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## Contract Made For Shipment St. Tammany Strawberry Crop

### Andrew Tate, Negro Who Cut Up Wilson So Badly, Captured in New Orleans and Held in Parish Prison

Andrew Tate, the negro who cut Geo. Wilson and Wallace M. Poole, recently, and who escaped, in spite of the search for him that immediately followed, was captured in New Orleans last Wednesday by Detective Mooney. When taken in charge Tate admitted that he did the cutting and was the man wanted. He was locked up in the parish prison and will be held in New Orleans until wanted for trial here.

It will be remembered that Wilson was so badly cut that he was taken to the hospital in New Orleans for treatment. It was thought he would be scarred for life, but skillful care enabled him to escape with but slight disfigurement. Among his numerous wounds one extended through to the jawbone.

The description of Tate sent out by Sheriff Brewster enabled Detective Mooney to recognize his man immediately when he saw him.

While the weather has been very discouraging for strawberry growers, as well as the growers of all early crops, it does not necessarily mean that there will be no money made on these crops. The strawberry crop will probably be about 70 per cent of a full yield, which narrows the question down to the market and price. The strawberry section generally has been severely injured as we have, so that our berries should get on the market about the same time that Ponchartroula and Hammond do, and as the general supply has been cut down, there should be a good market, although a late season.

It should be borne in mind, however, that as we are inexperienced in packing and shipping, extraordinary care will have to be taken that our berries may reach market in as good condition as others. We will be unknown shippers, and if the first berries shipped are inferior in quality or poorly sorted and packed subsequent shipments will meet with poor sale and poor price. It is up to us to establish the fact that we can grow berries of good quality, and that the St. Tammany brand is a guarantee of a good product. Otherwise we may not expect to compete with the older berry growing districts. Therefore it is important that the instructions of Secretary Warner and Farm Demonstrator Lewis should be followed implicitly. Mr. Lewis states that he will try to visit every grower who has one or more acres in berries at time of picking and packing, so as to add in having the work done right. The berries should be carefully sorted, not picked too ripe, and carefully packed. The berry itself should be touched as little as possible; catch by the stem.

Secretary Warner has made an agreement for a contract with the Louisiana Strawberry Distributing Company, Inc., of New Orleans, through their agent, Mr. Chas. Weinger, to handle all the berries we grow this season. This is a large and responsible company, and according to the contract will handle the berries for eight per cent, making payment by 3 o'clock of the afternoon on which they are sold. All berries will be inspected by a professional inspector, and when passed by him the company then becomes responsible for them, we are informed. This means that there will be no deductions for spoiled crates or other defects after the berries leave here. Whatever is accepted in the cars here you may count on being paid for.

If we show, this year, that we are

able to produce good strawberries, the Louisiana Strawberry Distributing Company, it is stated, will consider taking care of the St. Tammany growers next year, and will be willing to finance the crop, to the extent of a thousand dollars or so, furnishing fertilizers, etc. So it is seen that it is important to us to make good this time. It can be done if the berries are rightly handled and shipped. The few berries that have been on the market from this section so far are of fine quality, and the following ones should be still better. Get in touch with Mr. Warner and do as he tells you.

### STRAWBERRY PICKERS AND PACKERS ATTENTION.

The St. Tammany Farmers' Association members will need at least 500 pickers and packers to move the coming crop. Experienced hands will be paid top wages. Send your name and address to the Association secretary so that you can be enrolled. On the employment committee's list.

ST. TAMMANY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION, Box 335, Covington, La.

## COVINGTON'S DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SLIP IN AND OUT OF TOWN QUIETLY; ATTEND MASS

Covington had distinguished visitors Wednesday evening, but they slipped in so quietly in the afternoon, coming up the river in Mr. Alexander's yacht, that their presence was unknown to the general public and they had a very quiet time all to themselves. Passing down Boston street they were attracted by the pottery display of native clays in the window of Mr. M. Nielson's office, and stopping in, found they had struck an acquaintance in Mr. Nielson, who was formerly engaged in State farm work. They remained there a short time chatting, then went in search of the Sulphur Springs

for a glass of water, after which they returned to the yacht, the gentlemen making purchases of cigars and periodicals at the Acme News Depot. It is said they attended mass at St. Peter's Church Thursday morning. The party consisted of Speaker Champ Clark, Mrs. Clark and daughter, Miss Genevieve, Mrs. Governor Hall and daughter, Mr. M. L. Alexander of the Conservation Commission, and Mr. Jas. M. Thompson of the item, and several others.

Mr. Harvey E. Ellis and a representative of the Farmer hunters for the party in an auto Thursday morning, but the boat could not be seen at any of the landings.

## Rumors Afloat There May Be a Change In Officials of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad, That Mr. N. G. Pearsall Will Again Become Superintendent; Also That Company Will Appeal Commission Decision

While no official announcement has been made, it is rumored that there will be a change in some of the officials of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad. It is also rumored that Mr. N. G. Pearsall, former superintendent of the road, will take his old position. It was during Mr.

Pearsall's time that the "St. Tammany Special," one of the finest equipped suburban trains running out of New Orleans, used to speed to Covington with crowded coaches, and when a road schedule time was made. Covington would welcome any change of policy in the road that would give her a service that would help to build the town up. However, there is rea-

son to believe that a fight will be made against the ruling of the Railroad Commission to replace trains 21 and 22, as injunction proceedings have been entered to prevent the Railroad Commission from carrying out its order. It is not probable that the road will get a decision.

The annual report of the N. O. G. N. R. shows that it netted over

one hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars in 1914; so it certainly is not ready to go into the hands of a receiver simply by having to run these two trains. The report also shows that the shipment of agricultural products and other business is increasing, and that the settlement of lands and the building of homes is progressing.

## WHARF IMPROVEMENT PROBABLY ONE OF THINGS TO BE TAKEN UP BY TOWN AND VESSEL OWNERS

For years there has been quite a large freight traffic on the Tchoufuncter river. Just what the value of this traffic is cannot be learned, as there are no figures available nor records accessible from which it can be gathered; but the business has been of such proportions as to cause complaints from the railroads that the competition has been very harmful, and this competition has secured for us cheaper rail freight rates than are enjoyed by most towns. Yet without there has been little done to give to this waterway increased facilities, neither by national appropriations nor by home efforts.

There is some talk at present, however, that the town of Covington, in conjunction with the vessel owners,

will endeavor to improve and enlarge the present wharf facilities. Mayor Lacroix states that the matter may be taken up by the council. The extension of the wharf would not only facilitate the loading and unloading of vessels, but would protect the inroads of the river at Bogue Falaya Park, one of the finest properties of the town.

Mr. H. J. Smith has undertaken the filling in of a considerable portion of the sink adjoining the wharf at the foot of Columbia street, he meeting half the expense and the town the other half. This is quite an improvement, but there should be more piling driven to strengthen the bulkhead. The cost of this would not be much and the town should see that it is done.

### SILVER TEA AT MISS KATE EASTMAN'S.

Friday evening, April 9th, from 8 to 10, a silver tea and reception will be held at the residence of Miss Kate Eastman. A very pleasant program consisting of readings, music and singing is being prepared, and all who attend will have a pleasant time. Refreshments will be served.

The silver offerings from our friends will be used to carry our King's Daughters Convention to a successful finish.

All friends of King's Daughters and sons, our gentlemen friends, and the public in general is invited to attend. MRS. D. I. ADDISON, Leader.

MRS. J. C. BURNS, Secy.

## EVERY PARISH IN LOUISIANA TO HAVE \$1000 FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL NEAR A HIGH SCHOOL

According to the will of the late Edward Wisner, a prominent New Orleans man, \$1000 is set apart for each parish in the State to purchase land near some high school, to be

used for agricultural school purposes. This land can only be disposed of in case the proceeds are used to purchase land for this purpose. He also left \$50,000 for an "Old Women's Home," to be built some where

near New Orleans. There is no better place than St. Tammany parish in which to build this home, and it is not improbable that a site may be selected here, if some effort is made to secure it.

## BATON ROUGE NOW IS READY

State Sunday School Convention Will Be Largest Held in State.

Baton Rouge Church and Sunday School folks are all aglow over the coming Twenty-ninth Louisiana Sunday School Convention, which is to be held in that city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 13-15, 1915.

A larger attendance than usual is anticipated this year because of the accessibility to New Orleans from which city the Sunday School workers hope to come with a delegation of one hundred.

Preparations are being made to entertain five hundred Sunday School workers who will come from every corner of the State. Already the Committee on Entertainment have received quite a number of requests for homes, and every one will be provided for and a hearty welcome extended.

Parish delegations from all organized parishes, 52 in number, are expected. Credentials are not necessary, as any one may attend who desires. Programs and illustrated announcements are now ready and may be had, with charge, by applying to the Louisiana Sunday School Association, whose headquarters are in New Orleans.

## MACKIE PINE PRODUCTS COMPANY MAKES SHIPMENT OF ROSIN TO TOKIO, JAPAN

The Mackie Pine Products Company, of Covington, has just made shipment of two carloads of rosin to

Tokio, Japan. It goes by way of San Francisco. This company is turning out an excellent product through

their private patented process, and it is expected other shipment will follow this one.

## AN INTER-PARISH SCHOOL CONTEST

### Athletics To Be Feature of Contest, For Which Medals Will Be Awarded.

Parish Superintendents and High School Principals: Gentlemen:—Through the co-operation of the Times-Picayune of New Orleans, we are prepared to present a plan for the encouragement of athletics among the school boys of average strength and skill.

It is the idea to supplement the results from athletic contests, interschool meets, parish and State rallies, by awarding a token to any boy in the schools that will qualify in three events in his class as given on the enclosed sheet.

The usual contests have done much to secure interest in athletics and stimulate school spirit. They have been worth the time and effort that have been put into them and deserve to be fostered. It is a noticeable fact, however, that these make their appeal to those that are strong and alert—to the physically fit. The addition of the events in accordance with the plan outlined on the enclosed sheet will not be open to criticism, but will be the means of having a great many more boys on the athletic field. The general result should be not only to secure physical training for a larger number of boys than usual, but also to add life and spirit to the forms of athletics that have ordinarily claimed the attention of the schools. It will be noticed that these are tests and not contests, one winner does not bar another winner.

Believing that this plan offers an opportunity to encourage wholesome athletic training among the school boys of the State, the Times-Picayune very generously agrees to furnish the badges to be awarded. This paper will conduct a column in the Sunday issue giving matter connected with the tests, and in this column will be published the names of the schools and the winners of badges.

Yours very truly,  
C. A. IVES,  
State High School Inspector.

General Conditions Relating to the Special Athletic Contests in the State High Schools of Louisiana, Session 1915.

1. These tests are limited to students entered not later than Feb. 7, 1915, and having not less than 75 per cent general average in scholarship, and not more than one failure in the month previous to the tests.
2. Each school may select the date for these athletic tests in accordance with its convenience, but all tests in the same school must be on the same day.
3. There shall be one set of tests for boys of the high school grades only, as follows: (a) Chinning the bar nine times; (b) running high jump 4 feet 4 inches; (c) running 220 yards in 28 seconds.
4. There shall be one set of tests for boys in the elementary grades as follows: (a) Chinning the bar six times; (b) running high jump 6 feet 6 inches; (c) running 100 yards in 14 seconds.
5. There are no conditions as to age or size in these tests.
6. A silver pin will be awarded to each boy that succeeds in all three tests for the high school grades.
7. A bronze pin will be awarded to each boy that succeeds in all three tests for the elementary grades.
8. There shall be in the final competition but one trial in chinning the bar, one in dashes, and three in jumps. In chinning, the boy shall extend himself to his full length before and after each pull-up and shall be obliged to raise his body without a kick, map, jerk, or swing to such a height as to raise his chin higher than the bar.
9. There shall be three judges of these tests, as follows: The principal, the superintendent or his representative, and a citizen selected by the principal.
10. These tests shall be conducted under rules governing parish or State rallies, or such as will be found in any standard athletic guide.
11. Badges will be supplied for uniform report on records made in these tests. Reports will be made in triplicate; one copy to be retained by the school and two copies to be forwarded to C. A. Ives, State High School Inspector, Baton Rouge, La., as soon as completed, but not later than May 1, 1915.
12. A special banner will be awarded to the school in each parish that has the highest percentage of boys winning badges in grades five to eleven, inclusive, provided two or more schools in the parish take part in these tests.
13. Names of the schools and winners of badges will be printed in

## Powell Gets Contract For Covington Slidell Road; State Pays Part of Cost

The contract for the construction of the highway from Covington to Mandeville and thence to Lacombe and Slidell was awarded to W. W. Powell, of Hattiesburg, Miss., for \$37,534.00.

The bids were as follows: W. W. Powell, \$37,534.00; F. W. Keeney, \$43,362.00; Boyd & Bradshaw, \$44,842.00; Henry Keller, \$47,632.50; C. J. Wilson, \$50,595.00; Philbrick & Baxter, \$51,690.00; Owens Construction Co., \$53,165.00; H. J. Bonabel, \$57,465.00.

A steel bridge will be constructed across Bayou Lacombe at Lacombe. The distance between Covington and Slidell will be shortened from 33 miles to 26 miles.

The State Highway Department will pay part of the cost of the above highway and have proposed to the Good Roads Committee to put in at

the State's expense all bridges of concrete instead of creosoted material, provided the parish of St. Tammany would agree not to ask for further State monetary aid during the year 1916.

The Good Roads Committee and police jury accepted the State's proposition in this regard.

A statement prepared by the secretary, of date March 22, 1915, shows that \$27,193.74 has been expended to that date. The balance of \$148,056.06 is still remaining in bank from the bond issue, and that contracts for approximately \$107,030.37 had yet to be completed and paid out of this \$148,056.06, thus leaving \$41,025.69 of unappropriated funds for road building purposes. That contracts had already been signed for construction of 110 miles of principal highways.

## The State Wide Spelling Contest As Represented by Covington High

The following is the result of the test in spelling of the 500 words sent out by the State Department of Education:

In the grades, 14 made 100 per cent.

In high school, 15 made 100 per cent.

In grades, 89 made 90 per cent or above.

In high school, 30 made 30 or above.

There were three sets of words—one for third and fourth grades, one for fifth, sixth and seventh, and one for the high school grades.

Third Grade—Otis Heintz, 98 2-5; Alice Brooks, 97 1-5; Julius Dietz, 96 1-5; Cathrine Vidak, 95 2-5; Melville Worley, 94 4-5; Adrienne Loyd, 93 1-5; Ida Poole, 92; Ernest Glass, 94; Inez Delcorral, 92 1-5; Vera Pechon, 91 1-5; Wm. Reader, 90 4-5; Bauer Dufour, 90 4-5; Florence Hatch, 90 2-5; Sophie Segond 94 3-5.

Fourth Grade—Alma Heintz, 100; Isabel Delcorral, 100; Ruth Hull, 99 3-5; Doris Frederick, 99 4-5; Geo. McCormack, 99 3-5; Julie Mahome, 99 3-5; Lawrence Frederick, 99 3-5; Jerome Graf, 99 3-5; Gladys Lacroix, 99 3-5; Louise Walsh, 99 2-5; Ebebe Dossat, 99 2-5; Martha Bodisbender, 99 1-5; Edward Jones, 98 4-5; Iris Planche, 98 4-5; Grace McCormack, 98 3-5; May Grubba 97; Tina Burns, 96 4-5; Edmund LeBlanc, 96 3-5; Edson Barringer, 96 1-5; Anna Davis, 96 1-5; Olive Wadsworth, 96 1-5; Irma Pechon, 95 3-5; Gilbert Hatch, 93 3-5; Harold Bar-

## Covington High Keeps Its Promise Defeats Bogulusa Basketball Team

Covington high school closed its basketball season last Saturday night by decisively defeating Bogalusa High. The first half of the game proved rather interesting. The score for this period was 17 to 12. The visitors weakened in the last half and the final score was 34 to 20. S. Lansing, Burns and O. Smith played a good game. As usual, Sharp starred at Guard. Burns threw sixteen out

## Little Child of Mrs. J. L. Jenkins Dies Of Burns From Overturned Kettle

Mrs. J. L. Jenkins has the sympathy of the whole community in the very sad accident that resulted in the death of her little child, two and a half years of age. While coffee was being dripped the kettle was placed on the edge of the stove, and the

## J. M. LABAT DIES AT ABITA HOME HOTEL

### Passing Away of One of the Best Known Hotel Men in St. Tammany.

At the ripe age of 90 years Jean Marie Labat went to his final rest Wednesday, March 21, 1915, at his home in Abita Springs, where in 1899 he built and opened the Labat Hotel, a place that became famous among New Orleans people who spent their summers there year after year. For ten years previously he had farmed on the same land, and he was as good a farmer as he was hotel keeper. His grapes and wine gained a reputation at his hotel as well as his generous board, and every season became a busy season at this well known resort. His advanced years caused him to give up his busy life, and having received an excellent proposition from Mr. A. Muttli in 1893 he rented his property to him. Mr. Muttli added new buildings to the grounds and prepared for an extensive hotel business, but in December, 1911, fire destroyed all the buildings on the grounds, saving one. In 1912 Mr. Labat rebuilt what is again known as the Labat Hotel, which is run by his son-in-law, Mr. John Destrel. While not actively engaged in the supervision of the hotel, Mr. Labat never lost his fondness for his old homestead and met many of his old-time friends there that had been his patrons in former years.

During his forty-two years residence in Abita Springs, Mr. Labat made a large number of warm friends, many of whom have passed away before him. Mr. Labat was a native of Gander, Haute Garonne, France, born March 15, 1825. He came to New Orleans from England, in 1866. He was married to Miss Marie Lemon. In 1873 he moved to Abita Springs with his son, Bertrand. He is survived by two sons, Bertrand and Jean, and one daughter, Louise (Mrs. John Destrel).

The funeral services took place from the residence and the Catholic Church, at Abita, Rev. Jos. Koegerl officiating. The pallbearers were L. C. Moise, Judge A. O. Pons, Jas. Lamourin, Robt. Mendow, Reay Lemons, Eugene Merin.

Interment in Covington cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings numerous and handsome.

## Powell Will Put On Three Outfits and Hurry Up Covington-Mandeville Road

Mr. Powell will start the Covington-Slidell road between the 1st and 10th of April. Three outfits will be put on the road from Covington to Mandeville and it will be finished in short order. The road to Slidell will be 26 1-4 miles instead of 33, as now, nearly seven miles shorter. The Government has given permission for the building of a steel bridge across Bayou Lacombe.

## Wertz and Poole Now Have Fine Copartnership Dipping Vat Finished

Messrs. E. Wertz and Wallace M. Poole have finished a fine copartnership dipping vat, which is situated on the Wertz place. These men have some fine stock and are determined that they shall not be bothered with ticks. They generously offer its use to all for a small sum, just to pay the cost of the solution. This will give all in the neighborhood an opportunity to aid in the movement to get the parish free of the tick burden and at the same time increase

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the value of their stock, which always does better when free from ticks, even if it is only a scrub.

The charge for dipping has been fixed at ten cents per head for single dippings or 35 cents per year for each head dipped as often as wished.

Mr. Poole states that his experience had no bad results in any way. This seems to be the opinion of all who have tried it.

Myra Frazier, 98 4-5; Clarice Langworthy, 98 1-5; Marian Paine, 98 1-5; Jim Burns, 96; Jim Morgan, 93 2-5; Ruth Burns, 92; Edith Heath, 92 4-5.

Tenth Grade—Myrtle Sharp, 100; Bryan Burns, 100; Clifton Keen, 100; Henry Russell, 99 3-5; Mildred Planchara, 99 2-5; Grace Menetire, 99 2-5; Zella Sharp, 99 3-5; Alice Brewster, 98 2-5; Eleanor Keen, 98 1-5; Henrietta Warner, 91 4-5; Kenneth Moise, 91; Isabella Poole, 90 3-5.

Ninth Grade—Gladys Soniat, 100; Lydia Strain, 100; Rachal Strain, 100; Josie Frederick, 99 4-5; Edna Strain, 99 4-5; Olga Planchara, 99 4-5; Lenora Coffee, 99 3-5; Elmore Lawrence, 99 3-5; Lee Newman, 99 3-5; Madeline Planche, 99 2-5; Ethel Fisher, 99 2-5; Lucia Kleeman, 99 1-5; Isabel Ellis, 99 1-5