

St. Tammany Farmer

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THE ABUSE OF THE PENSION LAWS.

Congress has been very chary of voting bounties and the Democratic platform declares against protection, except for revenue. The Constitution is against class legislation. In fact, the American people are against all privileges that are not general.

No one objects to pensioning the maimed soldier who has no support. His disfigurement is an honor and he should not be allowed to live in humiliating dependence. But the soldier who returns home in all the glory of honored service to his country, sound of limb and body and mind, and then contracts the measles or the whooping-cough, disabled for a man's work or left with a tired feeling, is not entitled to a pension; neither is his widow nor his long line of descendants.

The speech of Hon. Lewis L. Morgan in Congress on this subject is timely. We consider it of such importance that we have printed it in full in this issue of The Farmer. We congratulate him for the stand he has taken in support of his convictions and for the courage he has exhibited in fearless denunciation of the abuse of the pension privilege.

Money is needed for the Nation's defense, for the building of levees and roads, for the improvement of waterways and for innumerable necessities. The sooner we realize the necessity of public watchfulness of the disbursement of public funds the sooner will we receive the benefits that come from a proper handling of those funds.

THE SCHOOL SITUATION.

Mr. Lyon's letter, published on the first page of this issue of The Farmer, gives figures that show the school situation to be one which can be relieved in two ways. One is to get more money. The other is to reduce expenses.

To get more money means that the people must be willing to pay more taxes, because the result of equalization of taxes may not be known until the equalization takes place, which will not be in time to meet the present emergency. It has been suggested that a parish-wide tax of five mills would take care of the schools.

On the other hand, cheaper teachers may be secured, the term may be made shorter, and our high school may be dropped down to second class, without recognition among the accredited schools of the State.

This is the situation without any trimmings. It is up to the people to decide. If any old school is good enough, the problem is a simple one. But if the people feel that their children are entitled to the same opportunity that is enjoyed by public school pupils in some other sections; that they are willing to make sacrifices in order to place their children in a position to compete for the honors that come to those who are prepared for the struggle of life; that they are not willing to sell civic pride for the few dollars of taxes that might be saved—then the tax must be voted.

We know that some people will reason that a cutting down of salaries and other expenses might be made without hurting the efficiency of the schools. But this is not true. It is not a new suggestion. It has been tried before and found to be wanting. Nothing worth while is cheap. This applies to school teachers just as well as to cloth. Things that are valuable always cost money. But when you buy cheap goods and find them a failure you may throw them away, if needs be, and buy more. You cannot do this with your child's education. Just as you are educated you will be all your life, for the chances of undoing what you have learned are small indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hood have left for their home in Detroit, Mich., after a week spent here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Davis.

Messrs. H. E. Gayer and Lindsay McDougall, of Franklinton, were visitors here during the week.

Mr. J. M. Simmons was a New Orleans visitor Wednesday.

Miss Iva Barrios spent last Sunday in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cassels, of New Orleans, were visitors here Sunday. Mrs. Cassels returning that evening and Mr. Cassels remaining here for some time as a guest at the Combel Cottage.

Mrs. W. L. Stevenson and daughter, Laurence, and Marie Louise, were New Orleans visitors last Sunday.

Mr. Raoul Hebert, of Birmingham, Ala., after an absence of five years, spent several days here during the week, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Theriot and children have returned to Covington, for the summer, after having spent the winter in Abbeville.

Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, of Tacoma, Wash., after having spent the carnival season in New Orleans, is again the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. M. Montgomery.

Miss Kate Eastman spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Burns spent last Monday in New Orleans.

Mrs. Frank H. Kentzel, of Meridian, Miss., is the guest of Mrs. E. D. Kentzel. Mrs. Kentzel came by way of Bogalusa, where she was the guest of Mrs. Fontaine Poole. Mrs. Kentzel will be in Covington several days.

Mrs. Ida Hoamer returned Saturday night from Summit, Miss., where she has been visiting for the past several weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Doerr returned Saturday morning from Birmingham, Ala., where she has been visiting her son, Mr. Chas. Doerr, being called home on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Jos. B. Langcaeter.

The Wednesday Afternoon Five Hundred Club met last at the home of Mrs. H. K. Barrow. The first prize was awarded Mrs. Frank Sanchez, second Mrs. E. L. Jones, and consolation Mrs. A. Cole. The club disbanded until after Easter, after which time they will resume their games.

Mr. O. Carter, of Franklinton, and Jas. Waller, of Rio, La., were visitors here Thursday.

Mrs. Preston Burns and daughter, Gladys, spent last Sunday in New Orleans, having come over to see Mr. Burns, who is still an inmate of the Presbyterian Hospital. From last reports Mr. Burns is gradually improving and will be able to return to his home shortly.

Mrs. Nellie Kohn and Mrs. V. Holzhauser, of Mandeville, were visitors here Tuesday.

Miss Mary Pinckney, of Mandeville, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Mr. P. Fisher and Miss Marie Chopin.

The many friends of Mrs. Julius Heintz are glad to know that she is recovering after a serious operation two weeks ago at the Presbyterian Hospital.

For hot and cold baths go to Federico's Shaving Parlor.

A SPAGHETTI SUPPER.

Tony Benvenuto has purchased the Hebert Restaurant. Thursday evening a complimentary supper was given to the public, which was largely attended and very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Grover Green left Thursday morning for Galveston, Texas, where she will make her home in the future, after ten days spent here as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Walsh.



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.

FONDNESS.

There is that subtle art which only those with the seraphic insight are moved to perform—the art of radiating fondness through the medium of mental manners rather than attempting an attitude of slobber, which is as repulsive in its nature as the former is rare in exhibition.

To say that the ordinary human presents affection or devotion from another is to immediately place that individual in the class with those of anomalous dispositions. But the man or woman who exudes kindness of thought, and the healing reaches of sympathy, with a touch soft as the contact of light air; who can walk with me down my quietest paths without throwing the heavy arm of his conviction across my tired shoulder-blade; who does not impede the easiness of my step with the cling of his personality at my elbow, in an appeal for the recognition of his friendly virtue, he or she am I happy with, and with him or her do I know how friendship serves best.

No man should be so poor in sentiment as to require some stumpy compliment to stimulate his ideal to you. If the capacity to radiate fondness is strong in your own being, it will draw out the warmth that is due it in return. The magnetic influence of fondness in thought is the most instantaneous communication in the world. If it fails to make a circuit at once, further attempts are likely to be wasted. One demonstration is sufficient to discover whether you have struck a non-conductor. The danger always comes from the over-charge. Let fondness bring impediments for the object of its choice, and it becomes dangerous to itself, and may mean a nuisance in place of the blessing it could afford.

DAILY LESSONS FROM THE TALMUD.

Those conditions seldom occur for which we are prepared.

As soon as a man gets to be anything of a buck in politics, he learns one virtue, even if he forgets all the rest: He stands by his friends!

If you are right, go ahead. If wrong, see your lawyer first.

No woman is satisfied about making a man happy, unless she knows how she could make him unhappy.

In spring a young man's fancy—turns to about the same thoughts as the old bald-headed fellow's.

A bachelor usually makes a fool of himself. When he gets tired of the job, he marries, and commits the task to his wife.

"GO THOU AND DO—ETC."

There is in Covington a man whom we have seldom met in a bar-room, although he is not a tee-totler-er; whom we have encountered in our various church rambles, although possessed of good sound, Christian qualities, (that is if the business of minding your wife, and your own affairs, and letting the other fellow do the same, can be said to be Christian qualities), who has a business house that is quite up to the metropolitan standards of places much greater than Covington; who votes and pays his taxes, shying clear at the same time of politicians and lawyers. The methods of this man are well worth the consideration of a number of citizens who are busy about many things, but seem to be frequently mistaken in their parts.

While Covingtonians were engaged in falling out with one another several months ago, over a few dirty pennies they might be called upon to pay for a sewerage tax, this man was planning the reclaiming of a valuable piece of residence property in the heart of the municipality by the construction of a modern vaulted drain, at an expense seldom attempted by the private citizen on his own account. On top of this improvement he is erecting three modern double bungalow residences, in spite of the fact that waterworks is still being made an issue, and a majority of the citizens have failed to pay their Association of Commerce dues, and seem to spend most of their time composing the town's funeral sermon. He has gone further. Last week he purchased five hundred feet of water front at the head of the Bogue Falaya harbor to lay out a concrete factory—a modern industry which has heretofore been ignored at home, although the greatest portion of the materials for the purpose are poured up by the earth in front of us. In fact, he is engaged chiefly in the occupation of watching his telephone instead of his neighbor's; keeping his delivery wagon active, and cultivating the disposition of a gentleman. This may not be what some call success, but it's results, at least.

A little of this doesn't hurt once in a while.

We quote the following from the Bogalusa Enterprise, under date of March 9th:

With New Iberia voting \$90,000 for a sewerage system and Covington appropriating \$60,000 for waterworks and Bogalusa anxious to own her own sewerage and water system at a cost of \$90,000 it begins to look like the enterprising cities of Louisiana are coming into their own. No city can grow and prosper without good water and sewerage system. Not yet, Bogalusa, but soon.

The following property is held subject to claim at the office desk, New Southern Hotel: One bottle Nyal's Hair Tonic. One glass eye. One set false teeth. One pink nightshirt (gentleman's). An eyebrow crayon. One coat collar spring.

Matters are not so bad for Adam that they could have been worse. Suppose there had been two ribs taken from him instead of one, and he had gotten twin Eve's.

CHICKEN FEED. Charlotte Russo, Roederer, Grand Vin Sec; Patie de fois gras; Caviare.

A certain German paper recently conducted an investigation as to the origin of the Charley Chaplin moustache to a successful termination. But that doesn't do us any good. We want to know too. So does the balance of the world.

We were reading in the Farmer last week about the wonderful cash register installed in Patrick's Saloon. It seems like this ingenious piece of mechanism keeps tally on every glass, pint or quart which is sold, and how. We hope if the blooming thing takes down what a fellow drinks, in addition, that Pat will keep the records confidential.

The way of the Pontchartraway Bridge last Sunday was a halloway for a bridge to act in any event.

"We are showing the newest models in ladies' waists, etc."—Advertisement in the Bogalusa American. We aren't interested much in waists, but we are curious about those "newest models."

Handsome Residence of H. B. Pruden Burned to the Ground. Loss \$20,000

The beautiful residence of Mr. H. B. Pruden was destroyed by fire last Sunday. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from the kitchen chimney. An attempt was made to communicate with the Covington Fire Department by telephone, but the wire was not working; but even had the fire department attempted to reach there, the progress of the fire was so rapid that no aid could have been given. The dwelling and two barns were destroyed, as well as the chicken house. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000. Insurance as follows, carried with the Nilson-Frederick Agency of Covington: Dwelling, \$3800; furniture, \$2000; barn and implements, \$1600; cow barn, \$400; chicken house, \$400; implements \$800. Total insurance, \$9600.

REV. H. R. SINGLETON DEAD IN ST. LOUIS.

Body of Former Louisiana Pastor May Be Buried Here For Burial.

New Orleans, March 23.—News of the death of Rev. H. R. Singleton, pastor of the Scruggs Memorial Church in St. Louis, at his home in that city, was received in New Orleans Wednesday. Until three years ago Dr. Singleton spent his pastoral career in New Orleans and Louisiana, his last charge here being the Parker Memorial Methodist Church. His work in Louisiana was notable,

the building of the handsome Methodist Church at Alexandria marking his career.

He was born in Covington, La., and graduated from Centenary College. He came of a ministerial family; his father, who is also dead, having been a preacher, while one brother has a charge in Texas. Another brother, Dr. Singleton, resides at Point-a-la-Hache.

Rev. Singleton is survived by his widow and two children. The St. Louis address of the family is Cook avenue and Spring street. It is considered probable that the body will be brought to Louisiana for interment.

COVINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY COVINGTON, LA.

REPORT FURNISHED TO THE EXAMINER OF STATE BANKS BY THE ABOVE BANK AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 6, 1916:

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Demand Loans, Loans Secured by Mortgage, Other Loans and Discounts, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock Paid In, Surplus, Undivided Profits, etc.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of St. Tammany. I, E. C. Davis, President, and I, Robert H. Dutsch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STOP THAT COUGH with SCHONBERG'S COUGH SYRUP 25c a Bottle. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Schonberg's Pharmacy Southern Hotel Building.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS. This is a medicine intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. It is meeting with much success and rapidly gaining in favor and popularity. Obtainable everywhere.

AS YOU LIKE IT CLUB. Mrs. J. M. Simmons was the hostess of the club at its meeting last Tuesday. Fan Tan was played, the first prize being awarded Mrs. Warren Smith, second Miss Angie Addison, consolation Miss Julie Charroplin, guest prize, Mrs. A. S. Burns.

PLEASANT CAMPAIGN SPEAKING. Thursday, March 30th: COVINGTON, 8 p. m. Friday, March 31st: Pilgrim Rest School House, 8:30 a. m. Sun, 10:30 a. m. Bush, 1:00 p. m. Talkabout 2:30 p. m. Audubon School House, 4:30 p. m. Pearl River 5:30 p. m. Slidell, 8:00 p. m. Saturday, April 1st: Lacombe, 9 a. m. Abita 11:15 a. m. Folsom, 2:30 p. m. Madisonville, 5:00 p. m. Mandeville, 8:00 p. m.

It Is Oft Times the Unexpected That Happens! When Unprepared The Emergency Frequently Materializes! We are not Alarmists ONLY Speakers of the Truth! Do not let the fire alarm sound Without a Fire Insurance in Your Hands! NILSON-FREDERICK CO. LTD., Covington La.

Madisonville Bank Statement Madisonville, Louisiana. Report furnished to the Examiner of State Banks by the above named bank at the close of business on March 8, 1916: RESOURCES: Demand loans, 1450.00; Loans secured by mortgage, 11900.70; Other loans and discounts, 27568.97; Overdrafts secured and unsecured, 126.73; Banking house, furniture and fixtures, 2069.00; Due from banks and bankers, 23387.75; Checks and other cash items, 68.36; Gold coin, 190.00; Silver, nickel and copper coin, 247.48; National bank notes and all issues of U. S. Government, 1212.00; Suspense account, 11.45; Total, 69066.44. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in, 12000.00; Surplus, 6000.00; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 200.00; Dividends unpaid, 37.00; Individual deposits subject to check, 27458.75; Time certificates of deposit, 22110.64; Total, 69066.44.

A SILVER TEA. Tuesday afternoon, March 28, 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock, a silver tea will be given at the residence of Mrs. Lawrence M. Bourgeois, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church. All are invited.