

# FARMERS MEET IN SLIDELL TO-DAY

Curing, storing and marketing of Sweet Potatoes and the standardizing of Syrup made from home cane will be discussed.

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### STOCK LAW OR NOT FOR PEOPLE OF COVINGTON TO DECIDE

Two From Each Side to Select a Fifth Member to Form Committee

### HUMOR OF MRS. MORGAN ENJOYED

Test Vote To Be Taken Under Supervision of Committee

Discussion of the question as to whether a stock law would be a good thing for Covington drew a large crowd at the Association of Commerce meeting last Monday evening. Previous to taking up this question a report was made by Secretary W. E. Blossman of the proceedings of the convention at Alexandria in the telephone rate case, to which he was sent as a delegate. Mr. Blossman stated that it was agreed to raise \$15,000 to fight for the case to the Supreme Court. This money was to be raised through subscription and by the appropriation of \$300 by each parish. He also stated that the fact was brought out that Mississippi rates had always been cheaper than Louisiana's and the rate of increase was less, notwithstanding the business was greater in Louisiana than in any of the southern group of the Cumber and states. Also that the system of supply purchasing through parent organization was expensive and unbusiness-like. That an auditor's services would be required to examine the books of the telephone company in Georgia and be necessary for evidence to be submitted.

Mayor Badon was appointed to attend the Baton Rouge Commission meeting. A number of ladies were present in the interest of the stock law, and as the discussion was slow in opening, President Warner stated that as the ladies had come before the association requesting assistance in obtaining a stock law, perhaps some of them would like to open the discussion. While the ladies realized that the buck had been passed to them, Mrs. E. G. Davis arose to the occasion and heartily upheld their contention. As she finished her talk, she made an opening for Mrs. A. E. Morgan to speak and thereby invited a most amusing and humorous as well as the most forcible speech of the evening. Mrs. Morgan's humor seemed to flow out easily and naturally and she soon had everybody convulsed with laughter. Her manner of describing the deprivations of free-roaming cattle and hindrance of the development of a town beautiful was void of animosity but full of the ludicrous. This brought Mr. Cappell to his feet, who told how after Mrs. Morgan had dehorned a particularly mischievous cow, he had been compelled to complain that the cow now used her tongue to accomplish the gate opening she used to do with her horns, and that Mrs. Morgan had replied, "My goodness, Mr. Cappell, I have dehorned my cow, do you want me to detongue her?"

After the humorous situation quieted down the discussion was taken up by the men, also, and a resolution read and adopted, whereby the question of a stock law will be placed before the people for their decision. In it is embodied the results of the meeting. It reads as follows:

Whereas, the Women's Progressive Union have passed a resolution asking that the Association of Commerce assist them in passing a stock law, and

Whereas, there are many interests that will be affected by the passing of such a law, and

Whereas, this association has always stood for fair play to all, and insists on a full discussion of all questions affecting the general public, therefore

Be it resolved, That the Covington Association of Commerce recommend that a vote be taken by the resident taxpayers and voters in the town of Covington, to decide whether or not a majority of the people want a stock law, and be it further

Resolved, That said voting be held under the auspices of a committee of five, two to be selected by the citizens who want a stock law, and two to be selected by the citizens who are opposed to a stock law, and these four to select one citizen to serve as the fifth member of said committee, and be it further

Resolved, That said vote on the question be by secret ballot, only resident property holders to take part, provided that property owned by married people, that both man and wife be allowed to vote, as the law provides community interests, as the women are deeply interested in the same, and be it further

Resolved, That said committee of five shall define the limits that stock law would cover in case one is passed, and be it further

### BUILDING UP THE SOIL WITHOUT COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER

Why the Soil Deteriorates In Spite of Commercial Fertilizers.

### DRAINAGE HASTENS DECOMPOSITION

Other Soil Problems and Value of Clover and Legumes.

"Hogging" off or grazing down the crops with live stock is recognized as one of the most profitable of the methods of general farming. In this drainage plays a very important part. In addition to previously mentioned advantages of drainage. The chief difficulty in using the grazing or foraging system is the damage done to the soil if tramped by livestock when the ground is wet, for thereby the soils, especially clays, are "puddled" and the crop is considerably wasted by tramping into the ground. With good drainage such damage is prevented, and the stock can be put in the fields very quickly after rains. I quoted statements in my fast article concerning the need for protein food (of which the velvet bean is an important one) to supplement sweet potatoes fed to the livestock. Here is a very important exception to those statements when the potatoes are fed in the field, as set forth by Dr. W. H. Dalrymple in "Modern Farming": "We find the sweet potato vines are rather rich in protein, the last fifteen or eighteen inches of the vine running high in this ingredient, even higher than alfalfa, and I think the explanation of the large returns that we have had at this station in hogging off sweet potato fields is to be found partly in the fact that the hogs eat a good many of the vines, especially the tender tips that are rich in protein." This statement made by so careful and distinguished an authority gives an enhanced conception of the value of the sweet potato for stock feed.

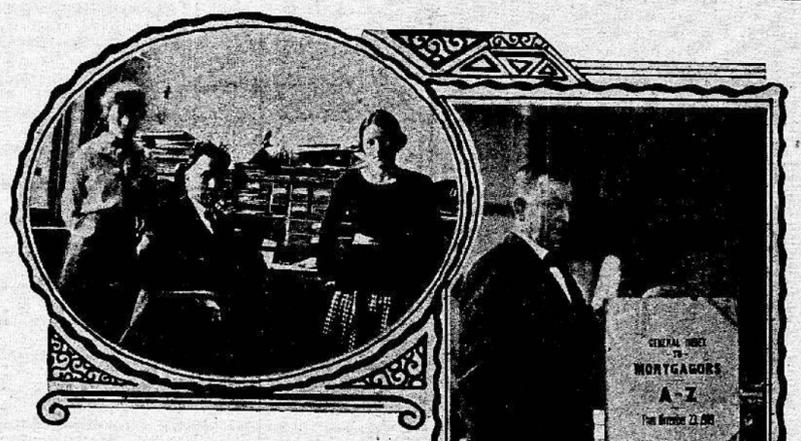
The chief agricultural advantage of the South is its ability to produce crops throughout the winter and provide continuous grazing for stock. The sweet potato, velvet bean, cowpeas, chufas, corn and rape are succeeded by the winter grains and clovers, which carry stock on to the feeding season of spring and summer crops, of which the sorghum and cowpeas are the most important. It is this continuous succession of feeding crops which enable the Southern farmer to produce stock feed to be fed in the field more cheaply than elsewhere. This system of farming reduces the labor cost to the minimum, and as the stock do as well when fed in the field as when they are kept in a feed-lot this is the kind of farming which the farmer should strive to engage in. But to do so he must get his soil in condition to raise the succession of crops required to make the "hogging" or grazing system a success. Drainage is the indispensable condition to assure the crops and only by drainage can the soil be gotten into a high state of fertility and so maintained.

Drainage is necessary for the winter crops, because it conserves moisture and promotes soil fertility. I will illustrate this chiefly by quotations from United States agricultural experts concerning two most important winter-grown crops, oats and crimson clover.

**Soils for Oats, and Drainage.** "The soil for oats should be reasonably fertile and should hold moisture well, as this crop requires a large quantity of water and may be severely injured by drought. Let the reader remember what was said in previous articles to the effect of drainage as a conservator of soil moisture. The soil must not be wet, but moist. A well fertilized sandy or sandy loam soil will generally prove more satisfactory, particularly if it is well filled with humus, so that its moisture-holding capacity is high. Good drainage is essential, however, as winter killing is most likely to occur on poorly drained land. Rust and other diseases are also most severe on low, poorly drained areas."

**Drainage and Preparation for Crimson Clover.** "Crimson clover can be grown successfully on almost any type of soil if it is reasonably rich, well drained, and supplied with organic matter and the proper inoculating bacteria." "It succeeds well in the humid regions near the Gulf of Mexico." "Crimson clover has been an important factor in increasing yields in soils that have been abused, but it is not a crop for land which is naturally very poor. It does not do well on rough, newly cleared areas, raw subsoil, hard, dry clay, or sterile sand. For such soils soy beans, cowpeas and velvet beans are better suited and should be used for the first three or four years until crimson clover can be successfully grown. Crimson clover can be made

### THE MAN WHO IS MAKING A RECORD AS CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT AND HIS OFFICE FORCE



Here are Mr. Blossman and the clerical force of the clerk's office, who are making a record for efficient and loyal service. Mr. Blossman is showing his new index to mortgages. Chief Deputy Clerk Guy A. Smith is sitting at his desk. At his left is Miss Josie Dossat, at his right is Miss Mildred Levy.

### MODERN INDEX ADOPTED FOR RECORDS

Money is a soft job. But there are no soft jobs today. Failure of accomplishment can not be ascribed to the cloak of unconquerable circumstances. In the language of a colored patriot, efficiency must not be the biggest thing that ain't and there is no such thing as the world being stingy with its opportunities. The man who burns a candle when he can't get oil will not sit in the dark when he can get electricity. He does the best he can and does better when he can. This is the hustle that made America win the war, and it is the force that urged W. E. Blossman to index the records of the Clerk's office.

When W. E. Blossman was made Clerk of the District Court he had had experience enough in the clerical work of the office to realize that the introduction of system would not only reduce the expenses of the office but would save to the lawyers

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to grow on poor soils, provided they are specially prepared by liming, manuring, and inoculating. In general, however, crimson clover is a crop for maintaining soils which are already fairly productive than one for inducing productivity in soils where it is quite lacking."

Crimson clover is perhaps the most important winter legume available for this section and as it provides a balanced ration for grazing with any of the winter grains, it is obvious that the farmer here should quickly get his land in shape for it if he wants to engage in the most profitable kind of general farming. A well-drained soil and an enriched soil, which are necessary for crimson clover and also for the winter grains, emphasize the value of drainage. Crimson clover does not thrive on soils which are very poor, but on well-drained soils in a productive condition crimson clover frequently makes a vigorous growth, even though the soil may show a high lime requirement," which illustrates the fact that drainage saves much of the cost for commercial fertilizers.

**Fertilizers and Drainage.** The following discussion copied from Farmers' Bulletin No. 1119, "Fall-Sown Oats," shows how much money can be saved by the farmer who goes into the business of growing his fertilizers instead of depending chiefly on commercial fertilizers; it supplements what was said in last week's article by giving a practical suggestion of good farm methods, particularly as applied to the oats crop. "The kind and quality of fertilizers to use for oats, as for other crops, depend largely on the nature and fertility of the soil. Barnyard manure is not usually available in sufficient quantities in the South to be much of a factor, and therefore dependence must be placed on green manures and commercial fertilizers. The crop most commonly used for green manuring in the South is cowpeas, though crimson clover, vetch, velvet beans, soy beans, and velvet beans are among the best available crops to immediately precede oats. These crops may be cut for hay, turning under only the stubble and roots, or the entire crop may be used as green manure. The fertilizing effect of the following crops about the same whether the stubble or the entire plant is turned under, but the vines add considerable humus and improve the physical condition of the soil." "If the soil has been liberally fertilized for other crops, phosphoric acid and potash need not be added for oats." "Nitrogen is usually the limiting element in the production of oats on Southern soils."

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### SOMETHING THE FARMER CAN GROW

New York, March 11, 1921. Dr. W. L. Stevenson, Covington.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your postal card and have noted contents. Regret to be advised that you have no dasheens to offer. It may interest you to know that the writer is a native born Louisianian and is well acquainted with the neighborhood of Covington and can assure you that the soil in this particular locality is peculiarly suitable for the production of dasheens.

I have been receiving the above product in car lots and less car lots from different sections, and would be pleased to have you interest the farmers in your locality to cultivate a reasonable acreage for the coming year, if possible.

I may add that I have been in communication with Mr. W. H. Garrison, at Slidell, in reference to the same proposition for some time and have recently sent him a letter similar to the letter which you received from me a few days ago.

Hoping that you may be able to interest parties in the growing of this product, I am,

Yours truly, W. REHM.

Dr. Stevenson advises that the dasheen grows well here.

### BIG DANCE AT ABITA SPRINGS.

The Abita Springs Palace Moving Picture Show will open to the public Easter Sunday, March 27th. After the show there will be dancing. Music will be furnished by a colored jazz band. Show from 6:30 to 8 p. m. Dancing starts at 8 o'clock. A good floor. A good time for all.

### CARD OF THANKS.

In the grief that has stricken us in the death of our beloved son, Edward A., by drowning last Saturday evening, the sympathy, kindness, and assistance of the good people in searching for and finding the body, and their aid in the last tender duties in caring for the body, has won our deepest gratitude. We wish also to thank those who brought the beautiful floral offerings.

MR. and MRS. E. J. CAMPBELL.

### ST. TAMMANY CANE SYRUP SENT TO ENGLAND.

Mr. Wm. P. Minkler has received an order for a gallon of St. Tammany cane syrup to be sent by parcel post to Mrs. G. Hilditch, Home Park, Kingston-on-Thames, England. The order came from Mr. E. W. Vacher, of New Orleans.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELECT OFFICERS.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held their annual election of officers Tuesday afternoon fifteen being present. Following are the officers: Mrs. J. H. Warner, president; Mrs. Dan Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Ickes, secretary; Mrs. Gallagher, treasurer; Mrs. Shaub, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. G. Davis, secretary of literature; Mrs. Connors, extension; Miss Kate Eastman, Jr., foreign missions; Mrs. C. E. Schultz, social; Mrs. Preston Burns, home missions; Mrs. Tallman, young people; Mrs. Dan W. Davis, Sunday School; Mrs. Richard, visitation; Mrs. Petzsch, Christian education; Miss Kate Eastman, Sr., welcome; Mrs. J. C. Burns, orphans; Mrs. A. B. Morgan, strangers; Mrs. A. Frederick, Bible Class.

Strangers are welcome to the meetings held every Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m., for the next few weeks.

### THE CURB MARKET PRICES THIS WEEK

The following prices will prevail at the Curb Market this week:

- Cream cheese, two double . . . . . 25c
- Beets, bunch, . . . . . 50c
- Carrots, bunch, . . . . . 50c
- All greens, bunch, . . . . . 50c
- Turnips, bunch, . . . . . 50c
- Radishes, bunch, . . . . . 50c
- Cabbage, head, pound, . . . . . 50c
- Peas, 2 quarts, . . . . . 25c
- Snap beans, pound, . . . . . 15c
- Chickens, pound, . . . . . 27c
- Eggs, dozen, . . . . . 25c

These prices are a trifle lower than those asked when the farmer delivers the vegetables to the house. For instance, cream cheese when delivered is two for 30 cents instead of two for 25 cents.

### DROWNED IN BOGUE FALAYA RIVER

Edward A. Campbell, aged about 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Campbell, of Military Road, was drowned in the Bogue Falaya river Saturday evening. The family had gone fishing near Sulphur Springs and little Edward asked permission to play in the sand on the shore. He was told to be careful and not go to the river. Evidently the temptation was too great for him. He had put on a bathing suit, and it is thought he crossed of the other side of the river in a boat. He had left his clothing in a bath house. Not finding him when they were ready to return home, the party concluded Edward had gone on ahead, and they returned without him. Not finding him at home Mr. Campbell returned to search for him and found his clothing. It was then getting dark and a searching party was formed, without results. Sunday the boy's uncle, Mr. Fitzjohn, a professional diver, came over from New Orleans and the body was recovered in one of the deep places near a log, nine minutes after three. It was prepared for burial by Mr. C. M. Poole and taken to New Orleans for interment.

### DRUIDS ARE COMING.

Mr. Frank P. Marsolan says the Druids picnic promises to be a big affair this year and 800 Druids and their families are expected in Covington, May 22. Bogue Falaya Park will probably be the place where they will gather.

### GYM BENEFIT A SUCCESS.

The entertainment given at Community House for benefit of school gym was a big success and Miss King gathered in quite a sum.

### LETTER FROM A COVINGTON DOWN IN CUBA.

Central Solidad, Cuba, March 6. Editor St. Tammany Farmer: Just a few lines to let you know that all is well down here in Cuba, and how much I appreciate your, or I may say our, St. Tammany Farmer. I get it regularly each week and take time to read it, no matter what I am doing. I always find it so interesting.

I am especially interested to note the great strides being made by the people of Covington and St. Tammany parish in general in their efforts to get a better system of good roads. In my estimation, this is the first step to making our parish one of the greatest agricultural sections in the South. It is impossible for farmers to raise products and after all their work to not be able to get it to market. As to the drainage and irrigation there is no question as to its necessity. Just look up

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CARDINAL JAS. GIBBONS DIES

Cardinal James Gibbons died at Baltimore, March 24, 1921, at 11:33 a. m. He was 87 years of age. He was born at Baltimore July 23, 1834. He was educated in Ireland and returned to this country in 1853 and resided in New Orleans until 1855, when he matriculated at St. Charles College, near Ellicott City, Md., where he graduated with distinction in 1857. He was ordained to the priesthood June 30, 1861, and was made assistant at St. Patrick's Church, Baltimore. He was made cardinal June 7, 1886. Cardinal Gibbons was a typical American, progressive, public spirited and much loved by the people. James T. Gibbons, of New Orleans, is the only living brother of the Cardinal.

### RACES AT FAIR GROUNDS

PROGRAM OF RACES FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27.

- Third Class Race.
  - 1—Ruben Meyers . . . . . Clever
  - 2—Richard Bradley . . . . . Dick
  - 3—Victor Bradley . . . . . Lena
  - 4—Albert Burns . . . . . Blaze
  - 5—J. Heintz . . . . . May
  - 6—Arthur Koepf . . . . . Frank
  - 7—Jas. Ezell . . . . . Dan
- Second Class Race
  - 8—L. T. Heintz . . . . . May
  - 9—W. M. Poole . . . . . Ben
  - 10—Ruben Bennett . . . . . Ben Johnson
  - 11—John Aouelle . . . . . Sam
  - 12—Major Bennett . . . . . Britly
  - 13—Alford Stanga . . . . . Sally
- First Class Race.
  - 14—Major Bennett . . . . . Clay
  - 15—John Meyers . . . . . Ginger
  - 16—A. J. Planche . . . . . Pete
- Harness Race.
  - 17—A. Sawaya . . . . . Roy
  - 18—W. N. Patrick . . . . . Charlie Red
  - 19—Chas. Black . . . . . Harry
  - 20—Ed. Lacroix . . . . . Ben
- Baseball Game.
  - Covington vs. Crescent City Baseball Club, of New Orleans.
- Winners of Races Last Sunday.
  - First Race.
    - 1—Major Bennett . . . . . Sport
    - 2—Will Meyers . . . . . Clever
    - 3—Albert Burns . . . . . Blaze
  - Second Race.
    - 1—Ruben Bennett . . . . . Ben Johnson
    - 2—John Aouelle . . . . . Charlie
  - Third Race
    - 1—A. J. Planche . . . . . Pete
    - 2—Major Bennett . . . . . Clay
    - 3—John Meyers . . . . . Ginger

### INVESTMENT, NOT EXPENSE.

(Editorial from New Orleans Item) The parish farm and demonstration agents went under a wave of economy that swept over the St. Tammany police jury at its March meeting and even enveloped the constables and justices of the peace. How the police jury expects to make the St. Tammany fair a success without the aid of these two agents, not to speak of the promotion of better and more profitable farming generally in the parish, we don't know. Several other parishes have tried to do without them and have confessed failure.

The Covington Association of Commerce has guaranteed the salaries of these two farming aides until the police jury can be asked to reconsider its action. Not only the business men of Covington, but the farmers look upon the discontinuance of these two agents as a mistaken sort of economy.

Calcasieu has just secured as farm agent Mr. Fondren, who has served Jefferson Davis in that capacity for eight years. During his tenure of office, the farmers have bought through him, from 6,000 to 8,000 head of standard grade of cattle and the livestock industry has been built up to fine proportions. Fifty-two silos were erected and cholera, charbon and other livestock diseases have been held in check.

When a police jury looks upon a parish farm agent or a parish demonstration agent as an "expense," it is taking the wrong view of things. These aids to agriculture pay their own way, with compound interest, by increasing the income from the parish farms. If they don't do that, the police jury should accept their resignations and get agents who can "pay their own way." We don't know anything about the St. Tammany farm agents, but they have probably brought to its farmers

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### MASS MEETING CALLED ON 29TH TUESDAY, AT 3:30 P. M.

Keeping of Covington Cemetery Will be Planned and Discussed.

### MR. BOURGEOIS OFFERS SERVICES

It Is Asked That the Importance of the Matter Be Well Considered

The Covington Cemetery has been in great need of care and attention. The raising of funds and the care of the grounds has been quite a large task. It seems now that with the aid of Mr. L. M. Bourgeois something is about to be accomplished that is worth while. It is to be hoped that the call for a mass meeting will be answered by the citizens in numbers that will show the public interest the matter should have.

Mrs. J. C. Burns makes the following announcement in the matter: Mass Meeting Called for Cemetery Work March 29th.

We believe that at last a project will be launched whereby our Covington Cemetery will be cleaned, drained and beautified.

Mr. Lawrence M. Bourgeois has become deeply interested in this work and in co-operation with the Progressive Union has volunteered his services as general manager and supervisor for one year. A meeting was called by him March 12th and plans outlined for beginning the work. At his suggestion an association was organized with Mrs. Preston Burns president; Mrs. T. Vaughan, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Wilson, chairman and assistant supervisor; Miss Kate Eastman, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Burns, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. M. Bourgeois, treasurer. It was then decided to call a mass meeting for Tuesday, March 29, at 3:30 p. m., at the school auditorium.

All persons interested in this work are urged to be present.

### REMOVAL NOTICE.

Mr. R. H. Ferguson, manager of Covington Garage Company, agents for the Studebaker car, announces the removal of their place of business to their new building on Boston street next to the Covington Bank Building. At this location they have opened up a gasoline and oil station. A complete announcement will be made in these columns later after all their new equipment and machinery is installed. All of their friends and customers and the public are invited to inspect the new building.—Adv.

### SLIDELL ELECTION.

The Slidell special election for town marshal resulted in the election of P. A. Saxton. The vote was 202 to 116.

During some recent matters that came up in the council Mr. Broom resigned and later announced his candidacy for re-election. A special election was called with the above result.

### REPORT OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH CHAPTER A. E. C. PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE.

Report for February, 1921. On the 2d, made trip to Abita, at suggestion of Rev. Luecke, to see a mother with six weeks old baby, the father being ill and away from home, and the family seemingly in want. The chief trouble was discovered to be that the mother was unduly distressed about the baby's future, having listened to unwise tales and suggestions given by neighbors. Assistance was undesired unless the baby should become sick.

On the 3d, visited the Covington school. Talked to ten classes about small pox, and the advisability of being vaccinated. One hundred of these children are taking advantage of the offer made by the school board to furnish free vaccine, and are calling, some each day, at Dr. Bullock's office for vaccination.

On the 4th, went to Slidell. Taught class in Home Hygiene and Care of Children. (Continued on page 3.)

greater increased net returns from their farm products in any one year than they would pay their salaries for several years.

There is much in St. Tammany, a large and prosperous parish adjoining a great city, for farm agents and demonstration agents to do. Its farmers have an almost illimitable market for their products at hand. By showing them how to raise the things the city needs and finding methods of marketing them, St. Tammany can be made New Orleans' garden. The small salaries paid to the farm agent and the demonstration agent should be the best investment the parish makes for the public good.