

# 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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## MADISONVILLE BANK VAULT TOO STRONG TO BREAK

### BURGARS ATTEMPT TO FORCE DOORS OF SAFE WITH NITROGLYCERIN.

### ENTER BANK THROUGH DOCTOR'S OFFICE

### All the Loot Secured in Three Slippery Nickles in the Cashier's Drawer.

The attempted robbery of the Madisonville Bank between 1 and 3 o'clock Wednesday morning furnished considerable excitement for that equally quiet town. The discovery of the attempt was not made until about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, when Sheriff Brewster was notified. He reached Madisonville by 8 o'clock and started an immediate search for some clue that would lead to the discovery of the rascals, who had used nitroglycerin to blow out the doors of the vault. An examination of the premises showed that entrance had been effected through the office of Dr. Pennington in the rear of the bank. It is presumed that the door of this office had been left unlocked, as no evidence of a forced entrance was seen. The outer vault doors were bulged out and the combination lock shattered with a charge of nitroglycerin that had been poured into the steel framework of the door from a top corner. The force of the explosion, while it failed to give access to the vault, blew the light inner doors from the hinges. A sledge hammer, which subsequently played an important part in the attempt to trace the burglars, was evidently used in the attempt to batter the door fastenings apart. The combination parts were hammered flat, but the door resisted all efforts to open it and the thieves departed in an automobile, after probably firing a fusillade of revolver shots at the window, which show the round clean-cut holes of the bullets, although these holes appear to have been made from the inside, as the cracked glass bulged outward. The rascals secured nothing, excepting three smooth nickles

left in the cashier's drawer. In interviewing those who lived near the bank, Sheriff Brewster got little information that was of value. Mr. and Mrs. Currow, scarcely ninety feet away, said they had been awakened by a noise that sounded like shots. Mr. Currow went to the stable and looked at the horse. He thought the noise that awoke him was made by the stamping of the horses. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kux said they heard the shooting, but were so frightened that they were afraid to move. They heard one of the men say to another, as they got into the auto: "Now, d— you get in." Mr. Englehardt also heard a similar expression by one of the men. None seemed to be able to give much information.

The hammer that had been used in attempting to batter down the doors was found to have red paint on it. This clue Sheriff Brewster followed up after his return from Ponchatoula and Hammond, to which places he had gone in an attempt to trace the auto, which was easily done to Ponchatoula. At that place a boy named girl of Mr. Davenport's stated that they had seen a black auto with three men in it, that was strange to them, and that had passed through Ponchatoula about 9:30 Tuesday night. They could not tell the make of the machine. On his return Sheriff Brewster went to the blacksmith shop of Mr. Chatman, who rents from Mr. Heisser. He found two hammers with red paint on them, which proved to be the property of Mr. Wright, who had worked at the place about nine days and had rented the auto of Mr. Frederick red. Wright lives in a houseboat at Pass Manchac, and the sheriff secured a gasoline boat, ran it down there and brought Wright back. Wright stated that he knew nothing of the sledge hammer found in the bank and did not believe it was the property of Mr. Chatman. Mr. Chatman comes from New Orleans and is spoken of by the people there, and Mr. Wright also bears a good reputation. Sheriff Brewster paroled Wright, and he will be on hand if he is needed. From the way things look, the would-be robbers came in an auto and got away in it without leaving much trace behind them that may be used in their capture. Sheriff Brewster, however, is on the still hunt, and may have something that will lead to a capture.

Mr. Barringer, of Lacombe, had two horses stolen from his stable Tuesday, and it was thought at first that this might furnish some clue, but it was found that this theft occurred before two o'clock in the morning, at which time the thieves were still in Madisonville. The damage to the bank is about \$150. The door was removed on the order of the bank officials and was shipped to New Orleans on the Minnie B. for repair.

### NOTICE.

Having secured the consent of the resident property holders within 35 feet of the property at the corner of Monroe and Wilkinson streets, Madisonville, I will petition the town council to open a backroom and restaurant at that place for colored people. GUS D'ANTONI.

## LUMBER LOSS FOLSOM FIRE IS ABOUT \$2000

### LUMBER FOR COVINGTON EXPORT LUMBER CO. PART OF THAT WHICH BURNED.

### DRY KILN AND SOME LOADED CARS LOST

### Engine of the New Orleans Great Northern Used to Haul Loaded Cars From the Planes.

The Folsom Lumber Company suffered a loss of about \$2,000 from fire last Tuesday. No insurance. Among the lumber lost was several carloads for the Covington Export Lumber Company. The dry kiln was totally destroyed, loaded cars of lumber were saved by hitching an engine of the Great Northern Railroad Company to them and hauling them away from danger. Some of the loose lumber was scattered so as to avoid height of flames and spreading fire. The fire is supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion. The larger part of the lumber was on the ramps from the sheds to the sawmill.

### NOTICE TO PRINCIPALS.

All principals of the public schools of this parish are hereby notified that they are to be held responsible for the collection of the incidental fee. A list of the parents and number of children they have a school must be presented to me when they are rendering their statement of the amount collected, and nothing but the cash or an excuse from the Ward Director will be accepted. ELMER E. LYON, Superintendent.

### NOTICE.

Covington, La., Jan. 22, 1914. Notice is hereby given that beginners in the first grade of the Covington public school will be received during the week ending February 7. After that date no new classes will be formed, and no child will be received unless they are prepared to enter existing classes. ELMER E. LYON, Superintendent.

## "THE QUARRELERS."

### The Above One-Act Drama, With Three Reels of Pictures Constitutes the Program of the Parkview for Saturday Night, Jan. 24.

In addition to the usual picture program for Saturday night and matinee, Mr. Fuhrmann has prepared an excellent little sketch which lasts about thirty minutes and will be presented at the matinee and night performance. The sketch is entitled "The Quarrelers," and deals with two people who were once sweethearts and who on account of their quarrels were compelled to separate and at a later date both were caught in an awful blizzard and sought the same shelter, which happened to be a freight room. Anyone who has ever been in love can imagine the situation which prevailed, when they both had to stay there and neither was on speaking terms with the other. Miss Lucile Smith plays the role of Carrie Samples and does some real pretty work in it. The price of admission has been arranged at 10 cents for everyone. "The Pandemonium of Fate," a tragedy of little less than two reels will be the feature of the photo program, and "An Elongement at Home" will be the one reel subject. In "The Pandemonium of Fate" a rascally aristocrat takes advantage of his elder brother's sudden death to appropriate his title and estate, denouncing the dead man's wife as an impostor and driving his children from their home. Continuity of interest, surprise and suspense makes this little melodrama ever tense and telling. "An Elongement at Home" is a very exciting comedy, and if Mabel had not had the presence of mind to hide the Judge's clothes she could not have gotten married to Billy—but if we tell you too much about it you will not want to come and see it.

## M. C. B. Dancing School.

EVERY SATURDAY AT 8 P. M. Mothers, send all your children, 25 cents a lesson. A special reduction will be made if more than one from a family comes, or if a monthly bill is purchased. The little tots will be taught the folk-dances and songs which have been recently revived in all educational and social circles. The older ones will be taught the waltz and two-step, as they contain the foundation steps of all graceful and fashionable dances. M-17-17

### ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

The time that has elapsed since the boys returned from the holidays has served to remove from their minds all thought of the joys enjoyed during the two weeks' vacation. With the mid-year examinations in view, studies have been resumed with a determination to complete said studies. The playgrounds are once more alive with the games of the season. The moving picture machine is again doing duty. The boys have been treated to two performances. The pictures, shown from a standard Edison machine, and of the regulation "moving picture type," are flashed on a screen in the gymnasium. It is the aim of the authorities of the college to show both instructive and amusing pictures. Reels depicting current events also form part of the program. Baseball activities have already shown up rather prominently. To afford every student an opportunity to indulge in the national pastime, and to bring out material for the college nine, a league, composed of four teams, has been organized. January 10th the basketballers went to Hammond to play the high school team of that place. Our boys came out on top by a score of 29 to 21. Tulane University met us in a basketball game Saturday, Jan. 17th. The game was fast and exciting. Our boys fought hard, but the superior weight of the Tulaneans told on them with the result that the University won by the score of 33 to 22. The point makers for Tulane were: Altman, 8 goals; Ramirez, 3 goals; Mailhes, 3 goals; Oakes, 2 goals and one foul. For St. Paul, Cassagne from the field and scoring one goal; Andrew Gueno scored the ball twice, also making a foul goal. Dr. Patton of New Orleans, refereed the game. Covington's basketball followers turned out in force to witness the game. Dr. Patton, Coach Hanson, Messrs. C. Woodard, F. Oakes, and G. Wiley remained as guests of the college until Sunday evening.

The new Income Tax is a very complicated law. It takes a "Philadelphia Lawyer" to interpret some of its provisions, so what can be expected of the average person who pays little attention to these things? The Covington Bank & Trust Co., with their characteristic enterprise, have issued a neat booklet out of which one can easily learn what is expected of them in this new law. One of these booklets can be had for the asking.

### FOR FROST BITES AND CHAPPED HANDS.

For frost bites on fingers and toes, chapped hands and lips, chills, cold sores, read and rouse skins, there is nothing to equal Bucklen's Arnica Ointment. Stops the pain at once and acts quickly. In every home there should be a box handy at a time. Best remedy for all skin diseases, itching eczema, tetter, piles, etc. 25 cents. All drug stores, or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

## POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 19TH

### DR. POLK MAKES REPORT ON VITAL STATISTICS OF THE PARISH.

### REPORT OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

### Petition From Citizens of Seventh Ward on the Opening Up of Construction of Old Road.

Covington, La., Jan. 19, 1914. The police jury met in regular session on above date. Present: Herman Schults, president; Walter Bruhl, Geo. F. Bierhorst, E. E. Talley, A. D. Crawford, Jno. A. Todd, J. B. Howze, F. L. Dutsch. Absent: B. A. Schneider. The following petitions were read: Lacombe, La., Jan. 16, 1914. To the President and Members of the Police Jury, St. Tammany Parish, Gentlemen:— We, the undersigned property owners and taxpayers, ask your honorable body to open up a public road in the seventh ward, to begin at Lacombe, run to Ell Landing, thence down the bayou to its mouth, down the old Ell Road. If same cannot be granted we ask that the road from J. D. Cousins to J. M. Barringer's gate be closed. Signed by 71 citizens and taxpayers.

To the Honorable the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, La.: We, the undersigned taxpayers and residents of the seventh ward of the parish and state abroad, respectfully represent, that:— In 1911, a public road was duly laid out and surveyed by the parish surveyor, commencing at the southwest termination of Seventh street in the village of Lacombe and running thence southwest to the old Pierce residence, a distance of about a mile and a half in length. That Mr. J. J. Caschais, the then police juror of the 7th ward, prior to his retirement from office, had the right of way for said road cleared, the stumps blown up therefrom and nothing remained to complete said road but to properly grade and drain it, put in a few inexpensive culverts and a small bridge across a branch near Lacombe.

That repeated requests to John Todd, the present police juror of the 7th ward to complete the aforesaid road, or at least, put it in such condition that it can be used by our petitioners and the people living adjacent thereto, in going to and from the postoffice and railroad station, without endangering themselves and their teams, have been ignored and disregarded by said Todd.

That your petitioners are entitled to said road, that considerable expense has already been incurred in clearing the right of way of trees, stumps and other obstructions, and that there are, or ought to be, sufficient road funds available for the completion of said road as well as for the improvement of all other public roads in the 7th ward.

Wherefore, your petitioners respectfully insist that the road herein referred to be completed and made fit for public use, and ask for such relief in the premises as your honorable body may be able to give. Signed by 44 taxpayers and residents.

After hearing both petitions read, the president appointed a committee of three, composed of A. D. Crawford, J. B. Howze and Louis Peters, to investigate the right of the road and make report at next meeting.

Prof. Lyon and Messieurs J. C. Burns and Leon Beaucoeur J. A. C. before the police jury and asked the police jury to make an appropriation to help defray the expense of the parish school rally to be held in Covington in March.

It was moved by Mr. Geo. F. Bierhorst, seconded by Mr. Louis Peters, that the police jury make an appropriation of \$75.00 to help defray the expenses of the parish school rally to be held in March.

The motion was unanimously carried. The following report was read: We, the undersigned jury of freeholders, having been previously appointed by the police jury of St. Tammany parish to lay out a public road from Slidell to a point on the Lake Shore about one and one-half miles east of the New Orleans and North-eastern Railroad Company and having taken the oath provided by law, beg leave to submit this, our report, to the honorable police jury of the parish of St. Tammany, La. We herewith report that we have traced and laid out such road, in our opinion, to the greatest advantage of all of the inhabitants with as little as may be to the prejudice of enclosures. We started at a stake on the Slidell and Mayfield road set by Surveyor Howard Burns, and traversed the route to Lake Shore as surveyed by him to a point on Lake

Shore about one and one-half miles east of the New Orleans and North-eastern Railroad, as shown by the hereto annexed survey of Howard Burns, Parish Surveyor. We further report that we have assessed the damages as follows: All marsh lands, as shown by plat of Howard Burns, at one dollar per acre, and all other lands at two dollars per acre. F. SALMEN, T. J. HAND, W. E. GAUSE, F. A. BOURGEOIS, L. T. MILES, JOHN PETERSON, Committee.

It was moved by Geo. F. Bierhorst and seconded by Louis Peters, that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the secretary be and is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the land expropriated as appraised by the committee, and that Mr. J. B. Howze be and he is hereby authorized to build said road as per plat on file with the secretary. Carried.

It was moved by Jno. A. Todd, seconded by Geo. F. Bierhorst, that Mr. H. A. Verrett be reimbursed the sum of \$12.57, erroneous assessment. The following report was read: Statement of T. E. Brewster for the month of December, 1913: Parish Tax.

Criminal fund ..... 11,585.80  
Road fund ..... 5,732.90  
School fund ..... 8,574.35  
General fund ..... 2,891.45  
\$24,814.50

Corporation tax ..... 1,369.52  
Road fund ..... 684.76  
School fund ..... 1,927.14  
\$4,041.42

Amounts available to each fund:  
Criminal fund ..... 12,950.32  
Road fund ..... 4,375.46  
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## A COVINGTON POST CLERK ARRESTED STEALING

### WALTER RATKKE IS DETECTED PILFERING THE MAIL OF A FOUNTAIN PEN.

### SENT MR. MOSES BY COTTON OIL COMPANY

### After Being Detected Makes Written Confession to Post Office Inspector Kerley.

Walter Ratkke, who has been employed in the postoffice at Covington as a clerk, under Postmaster Theriot, was arrested in New Orleans Wednesday morning by Post Office Inspector J. R. Kerley, charged with rifling the mails. He was taken before United States Commissioner Carter and placed under \$500 bond to appear for trial.

Ratkke is about 19 years of age and comes of a good family. Postmaster Theriot says that when young Ratkke passed his civil service examination he told him that there was one objection that he had to him. That he understood he was in the habit of playing cards for money. He wanted him to promise that he would quit this. Ratkke promised he would do so, and Mr. Theriot believed he had kept his promise. That he had no suspicion that Ratkke was doing anything dishonest, and he does not know that he is guilty of any theft besides the one of taking a fountain pen, which led to his arrest, and which was disclosed in the following manner:

Mr. E. H. Moses had been notified by the Southern Cotton Oil Company that he had been sent a "Snowdrift" fountain pen in appreciation of the excellent record he had made in the sale of this article. The pen never arrived and Mr. Moses made inquiry at the postoffice about it. On the 7th instant Mr. Theriot, walking by a desk, noticed a fountain pen that had just been used and laid down by Ratkke. Picking it up, he noticed that it bore the brand "Snowdrift" on it. As there were no pens of this kind to be had in the market, and as it answered the description of the pen Mr. Moses was looking for, Mr. Theriot asked him where he got it. He answered that he had gotten it from a friend in New Orleans. On the 8th Inspector Kerley was in the office, being there to make his usual inspection, and Mr. Theriot called his attention to the matter of the pen. The inspector got hold of young Ratkke and put him through a series of questions that ended in a confession that the pen had been abstracted from the mail. Ratkke was immediately discharged and was subsequently arrested in New Orleans, as above stated.

Postmaster Theriot states that he does not know that any other thefts have been traced to Ratkke, or that there have been any other thefts. That the matter is entirely in the hands of the inspector, and whatever he has found has not been disclosed.

### BLOOD NOTES.

Miss Mamie Keating and Miss Edith Bush spent Saturday here with friends.

Miss Bessie Sherr left here Tuesday for Goodbee, where she will make her future home.

Mr. Thompson was a Crescent City visitor Monday on business.

Miss Nellie Erwin accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. Erwin, of Ramsey, were visitors here recently.

Miss Ada Beall spent Wednesday at Galloway as the guest of the Misses Paunier.

Miss Catherine Bush, of Isabel, attended the funeral of her father, Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald.

Miss Ollie Dyeas is spending awhile at Sun, as the guest of her sister.

Mrs. Leah Laird, of Ramsey, spent Sunday here.

Mr. T. E. Galloway took a flying trip to Covington Saturday.

Rev. Peters held services at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Quite a crowd attended.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. LAND Office.  
Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 20, 1914.  
Proof under Act 6-12.

Notice is hereby given that DAVID KAHL

of Bush, La., who, on July 6, 1910, made Homestead Entry, No. 03109, for lot 1 or fri. nr of or ne qr, section 21, township 5 south, range 13 east, St. Helena Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Court, at Covington, La., on the 2d day of March, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Robert Brewer, J. D. Thomas, W. H. Kahl, and Leroy Thomas, all of Bush, La.

JOHN F. NUTTALL, Register.

## Notes from the Schools of St. Tammany Parish

### COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Last Friday was Health Day for the public schools of Louisiana. The Covington school observed this day with some exercises in nearly every room. Health bulletins, issued by the State Board of Health, were distributed and read as an exercise. In the high school room a special program was rendered, consisting of choruses by high school pupils, piano solos, "Old Gold and White," by Corinne Poole, and an essay on "How a Girl Can Improve Home Surroundings," by Virgie Dossat. Dr. Pigott then gave a lecture, talking for his subject the patent medicine taken. It is expected that the public school be the agency for the dissemination of information bearing on matters of health and sanitation. The schools find the Health Bulletin very helpful monthly visitors. Interest is awakened in them among the pupils by the fact that they are gotten out by Miss Agnes Morris, who is known to most of the school children of Louisiana. The first term ends Friday the 30th. A letter from State Superintendent Harris advises that no mid-term questions will be sent, but that the teachers give the examination, making their own questions.

The last month's report is not so bad looking, even if some pupils took a week out of school to add to their Christmas holiday vacation. The percentage of attendance is about 86. It usually runs about 88. The best reported in the State for any high school was 95. We will go back to 90 this month. Let every parent help to make a good showing.

Every family should be a miniature school improvement league; and if every family would become one, school work would be more efficient. The four things necessary to make a good school are punctuality, regularity, good conduct and home study. If the pupils are above the third grade. If a school lacks in any one, that reduces the efficiency to 75 per

### SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL.

Supt. E. E. Lyon visited our school last Friday afternoon and made an interesting talk relative to the rally which is to be held in Covington in the early spring. He told the children that he wanted to see every one present at the meet, and that the railroad would give rates as low as fifty cents for the round trip. The teachers assured Mr. Lyon that they would do the very best in their power to help make the occasion a grand success. The 20th inst. marked the end of the first term of school and then mid-term examinations begin. We have had a successful session's work thus far, and the interest is still in

creasing in the various lines of school work. Laura Hebert, of New Orleans, is now a pupil in our school in the first grade.

Miss Emma Cass is back at her place of duty, after several days' absence, on account of sickness. The Director G. M. Liddle has begun beautifying the school grounds by setting out some shrubbery along the fence, on all sides of the building.

Mr. G. C. Lewis, farm demonstrator, was a visitor last Friday. He came too late to talk to the pupils, but he agreed to make us a speech when he visited the school again. Slidell high school continues to add victories to its already long list. Last Saturday the Bogalusa "crack" team came down and played us a fine game, but we had to send them back thoroughly defeated by a score of 21 to 6. Our boys have played eight games, winning seven of those played. The following is the score card: Picayune, Miss., 7; Slidell, 10; Picayune, (second game) 7; Slidell 10; Rio 2; Slidell 20; Covington 5; Slidell 20; Bogalusa 23; Slidell 10; Town Boys (Slidell) 14; Slidell 18; Covington (second game) 14; Slidell 19; Bogalusa, (second game) 6; Slidell 21.

Two receptions were tendered to the Bogalusa basketball team last Saturday, one in the afternoon at Mrs. E. F. Hally's, and the other at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Salmen in the evening. The visiting boys went away speaking in glowing terms of the cordiality extended them by the Slidell students.

Mr. C. M. Liddle has offered a loving cup to the girls' basketball team that wins in the match game at the rally.

Last Wednesday, Nicodemus Elias, a missionary from Turkey, gave a very interesting talk to the pupils, concerning the religious conditions existing in his country, and also told some interesting facts pertaining to schools there.

The faculty takes this opportunity to thank The St. Tammany Farmer

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