

The St. Tammany Farmer.

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

D. H. MASON, Editor

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COVINGTON PUB. SCHOOL QUESTION

Editorial in Farmer Brings
Comment from Citizens.

Superintendent Lyon Gives
Details as to Funds.

Strongly in Favor of a Ward
Tax for School Purposes.

Robt. L. Aubert Writes the
People Should Support.

Covington, La., Dec. 2, 1912.
Editor, St. Tammany Farmer:
I notice in your issue of last week an editorial regarding the Covington school building, and I am pleased to note that you will support a special third ward tax to provide funds for the erection of this building.
While I do not care to criticize any one who, in the past, has tried his hand at the school house business, still I have never believed that it was right for the town of Covington to shoulder the entire burden of building a school house to be used by all children of the third ward who desire a high school education.
We are paying the original four mill tax voted by the town some six years ago. We are also paying the town of Covington the two mill tax levied by the town council. This is not all; the town must also provide the money with which the Covington teachers are paid for at least two or three months each year or lose our high school. In other words, the tax payers of the town of Covington are now paying not less than seven and one-half mills for school purposes, and this is in excess of the regular parish school tax.
By a recent decision of the State Supreme Court we cannot sell bonds based upon the two mill tax levied by the council. That leaves only the original four mill tax to fall back on. In other words, about \$18,000 before we deduct \$5,000 and interest now due Mr. I. C. Garber. To put it in round numbers \$13,000 plus what material there is now on the ground. In short, we do not have available over \$15,000.
Architects and school authorities who have had experience in such matters tell us that we need a school house of at least fourteen rooms, and that such a building costs in other places not less than \$25,000. It will readily be seen that the six mills now being collected cannot be used for any purpose. Not for a school house, because only the four mill tax can be bonded and that is insufficient. Not for anything else because it was voted for building and not for maintaining.
Now, if the money cannot be used, why pay the tax, after all claims against it have been settled. The claim of Mr. I. C. Garber will be cancelled with the 1912 taxes and our best attorneys tell me that they see no legal reason why the town cannot vote to abrogate the special school tax and at the same time let the third ward vote a three and one-half mill tax for school purposes.
As you say in your editorial, such a tax would yield us \$38,250 an assessment of \$1,300,000, if voted for 15 years. We could then sell bonds to the amount of \$25,000 with which we could build a modern, up-to-date high school building, with domestic science and manual training departments. With the balance of this income we could easily equip the building and guarantee a nine months term each year without calling upon the town council for any special donation.
Should we do this our school would be in a position to merit the \$500 given by the State each year to all approved high schools. We could also deserve the State aid given schools offering approved domestic science courses. All of this would come with a tax of four mills less than we are now paying. Therefore, Mr. Editor, I am with you and let us work for a new school building and let us work hard.
Yours very truly,
ELMER E. LYON.

Covington, La., Dec. 2, 1912.
Mr. D. H. Mason, Editor, Covington, La.
Dear Sir:—The plan outlined by you in your issue of the 30th, proposing the voting of a three and one-half or four mill tax by the taxpayers of the entire third ward, and at the same time the abrogation of the present seven and one-half mill tax paid by the taxpayers of the town of Covington, I think, should meet with the approval and support of the entire ward.
Those living outside of the town, I feel, will vote for the measure on account of the benefit their children will receive in the advantages of an up-to-date school and the benefit the community will receive by having such a school in our midst.
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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MANDEVILLE

Report of Treasurer Shows
Balance of \$1178.87.

St. Tammany Banking Co. &
Sav. Bank Depository.

Town Takes Steps to Have
New Depot Built.

License Ordinance for Ensuing
Year is Passed.

Mandeville, La., Dec. 2, 1912.
Council met on the above date.
Present: Hon. W. G. Davis, Mayor; Aldermen E. Baudot, Jos. M. Smith, Wm. Shell and Geo. E. Reine.
Absent: W. T. Newman.
The minutes of previous meeting were adopted as read.
Treasurer's Report.
Oct. 31, cash on hand, 1344.57
Receipts, 95.43
Total, 1440.00
Disbursements:
Working streets, bridges, 264.33
Bal. recd. donation fair, 1175.56
Cash bal. Nov. 30, 1912, 1178.87
R. MORGAN, Treas.
Above report was accepted on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shell.
Motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Baudot, that the St. Tammany Banking Co. and Savings Bank be made the town's depository, said bank to give a \$3,000 bond for 2 years, exclusive of any other special funds.
Carried.
Motion by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the secretary be instructed to notify the N. O. G. R. P. Co. that they must comply with all the contracts with the town of Mandeville, for the closing of their tracks and the erection of a depot at the proper location forthwith, otherwise the matter will be put into the hands of the Railroad Commission for action.
Carried.
LICENSE ORDINANCE.
Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the mayor and town council of the town of Mandeville in legal session convened, that a license tax be and is hereby levied for the year 1913 upon each person, corporation, firm or association pursuing any occupation, business trade or calling in the town of Mandeville, La., which is subject to a State license.
Sec. 2. Be it ordained, etc., that the amount of license due this town for each occupation, business, trade or calling, carried on or conducted in this town, subject to a license, is hereby fixed at the same as is levied and collected by the State for each occupation, business, trade or calling within the corporate limits of this town, except the spirit lights of which shall be Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, and for all malt and vinous liquors the license shall be Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250) Dollars.
Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that the license due this town shall be and are hereby due and collectible at the same time and in the same manner as license due this State, and in the event the same is not paid when due it is ordered that the tax collector report the same to the town attorney who is hereby authorized and instructed to forthwith institute legal proceedings to enforce payment of same.
On motion duly seconded the meeting adjourned.
W. G. DAVIS, Mayor.
L. MENANT, Secty.
Makes the Nation Gasp.
The awful list of injuries on a Fourth of July staggers humanity set over against it, however, is the wonderful healing, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of thousands, who suffer from burns, cuts, bruises, bullet wounds or explosions. It's the quick healer of boils, ulcers, eczema, sore lips or piles. 25 cents at all druggists.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB QUESTIONS

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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS
December 15, 1912.
Forgiveness. Matt. xviii:15-35.
Golden Text—Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Eph. iv:32.
1. Verse 15—What are the advantages of telling what we have against a man to his face with no other person present?
2. If you believe you have a just grievance against a man and go to him in a conciliatory spirit and are repulsed by him what would that indicate as to his guilt?
3. Verse 16—In case you have been repulsed by one against whom you have a grievance what are the chances for a proper settlement of your difficulty if you approach him again in the presence of witnesses?
4. Verse 17—Do these words of Jesus bind us to prefer charges before the church against any member of whom we have serious complaint? Why?
5. Ought all those in the church who will insist upon doing things unbecoming a Christian to be expelled? Why?
6. What should be our personal attitude to those who will insist upon doing us injury?
7. Verse 18—In what sense, if any, has a minister or a church power to determine another man's salvation? (This is one of the questions that may be answered in writing by members of the club.)
8. What is the real theory of the Roman Catholic church concerning the forgiveness of sins, and what is the difference between that and the absolution pronounced by the Anglican church to those who truly repent?
9. Verse 19—If two Christians are in accord in prayer for any particular thing may they depend with absolute certainty without any other consideration that their prayer will be granted? Give your reasons.
10. Verse 20—In what sense is Christ present where two or three are met in his name, and he is not at any other time?
11. Verses 21-22—How many times ought we to forgive one who persists in sinning against us?
12. Verses 23-27—What reason is there to suppose that God keeps a detailed account of all our sins?
13. Wherein is the resemblance between the way this king forgave a debt of ten thousand talents and the way God forgives sinners?
14. Does God need to be pressed or importuned before he will forgive a sinner? Why?
15. Verses 28-29—Will a true Christian ever forgive one who has injured him? Why?
16. Verses 30-35—What is the penalty for not forgiving those who have injured us?
Lesson for Sunday, December 22, 1912: Christmas Lesson. Isa. ix:1-7.

Send the ST. TAMMANY FARMER from now till
1913, one year, for which I inclose
one dollar. Count me a member of the Local Club of
the Bible Question Contest.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS

Middle Roads school celebrated "Knapp Agricultural Day" Friday afternoon, Nov. 29. Papers on agriculture and domestic subjects were read by pupils of the 6th, 6th and 7th grades. A sketch of the life of Dr. Knapp was read by a 7th grade pupil. Quotations and motion songs were given by the pupils of primary grades.
Supt. Lyon gave a practical talk on educational lines.
The programme was well attended by patrons and friends of the school. Enrollment this term has reached 82.
Rules for Rural Schools.
1. Teachers are expected to be the first on the school grounds in the morning and the last to leave in the evening. They should not leave the premises during the school hour or at recess time.
2. The authority of the teacher over the pupil shall not be limited to the school house or the school grounds. While the teachers shall not be held responsible for misconduct on the way to and from school, still they shall have the right to punish for misconduct brought to their notice.
3. No teacher shall resign without giving two weeks notice to the parish superintendent under penalty of forfeiting pay for time taught.
4. Teachers are positively forbidden to teach on Saturdays without permission from the parish superintendent.
5. Teachers are required under penalty of dismissal to not allow the use of any books in the public schools other than those adopted by the State Board of Education.
6. No teacher in a one-room school shall teach subjects required for any grade above and seventh grade. The members of the sixth grade are sorry because of losing such a good student.
Fourth grade roll of honor is: Eddie Jones, Milton Williams, Adolphine Frederick and Winner Gulce. Spelling match was won by Roy Lacroix.
Miss Cooper spent Thanksgiving with her mother at Abita Springs.
The fall is over, but the pupils of the Houtonville school recall the delights of "School Day". The trip up and down the river on the steamer Minnie B., so generously provided by the Houtonville school, the sights and pleasures of the fair, and other attractive features of the day.
The blue ribbon—first premium—received for their exhibit was accepted with pride and is highly valued by them.

J. J. CUSACIS TAKEN AWAY SUDDENLY

Death Comes to Him After
Few Hours Suffering.

Has Been Prominent in the
Affairs of the Parish.

Formerly Member of Levee
Board and Police Jury.

Was Parish Treasurer at the
Time of His Death.

Mr. J. J. Cusachs died suddenly at his home in Lacombe Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. His death was sudden and unanticipated, for while he complained of feeling unwell, he had retired to his room and was reading the evening paper when he was stricken down. A faint noise in the room, members of the family rushed in and found him in an unconscious condition from which he never recovered. The cause of his death is supposed to have been acute indigestion.
The funeral took place Tuesday Sheriff T. E. Brewster, H. R. Warren, J. T. Stroble and T. Gabriel attended the funeral from Covington and there were prominent citizens from Slidell and other towns in attendance.
Mr. Cusachs has been prominent in public affairs in St. Tammany parish. He was a member of the Levee Board and of the police jury of this parish for many years. At the time of his death he was parish treasurer. He was the owner of schooners plying between Lacombe and New Orleans, and was well known in business circles, both here and in New Orleans, of which city he was a native. He was 54 years and 11 months of age. His death will be greatly regretted and St. Tammany parish will lose an earnest worker in its progress and interest.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mrs. John Colton on Tuesday evening, it being the 23d birthday of Mrs. J. Coughlin, formerly of Brookhaven, but now a resident of this place. There was a large crowd of friends to enjoy the sumptuous supper. The dining hall was decorated with red roses, given by Mrs. Chas. Jenkins, and other flowers and ferns. After the jolly event the party went to the show. After the show punch and cake was served at the Colton home. Mr. and Mrs. Coughlin are photographers, and are wished success by many Covington friends.

CLAIBORNE DEPOT MATTER TO BE TAKEN UP.
The following has been forwarded to us from Mr. Chas. Muller, New Orleans, Nov. 28, 1912: Mr. Charles Muller, 2420 Canal St., City.
My Dear Mr. Muller:—I have been notified by the Railroad Commissioner of Louisiana that the petition of the citizens of Claiborne, La., for a station at Claiborne, will be taken up at a session of the Commission, to be held at the rooms of the Board of Trade, this city, on Tuesday, December 10, 1912, at 10 a. m., and I would suggest that you advise other signers to the petition, so that they can appear at the hearing.
Yours very truly,
H. S. HERRING.

HE ADVERTISED—AT LAST.
There was a man in our town. And he was wondrous wise; He swore (it was his policy) He would not advertise. But one sad day he advertised, And thereby hangs a tale. The ad. was set in quite small type An headed "Sheriff's Sale."—Ex.
SELLS LUMBER INTERESTS.
Potter-Parre Company's Timber-Plant Holdings Bring \$161,250.
Bay St. Louis, Miss., Nov. 27.—A big timber deal has just been closed by the recordation on the files of Chancery Court here a deed whereby the Potter-Parre Lumber Co. of Pearl River and New Orleans, has transferred the Hancock County holdings, consisting of about 5,500 acres of virgin long leaf yellow pine timber, and sawmill, planer, dry kilns and marine equipment. The consideration was \$161,250 cash. The deal was made by J. Numa Jorly, of New Orleans.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150 or more. He sought a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

BOY SHOT WHILE OUT HUNTING

Norville Brown, Colored
Boy, Shoots Himself.

Out Hunting, Falls Over Log
and Discharges Gun.

Charge Enters Stomach But
He Reached Home.

Was Sent to Charity Hos-
pital, Where He Died.

Norville Brown, a colored boy, 18 years of age, while out hunting birds, Monday morning, near the Mandeville road, stumbled over a log, discharging his shot gun. The charge entered the boy's stomach. Young Brown managed to reach home, near Abita Springs, and was placed on the afternoon train and carried to New Orleans, where he was taken to the Charity Hospital. He died Tuesday morning. He was the son of West Brown.
1912 ASSESSMENT SHOWS CONSIDERABLE INCREASE.
Completed List of the State Auditors Register for 1912 Over \$2,000,000.
Baton Rouge, Dec. 6.—An increase of \$5,697,456 in the assessments of Louisiana for 1912 over the assessments for the past year is shown by the completed list just filed with the State Auditor.
The total assessment for 1912 is \$25,217,899, as against \$44,430,221. This increase is regarded as healthy, and is \$15,000,000 more than was estimated by the Tax Commission.
The increase comes from the pavilions of Caddo, Orleans and East Baton Rouge, each of which shows an increase of considerable amount. The balance of the State's increase is more than was anticipated because of a over-valuation and because in all of the over-valued parishes an increase in the assessed value of 50 per cent for this year.
The following is the assessment by parishes for this and last year:

| Parishes | 1912 | 1911 |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| Acadia | 7,150,770 | 4,174,430 |
| Ascension | 4,474,430 | 2,484,250 |
| Azoulay | 4,488,150 | 2,488,150 |
| Bossier | 3,637,550 | 2,488,150 |
| Caddo | 3,342,315 | 2,488,150 |
| Caldwell | 38,242,220 | 1,850,000 |
| Cameron | 1,498,410 | 1,498,410 |
| Catahoula | 3,055,650 | 2,474,500 |
| Claiborne | 2,474,500 | 2,386,450 |
| Concordia | 3,321,420 | 4,728,728 |
| De Soto | 4,728,728 | 10,681,570 |
| East Baton Rouge | 10,681,570 | 1,795,250 |
| East Carroll | 1,795,250 | 1,795,250 |
| East Feliciana | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Evangeline | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Franklin | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Grant | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Iberia | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Iberville | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Jackson | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Jefferson | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Lafayette | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Lafourche | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| La Salle | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Lincoln | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Livingston | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Madison | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Morehouse | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Natchitoches | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Orleans | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Ouachita | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Plaquemine | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Pointe Coupee | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Rapides | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Red River | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Richland | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Sabine | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Bernard | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Charles | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Helena | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. James | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. John | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Landry | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Martin | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Mary | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Tangipahoa | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| St. Tammany | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Tensas | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Terrebonne | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Union | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Vermilion | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Vernon | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Washington | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Webster | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| West Baton Rouge | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| West Carroll | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| West Feliciana | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |
| Winn | 3,321,420 | 3,321,420 |

Edna Hunt for Rich Girl.
Often the hunt for a rich girl ends when the man meets a woman that uses Electric Bitters. Her strong nerves tell in a bright brain and even temper. Her peach bloom complexion and ruby lips result from pure blood; her bright eyes from restful sleep; her elastic step from firm, free muscles, all telling of the health and strength Electric Bitters give a woman and the freedom from indigestion, backache, headache, fainting and dizziness they promote. Every-where they are woman's favorite remedy. If weak or ailing try them. 50 cents at all druggists.