

St. Tammany Farmer

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A HALF LOAF BETTER THAN NONE.

The turning down of the sewer system by the people was something entirely unanticipated. The hearty endorsement given to the proposition at its inauguration seemed to preclude the opposition that was afterwards awakened, but the first discordant sound soon became a rag-time melody that reached into Washville and was listened to with wonder and alarm by the small taxpayer. It was rumored that it would cost \$300 to make connections, that there would be a tax of ten mills and that if connections were not made immediately the property would be seized. Those opposed to the sewer system used every means to defeat it and those in favor of it became discouraged and proposed to the council that the ordinance be rescinded and an election be called to vote on waterworks only. The proposition to have an immediate election was fought in the council chamber in accordance with an understanding arrived at in a caucus of councilmen held just before the meeting. The result is that while the ordinance calling for a waterworks and sewer system was rescinded the election for waterworks is unprovided for and dependent entirely upon the action that may be taken by the citizens of Covington at some future time.

While those who opposed the sewer system in most instances avowed that they would have voted for waterworks, too much dependence should not be placed upon this assertion, for it will be remembered that some who signed the letter asking support for the sewer system afterwards withdrew to the opponents. There are always people who want to ride on the band wagon, and these people are for it or "agin" it, according to the tune that is played. On the other hand we believe that some who opposed the sewer system would not have done so if they had thoroughly understood the necessity for it and had informed themselves as to the actual cost to the property holder of making connections, putting in sanitary equipments and the millage of taxation.

But a discussion of the past is of little import now. This is not the first time that the people have voted down waterworks. It was voted down when the only proposition was waterworks. The thing to do now is to put the question before the people again and to get it into such shape that there may be no opportunity for quibbling or misunderstanding. It may be that the losses by fire have so plainly demonstrated the economy of waterworks that the system will be voted on favorably, but the people can not do justice to themselves without fully investigating the needs of the town and without coming to the realization that nothing worth while is ever attained without some sacrifice. The town will never amount to anything and property will never become valuable until we do those things that make for progress and up-building. All advancement, from the primitive age up to now, has been made inch by inch against opposing forces and defeat has always brought to the vanquished a final realization of the benefits that have been gained. This will be true when we finally put in a sewer system, and the pity of it is that before we get that system we will learn that we have more than paid the cost of it in makeshifts to take its place.

THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Col. W. F. Millsaps, who is a candidate for Attorney General, appeals to us strongly as a man exceedingly well fitted for the office. He is a lawyer of high standing, educated and capable, and a native of Louisiana. He was for several years one of the attorneys in the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., has been senator from the Twenty-Sixth District in the Louisiana General Assembly, secretary to the Governor, and is now Secretary of State, the duties of which office prevent him from making a personal visit to the voters of the several sections of the state.

It is not merely legal training that makes the Attorney General valuable to the state; in fact, without force of character to bring that training into effect for the enforcement of the laws and the protection of the state's interests it might be used for personal interests to the detriment of the state. The office is an important one in the administration of the affairs of the state. The Governor, as chief executive, is severely handicapped without the assistance of his Attorney General and the state may be ruled by corporate interests if there is no fear of vigorous prosecution. For this reason, at a time when an entire reconstruction of the affairs of the state is demanded, it would be good to know that a man of Col. Millsaps ability and integrity was there to fulfill the duties of the office.

Miss Jennie Smith has returned from Houston, Texas, where she spent the past several months.

Mrs. John Porter and daughter, Miss Lou, of New Orleans, are the guests of Misses Belle and Eva Kennedy.

Mrs. Sidney Dittmar and little daughter have returned to their home in Bogalusa, after having spent the Christmas holidays here.

Mrs. J. H. Heints has returned home after some time spent in New Orleans under treatment.

Mr. A. S. Burns was a New Orleans visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Emile Burkenstock and family are stopping at their Abita Springs home for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Richard have returned from Houma, where they joined a Christmas party.

Mrs. Claude Smith left Tuesday for Crowley, La., on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Leon J. Pujol returned Thursday morning to his home in Baton Rouge, after having spent the week end here.

Mrs. Harry Prevost and baby, of New Orleans, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. as Prevost.

Mrs. Jos. B. Lancaster has returned from New Orleans where she spent several days on account of the illness of Judge Lancaster, who we are glad to report is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mangham, of New Orleans, spent the week end at their summer home here.

Miss Elisabeth Lancaster, of New Orleans, spent the week end here as the guest of Mrs. J. B. Lancaster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Massman spent Thursday in New Orleans.

Miss Mayme Paysinger returned Sunday morning from Elkton, Tenn., after having spent the holidays at her home there.

Misses Gable and Anais Boudousque were the charming hostesses of the club at its last meeting. A guessing game was the feature of the evening, the first prize being awarded Miss Jennie Smith, second Miss Cecile Warren, consolation Miss Anna Frederick, agut prize Miss Jeanne Piquet, booby Miss Angie Addison.

Miss Louise Cozes returned Sunday night from Port Allen, her home, where she spent the holidays.

The guests of the club were Mrs. Rudolph Schultz and Miss Jeanne Piquet.

Misses Theresa and Clarice Langworthy returned Sunday morning from New Orleans, after ten days spent there.

Misses Carrie Addison and Ethel Robinson have returned to their school duties at the State Normal, after having spent the holiday season at home.

Miss Marie Delery returned Sunday evening to her home in New Orleans, after a week spent here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Delery.

Mrs. Albert Anderson and little daughter, Joyce Mae, have returned to their home in Bogalusa, after several days spent here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Smith were called to New Orleans suddenly Wednesday morning on account of the death of Mrs. Smith's brother, Elijah Hugh Linton, who was run over and killed by a train of the Public Belt System. Mr. Linton spent several months in Covington last year and made many friends, who will no doubt be shocked at his untimely death.

Miss Lou Lyons, of Slidell, was a week end visitor last week.

Miss Ethel Walsh, of New Orleans, came over Saturday evening to attend the loop-year dance given by the Misses LeBlanc, and will be their guests until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper E. Nilson and family have returned from New Orleans where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. N. J. LeBlanc, of New Orleans, was a Covington visitor Saturday. While here he was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. LeBlanc, and family.

Mr. J. W. Blankenship has returned to his home in Birmingham, Ala., after several days spent here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Burns.

Mr. R. K. Boner, candidate for commissioner of agriculture and immigration, was in Covington, this week, meeting the voters. Mr. Boner has a very pretty home in Madison parish and has some fine stock on his farm. He is one of the progressive farmers of the State.

Mrs. J. N. Beale, formerly Mrs. J. T. Stroble, and little daughter, Edna, left Saturday morning for their home in Houston, Texas, after ten days spent here as the guests of her mother, Mrs. H. R. Warren.

Miss Mimi Prevost returned Saturday night from New Orleans where she spent several days.

Mrs. Albert DeBen and children, of New Orleans, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Prevost.



A column appointed to be read at the weekly councils of the sect. ".....The Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do."—Matt. xxiii, 2-3.

THE PHARISEE'S WEEKLY DISCOURSE. RAILROADING...? NO, MERELY SIDETRACKED!

The town council met last Tuesday night before they knew it. Long live the town council! Long live Tom Burns, diplomat, strategist and defender of the rights and liberties of the people. Among the "also presents" were feller-citizens and ourselves. Ourselves, mind ye, our dangerous, plotting, pharisaical-selves. We had the whole town of Covington loaded up, with the Town Council in the baggage car, ready for shipment to a waterworks election, WITHOUT SEWERAGE, when Tom jumped off a hind-coach and hollered "Railroads!" just in time to flag the engineers.

"Where is your leaders, tonight, sez he. "We have no leaders," sez us. "Where is your petition for a new election" sez he. "We aint got none, never had none, either," sez us. "I signed one last month," avers friend Tom.

"Pardon me, Judge dear, interrupts a feller citizen. "You were duped into signing a document without reading it! What you signed was a 'promissory note,' drawn up by ninety-nine others, after the election was called for January 11th 'promising' your support for a sewerage proposition, which had for its consideration one per cent sewerage mania and ninety-nine per cent dream-stuff. Now what the Association of Commerce wants to do is to save people from the effects of the 'note' you tried to negotiate with them along with the others, by merely adding ninety-nine per cent waterworks to the consideration and let it go at that."

Then somebody suggested that the waterworks election, WITHOUT SEWERAGE, might just as well wait until after the primaries, so as to give "the people" a chance to see what they want. We don't know what in the world the taking of this "waterworks" dose before or after the primaries has to do with its merit, but it has grown to be a popular superstition that a waterworks election should be held after the primaries, and the custom of the country should always be observed.

We believe the people of Covington want, and are demanding an adequate water supply. The town is literally starving for lack of water and beginning to blow away in the form of cinder-heaps. We believe if the people were given a fair chance, they would waive all formalities and vote the proposition through tonight. A petition now circulated to that effect, which the town council is asking should be addressed to them seems the most barren and silly formality out.

It was possibly an error to include the "sewerage" clause in the election proposed for the 11th. A canvass of the tax rolls shows that the measure would have been defeated by the ballots of twenty-eight colored dames, who are opposing it. Hurrah for ladies suffrage anyway. We take off our hats to the Association of Commerce, in all events. They are men big enough an abroad enough there to insist on no doubt, if such doubt could possibly lead to error. Go ye and do likewise.

YOU DID! I DIDN'T!

Perhaps some of our married readers can tell us what the trouble is. We are taking our meals, such as they are, at the New Southern, and Myrtina has taken the kids to her mother's, and refuses to be interviewed.

Our last conversation was somewhat as follows:

Myrtina: (She started this whole business. "Well, there's one thing. When you're looking for a home, you seem to know where to find one.")

Ourselves: "That's a clever way to greet a man who has been absent from his wife and children since New Year's."

Myrtina: "Margaret Ann has had croup for three days, Francis has a hole in his leg from a blank pistol, Paulina has left for another job; no less than eight bill collectors were here yesterday....."

Ourselves: "Wait, dear..... this whole thing can be explained."

Myrtina: "No explanation necessary!! You brought me to this God-forsaken spot, out of a perfectly good home..... and....."

Ourselves: "Listen, dear....."

Myrtina: "I have listened for ten perfectly good years of my life to a man who finds it good enough to walk in and out as occasion suits, etc....."

Ourselves: "We can't support this family in slippers and dressing gown, do you understand?"

Myrtina: "Nor with politicians and a bird-dog, do you understand?"

Ourselves: "Well, how is Margaret Ann?"

Myrtina: "You will find the trained nurse upstairs. She is looking for her pay tonight also."

Ourselves: "....."

Myrtina: "You can find all about Frank from Dr. Gautreaux."

Ourselves: "....."

Myrtina: "Will you marry you for, anyway?"

Ourselves: "Damp-we-know."

ON ELECTING A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

These pine-knot fires of long evenings make reveries almost a continuous performance. On account of Myrtina's unexplained bent in taking an extended vacation, we find them a rather alluring form of indoor sport. Somewhere around on the Railroad Street stands a building that is only retrofitted in some parts, and left with such abandon as to others. In one section of this place is a cafe much known as Del's, one of the adjuncts of this business is a fireplace belonging to a dingy interior. Out of its atmosphere looms up a continual procession of soporific by-gones on the sunny side of New Orleans university days, when Del's was an institution looking out but a stone's throw from the campus. If there is a Tulane Alumnus of our year (modesty forbids our printing the date) who recalls the McCarthy "gunpowder plot" to blow up all laboratory work for a week, and much of the friendly associations between the freshmen and the sophs about that time, he will still remember Del's, in Audubon Boulevard. Time was when Del stood high in his profession, such as we too did once enjoy. Little thought we then when we were wading waist high through Tulane's ancient outfield, that the handsome young taverner of twenty years ago would have to meet the demands of his countrymen in the faraway precincts of St. Tammany to become a candidate for the Third Ward Justice of the Peace. It makes us miserably longsome to think of these things, and we almost wish Myrtina would not have been so hasty in her decision. Deed, another creme de menthe, frappe, and a fresh negul, please!

The difficulty about the office of justice of the peace, my dear negul, is this. While you can never improve a man by electing him to the job, you can often injure him permanently by making him serve. There have been cases in history where the justice of the peace who was elected, was set down as qualified according to law, but the lawyers of the community usually succeeded in getting him impeached or disposed of in some way before he could do further damage. We are looking for no such fate for Del, and while doomed to election along with one other out of a swarm of candidates, we believe the landlord of a college inn, of the kind with which we are familiar, who has survived it so successfully is bound to be possessed of that geniality of temperament in the harvest of his riper years, which will make him fitted to the dignity and emoluments of a parish square.

Deed, bring another mild creme de menthe—We mean a fresh pine-knot, please.

ST. TAMMANY'S BIG BANK.

Two years ago we chronicled the fact that one of St. Tammany's banks, the Covington Bank & Trust Co., had reached the proportions of a half million dollar bank. This meant that the total resources of the bank, counting the capital, surplus and deposits aggregated more than half a million dollars, a large sum for any country bank. At the close of business on December 31, 1915, the Covington Bank & Trust Co. reports having on deposit alone over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS, the total resources, including capital, surplus and deposits, now being over six hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This is indeed a remarkable showing for a country bank and speaks volumes for the confidence the public has in this bank. It will be observed by the reports from all the banks in the parish that they are in splendid condition. It will also be noticed that our banks are not keeping too much of their money idle, but their loans are in good proportion to their resources, which shows they are alive to the situation. In St. Tammany parish, where there have been no bank failures and the banks are known to be conservatively and intelligently managed, there should not be one dollar of hoarded money. We think it is the duty of every citizen of the parish to keep whatever money they might have, whether in large or small amounts, deposited in one of the banks of this parish, where it will be carefully handled and at the same time aid in the development of our own section.

SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL.

After the holidays the attendance throughout the school is much improved. Those who were ill have returned and have entered into their work with new zest. There are a number of new pupils on roll. Angelo Bonneau has entered the ninth grade, Ruby Tally the fourth grade,

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT COVINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY COVINGTON, LA.

At the close of business on December 31, 1915:

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCE and LIABILITY. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Over-drafts, Bonds, and Capital Stock.

We make no comment on the above figures. For a country bank, we think they are large enough to speak for themselves.

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Louise Darby the third grade, Will Andrews the second grade, Mollie White, Gwendolyn Hogart, Rudolph McManus, Mary Francis Wharton, Gladys McDinty, Jack Gueydan, David Canulette, the first grade. Ella Brakelield has reentered the eighth grade. The enrollment now is 448. The holidays were happily spent by the teachers who returned to their respective homes, Miss Baker going to Jackson, Misses Alma and May Frederiek to Tylertown, Miss Bell to Bunkie, La. Miss Bryson and Miss Chunn to New Orleans. The rest of the faculty remained in Slidell and spent the time very pleasantly. New officers were elected at the last meeting of the School Improvement League with Mrs. F. F. Wiggington as president, Mrs. J. A. Bousquet as vice president, Miss Annie T. Bell, secretary, and Mrs. L. T. Miles, treasurer.

POISON NOTES.

After spending the holidays at home Mrs. T. E. Leach and Miss Gladys Spring returned to the Hattiesburg Business College. Miss Claire Gusman returned to her school duties in Covington, after spending the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barron are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Thos. Gusman was a Covington visitor recently. Mr. A. A. Mendosa was a visitor here this week. Mrs. Cordelia McLain was a Covington visitor Monday.

The Midnight Cry of Fire!

- The CLANG of the Engine! The SHOUTS of Firemen! The HOOF BEATS of Horses! The CRACKLING of Flames! The SMASHING of Glass! The CRASH of Timbers! The SWISH of Water!

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Miss Gladys Spring visited friends in Covington Sunday. Miss Hilda McLain returned to school in Hattiesburg.

NOTICE. Bogalusa, La., Dec. 31, 1915. The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned persons and doing business under the name of the Gulf Cattle Company, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

A CORRECTION. In the report of donations to the Covington Fire Department entertainment, in The Farmer last week, Mrs. Patcock was given credit for a donation of 50 cents. This should have been in the name of Mrs. W. M. Patrick.

A. B. MANSMAN, J. A. SPRENGHEIM, A. BLUM.