

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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SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Matters of Importance, Including Form of Bond to be Used and the Counting of Votes at Recent Election.

Covington, La., April 12, 1913. In accordance with resolution of the School Board of St. Tammany parish, La., adopted March 5, 1913, the board met in special session for the purpose of counting the votes and promulgating the returns of the special election held in School District No. 3, of the parish of St. Tammany on the 5th day of April, 1913.

The following members were present: G. R. Dutch, first ward; H. T. Fauntleroy, second ward; N. H. Fitzsimons, third ward; W. H. Kahl, fifth ward; H. Q. Parker, sixth ward; Dr. C. F. Farmer, seventh ward; T. P. Crawford, eighth ward; C. M. Liddle, ninth ward.

Absent: P. H. Hanabrough, fourth ward.

And a quorum was present.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and on motion of Mr. Kahl, seconded by Dr. Farmer, were approved as read.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. G. R. Dutch, seconded by Mr. W. H. Kahl, and unanimously carried to-wit:

Be it resolved, That the Parish School Board of the parish of St. Tammany, La., now proceed to open the ballot boxes used at the special election held in School District No. 3, on April 9, 1913, examine and count the votes cast at said election contained in said box, in numbers and amounts; examine and canvass the returns made by the Commissioners and Clerk serving at said election as shown by the tally sheet, poll list, and compiled statement of the voters made by said Commissioners and Clerk presiding at said election; all in accordance with a resolution of this board, ordering said election of date March 5, 1913.

The school board then proceeded in the presence of three competent witnesses to ballot boxes contained in the boxes used at said election, and examine same as to numbers and amounts, inspect the poll list, tally sheet and compiled statement of voters, made by the Commissioners and Clerk presiding at said election, and, after such inspection and examination and canvass of said ballot, and returns were made, the following resolution was introduced by Dr. C. F. Farmer, duly seconded by Mr. C. M. Liddle, and unanimously carried to-wit:

high school, title to which shall vest in the public.

For or in favor of said proposition No. 2 there were cast One Hundred Eighty Three (183) votes, representing a taxable assessed property value of Two Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred Seventy-Three (\$269,973.00) Dollars.

Against or in opposition to said proposition No. 2 there were cast Ten (10) votes representing a taxable assessed property value of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five (\$8,825.00) Dollars.

Proposition No. 3, viz:

To levy a special tax of 1 1/2 mills on the dollar on all property in School District No. 3 of the parish of St. Tammany, subject to taxation, annually for a period of twenty years beginning with and including the year 1913 for the purpose of giving additional aid to the said public school, that is to say for the maintenance of said school and said building.

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Be it remembered that we, the School Board of the parish of St. Tammany, acting as a Board of Commissioners for the election held in School District No. 3 of the parish of St. Tammany on April 9, 1913, met to-day in open session at the office of the parish school board in the town of Covington, La., at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of counting the returns of said election, and after such inspection and examination and canvass of said ballot, and returns were made, the following resolution was introduced by Mr. C. F. Farmer, and unanimously carried to-wit:

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Proposition No. 2, viz:

To incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 to run not longer than twenty years from date and to bear interest not exceeding one cent per annum, payable semi-annually for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a public school building at Covington, La., or purchasing a site, if necessary, for the said school building within said district for the use of the Covington

Witnesses:

Adrian D. Schwartz,
H. J. Smith,
T. N. Galloway.

Mr. H. Q. Parker offered the following ordinance and moved its adoption:

AN ORDINANCE.

Providing for the issuance of school bonds of School District No. 2 of the parish of St. Tammany, La. in the amount of (\$25,000) Dollars in the amount of (\$25,000) Dollars and levying a special tax of two and one-half (2 1/2) mills on the dollar per annum on all property subject to State taxation within the limits of School District No. 2 for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning with and including the year 1913, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds as same shall mature and levying a special tax of one and one-half (1 1/2) mills on the dollar on all property in school District No. 3 of the parish of St. Tammany, La., subject to State taxation annually for a period of twenty (20) years beginning with and including the year 1913, for the purpose of giving additional aid to said public school, that is to say, for the maintenance of said school and said building;

Whereas, at a special election duly

FIRE DESTROYS CRAWFORD SAWMILL

Loss Estimated at \$10,000, the Mill Proper Being Burned Completely.

WILL REBUILD IMMEDIATELY

Up-to-Date Mill to be Built as Soon as Debris Can Be Cleared Away.

Special to St. Tammany Farmer—

Pearl River, La., April 16.—At 12:15 this morning a disastrous fire occurred at the saw mill plant of Mr. A. D. Crawford, at Hill Switch, La. on the N. O. G. N. R. about three and one-half miles from Pearl River. The sawmill proper was burned completely, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. The dry kiln, planing mill and lumber on the yards and in the dry sheds was all principally saved, after strenuous work on the part of the mill people and others in the neighborhood.

Mr. Crawford expects to immediately rebuild his mill as soon as it gets cold and will place an improved mill where the old one stood, which will cut about 25,000 feet of lumber per day and hopes to have it in operation in about 45 days.

He has ample timber to run him for a number of years, and is negotiating for several tracts of well timbered lands. He has just completed a 4-mile logging road to a portion of his timber at a cost of \$10,000, the full equipment of which was also revealed. When the mill was destroyed, he has been in the sawmill business since 1903 and has been very successful and looks very hopeful towards the future.

ST. TAMMANY UNDER BONDS

CANNING CO. READY FOR DEALS.

Now Ready to be Incorporated and Will Soon be Getting Busy

GROWERS ASKED TO PLANT.

Will Advise and Help Farmers in Scientific Growing of Crops

The St. Tammany Canning Company, with an authorized capital of \$50,000, was organized during the week, and the work of constructing the plant at once begun.

For weeks several committees of our prominent citizens, together with a farmers' committee, of which Mr. Frank Busch, of Washburn, was chairman, have been making diligent inquiry to determine whether or not the farmers could supply the factory with sufficient vegetables, berries and fruit, and also whether or not the goods could be canned and marketed with profit.

The result of the investigation was the unanimous decision to establish a factory at Covington.

Mr. Berg, purchasing agent for berries and vegetables for northern interests, was called from Philadelphia by wire to advise the committee for canneries in building up every rural community. In fact, it was shown that even under the most favorable conditions, there are always periods when the market is glutted with fruits and vegetables, and that the prices received for food stuffs are unprofitable at those periods. It is here that the value of the cannery is most felt, for the farmer is always assured of a market at fair prices; the cannery, and thus agricultural enterprises are stimulated.

In many sections farmers find it more profitable to contract with their local canneries for their entire crops; and it is such a condition the new company will strive to bring about as will appear from their authorization in another column of this paper.

In order to do this the company is prepared to advise farmers as to the best varieties of seed to plant, how to prepare the soil, the proper amount and the right kind of fertilizer to use, and to advance them small sums of money to enable them to cultivate and market their crops. This will be seen that the farming interests will be the first and most lasting to profit by the new cannery concern. This is especially true of course, if the crop fails, and the increased money put into circulation by the laborers and farmers.

The list of some thirty-five stockholders was published in our last issue. The names of the officers and directors will be published in the near future, because the directorate has not been completed. "Only men qualified by successful business experience, men with ideas, yet with conservative will be chosen," declared one of the officers, and as evidence of the conservative management, it is said that the officers of the corporation, which is being organized, are all men of successful business experience, men with ideas, yet with conservative will be chosen.

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W. P. U. MEET'S EVERY BODY IS ON WATCH FOR HIM NOW

Report of Shreveport Convention Read by Mrs. Thompson of Abita

CLEAN UP A SUCCESS

Cemetery and Other Matters Taken Up by the Members

Although there was quite a full attendance of members at the Monday meeting of the Women's Progressive Union the president, regretted that all members did not attend, as she felt that the report made by Mrs. H. J. Thompson of the Shreveport Convention of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs would have been interesting and helpful to all. Mrs. Thompson's report was a most inspiring one, as it summed up all the important work of the convention and gave a stirring and terse idea of what this wonderful body of women are accomplishing all over our State. It is just such a recording of the doings of other women that convinces our home women of their own powers and makes them realize what they can accomplish when they put their shoulders to the wheel.

Business taken up at the March meeting was reported upon. Clean-up day came in for a large share and a vote of thanks was extended to the civic council and improvement committee, through Messrs. P. J. Lacroix and Maurice Planche, for their hearty co-operation in this important work. It took three city carts over a week to cart away all the rubbish and tin cans taken from private yards and empty lots.

A few places were overlooked in the extensive haul, but Mr. Lacroix promises to have it all finished up before he stops.

The fumigation of empty houses having been reported, the committee was next discussed and it was moved and voted for a committee to enforce the ordinance relative to this matter. House owners, medical men, health authorities, and other people, town officials and citizens are asked to help in this work, and when it is accomplished, the Union will interest the New Orleans press in bringing before its reading public the news that Covington has been made clean and sanitary, thereby establishing the confidence in the healthfulness of our town that the previous condition did much to injure.

A committee was appointed to take in charge the cemetery matters, said committee to be known as the cemetery committee of the Progressive Union. A meeting of this committee is to be held on Thursday at 4 p. m. at the residence of the president to discuss ways and means. The ladies serving on said committee are: Mrs. Preston Burns, chairman; Mrs. Cliff H. T. G. Weaver, Mrs. B. E. Warren, Miss Carrie Frederick, Mrs. J. Mollaly, Mrs. J. B. Lancaster, Mrs. Wallace Poole, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. V. Planche, Mrs. A. A. White, Mrs. L. M. Bourgeois, Mrs. W. Rodebender, ex-officio.

Mrs. Quitman Kohnke made a general offer to the Union on behalf of the Choral Club to give a performance of the delightful opera of Romeo and Juliet for the benefit of the cemetery fund. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Union and will be given about June 1st.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Choral Club for same, through courtesy of Mrs. Kohnke.

Mrs. Clifton Burns was called upon for a report of the school tax election Mrs. Burn's interesting talk showed that the woman vote carried this very necessary tax and spoke enthusiastically of the new school house that we serve special thanks not only from the Union, but from the whole community for her splendid work for that worthy cause which is of such paramount importance to the town and its people.

Can't the president of the Union impress upon each and every member how she wants them to attend the meetings, and how much it means to the success of its work for them to be present? If you really are earnest in the wish to help your town, show up—prove it—by coming to these meetings and keeping in touch with what is being done.

Another visiting committee was formed to follow the first one whose time has expired. This is a voluntary committee and is composed of Mrs. Fisher, chairman; Mrs. Stevens,

ON WATCH FOR HIM NOW

Mr. Byrne Promises He Will Surprise People on Next Tuesday Night

THE HIT OF THE SEASON

Has Met With Great Success Wherever It Has Been Produced

It takes two things to make a good show—a good play and good actors. But unfortunately what one person may call a good play another may consider a very poor one. It is right here that Mr. Byrne, who is putting on "Mr. Bob" at the Park Pavilion on Tuesday night, April 23, shows himself to be one of the best theatrical managers in the country. He always draws a big crowd and he always sends the audience away well pleased. Mr. Byrne has the peculiar faculty of hitting the public fancy. His pieces are not only humorous and attractive to the audience, but they seem to win their way into the hearts of the actors, bringing out the best that is in them. They could be seen in the Park Pavilion on Tuesday night, for the part. It is funny with him. He couldn't tell you how he does it any more than he can tell you why Bob's eyes are gray.

Now, when Mr. Byrne made his appearance in Covington and announced that he was here to amuse the Covington public for a while, the Covington Carnival Club got busy and covered him off, and before it let him go arrangements had been made to get him to put "Mr. Bob" on for the benefit of the club. It's a big thing for the club, because it's all on up the matter of financing the parish fair and needs money. The people will certainly give money to see "Mr. Bob," because it's worth money to see him, and by the way it's rumored that in every-day life "Mr. Bob" wears skirts, but you'll never guess it.

Mr. Byrne has written the editor that he wanted "Mr. Bob" advertised for next Tuesday, April 23, at the Park Pavilion. On reading his letter we have come to the conclusion that the play could have no better advertisement than this very letter because Mr. Byrne is so well known to be entirely unobscured and truthful in speaking of his theatrical ventures. You need not hesitate in advertising the merits of "Mr. Bob," because from experience, I am sure that the audience will not be disappointed. A few weeks ago I presented "Mr. Bob" for two performances in Baton Rouge at which time we had capacity houses and our audiences were thoroughly pleased. In fact so well pleased that I have been engaged to make a return date, getting there to begin work on April 20. "Mr. Bob" has also been presented with equal success in numbers of other cities, both in this and other states—Monroe, Mansfield and Ruston being among those of Louisiana. The result always the same—capacity crowds, thoroughly pleased.

Thanks for your kindness.

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