanish, and means "the pass," "the gap," or the "passage."

Del Rio—Named from its situation on the Rio Grande. Spanish meaning of "the river."

Eagle Pass—So named because the contour of the hills through which the Rio Grande flows bore a fancied resemblance to the outstretched wings of an eagle.

Zapata—Named for a Mexican comrade who led a force of Mexicans and Texans against Mexico in 1839. New Mexico.

Las Cruces—A Spanish phrase meaning "the crosses," a term frequently applied to cemeteries.

Rodeo—A Spanish name signifying the market place where honored cattle are exhibited for sale.

Arizona. Nogales—Derived from the Spanish word "nagal," meaning "common walnut tree."

Oro Blanco—the Spanish words meaning "white ore."

Calabasas—a Spanish word meaning "pumpkins" or "gourds."

Yuma—Named for an Indian tribe the name meaning "sons of the river."

California. Calexico—So named for its location on the boundary between California and Mexico.

Campo—a Spanish word meaning "field" or "plain."

LEVEE BREAKS ON RICE FARM. Planting Will be Delayed Until the Submerged Fields Can be Drained of Water.

The constant rains have softened the levees of the rice farms about Madisonville and caused a break that has flooded some of the fields. The Koopp farm is covered with about three feet of water, which will delay planting some weeks. The Koops intended putting in a larger crop than usual this year, and it is unfortunate that planting has been delayed.

Other rice farmers in the vicinity are also sufferers from this flood water. The levees will have to be first repaired, and then the water will be pumped out. This is one of the best rice-growing sections in the State, and the equipment and machinery is excellent.

The Suggestive Questions we are publishing weekly are a skillful and intelligent application of the question method of teaching, to the study of the Bible. It seems that each question comes out of the one preceding it, and runs into the one that follows. They are of absorbing interest and we again call the attention of our readers to them.

## SUICIDE OF DR. H. GREFF

Prominent Citizen of Madisonville Ends His Life.

Possessed of the Idea that He Would Be Arrested.

Despondency Probably Result of Bad Health.

Dr. Henry Greff, of New Orleans, a druggist of New Orleans, who had been living in Madisonville about six months, returned to New Orleans a month ago in a despondent condition, month ago, but came back to Madisonville with the hallucination that he was wanted by the police and he was arrested. Police in New Orleans know of no charges against him. He retired as usual Wednesday night, but Thursday morning about 7 o'clock the report of a pistol alarmed his landlady, Mrs. Plus, and she called for assistance and the door was forced open. Dr. Greff was found in a sitting posture in the bed, a 38-calibre Smith & Wesson beside him and with a bullet wound in his forehead between the eyes. He must have died instantly. His death was a great shock to those who knew him, as they had no idea of his intentions. The body was shipped to New Orleans.

Dr. Greff leaves two sisters, Mrs. Fred Dolan, of Slidell, and Miss H. Greff, and two sons, Prof. Henry Greff, of Vicksburg, and Leon Greff, of New Orleans.

NEW STEAMERS FOR THE MOTOR LINE.

The St. Tammany and New Orleans Railways and Ferry Co. have just received two new steamers which they will put on their motor line. They are oil burners and will be used for heavily loaded cars.

## NEW MILL FOR COVINGTON

Chance to Get it if a Site is Provided by the People.

Will Have Five Hundred Men on the Pay Roll.

Output 100,000 or 125,000 feet of Lumber a Day.

The following letter is deserving of attention by the business men of Covington:

Franklinton, La., April 24, 1912. Mr. E. G. Davis, Cashier, Covington Bank & Trust Co., Covington, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:—I have recently purchased the timber holdings of Jones & Pickett, St. Tammany Naval Stores and John P. Rauch and we expect to begin the erection of a mill, as soon as the deed is passed to this property, to have a capacity of one hundred thousand to one hundred and twenty-five thousand per day, which means the working of something like 500 men, and some of our parties suggested that I take the matter up with some leading man of that town and find out if they will be willing to offer any inducement for this plant to be put some where in the edge of your town, and I know of no better person to make inquiry of than you. Please advise me what you think about the matter at an early date as Mr. Cassidy will have an engineer to begin working the road as soon as he can possibly get a man.

Your very truly, D. E. SHERIDAN.

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