St. Tammany Farmer

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THE ABITA SPRINGS ELECTION.

The municipal election which takes place in Abita Springs next Tuesday has more than passing interest, by reason of the circumstances that have given prominence to the factional differences that have divided the council and which finally terminated in impeachment proceedings against the mayor and legal proceedings by him for libel, which proceedings are now pending in the Supreme Court. There are two tickets in the field, one headed by Jos. Bordes and one by J. E. Glisson, the present mayor Each claims his faction will win, but the one who has guessed right is the one who will be able to gain that vote that has refused to be controlled by anything but a desire to see the town prosper and that will pick the party that appeals to them as better able to give good government to the town.

The Bordes faction makes a very strong plea in its published statement that its property interests in the town are five times greater than that represented by their opponents, because it has the means in its hands for carrying out any improvements that may be deemed necessary. This statement has a very important bearing in considering the success of the future administration. It takes money to make the mare go. The administration that stands pledged to improvement and has financial backing to fulfill its pledges can only fail through a disregard of its pledges or incapacity to carry them out, and since the candidates on this ticket have all been successful in their own business affairs, it is very probable the voters will be impressed with its significant relation to success in the management of the affairs of the town. There is no doubt that the people are tired of the squabbling that has marked the past two years. Those who have property interests at stake are naturally the ones who are the more strongly urged to exert their faculties for improved conditions, for it means dollars and cents to them. Since the Bordes faction have this interest, according to their statement, five times more strongly developed than the Glisson faction, and as the ticket is composed of substantial businessmen and men prominently and well known in the town, the argument put forth by them must have considerable force in determining the outcome of the election.

TO ALLOW RACING IN NEW ORLEANS.

E. J. Reinhardt, representative in the Legislature from the ninth district of the parish of Orleans, is sending out a copy of a bill to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature, authorizing racing in Louisiana under the supervision of a commission. The bill is published in full in another column.

The shutting out of racing was brought about by the rottenness that crept into it. It had simply gotten to be a swindle in which a man had little chance of placing his money with any certainty that the race would be decided upon the merits of the horses, hence race tracks gathered a swarm of unprincipled gamblers, pickpockets and thieves. Money came easy to these people and was squandered wantonly in feasting and drinking and carousing. Hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, gambling houses and the redlight district reaped a harvest. Immoral influences threatened to contaminate the whole social structure and reformers found moral support in the rural communities sufficient to stamp out racing altogether. The reaction was severely felt in New Orleans, especially by hotels and restaurants An immense amount of money was withdrawn from circulation and the floating population disappeared. It was claimed that ultimately the result would be increased application to business and the building up of substantial interests, but in fact the city has never reached the same condition of prosperity in a financial sense. It is now hoped by the introduction of racing again, to bring about a recurrence of the old conditions without the demoralizing influences, by having clean racing. The question is, can it be done?

If the people could be convinced that there would be clean racing, it might be possible to put such a bill through, but any attempt to put a joker in the bill will kill it. It will be strongly scrutinized when it comes up before the Legislature, and it will find plenty o fopponents in any shape in which it may be put, and especially will it be fought if there is any attempt to change the Gay-Shattuck law; but there are many who believe that the Paris mutual system is an effective means of eliminating crooked work at the race track—or in other words, that under this system racing would be more on the merits of the horse and less subject to manipulation by the professional gambler. The question as to whether gambling should be legalized under any circumstances is perhaps in line with the question as to whether a man should be allowed to drink, to use drugs or to do any act that is both injurious to himself and unpleasant to those who come in contact with him. It is a question on which there are different opinions, with limitations to be decided by public sentiment expressed by a majority.

THE GREAT PROFIT OF TICK ERADICATION.

An illustration of the advantages acruing to a state through tick eradication is given in the statistics on the matter in a pamphlet issued by A. D. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, April 4, 1914. The tick that is so well known in this section as the Texas fever tick has the high sounding name of Margaropus annulatus, and is responsible for the enormous loss of approximately $34,000,000 in the 15,000,000 cattle below the Texas-fever quarantine line, representing a value of $27,000,000. But this loss does not alone represent the damage done by the tick, but it is shown by comparison with the unaffected states that there is a great loss in quality of the cattle, weight of the cattle, in milk production and a hampering of advancement in the industry of cattle raising, the production of feed crops and building of silos, etc. The information is gained from eleven states bordering on the quarantine line, in which eradication began in 1906. These states are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The increase in milk production was from 15 per cent in Alabama and Georgia to 24 per cent in Mississippi and 25 per cent in North Carolina, with an average for the eleven states of 23 per cent. The increase in quality or grade of cattle was 16 per cent for Georgia, the lowest state, and 31 per cent for Mississippi, the highest, the average for the eleven states being 26.91 per cent. Increase of weight of cattle, Mississippi, 23 per cent; Texas, 11 per cent. Average 19.14 per cent, or an average of approximately one-fifth heavier. The average increase per head in monetary value is placed at $9.76. Estimating the number of cattle in St. Tammany parish at 2000, this would mean an increased value of $19,520. But this is but a small part of the actual value accruing from the eradication of the tick, when we consider the increased number of cattle, the increased value of dairy products, higher grade dairy cattle, increased fertility of soil and the consequent increase of products per acre. That Louisiana, adjoining the state of Mississippi that has made such great progress in production and marketing of high grade cattle, should have made such slight effort to get rid of the profit-destroying tick is a remarkable instance of throwing opportunity to the winds.

THE IDEAL MORAL GOVERNMENT.

The recent demonstration of warships to make Huerta apologize and salute the American flag for insults to this government, demonstrated the justice of the criticism of English newspapers of the ideal and wishy-washy policy adopted by the president. The expense of all this grand display might have been avoided by a little firmness. No use in being a great nation if it does not win any consideration.

Mrs. A. Glockner and baby, of New Orleans, are the guests of Mrs. C. V. Quave.

Miss Alice Hawthorne left Monday for New Orleans, after spending a months in Covington as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Delery.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick and daughter, Miss Lou Fitzpatrick, of New Orleans, came over Thursday, and are at their summer home on 15th avenue.

Mr. Frank Mevers, sheriff of Plaquemines parish, is here on a visit to his wife, who is spending some time with Mrs. Felix Bachemin, on the Military Road.

Miss Angie Addison is spending a while with relatives in Genisee.

BORN—To Mrs. J. H. Heintz, on Friday, April 10, 1914, a girl.

Sheriff Matthew J. Long, and son John, of New Orleans, were here Wednesday, on a visit to Mr. Robt. Long, who has been here for some time. Sheriff Long is contemplating taking a house here for the summer, and it is probable that his family will soon come over.

Mr. B. Macy, of Mandeville, was in Covington, Thursday. Mr. Macy is from Iowa, and has purchased a small farm near Mandeville. He says a farm can be purchased here for what it would cost to stock a farm in Iowa and rent it, while the opportunities offered in the way of long crop seasons give us many advantages that could be utilized with profit, when the farmers become organized and co-operate.

AS YOU LIKE IT CLUB.

The young ladies As You Like It Club was charmingly entertained on last Tuesday afternoon at the home of the Misses Gabie and Anais Boudousquie. Hearts were played during the afternoon, the prizes being awarded to Mrs. C. S. E. Fuhrmann and Misses Mabel Hosmer and Jessie Evans. The color scheme carried out in the dinig room was white and lavender, wisteria being used to decorate the table. At each guest's place was an Easter favor, consisting of miniature rabbits, Easter baskets and eggs.

Those present were Misses Anna and Ruth Frederick, Alma Frederick, Ruth Collins, Ellen Roy, Grace Blossman, Anita and Lucile Delcroix, Mabel Hosmer, Jennie Smith, Lucile Roy, Jessie Evans, Celeste Rose, Genevieve Schwartz, Isabel O'Keefe, Lou Lyons, Estelle Evans, and Mmes. Claude Smith, Mark Lazarre and C. S. A. Fuhrmann.

The club will be entertained at its next meeting by Miss Ruth Collins, at the residence of the Misses Boudousquie.

M. C. B. DANCING SCHOOL.

The M. C. B. Dancing School opens on April 23 to the young folks from 11 to 16 years of age, between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m. every Thursday.

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Watch the St. Tammany Farmer for further particulars regarding the Dancing School.

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A DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mullalley entertained a number of children Easter Sunday, the occasion being the double birthday of their daughters Myrtle, 11 years, and Evelyn, 5 years of age. The large back gallery was beautifully decorated in green and white.

The little folks played different games and had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Weber, from New Orleans, came over for the occasion, returning Monday. Mrs. Weber is a sister to Mrs. Mullally.

MRS. BUSH'S LECTURE.

Mrs. Wm. Bodebender opened her parlors to a very large gathering, Wednesday afternoon, to listen to Mrs. B. Bush, of New Orleans, lecture on Paris. As a lecturer, Mrs. Bush has become suite popular in New Orleans society, and her lecture was favorably received by the large number of patrons and guests who listened to her review of the lives and character of kings and celebrities, male and female, that have added interesting literature to the epoch preceding the renaissance period of the fifteenth century, and that furnished material for interesting events and anecdotes of famous Paris. She illustrated with photographs and views of historical buildings. She also spoke of the renaissance and its effect in architecture and art, as well as education, and showed views of sculptural work and art produced under the influence of the revival of arts and literature, as well as some of the thirteenth century.

Mrs. Bush is a very pleasing talker, with lovable personality, and her lecture was very enjoyable.

PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The St. Tammany Parish Medical Society met at the office of Dr. H. E. Gautreaux, in Covington, Tuesday, April 14. There were present: Dr. K. W. Ney, president; Drs. H. E. Gautreaux, J. F. Bouquoi, R. B. Paine, W. L. Stevenson, N. M. Hebert.

There was a discuesion of pulmonary hemorrhages and the latest and most effectual remedy.

Drs. W. E. VanZandt and H. E Gautreaux will read papers, on subjects to be selected, at the next meeting, which will be held in Mandeville, Tuesday, May 12, 1914, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Madam Julia Culp, the celebrated concert singer, who has been receiving $1000 a night at her concerts in New Orleans, has been residing quietly at Dr. Tolson's until a few days ago, when she left for St. Louis, where she has engagements. Probably not many in Covington knew she was here, as she came for quiet and rest and did not wish publicity. She said Covington was a wonderful place in the way of climate. Her short stay here was a very pleasantt experience for her, and she returned to her work much refreshed. She expects to be in New Orleans again next year and will probably visit Covington at that time.

Mrs. D. I. Addison spent the day in New Orleans last Monday.

Miss Flossie Leonard, daughter of Mrs. R. N. Leonard, is quite ill with appendicitis, and is under the treatment of Dr. Gautreaux. Ice packs are being used and it is hoped that a cure may be affected without resorting to an operation, as it is not in an acute form.

Mr. Charles Bulah, with the D. H. Holmes Company, in New Orleans, spent last Sunday in Covington.

Miss Lucile Roy arrived home last week from Lafayette, where she has been for the past several months.

Mr. Burton White spent the Easter holidays with his parents in Covington.

Mrs. M. E. Burns and daughter, Miss Katie, spent last Sunday in Covington with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kentzel.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The King's Daughters will meet at the M. C. B. Library next Monday, April 20, at 4 p. m. All members are urged to be present as this is the last meeting to be held before the Convention.

MRS. D. I. ADDISON,
Leader.

Mr. Bernard Fontan's little girl got hold of a can of coal oil and drank enough to make her quite ill. A stomach pump relieved her of it, but she got pleurisy as a consequence.

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PRESBYTERY WILL MEET IN COVINGTON.

The presbytery will meet in Covington, April 21, 1914. There will be popular meetings each evening of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which will be of general interest to the christian community. The public will be welcome and is invited to attend all sessions, including the business session, which will occupy the morning and afternoon of Wednesday and Thursday. There will be a discussion of the union of the Southern Presbyterian Church and the United Presbyterian Church. There will be an hour fixed for discussion of the young people's society work.

Next Sunday (tomorrow) will be Star Day, and Presbyterian Sunday School and home mission work will be discussed. Rev. F. C. Talmage is pastor.

In view of the meeting of the Presbytery, it may be interesting to note that during the session here, in 1861, the first guns of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumpter. This fort was held by the Confederates until the evacuation of Charleston in 1865. The first session held here was in 1857.

If you have neuralgia of the toothache, ask for Plesall Balm. At Schonberg's Pharmacy, in Covington, or Beach Drug Store, Mandeville. It will give you relief.

—Adv.

SLIDELL NOTES.

Miss Ruby Dubourg, of Mandeville, spent the week end here as the guest of Miss Aurora Whichard.

Mrs. J. B. McDaniel and children are visiting her parents in Carriere, Miss.

Mrs. Ernestine Hogget and little daughter Gwendolyn, and her brother Master Shelby McManus, were visitors here Sunday as the guests of their sister, Mrs. Frank Canulette.

Mr. James McDaniel spent Sunday in Covington as the guest of friends and relatives at St. Paul's College.

A jolly crowd of young folks indulged in a picnic on April 10th, which was given near Bonfouca. Those present had a fine time. The following are those who attended: Mr. and Mrs. L. Bethea, Mrs. Guzman, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. M. Newman as chaperones, and Misses Florence and Ella Guzman, Viola and Irene Holdsworth, Aurora Whichard, Ophelia Goldate, Clara Sollberger and Ruby Dubourg, and Messrs. Luke and Charles Caillouet, W. O'Rourke, O. Facaine, A. Whichard, E. Dubourg, M. Anderson and Dewitt Lawler.

Master Chas. Guzman returned to St. Paul's College in Covington, after spending the Easter holidays here.

Mr. John Swenson spent Sunday here as the guest of his folks.

Mr. Norman Dubourg was a visitor here last week as the guest of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Caillouet and little son Louis returned home Wednesday after having attended the funeral of Mrs. Caillouet's mother at Lockport.

Master Patrick McDaniel spent Sunday and Monday here as the guest of his mother. He returned to Covington Monday afternoon, where he is attending St. Paul's College.

The egg hunt Easter Monday by the members of the Sacred Heart League, on the Catholic church grounds, proved to be a success.

Mr. Philip Caillouet is in Hogalusa.

Mr. Henry Currie returned to New Orleans Sunday where he has been receiving treatment at the Touro Infirmary.

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MANDEVILLE NOTES.

Last Monday was a holiday galore. The atmosphere was surcharged with feelings of good cheer and fellowship. The ladies, deprived of the opportunity because of the inclement weather of the previous Saturday and Sunday, blossomed forth in all the glory of their Easter confections—and such a beautiful picture did they present that the Batchelor's Club immediately selected for the subject of its next debate "Why Is a Batch?"

Even old Jupiter Pluvius, who teased us a wee bit in the early morning hours, became imbued with the prevailing spirit, closed up shop for the day and did not turn loose his flood gates until night.

At 9 a. m. the St. Paul's college student body, 147 strong, under the direction of a number of their professors, headed by the college band, struck Mandeville by special motor cars from Covington. They marched to the priest house, took charge of it and everything else in sight, planted their colors, played a few martial airs and then scattered. Thirty minutes after their arrival, a stone thrown at random anywhere within the corporate limits of the town was bound to strike a St. Paul collegian.

At 11 a. m. the St. Paul Junior baseball team beat the Catholic school by a score of 21 to 7.

At 3 p. m., in the presence of an unusually large audience, fully one-half of which was of the gentler sex, the St. Paul Senior team beat the local Red Sox team (almost ashamed to say it) 15 to 0.

At 6 p. m., amid the waving of hats and handkerchiefs and the hurrahs of an enthusiastic crowd, mingled with the strains of sweet music, the boys hied themselves home in their special cars.

From 2 to 5 p. m. the Co-operative Society of Our Lady of the Lake Church gave a largely attended and very successful egg hunt in the church park. The large area of the park enabled the bunnies to well hide their 250 eggs, the searching of which by the kiddies, with their childish eagerness and do or die earnestness, was indeed a most interesting sight. One little fellow with rumpled hair and ruddy cheeks, was overheard saying, between gasps of breath, to a group of his pals, "this is sure some hunt, believe me, kids."

Music was furnished by the St. Paul's Colege band.

The proceeds, said to be very large, will be given to a fund to aid the society in paying for the 1000 feet of shelled sidewalk adjacent to the church property and but recently completed. The raffles were a goat, won by Mrs. Duval, and a worsted coat, won by Miss Alice Capricorn.

The Women's Progressive Union cake, pie and candy sale last Saturday, was such an unlooked for success that is has been decided to repeat them at frequent intervals.

The minstrel show, to be given Saturday night, the 25th, promises to be an unusually fine affair. The jokes will be new and the end woman and interlocuter are said to be au fait.

Being dissatisfied and justly so, at the condition imposed upon it by the town council, the Union moved all its belongings from the town hall to its temporary and commodious quarters in the State building. Your correspondent has been informed that the Union is contemplating some big public doings in the near future, to reveal the nature of which at this time might interfere with the purpose intended.

To the great regret of everybody in general and parents in particular, and to the shame of whomever is responsible, the public schools closed the term last week. It is indeed unfortunate that through a misunderstanding between a number of the well meaning but misguided people the school, or rather the pupils, should be made to suffer, especially in the face of the boom that Mandeville is now enjoying. It is generally conceded that a proper school term in a suitable building, is, above all other things, an evidence of the progressiveness of any place. The question therefore arises as to whether we really are going ahead or are we retrogressing.

Last Monday night the Mandeville Fire Co. No. 1 held its regular meeting. Several honorary members were elected, and the secretary reported $152.00 in subscriptions, 10,000 feet of lumber and free labor for the new engine house, work on which will shortly commence.

Last Tuesday the town council held another one of its seances. These affairs are really becoming interesting—but then the public must be amused—O fudge!

Mrs. R. R. Bailey and little daughter Lolita are on a fifteen day visit to New Orleans in attendance on the weddings of Mrs. Baily's brother and sister.

Mr. Isidore Levy has left for a fortnight of recuperating from his recent illness. We sincerely hope that he may return hale and hearty.

Our local baseball team, the Red Sox, will, on next Sunday, meet the Abita baseball club at Abita. The occasion will mark the opening of the new park. It is rumored there will be some doings—music, dancing and speeches.

Speaking of baseball, Mr. Editor, would you mind agitating or becoming the central point in the organization of a four or six club Parish League? You can count on Mandeville, who, with Covington, Slidell, Madisonville, Abita Springs and Lacombe would form the league. Will you take it up?

Mr. Gus Hotstream and his charming daughter, Miss Aline, having spent the Easter holidays in New Orleans, have returned.

Several private schools have been opened to fill up the work left by the closing of the public school.

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