

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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A COVINGTON DRY GOODS CO. IS THE LOSER

Goods Stolen in Transit and Others are Damaged.

Boils of Fine Cloth Crumpled and Put Back.

The Stern Dry Goods Co. are Victims of the Robbery.

Will Sell the Goods for What They Will Bring.

The Stern Dry Goods Co., of Covington, had shipped to them last week a bill of goods over the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad, expecting to put them on sale during the holidays, there being among them some fine selections in cloth and variety goods, which the company had bought at prices that would be genuine bargains. The goods were rushed through for this purpose and it was a great disappointment to find, on opening the box, that thieves had gotten to the goods in transit, helped themselves to what they wanted and crumpled and stuffed back into the box what they could not carry off. One piece of beautiful lavender goods was entirely unwound from the bolt and packed back in the box with entire disregard of the damage done. Packages were broken open and the contents rifled of what took the fancy of the thieves, who evidently were not able to carry more without detection. Some pieces were soiled by being thrown upon the floor of the car or some other place, and these will be sold at a greatly reduced price and the loss will be quite heavy.

Thieves have been playing their craft quite frequently of late and are giving the railroads considerable trouble, although every effort is being made to apprehend them and prevent further loss in this way.

SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mr. Joseph Rauch, proprietor of the "Rauch Barroom," in Abita Springs, announces that among the goods he has provided for the holidays he has put in some very fine wines, liquors and cigars, just such goods as the man who wants a first-class article for Christmas will appreciate. He invites all his customers and friends to give him a call when they are making their Christmas purchases, with the assurance that they will be well pleased with what he has to offer them.

COVINGTON AS OTHERS SEE HER.

Mr. M. Soto Hall, who will be pleasantly remembered, together with the members of his charming family, has written very pleasantly of Covington to a South American Journal, upon his departure after a very pleasant stay among us. Mr. Hall is a diplomat, a student of literature and a writer of prominence, who has traveled extensively and whose judgment may be relied upon to intelligently discuss our merits and our demerits. It is therefore quite a compliment to be spoken of in such high terms by him.

Following is a translation of the article as it appeared:

MEMOIRS OF COVINGTON.

(From the Spanish published in Latin America.)

Traveled as I have throughout the world, from North to South and from East to West, I do not remember in my long wanderings having left a city with more regret than Covington, La. Its fine climate, its atmosphere redolent of hundreds of pine trees, its river winding like a silvery snake through the smiling woods set in a picture of ever blue sky and ever green foliage, every thing is pleasant and agreeable.

Salubrity everywhere, and the people are kind, affectionate and sociable.

The women are beautiful and unaffected as the Evangeline of Longfellow, like her, pure, gracious and worthy of love. I have seen there a living smiling "yo" of that heroine of the great North American poet.

I will always treasure in my soul a vivid recollection of that city, small but overflowing with enchantment and beauty.

M. SOTO HALL.

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 suffered from burns, cuts, bruises, bullet wounds or explosions. It's the quiet healer of boils, ulcers, eczema, sore lips or piles. 25 cents at all drug-gists.

WRESTLING AT PAVILION ON MONDAY

Champion Wrestlers, Who Have Made Reputations.

Will Meet Covington's Best Men on the Mat.

Local Men Getting in Good Condition for Bout.

Cars Will Run From Mandeville and Abita Springs.

Sporting and athletic circles are much enthused by the promise of one of the best wrestling tournaments that has ever been pulled off in Covington. In fact the opportunity has never been offered to the sport lovers of St. Tammany parish to witness a mat performance such as is promised for Monday night, December 23, at the Park Pavilion, as some of those entered in the contest have a national as well as a local reputation.

Dr. Feltus, who is matched against T. Gabriel, "best two in three falls," is named as the champion heavyweight of Australia, a country that produces some of the finest specimens of physical manhood. He has wrestled all over the United States and Europe, and has always maintained a reputation as a hard man to conquer. The celebrated Turkish wrestler, Hussane, failed in an attempt to throw the Doctor on New Year's day at Dallas, Texas, in 1911. The match continued such a length of time that the audience became tired and the bout was discontinued. When the Doctor went on the mat he weighed 205 pounds and when he went off he weighed but 194, which shows the very hard work that was done.

Zybako, the Pole, who weighed about 260 pounds, also failed to throw Dr. Feltus.

Dr. Feltus was formerly a practicing physician, but having a desire to see the world determined to take advantage of his splendid physique and scientific knowledge as an athlete as a means of defraying his expenses and he has thus toured a larger portion of the world. He is a man of pleasing manner and refined bearing and is pretty apt to be a popular favorite with those who know him.

Leo Pardella is an Italian heavy weight champion and agrees to throw Ed. Lacroix, who has always been the pride of Covington among the wrestlers, twice in one hour. Pardella is a good man and is considered to be somewhat of a rough customer on the mat. If he can throw Lacroix twice in one hour he will break a big hole in the faith of St. Tammanyites which was not much damaged when he went up against Frank Gotch, because what followed was to be expected.

Jim McCormack, who is to throw Chas. Dell best two in three falls, is also a good man. This match promises to be very interesting, and will probably be the most hotly contested, as the two men are evenly matched. Dell is a good wrestler and can be relied on to do his best to carry off the honors for Covington.

Tony Gabriel has always been invincible in Covington. He is a first class wrestler and has had considerable experience as a professional. It is only a question of getting in good condition.

All of the local men are working out and feel that they will be able to get in good shape for one of the best exhibitions of wrestling that has ever been drawn a crowd of fans together.

Dr. Feltus has just finished an engagement at the Greenwald, in New Orleans, where he packed the theatre.

Chas. Biggio of Abita Springs will be referee. Mr. Biggio is an old time ball player, and has played with professional teams. He has acted frequently as referee in wrestling matches and athletic contests and should prove highly satisfactory on this occasion.

Cars will run from Mandeville and Abita and wait until close of bout.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases, such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever, are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.

NOTICE.

I am applying for a pardon. ALEX. HAROLD.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB QUESTIONS

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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

December 23, 1912. REVIEW.

Golden Text—If a man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John vii:17.

The following questions may be used as an original lesson or as a review of the twelve preceding lessons.

The date and title of each lesson where found, Golden Text, and one question from each lesson follow.

Oct. 6. Jesus Walking on the Sea Mark vi:16-28. Golden Text—Straightway Jesus spake unto them saying, be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. Matt. xiv:27.

1. Verses 47-48—Why is it that God permits contrary winds and turbulent seas in the experience of so many of his children?

Oct. 13. Clean and Unclean Mark vii:1-23. Golden Text—For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. xiv:17.

2. Verses 2-4—What evil effect are brought about by useless forms and ceremonies?

Oct. 20. Mission to the Gentiles Mark vii:24-30; Matt. viii:5-13 Golden Text—He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John vi:37.

3. Verses 25-26—What difference is there if any between the native heart hunger for God of an educated heathen and of an educated Christian?

Oct. 27. Wanderings in Decapolis Mark vii:31-viii:10. Golden Text—He hath done all things well; he maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. Mark vii:37.

4. Verse 36—Why did Jesus want this miracle kept secret?

Nov. 3. The Sign and the Leaven Mark viii:11-26. Golden Text—Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; whosoever followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John viii:12.

5. Verse 11—How do you account for the fact that religious differences generally stir much antagonism?

Nov. 10. The World's Temperature Sunday. Hos. vi:1-3. Golden

Text—Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them. Isa. v:11.

6. Verse 7—In these days how many good, God-fearing men are there that use wine as a beverage?

Nov. 17. The Great Question. Mark viii:27-ix:1. Golden Text—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. xvi:16.

7. Verse 31—Was it God's original purpose or not, and why, that the Jews should reject and crucify Jesus? (This is one of the questions which may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

24. The Transfiguration. Mark ix:2-13. Golden Text—A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my Son, my chosen; hear ye him. And when the voice ceased, Jesus was found alone. Luke ix:35.

8. Verse 4—Would you say or not, and why, that the spirits of the dead are sometimes seen and converted with today?

Dec. 1. The Luminous Boy. Mark ix:14-29. Golden Text—An Jesus said unto him, If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark ix:23.

9. Verse 15—What is the reason that the person and the name of Jesus have such fascination for people today?

Dec. 8. The Child in the Midst. Matt. xviii:1-14. Golden Text—In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. xviii:10.

10. Verses 2-3—From Jesus' estimate of a child would you say that all children are members of the kingdom of heaven? Why?

Dec. 15. Forgiveness. Matt. xviii:10-15. Golden Text—Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, even as God is also in Christ forgiving you. Eph. iv:32.

11. Verse 17—What should be our personal attitude to those who will insist upon doing us injury?

Dec. 22. Christmas Lesson. Isa. ix:1-7. Golden Text—Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isa. ix:6.

12. Verse 2—What is the great light which finally came to the Jews and to the world?

Lesson for Sunday, Jan. 5, 1913; The Creation. Gen. i:1-4:3.

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.

NAME _____

THOS. M. BURNS AND THE LEAGUE FAVOR THE TAX

Add Their Pleas to Many Others for School.

New Tax Will Lessen Cost to the People

Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

I note lately a number of articles in your paper in favor of the erection of a public school out of the funds to be raised by a third ward tax, all of which I heartily concur in. The erection of a public school building for Covington is the most important question that confronts us today. The school building, as any citizen of the town knows, is inadequate, unsanitary and unfit for school purposes. It is a relief of by gone days and stands out at the present time as a disgrace and indicates a lack of progress in the citizens of Covington and vicinity. I have no reflections to cast on those who handled the school building matter in the past; let bygones be bygones.

We are now at the point where it is necessary to start over. Everybody is familiar with the past situation enough to know that they are now and have been for the past several years paying a four mill school tax, and that the same was bonded. That it took all of the bonds, with the exception of about \$11,000 or \$12,000 to pay Contractor Garber, balance due on the partially erected building.

My idea was to take this \$12,000 and the old material in the present partially constructed school house, which is worth approximately \$4,000, and the two together, thereby making \$16,000, and with said sum erect a plain brick building.

After discussing the matter with Supt. Lyon and others, I have abandoned my previous idea and have come to the conclusion that it would be better to rescind the old 4 mill tax and levy a 3-1-2 mill ward tax for a period of 15 years. The people of the town would thereby save 3-1-2 mills, for as at present, we are paying the 4 mills and the town each year is called on to donate to the school an addition to the regular school fund an amount equal to 3-1-2 mills, which donation necessarily comes out of the taxpayers pockets, making the taxpayer at present paying 7-1-2 mills, whereas if the old 4 mill tax were rescinded the people would save 3-1-2 mills in taxes.

By voting a ward tax of 3-1-2 mills for 15 years there would be money to erect, furnish and sustain the school, whereas under my original idea the \$12,000 would barely have covered a cheap building with no money for furnishing and no money for sustaining the school when constructed. Under the present assessment of the ward the 3-1-2 mill tax would be sufficient to erect at least a \$22,000 school building, and at the same time furnish and sustain the same, thereby doing away with the necessity for the town council each spring being called on to contribute out of the treasury, without warrant of law, a sufficient sum to make a seven or eight month term of school.

Now is the time for the citizens of Covington to wake up and do something. The old 4 mill tax should be rescinded at once, without any delay, and a new proposition of 3-1-2 mill ward tax substituted.

There is no fair minded citizen who could oppose the same for two unanswerable reasons: First—You will save 3-1-2 mill taxes each year; you will be paying 3-1-2 mills, instead of 7, as at present. Second—modern and up to date school building

and a properly equipped school will advertise our town, enhance the value of our property and put us on a plane of equality with other civilized and enlightened communities.

Yours respectfully,
THOS. M. BURNS.

Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

For several weeks the columns of your valuable paper have been tendered to the citizens of our little town in an effort to secure a much needed public school building and the reward following such noble efforts we trust will be shared in by you, Mr. Editor, and your co-laborers when this dream of our citizens comes true; but gentle reader don't be back and dream (even if some come true) and the members of the School Improvement League realize fully "it is their privilege to promote a finer school building," for the first cardinal rule laid down in our aims specify "we may help to induce the voting of the school tax," and in another little pamphlet just received illustrating what our League is working for we note the first and last suggestion are very appropriate insofar as Covington is concerned, namely: Better buildings (where necessary), and support of legally constituted authorities.

At our last monthly meeting it was unanimously agreed to take advantage of your generous offer, hence this appeal is made in behalf of the mothers, to solicit the vote of every one in our parish for this new school building, and we feel it would take an unnecessary use of your space an surely the time of your readers to dwell on why we wish a new building. A glance at the old and insecure one now in use speaks far more eloquently than words, but what we wish to dwell on is particular and what we propose to get of every qualified voter, is their support. Able supporters have preceded us through your columns, dwelling at length on the proposed reduction in their taxes and how it can be accomplished, but all of this figuring we will leave to those competent in that line. Four

A TRAGEDY IN ASPECT IS EXPLODED

A Horse Shot and Human Blood on Seat of Surrey.

Mystery Seems to Foretell the Crime of Murder.

Deputy Sheriff Lacroix Sent to Search for Clues.

Mystery Ends With Story of Owner of Sunny Brook.

A scene that would have made Sherlock Holmes wake up, let alone a newspaper man, presented itself Wednesday morning on the Military Road, not far from the turn-off to Abita Springs. Thick with trees and shrubbery, the outline of the road merges into the remnants of forestry that reaches back into the Hogue Falaya River and formed in war times a dense thicket that had probably sheltered many a soldier and many a slave in hiding from some pursuer. Today it is an ideal place for the footpad or the assassin who waits for the cover of night and the stillness that follows the frequent traffic of the day.

The sight of blood, dried in clotted drops about covering the seat of a surrey. A horse lying in the road with a bullet hole in its head, from which dripped the blood of its still warm body. The driver missing, with evidence that there had been foul play. These were evidences that promised sensational headlines in the newspapers and started the deputy sheriffs on a hunt for further developments with the keenness of a hound that scents the track of a fugitive from justice.

But "what" was never more amazed at the simplicity of the reasoning of "Sherlock" than were investigations of mystery that surrounded the blood stained surrey when they found out the true state of affairs which was reported by Deputy Ed Lacroix, as follows:

Mr. Herman Schultz, president of the police jury, upon being notified a dead horse was obstructing the road, repaired to the scene and had the horse removed to one side until it could be disposed of, which was ordered done immediately. It was then noticed that blood was oozing from a small hole in the horse's head above the eyes, and further examination disclosed the blood on the cushion of the front seat of the surrey. On the floor of the surrey was lying an empty flask of "Old Joe" whisky. The matter was reported to the sheriff and Deputy Ed. Lacroix was delegated to look into the matter. He found that the conveyance and horse were the property of the late Jacob Langenstine, the owner of "Sunny Brook," who purchased the pretty place several months ago. Mr. Langenstine was found at home and stated that while driving home Tuesday night his horse had fallen down and was unable to get up. He took his lantern and attempted to assist the horse to its feet, when the horse kicked the lantern, breaking it and cutting his hand badly with the broken glass. He then left the horse and went home. The blood in the surrey came from his cut hand. He says he did not shoot the horse and does not know who did. So the mystery ended and the promised sensation died.

BIG RAMSEY SAWMILL RESUMES OPERATIONS

Ramsey, Dec. 17.—At last, after two years of inactivity, the whistle of the big Ramsey sawmill Monday proclaimed that the operation of the plant is a certainty. C. G. Hull, secretary of the St. Tammany Lumber Manufacturing Company, found the machinery in an excellent state of preservation, and the mill operated the whole day Monday without a jar. The right of way having been secured from most of the settlers of Ramsey and St. Benedict, work will be commenced next week on six miles of railway into the heart of the timber district. From two to three hundred men will be employed, and the output soon will exceed the hundred thousand and mark, it is said, C. G. Hull has removed with his family to the scene of activity, and the elder Hull, president of the company, is expected to take charge of the work before Sunday.

Simple Words Suffice, we Trust, to Win Your Support, "uplift of the child."

That's what this new school will do, and what grander, nobler heritage could one leave behind? Don't dream. The grown-ups may feel content and know what they have to do, but a child cannot. Provision should be made for a new and up to date school building, an absolute necessity, for it means a safe, comfortable and above all, healthy surroundings. From such environments the children will improve. We have a chance offered us to face this building. We need your help, support and vote. For the welfare of the child, we make this earnest appeal. Solicit an election for this special tax. Then vote for it. The reward is yours.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE
By Mrs. W. C. Ellis, Secy.

POLICE JURY IN REGULAR SESSION

Geo. Koeppe, Jr., is Elected Parish Treasurer.

Quite a Fight Over Granting Permit for Barroom.

Deciding Vote Cast by the President in the Chair.

Report of Sheriff as Tax Collector, for November.

Covington, La., Dec. 16, 1912. The police jury met in regular session on above date.

Present—Herman Schultz, President; Louis Peters, Wm. Bruhl, Geo. F. Bierhorst, E. E. Talley, A. D. Crawford, Jno. A. Todd, B. A. Schnelger and J. B. Horze.

Absent—None.

It was moved and duly seconded that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

The president stated that owing to the death of Mr. J. F. Cusack's Parish Treasurer, it was in order to elect a Parish Treasurer, to fill the vacancy.

The following communication was then read:

Folsom, La., Dec. 9, 1912. To the Honorable Police Jury, Covington, La.

Gentlemen:—As I see your treasurer, Mr. J. J. Cusack, is dead, and it will be left to your honorable body to select another, and I would like to get the appointment. If your honorable body sees fit to do so it would be appreciated very much by me. Thanking you for past favors, remain,

Yours truly,
D. McLAIN.

Mr. A. D. Crawford nominated Mr. Geo. Koeppe, Jr., as parish treasurer, seconded by Jno. A. Todd.

Mr. Wm. Bruhl nominated Mr. J. D. McLain. No second.

Mr. Bruhl withdrew his nomination.

Moved by Mr. Geo. Bierhorst and seconded by Mr. Schnelger, that nominations be closed, and Mr. Koeppe declared elected by acclamation.

Carried.

The following petitions were read: To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

That he desires to have your honorable body locate a barroom or saloon near the town of Slidell, in St. Tammany parish, State of Louisiana, and that he be granted a license to conduct and operate a colored saloon on the premises of said proposed saloon or barroom to be located.

Said saloon or barroom to be located upon the described premises, to wit: On a certain piece or parcel of land owned by applicant situated in the parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, and being about opposite the town of Slidell and near the west bank of Bayou Vincent; that said parcel of land upon which said saloon or barroom is proposed to be located measures 54 feet front on the line dividing said parcel of land from the property owned by Dubourg & Dubuisson and by 150 feet between parallel lines. Said parcel of land bounded on the south by the property of J. G. Abel, on the north by property of H. H. Levy, on the east by property of Dubourg & Dubuisson, and on the west by the property of Jacob Levy, applicant herein, the exact location of said barroom or saloon in said above described parcel of land, is situated in the southeast portion thereof and about twelve feet west of said dividing line, dividing said tract from the land owned by Dubourg & Dubuisson, as aforesaid.

Petitioner now further represents that he now formally makes application for the establishing the location of said barroom or saloon by your honorable body on the premises hereinabove and before described, and that he be granted a license to operate and conduct a colored barroom or saloon at the proposed location of the same.

Petitioner further represents that he is a native born citizen of the State of Louisiana; that he is law abiding and of good moral character, and that he is not disqualified under the provisions of Act 176 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, regulating and affecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, from engaging in said business. That the proposed location of said barroom or saloon is not within 200 feet of any church or school house wherein children are taught.

That he has obtained the written consent of a majority of the bona fide property owners within 200 feet of the proposed location of said barroom or saloon, which written consent is hereto annexed and made part hereof.

Wherefore the premises and annexed documents considered, application for the same be granted.

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