

The St. Tammany Farmer

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HUNTING FOR SCHOOL DEFICIENCIES.

We are prone to view the present with indolent contentment, accepting it as fortified with the experience of advanced civilization. The superiority of our methods appeals to us by comparison with the effete social system of generations tied down by time-worn customs and hemmed in by lack of opportunities. The evolution of mining, machinery and transportation have pushed us so far to the front that it takes strong glasses to look back into the past and discover anything superior to the present. Yet our worthy superintendent of education for this parish, Mr. Lyon, is at present worrying over a situation in the public schools that shows we have fallen, with all our advanced principles of education, to make the modern pupil more analytical or comprehensive than the bare-footed boy that tramped miles to his log school house. That there should be a weakness in the very foundation of our advancement might be discouraging were it not for the Washingtons and the Lincolns of to-day who have made the best of their opportunities and are showing the way to the rest.

Supt. Lyon has found many indications that pupils are learning principles and rules by rote without being able to apply them in practice. Pupils as high as the sixth grade, in preparing their test papers, are unable to add one-third to one-third correctly, and there are instances in which simple subtraction in two figures, 25 from 50, becomes a problematical task in written exercises. For instance, one pupil makes the answer 35, while another shows deficient concentration by adding the two together. While a number of instances show entire lack of understanding, there are many errors evidently due to carelessness and inattention. But recent investigations being carried out by Miss Sugg have convinced Mr. Lyon that there is much work to do in system and reconstruction to avoid the deficiencies resulting from present methods. The large number of pupils under the care of a single teacher is a problem made difficult by inadequate room. We have outgrown our high school building, and if compulsory education were enforced rigidly there would not be room for the educable children of the parish. Underpaid school teachers, also, are not encouraged to the supreme effort that is stimulated by a consciousness of full appreciation of services.

Dr. W. S. Monroe, in an address before the conference of state and parish school officials at New Orleans, December 16 to 18, 1920, touched upon some of these matters, and is reported as follows:

"Standard tests cannot take the place of the old forms of tests depending upon the teachers' judgment, but are to be considered as valuable supplementary aids.

"Mental age is of greatest relative importance in determining achievement.

"It is Dr. Monroe's expressed belief that all that has been done heretofore must be revised in the light of what has been recently learned about the achievement quotient which takes account of chronological age, mental age, school grade, and achievement.

"His statement of the objectives in arithmetic was evidently based upon the investigation by Wilson from which he quoted freely. The objectives should be lucency, meaning facility and accuracy, in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, simple fractions and decimals of not more than two places, and in their practical applications to problems that actually arise in the experience of the people.

"He quoted extensively from his own report in The Eighteenth Yearbook of the National Society for the Study of Education in developing the topic 'Teaching Arithmetic.'

"He advocated giving to unintelligent pupils equal opportunity for learning by adjustment of methods of learning and grouping of pupils, a result to be achieved with the help of measurement of mental age."

It was also advised in the convention "that a special teacher could be used to advantage in many schools to help retarded pupils to catch up with their classes."

Most teachers have their time so occupied that they can not devote special hours to pupils who find it difficult to understand their lessons, and many of these teachers stay after school hours to try to help them, but in such cases both teacher and pupil are at a disadvantage, for both are giving out-of-school time that takes away from recreation and pleasure. A teacher who has specialized in this work should accomplish much better results.

Charts have been prepared showing number of pupils entering the different grades, the number passing into higher grades, the proportion of boys to girls, the number graduating from high school, the number demoted, the number dropping out at the various grades and giving other useful information. There are 2895 pupils now enrolled, the proportion of boys to girls varying but little. While 559 children entered the primary grade but 9 graduated from the high school.

With all the defects that are found in the school, it must be understood that we are not worse off than other schools. These defects are being discovered in all schools. It speaks well for us that graduates going from here to colleges have made some excellent records. Miss Laura Perreand, daughter of Mr. L. A. Perreand, has stood the highest in her class in English during the last quarter at the Louisiana State University. She is a graduate of the Covington High School.

The schools of St. Tammany parish have made wonderful progress under the supervision of Mr. Lyon, and he has been assisted by a very conscientious and able school board. In undertaking to correct any deficiencies in the schools, we have confidence that he will use good judgment and bring results that are satisfactory. But we believe that parents, as a rule, are not watching the progress of their children as carefully as they should. Talks with the children about their lessons and how they are getting on at school, together with close scrutiny of report cards, would detect some of the difficulties under which pupils must work who do not understand the simple rules of addition and subtraction or the addition of simple fractions.

Mr. Lyon now has under consideration the introduction of a commercial course in the high schools that will be completed with graduation, to be accomplished by the dropping of some studies not necessary in the education for such an occupation. Quite a number of pupils who graduate from high school leave here and enter commercial colleges in other cities. If four years time could be saved to them by receiving this education during school term here, it would be a saving of both time and money. The teacher would have to be one specially trained for this work. We believe such a course would be appreciated and receive public approval. The difficulty will be in making room for such a class.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROBLEMS.

Everybody has his troubles; so does the Covington Fire Department. But there is a difference. The troubles of the Fire Department are everybody's troubles.

We can all remember the department of years ago, when rivalry between the companies put every fireman on his mettle and brought pride into the contest for the best possible showing that could be made. It was a volunteer department then as now, but loyalty and pride swung the ax and clung to the nozzle. Smoke and fire was an enemy to be conquered, and every shingle that crumpled with heat made a smudgy mark on the clean record of the fire-fighter. To-day it is different. We have a partially paid department and there are benefits attached to membership. The honor of doing things from pure loyalty is supplanted by half-paid services and compensation in sickness that may never be claimed and that will not average the dues paid in. The consequence is quite natural. No one wants to work for insufficient remuneration, although one might sacrifice his life for patriotism.

The question is, "What are we going to do about it?"
WE SHOULD HAVE FIRE PROTECTION. Not only every property holder but every citizen who lives in a house is interested in the matter. Not destruction of property alone, but life may be sacrificed to fire.

There are two ways of maintaining a fire department—by town control or by donations of citizens. The donation system is unfair, because only a few do the donating. The town control is a problem, because there is no way of increasing revenues that already are insufficient, unless there could be an increased valuation of property.

We would like to see the town take over the department if any plan can be worked out, but it should be kept free from politics. There is little chance that any means can be devised for a full paid department, but the custodian and several working members should be paid and subject to orders. Any differences that may hinder an impartial consideration of the future of the department should be closed incidents. All should come together with the one object of devising ways and means



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of building up efficiency in fire protection. It is a hard problem, and if it can be solved at all it must be by loyal and unanimous effort.

Press dispatches tell us that federal authorities will make war on the patent medicine that is booze in disguise. The threat has an indignant ring to it—an outraged consciousness of fraudulent sale of whisky. We do not see any hope for the patent medicine man except to make and sell it by the barrel instead of by the bottle.

Advertising in The Farmer pays big dividends.

YOU CAN'T DODGE IT
Once In a While Your Blood Clogs and Your Vitality Runs Down

THEN TAKE PEPTO-MANGAN
You'll Pick Up Again Quickly With Plenty of Red Blood Corpuscles.

Physicians nowadays take a blood test when you are run down. They count the red corpuscles in your blood. If these are too few they give you a tonic for your blood. It happens right along. They are always on the lookout for indications of weak blood.

Why? Because they know when your blood is weak your resistance to disease is slow. Your vitality and energy quickly run down. You can tell when your blood is weak. You look pale, feel tired. You are not ill, but you don't feel right. You don't want to do things. That is the time to take the well-known tonic, Pepto-Mangan. Pepto-Mangan builds red blood corpuscles. Physicians have prescribed it for thirty years. Pepto-Mangan is sold in liquid and tablet form. The medicinal value is exactly the same. Take either

kind you prefer. But be sure you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan—"Gude's." The full name, "Gude's Pepto-Mangan," should be on the package.—Advertisement.

WHY THAT LAME BACK?

That morning lameness—those sharp pains when bending or lifting, make work a burden and rest impossible. Don't be handicapped by a bad back—look to your kidneys. You will make no mistake by following this Covington resident's example. Ask your neighbor!

Gaston Duplantis, prop. of horse-shoeing shop, 919 Monroe avenue, says: "A few years ago I had a very lame back, and as my work requires a great deal of stooping and exertion, I sure was in misery. If I stooped over, I could hardly get up on account of the sharp pains that shot through the small of my back and my kidneys acted irregularly and annoyed me a great deal. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and they proved to be just the medicine I needed. They helped me from the first and when I had used about a box, I felt like a different man. I have had no return of the trouble since that time and I still do the same heavy work as ever." Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Duplantis had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

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I DON'T KNOW

"POPULI"

DONALD!! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO YOUR FATHER LIKE THAT?

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FOR SALE—High top buggy, pretty, new, cheap. One set buggy harness, cheap. J. M. Ballard Goodbee, La. j15

WANTED—To purchase cow with young calf. State milking capacity and price. Address Box 424, Covington, La.

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms. Apply Mrs. C. Ebert, 206 Florida street, Covington. j29*

FOR SALE—Second-hand piano, cheap. Apply Miss Barnett, at the Bodebender place, 19th and Jefferson Avenue. j29

FOR SALE—A Dodge storage battery, 1 electric grill for 220 voltage. Apply at L. T. Ragan's, 512 Lockwood street. j29-2t

FOR SALE—One pure Jersey cow, expecting calf now; 1 good mule; 1 mare. Cheap. J. M. Aouelle and Sons, Covington, La. d4t

NOTICE TO VOTERS.
I will be in Madisonville at the Town Hall on Wednesday, February 2, 1921, for the purpose of registering all voters.
W. E. BLOSSMAN,
j22-2t Registrar of Voters.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
J. D. McLain vs. His Creditors.
No. 3344.
Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana.

To the Creditors of J. D. McLain and To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that a meeting of the creditors in this case will be held at the office of and before Lewis L. Morgan, Notary Public, on the 17th day of February, 1921, at 10:30 a. m.
By order of the Hon. P. B. Carter, Judge of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.
Given under our hand and seal of office at Covington, La., on this 19th day of January, 1921.
j29-3t GUY A. SMITH, Deputy Clerk of Court. Ellis & Cappel, Attorneys for J. D. McLain.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.
Succession of James H. Harper, Deceased.
No. 160.
Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the above entitled succession to show cause (if any they have or can) why the final account as presented, should not be approved and homologated.
By order of the Court.
W. E. BLOSSMAN,
j22-3t* Clerk of Court.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Cockerel at \$5. Rhode Island Red eggs for setting, \$3 for 15. The Ozone Poultry Yard, C. M. Brown, prop., Box 61, Covington. j29-4t

FOR SALE—50 chickens, horse, carriage, harness, wood. Dr. Stevenson. j29

FOR SALE—1-8 h.p. motor, new, never used. Apply to W. H. Kentzel, Covington, La. d11-4t

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
The partnership known as Belknap and Company, operating a mill at Lee's Landing, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, has been dissolved. George H. Koeppe, Inc., having become sole owner and has assumed all assets as well as liabilities.
BELKNAP & CO.

FOR SALE—Champion X spark plugs, 70c each; Ford fan belts, 20c; 30x3 inner tubes, \$2.25; 30x3 1-2 inner tubes, \$2.75; 32x3 1-2 inner tubes, \$3.25; 32x3 1-2 casings, \$1.6; headlight bulbs, 30c; Monkey Grip, \$1 size, 70c; assorted Ford wrenches, 50c each; blow-out patches, 35c up. L. T. Ragan, 512 Lockwood St., Covington, La.

LADIES! The Ideal Hat Shop will have a fine assortment of Spring and Summer Millinery in time for Easter. And reasonable in price, too! For the present have Mrs. Roy make over your last season's hats. Opposite Southern Hotel entrance.

FOR SALE.
A GOOD FARM—GOOD LOCATION. 80 acres, new 4-room house, hall, front and back gallery, barn and chicken house, pump water, 11-2 miles this side of Onville on the Covington-Onville Model Road, 6 miles from Covington; 60 acres under good hog wire fence, 25 acres cultivated; high, rolling land. Price only \$1400. House insured for \$700, premium paid for two years. This property is well located in one of the best farming sections of the parish. A great bargain. See me. J. E. Glisson, Covington, La. j23

Just received a shipment of new print linoleum. To introduce this new floor covering we have cut the price to 75c a yard. Highest cash price paid for used furniture. Elmber's Furniture Exchange, 422 Columbia Street. j15

WANTED—People to know that I have for sale at my farm in Covington A-1 home-made cane syrup, absolutely pure and wholesome. \$1 per gallon at the farm. J. H. Warner, 21st Avenue. d4t

FOR SALE—\$0 acres, 4 room box house, barn, 6 bearing pecan trees, 3 acres planted in cane, 1 horse, 4 head of cattle, 3 brood sows, 16 head of goats, 75 chickens, 2-1/2 miles from Abita on Tallisheek road. Price \$1700. Apply to Emil Purker. j23-3t*

FOR RENT—Eight room cottage, in Covington, furnished; servants' quarters, garage; all modern; including hot and cold water. Apply A. D. Schwartz, Covington. j22

FOR SALE—Stove wood and fat pine. 200 fat pine post. W. L. Badon, 415 Lockwood street, Covington. j612.

FOR SALE—Five head of Poland China hogs; 1 new and 1 second-hand Ford touring car. J. H. Heintz, Covington, La. oc16

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One red mare mule, weighs about 900 or 1000 pounds, trace marks on sides, no brands. Reward if returned to John H. Wood, Sun, La. j8

FOUND—A place to have my auto repaired. All work guaranteed. Liberty Garage, at Haik's old stand on Columbia street. Ezell & Wanner, proprietors. j8-8t*

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THE VALUE OF FRIENDS.

There is a trite old saying that "A friend in need is a friend indeed." This still holds good. And who is the man who, at some time, does not need a friend? When times are good, when your family is in the pink of health, when you are able to work at a good wage, when prosperity is camping in your community and business is booming, then you may think that you are able to "make good" without friends. But in the natural trend of events these happy conditions will not prevail unaffected. Some of your loved ones may get sick. You will then need a doctor and perhaps a nurse. You will need medical attention but you will also appreciate the kind sympathy and sincere interest your family physician takes in your case.

Financial reverses may come and you may need aid to keep things going. Then you will need a friend in this misfortune. Your first thought then will be of your home merchant. You know that if possible he will favor you. You know that if you have been loyal to him he will even make a sacrifice for your welfare. The home merchant is a mighty good man to hold on to. Even if you have been sending your money away from home and depriving him of the legitimate trade you should have extended, he will nevertheless "forgive and forget" in the sad hour of your trouble and you will then feel keenly that you have not exactly treated him right, but you will appreciate to the fullest his generosity. This old habit of trading in foreign cities is a fast diminishing and soon EVERYBODY will be TRADING AT HOME and thus contributing to the wealth of the town and county in which they live.

The establishment in a foreign city has no special interest in you; you know that. Those who are securing patronage by mail in the North and East are not interested in the growth of your town and parish. They are not so much concerned whether you can find a market for your products or not, only so far as you are able to get sufficient money to give them an order. They are loyal to their own town and desire to see their business increase. Then why not take their own reasoning and apply it to yourself? Strive to do what you can for your town and parish. You will feel better and have more friends and money in the long run. Better trade EXCLUSIVELY at home. Be friendly and you will make friends.—Copyright Cotton States Merchants Association.

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