

# 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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## NEGRO IS SHOT IN SLIDELL BY OFFICER ON DUTY

### MARSHAL ELLIOT FIRES SHOT AFTER BEING TWICE OUT ON HIS SLEEVE.

## VERDICT OF JURY JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

### He and Night Marshal Coleman Were Looking for Prisoner When Negro Clashed Him.

The duties of an officer of the law brings him in constant contact with criminals and crime. He learns to consider the law with unquestioned obedience. By force of habit his personal feelings play no part in the execution of his duty, and he learns that the protection of his life demands firmness and quick thought and action; but this is not to say that the taking of human life is not as appalling to him as to the private citizen. Marshal Elliot has made a good officer for Slidell, and can be counted upon, under ordinary circumstances, to take care of himself, but narrowly missed losing his life in the attempted capture of a suspicious character at North Slidell, last Thursday night, who slashed twice at him with a knife before he shot. There has been much stealing from the cars and other thievery that has engaged the attention of the marshal. On this occasion he and Night Marshal Coleman were watching for developments in a case they had in hand, and their suspicions were aroused by the conduct of this negro and they attempted his capture. The story is best told by the testimony given before the coroner's jury impaneled by Coroner Heints.

Mr. Elliot said: "Having been notified to watch out for prisoner on freight, I started up that night with Night Marshal Coleman. When north-bound freight came in we started for North Slidell on same. When about 150 yards above the old depot I jumped off on one side and Coleman on the other. We were both between the cars. I saw what I thought to be the figure of a man approaching me. He seemed

to be walking along leisurely, at first sight. When in forty feet of me he started running toward me. When a ten feet of me I shouted to him to halt. He did not stop, but came on. I caught him in the breast with my left hand, as I had my gun in my right hand. He shoved me against the car, cut at me and cut my sleeve twice. Then he clinched me. Fearing for my own life, I shot him."

Testimony of Coleman: "Elliot and I started down to North Slidell for a man supposed to get on at North Slidell. The train stopped above the depot. We got off to look over the train, taking opposite a desk and walking opposite to each other, when the negro jumped from between the cars and ran into Marshal Elliot. It was so dark I could not see. Neither of us had a search light. I heard Marshal Elliot holler to halt. Heard tussle and some one jammed against the car. I was about nine feet from the negro and the Marshal and going to the assistance of Marshal Elliot when I heard the shot. Could not get to him quicker, as train was beginning to move when I heard the word 'halt.'"

Marshal Coleman identified the knife as having been in negro's hand. The negro was identified as Clarence Gray, of Kobia, Miss. He and his brother had beaten their way from Hattiesburg that evening. At first the negro's brother claimed he had come down on a pass on No. 3, but upon being told that an investigation would be made, he acknowledged he had hopped it down. He had the conventional costume and the appearance of a rouser. His costume consisted of a cap, two undershirts, two top shirts (the white, as usual, on top), blue trousers with belt, blue overalls, blue jumper, two pair of socks (between which they kept their valuables), and a pair of tan shoes; also, two packs of cards, three or four dice, at least seven packs of tobacco, five cigarette books and a pocketful of matches.

The theory is that the negro spied Coleman first, and believing he was after him, and as neither marshal had a light, ran into Elliot on the opposite side of the car. The jury brought in a verdict of death as the result of a gun-shot wound in the head, from a gun in the hands of Marshal Elliot, being justifiable homicide and exonerating Marshal Elliot.

## M. C. B. Dancing School.

EVERY SATURDAY AT 3 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 ticket 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 on steps of all graceful and fashionable dances.

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## ST. TAMMANY SWINDLED BY MEDIUM OF MAIL

### FAKE CASUALTY POLICIES USED TO FLEECE THE UN-SUSPECTING.

## GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PLAN THE ARRESTS

### Five Arrests, One a Woman, Made Between Mandeville and Bogalusa.

New Orleans, Jan. 29.—Investigations started a few days ago by Post-office inspectors Purdum and Marshall led to the discovery of an elaborate scheme by which several citizens of St. Tammany parish were being defrauded through the medium of the United States mail. Six persons are said to be implicated in the steal, five of whom were arrested yesterday by Deputy Marshals Frank Patten and Emile M. Kinler.

The inspectors have been working quietly on the case for several days past, and having completed their investigation last Monday afternoon, called on United States Commissioner Reginald H. Carter, before whom they formulated the necessary charges. The latter issued warrants for the arrest of the six parties, and, armed with the legal documents, Deputies Patten and Kinler left the city the same afternoon in search of the alleged culprits, who are said to reside at Hackley, La.

Arriving at the latter place the officers learned that the parties had scattered in neighboring towns and it was only after an exhaustive chase between Bogalusa and Mandeville that they managed to arrest five of the accused.

The party, consisting of Henry Elsey, John E. Warner, Jr., William Ford, Green McGee and the latter's wife, Lizette McGee, arrived in the city last night in charge of Deputy Kinler, who placed them in the parish prison. Patten remained in the neighborhood of Bogalusa in the hope of capturing the sixth party wanted. The prisoners are charged with vic-

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principal unfavorable criticism that might be passed is the need of more self-reliance and ambition. A number should have their aspiration quickened, be made to realize forcibly the fact that the future holds out golden reward for the prepared, but nothing for the unprepared. The will be work for the future, to be accomplished by degrees.

On the whole this term has been harmonious and successful. There has been little, if any, friction in any quarter. While handicapped, I believe right good results have been gotten. Nearly all the pupils will make their grades. But merely making grades is not enough. As one patron expressed it, "Just passing is poor. I want better than that."

There is one point all patrons should get well fixed into their minds. While white-hot enthusiasm is good when some great work is needed, as building a new school house, let it be forever remembered that it is the constant work, every day's efforts by the pupils, that makes a school efficient, and that will advertise it abroad. New, commodious buildings and fixtures are fine, but they are merely the means, the tools, as it were.

A patron can hardly do a greater service to his school than furnish it with a large crowd of well-behaved and studious. A rotten apple may spoil a barrel, but a good pupil yields a wonderful influence in the up-building of a school. By her example she stimulates others. All pupils admire a fellow school mate who is making a record. Charity begins at home; also some other things can and do begin there.

Elsewhere will be found a report of the Covington-Abita basketball game played last Saturday. I wish to commend the teachers of Abita for taking the interest in this phase of school life. And I wish to congratulate the girls who are taking part in the athletic exercises. They are a fine lot of girls, and played good ball. We hope they will continue to practice and let us enjoy seeing them play again. Miss O'Brien and Miss Retta Moses have been putting our girls through good drill, and the results are visible in their playing. We hope to play Madisonville soon, and Slidell rally day.

Roll of honor for the fourth grade for the week ending Friday, Jan. 24, was as follows: Mildred Smith, E. G. Davis, Jr.

The spelling match, both oral and written, was won by Paul Merritt.

The Robert E. Lee program for Friday, Jan. 23, was as follows: Song, Dixie, by the class. Early Life of Lee, read by E. G. Davis, Jr.

Lee in Later Life, read by James Thomas.

Speech on "The Future of the South," by Miss Maddox.

What Benjamin H. Hill wrote about Lee, read by Dorothy Burns. Recitation, Grandpa's Old Chum, by Susanna Murphy.

Talk, by the teachers. Song, by the class.

There was a mistake published in the Farmer a few weeks ago. E. G. Davis, Jr., received the greatest number of good marks for the last month, which was seventy.

Covington high school girls played their first game last Saturday and were victorious, defeating the Abita Springs girls by a score of 9 to 3.

A large crowd was out to root for their home team—Abita as well as Covington.

The game was a fast one, both teams playing their best. At the end of the first half the score was 7 to 0 in favor of Covington. Abita made her points on foul goals.

The whole team deserves praise for their splendid team work.

The line-up was as follows: Forwards, Bonnie Moses and Ruth Wilbur; guards, Vivie Dossa and Camille Pigott; centers, Joyce White and Ruby Reda.

Abita: Forwards, Lydia Strain and Mildred Planchard; guards, Lois Abney and Loraine Allen; centers, Mercedes Planchard and Lena Vicario.

The Covington high school girls are trying to arrange a game with Madisonville. The date will be fixed later.

RETNA MOSES.

BEN WILLIAMS SCHOOL NOTES.

The school is progressing very nicely and still has a very large attendance.

Misses Lucille, Myria and Carrie Fauntleroy called in to see Mr. and Mrs. Theo Talley Sunday evening.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ellis Sharp visited friends Sunday.

Miss Hattie Williams is spending a few days with sisters at Bogalusa.

Misses Leona and Cora Williams visited Misses Lillie and Mary Fauntleroy Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. G. Fauntleroy visited the school Friday.

Mr. Frank Fauntleroy visited the school Monday.

Mr. George Sharp was the guest of friends Sunday.

Mr. Leonard Fauntleroy, of Slidell, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Misses Hilda and Louise Sharp visited Miss Ethel Loyd Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Straughan visited Bush Saturday.

Three of our pupils were called from school Monday, Jan. 26, on account of the death of their grandmother, Mrs. D. King.

MIDDLE ROADS SCHOOL NOTES.

Much interest is being manifested in the work for the School Rally. A number of the pupils have entered the literary and athletic contests. While a new year has dawned upon us we feel that a new era of work has also dawned upon the entire com-

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## SCHOOL RALLY MASS MEETING DEVELOPS PLANS

### TOWN WILL BE LAID OUT IN DISTRICTS AND THEN CANVASED.

## COMMITTEES NAMED AND MEMBERS APPOINTED

### Two Thousand School Children Who Will be in the Parade Must be Provided For.

A mass meeting was held at the school house, Monday afternoon, to discuss the School Rally that is to take place in March, 1914. Invitations were sent to the school patrons to attend this meeting and to encourage an undertaking that will be of lasting benefit in awakening school interest and demonstrating the remarkable progress that has been made in the parish during the past few years. Those who did not attend lost the inspiration of the loyal sentiment of the workers for school improvement, and failed to inform themselves of the energy that has developed by the promise of the grand demonstration of the educational foundation of the future citizenship of St. Tammany parish that will take place on Rally Day. Those who did attend showed themselves heart and soul in favor of making the day one long to be remembered and willing to stand the burden of the work necessary to do so. The presence of the several gentlemen who attended was greatly appreciated by the ladies.

A general discussion was entered into as to the best means of meeting all the requirements of the gigantic task of housing, feeding and taking care of two thousand children, or such proportion of them as may attend from outside schools, and the result was the laying off of the town into districts, which will be in charge of the accommodation committee, which will assign members to canvass and label, so that definite information may be obtained as to the number of children that may be provided for in each district for the night they will remain in Covington and who will be entertained as guests in our homes. This is a very important committee and is placed in hands that may be depended upon to do the work thoroughly. This committee is composed of Mrs. B. Warren, chairman; Mrs. E. E. Lyon, Mrs. Wm. Bodebender, Mrs. Preston Burns, Mrs. J. C. Burns.

The committee on lunch and restaurants is another important committee, and Mrs. J. B. Wortham, the chairman, has had considerable experience in this line of work, as well as other members, in the fair work and on various other occasions. The other members are Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. E. R. Moses, Mrs. W. G. Ellis, Mrs. E. G. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Kleeman, Mrs. W. A. White, Mrs. L. A. Perreand, Mrs. George Menestre, Mrs. August Planché, Mrs. J. L. Watkins, Mrs. J. F. Pigott, Mrs. M. R. Fisher, Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Thormaas, Mrs. E. J. Domezque, Miss Clara Frederick, Miss Angie Addison, Miss Lou Lyons, Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Estelle Evans, Miss Sadie Pigott, Miss Lucy Ray, Miss Miriam Watkins. With this excellent committee we may feel sure that our guests will be fed.

The committee at large of accommodation or district canvassing is given below. In selecting the members the endeavor has been made to place them as near their own home district as possible, and if any appointees cannot act, it is desired that notice to this effect may be sent in as soon as possible. Mrs. J. C. Burns, as president of the School League, will be ex-officio chairman of all committees.

Committee on accommodation to have tablet and pencil and canvass every house in the district assigned them, take name, residence number and street, how many children will be entertained, boys or girls, report to Mrs. J. C. Burns:

Mrs. J. C. Burns; Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. E. R. Moses, Mrs. W. G. Ellis, Mrs. E. G. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Kleeman, Mrs. J. A. Mullally.

Jefferson Avenue, left and right, 19th and Columbia street—Mrs. J. Domezque, chairman; Mrs. Blanche Sanchez, Mrs. R. N. Leonard.

Jefferson Avenue to Bogue Falaya Park, Hancock to Massachusetts and Asia—Mrs. Allie Smith, chairman; Mrs. Christoffer, Miss Jessie Cox, Miss McCrory.

Jefferson Avenue to River, Asia street to Motor Line—Mrs. J. C. Burns, chairman; Mrs. H. Schultz, Mrs. E. Oestorff, Mrs. M. Loyd, Mrs. Jas. Mullally.

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Jefferson Avenue to Pelik Street, 22d Avenue—Mrs. E. D. Kentzel,

chairman; Mrs. F. Hoehn, Mrs. S. Blossman, Mrs. T. E. Brewster. Jefferson Avenue to Tyler Street, 22d to 25th Avenue—Mrs. J. L. Beaucaudray, chairman; Mrs. D. I. Addison, Mrs. P. Burns, Mrs. M. A. Aouelle.

Jefferson Avenue to Tyler, 25th to 27th Avenue—Mrs. J. C. Burns, Miss N. Badoz.

Jefferson Avenue to Jackson, 14th to 19th—Mrs. Dan Davis.

These committees are requested to attend a meeting at the school house Monday, February 2, at 3 o'clock, to get further instructions. The canvass will begin next week.

This rally should be the pride of all. It is representative of the whole parish. Its success will reflect credit upon every patron, every teacher and every pupil in the parish, and the good resulting from it will reflect the progressive spirit of the workers for school advancement. Covington should take pride in showing itself a royal host, and the entertainment it provides for these two thousand school children, the loyalty it encourages in their hearts to the system that starts them in life prepared to fight its battles, to accomplish things and to be of service to their fellow men will be a reward well worth striving for.

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## FRENCH OPERA.

### BEST IN NEW ORLEANS IN QUARTER OF CENTURY.

Is the Opinion of the New Orleans Press.

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## J. L. JENKINS PASSES AWAY AFTERSHORT ILLNESS

### CONTRACTED PNEUMONIA FOR A THIRD TIME AND WAS IN WEAK CONDITION.

## INTERMENT MADE IN COVINGTON CEMETERY

### Was a Prominent Architect of Covington and Had a Large Number of Friends in Parish.

John L. Jenkins, 47 years of age, died at his home in Claiborne, La., Wednesday morning, January 29, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Jenkins had been a resident of St. Tammany parish for twelve years, having come here from Mississippi. He is survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Lillian Frances Wilson, six children and two step-children, and three brothers, Charles, Edward and Monroe Jenkins. He was a member of the Masons, F. and A. M. No. 33; the Druids, Hogue Falaya Grove No. 31; the Woodmen of the World, Lodge No. 50.

Mr. Jenkins was one of the most prominent of local architects, and while a member of the firm of Jenkins Brothers was identified with much of the construction work of Covington, the most recent being the Frederick building on Columbia and Boston streets. He was a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him and had many friends throughout the parish. His loss will be deeply felt by the community. The cause of his death was pneumonia, and his health had not been of the best for some time, as his constitution had been weakened by two attacks of the same malady. During his illness he had the best attention that careful nursing and skillful medical advice could give, but the solatude of watchful friends gave token of little hope for his recovery, as the case progressed.

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## SAM JEFFERSON'S BODY FOUND.

The body of Sam Jefferson, the old negro who has been missing several weeks, was found on the 24th inst. by Mr. William Shear, of Abita Springs, near the Mandeville-Abita road, about 300 yards from the Pouchatoula river. He was last seen three weeks ago Monday near the Theo. Strain place. The woods were bare in the neighborhood, and as the body was burned and charred, it is probable that he was too old and weak to escape from it. His relatives were notified and the body was buried by order of Coroner Heints.

## TARGET PRACTICE RANGE TO BE AT ALEXIUSVILLE.

Capt. Bryan Black and Lieut. E. M. Lemarie, of the Washington Artillery, and Lieut. E. P. King, of the United States Army, were guests at the New Southern Hotel on the 24th inst. They were here looking for the establishment of target practice grounds on a piece of ground adjoining Alexiuville, which will give them a four-mile range. They visited the grounds in an auto from the Pouchatoula river and seemed to be pleased with the situation. They will be back next Wednesday, when the final arrangements will probably be completed. They asked and obtained permission of Mr. Lemarie for accommodations for a cannon to be shipped over soon, if it is decided to use the grounds, and in which case a camp will be made on the grounds.

## NOTICE.

Having secured the consent of the resident property holders within a 300 feet of the property at the corner of Monroe and Wilkinson streets, Mandeville, will petition the town council to open a barroom and restaurant at that place for colored people. GUS D'ANTONI.

titled "Against Desperate Odds." It is a western picture that grips from the very first scene. A trained pony plays a very important part in the production.

## Notes from the Schools of St. Tammany Parish

I WISH TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PUBLISHERS OF THE ST. TAMMANY FARMER TO ISSUE THE NUMBER OF MARCH 28 AS A SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EDITION, OR RATHER THE "RALLY EDITION." IN THIS MATTER I HAVE IN MIND TWO OBJECTS: FIRST, TO QUICKEN SCHOOL SENTIMENT AND SECOND, TO ADD TO A NUCLEUS OF A PLAYGROUND FUND FOR THE COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, EXPLAINED BELOW.

AS TO THE FIRST OBJECT: I BELIEVE THAT AN ENTERPRISE OF THIS KIND WILL STIMULATE A GREATER SCHOOL INTEREST. THE READING MATTER WILL AMASS HISTORICAL FACTS, COVER PRESENT CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS, AND EMBRACE ARTICLES ON SCHOOL TOPICS BY LEADERS IN THE WORK. WE HOPE TO HAVE A NUMBER OF PICTURES OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND PEOPLE. IN FACT, WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT A CREDITABLE PAPER, ONE THAT YOU WILL FILE AWAY FOR READING IN THE DISTANT FUTURE.

AS TO THE SECOND, AND SECONDARY OBJECT: SOME TIME AGO THE PUPILS OF THE FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES JOINTLY GAVE A LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT, AND MADE \$12.20 FOR PLAY APPARATUS. AT A RECENT MEETING THEY VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO LET THAT BE A NUCLEUS OF A PLAYGROUND FUND FOR NEXT YEAR. I PROMISED TO RAISE \$10.00 TO PUT WITH IT. SO IF THERE IS ANY PROFIT, I WILL LET IT GO FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE, WHICH I HOPE TO MEET BY ADVERTISEMENTS AND SALES OF THE PAPER. ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FARMER WILL RECEIVE A COPY AS THEIR REGULAR PAPER. BUT WE WILL ISSUE AN EXTRA NUMBER OF FIVE HUNDRED OR MORE FOR SALE. MANY WILL DESIRE TO MAIL A NUMBER OUT TO FRIENDS ELSEWHERE. WE HOPE TO GET A LARGE VOLUME OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY DONATIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADVERTISE, YOU WILL WANT SPACE. WE WILL GUARANTEE FIVE HUNDRED MORE COPIES THAN THE FARMER'S REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION. THINK OVER THE MATTER, MR. ADVERTISER, AND SEND IN YOUR ORDER FOR SPACE IN THE "RALLY EDITION." ALSO, READERS, DROP ME A CARD AS TO NUMBER OF COPIES YOU WANT SENT.

W. A. BYNUM,  
Principal Covington High School.

This week closes the first term of this school year. We may say that we have reached the midway mile post. Perhaps it is well to pause and look back over the four and one-half months now finished and resolve to make the next term even better.

Conditions tending to handicap school work are even greater than last year. We are cramped in school ground, having to turn a large part of the pupils into the streets. Old lumber and ditches have menaced the personal safety of the children. But somehow so far there have been few accidents. The conduct of the children towards each other has been good, possibly above the average. While about three hundred have been crowded upon a very small area, there has been practically no friction among them. They seem to have learned the lesson right well of respecting one another's rights and privileges—a mighty good lesson to learn for future life.

Another admirable trait shown by the children is their respect for school property. There has been very little inclination to break or deface. But few evence a spirit of silliness. Practically all are responsive to requirements of the teachers, force measures being rarely needed. A number of favorable things could be said of the pupils. Perhaps the