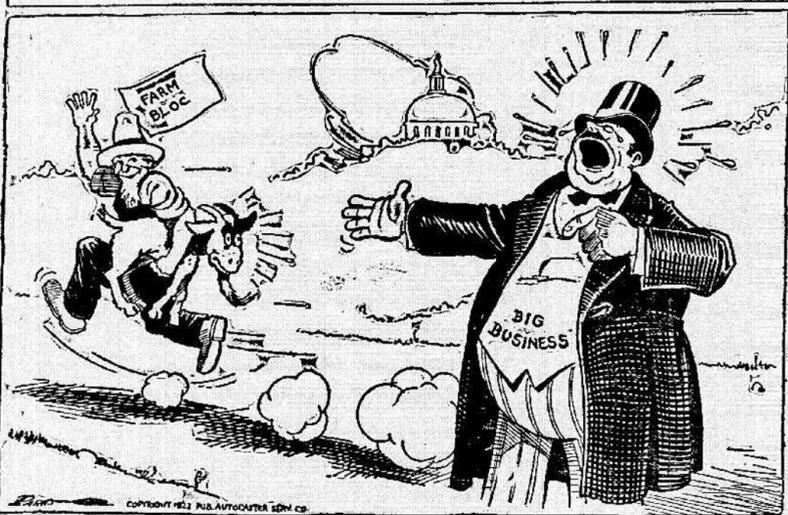


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The St. Tammany Farmer

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ST. TAMMANY IN LINE FOR ADVANCEMENT.

In St. Tammany parish a system of the best gravel roads in Louisiana will take the traveler past frequent stretches of uncultivated lands, dotted with the stumps of millions of feet of timber that has gone into construction and labor and advancement some where else—into the buildings and barns and warehouses of other sections; into ships and transportation facilities for the products of lands that are farmed. The wealth of the soil of St. Tammany has poured out of it like a stream of gold emptying into the ocean, leaving scarcely a trace behind—except the stumps. These grim at us defiantly, deep-rooted and unwelcome. The green grass of spring waves encouragingly to stock and lends its charm to the perfume of wild flowers that shake the dew of night from their eyes and look cheerfully into the face of the smiling sun. They are nurtured by the most glorious climate in the world. A climate that throtties the ambitions of man and makes him contented just to live in it. It is so easy to live in St. Tammany parish that while patches may be found on the seat of trousers, none will be found on the knees, because there is no need to pray for this. THIS IS THE TRUTH. The climate is so fine that everything is sacrificed to the enjoyment of it. We have been contented to live on the money spent by those who come here to share our blessed climate, and in between times for a pittance we have helped the mills get the timber off the land and into the markets. On the whole, we are glad it is gone. Land will produce more wealth in Satsuma oranges in a season than in a hundred years of timber growth.

This is not a very thrifty picture, but if you let the light in between the lines we have a foundation for the most prosperous country on the face of the earth. We have a soil and climate unsurpassed even by California for truck and fruit growing and the health and strength to do the growing, and we are nearer the markets. The peculiar character of the soil gives bright color and flavor and desirable shipping qualities. Grapes, the Satsuma orange, strawberries, early potatoes and many vegetables can be grown in defiance of competition, while a syrup can be made that is not equaled anywhere. Our poultry exhibits have always attracted attention. Our failure is due to lack of co-operation and organization. Under present conditions the best farmer could not get the profit he is entitled to from his labor, because of the problem of marketing and standardization.

We are to blame, because we have not taken advantage of our opportunities, but recent world-wide problems have forced forcibly to the farmer the necessity for organization and St. Tammany parish can not afford to stay out of it. The business man also realizes that his success is closely related to the success of the farmer, and this is especially true of sections in which agriculture is the chief reliance, as it is in St. Tammany parish.

The strong growth of this sentiment was evident at the meeting of the Police Jury, Tuesday, and in the interest manifested in the proceedings by the large number of farmers present. We do not remember a time when the members were so thoroughly in accord with and so earnestly interested in the appointment of a farm agent for St. Tammany parish, and we believe their action was highly appreciated by both business and farm interests.

Mr. O. G. Price, who was employed as farm agent, is said to have no superior in the state for the kind of work needed in St. Tammany. He will enter upon his duties immediately. Mr. Price stated that he could accomplish little without the co-operation of the farmers. With their help, he was ready and confident. The appointment of Mr. Price will give to the farmers a man who, aside from his knowledge of farm and farm business, has had considerable experience in marketing products and in getting the best there is out of community organization. Community organizations and community fairs help, also, in making the parish fair a valuable asset to the farmer. All of these things will lead up to the important and final object of farm extension work—improvement in farm production and profit, the establishment of credit and a more prosperous agricultural prospect. It will also hasten the time of membership in the Farm Bureau, which is the strongest farmers' association organized in this country.

Senator Gray Silver of West Virginia, at a small conference in his office, started the Farm Bureau movement that put the "farm bloc" in Congress. It has influence enough to practically prevent legislation antagonistic to the farmer's interest. The Farm Bureau to-day has 46 states organized. Iowa, the home of its president, J. R. Howard, has 100,000 members. Texas has 125,000 members. The national headquarters are at Chicago.

The Farm Bureau is not for the purpose of establishing extortionate prices. In fact, in order to guard against such a fatal step, there is an advisory commission, composed of manufacturers, farmers, business and professional men, to pass upon contemplated measures. It will be of great assistance in establishing farm credits, and it will enable the farmer to place a price upon his products, something the farmer has not been able to do, but which every other producer or manufacturer has always done. That he may do this, pooling of interests by the farmer for the purpose of fixing prices will not come within the prohibitive provisions of the Sherman Act.

It seems that the farmer is stimulated to greater effort and prospects are bright for good results from honest striving. The hard work of Mr. Wilkinson to bring St. Tammany into the progressive field of farm operations has had much to do with the present attitude, and Henry Keller and other influential men who have read the signs of opportunity in agriculture here have been of valuable assistance.

The timely talk of E. G. Davis in support of club work brought it into favorable consideration and the organization of these clubs will be a part of the duties of Mr. Price. Mr. Wilkinson stated that this work originated in Louisiana but had been taken up by other states and pushed with much greater energy and greater profit. It is a wonderfully successful means of stimulating interest in modern, scientific practices in farm management.

Now that things are started, "Let's Go."

NOTICE TO TRUCK GROWERS.

Mandeville Truck Growers' meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Saturday night, 7 p. m., Feb. 18th. Farmers and gardeners all invited to be present and join association for co-operative marketing.

DANCE AT ABITA SPRINGS.

A Masquerade "Story Book" Ball will be given in Abita Springs at the picture show hall, on Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at 8 p. m. Good time for all. Benefit of Abita school. Bogalusa band will furnish music. Admission 25 cents.—Adv. 111-21

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WHEN young men follow old men's advice,
When all girls dress in a sensible way;
When every play is worth the price,
And books are all their publishers say.
When goodness counts for more than cash;
When boarding houses cease from bachelors;
When women say just what they mean,
And men mean what they say forsooth;
When bards grow fat and knaves grow lean;
When lovers always tell the truth,
When fool-proof motor cars have come—
Look out for the millennium!
—By Walter G. Doty.

In Virginia two men were imprisoned in a mine, according to the public prints. They are, reports say, in a vaulted chamber, the natural temperature of which is about 79 degrees. A two inch pipe has been driven through the rock to this chamber, through which food and drink are passed. Electric wires and a small electric light bulb have also been passed through the pipe. The men have plenty of fresh air, plenty of food and drink, tobacco and matches, and a light. It may be several weeks before rescuers reach them. In the meantime the prisoners say that they are all right, and not worrying. Why should they worry? No cold weather, no taxes, no high cost of living, no dodging automobiles, or trying to start 'em on cold mornings, no telephone calls in the chilly midnight, no fuss, no bother. Grab handed them daily, without having to work. It would be a little difficult for us to go down a two-inch pipe, but any time the two fellows want a companion we will volunteer.

Retribution's Victim.
The owner's Paige he tried to hook,
Was bound to bring the thief to book.

With the tax off soft drinks they seem a trifle softer.

The U. S. Shipping Board, in a page advertisement in a great magazine (which page cost \$5,000 of the people's money) urges us to go to Europe this winter: "The Riviera, Egypt and the Mystic Nile are calling you," the Shipping Board says. "Travel by one of our own ships, and help American industry." We have written the U. S. Shipping Board to forward at once the necessary transportation on one of "our own ships" and expect to leave next week.

Amos Tash says: Looks like this year's goats be a dandy one for peanuts all right. Although the winter's kinda tame, our coal pile's dwindlin' jest th' same—how 'bout yours?

Whenever we see a chorus girl with a new Hudson seal coat, it is none of our business.

Two Californians having succeeded in making milk from rice, and a fair imitation of meat having been made from peanuts, bossy might as well concentrate on the leather business.

A man may not be handy around the house, but his Saturday night may envelope always is.

A reformer wants the girls to stop rolling their own, meaning cigarettes, nevertheless. He doesn't suggest, however, who he thinks should roll 'em.

A bandit after buying a pair of shoe-laces at a Seattle, Wash., store, says the Seattle Star, held up the proprietor and took \$275. That's starting on a shoe string.

A Pennsylvania man advertised a liberal reward for a bunch of keys he lost. That night the finder of the keys entered the man's office, un-

locking the door of the office and his safe with the keys, and took \$184. Burglars, as well as chicken thieves, read advertisements.

When Pa is Sick.
When pa is sick, he's scared to death. An' n' man an' us, just holds our breath. He gets 'in bed, an' puffs and grunts, And does all kinds of crazy stunts. He wants "Doc" Brown, an' mighty quick For when pa's ill, he's awful sick. He gasps an' groans, an' sort of sighs, He talks so queer, an' rolls his eyes. Ma jumps an' runs, an' all of us, An' all the house is in a fuss. An' peace an' joy is mighty scarce— When pa is sick, it's something fierce.

We go from verse to worse!
Every Goat-Getter
I grant you amoyes,
But there is only one "getter"
Who upsets my posse,
And he is the bird
The king of kill-joys,
Who always come back with
"Yes, but MY motor, boys!"

The correct use of "lys" and "lay" also worries a farmer every time a hen cackles.

A Man Must Eat.
There was a young fellow named Hill
Who loved a pretty lass named Jill;
He found she could not cook,
He said, "For girls I'll look
Who can with skilllets show some skill."

We noticed a headline the other day, "Takes Dog and Flees." There was an awful good chance for a typographical error.

Hell is where you go when you die, provided you enjoy yourself on earth.

Astronomers have discovered that the moon is traveling faster than formerly. Sure, she has to, in order to keep up with this bustling old earth.

An irate reader of this great uplift colyum presents us with a little toy bull. Thaux, friend, well make it our official mascot.

RAISING SNAP BEANS FOR EARLY MARKET IN ST. TAMMANY.

(Continued from page 1) should be taken to have excellent drainage.

For another season the farmer should plan to increase greatly the humus content of his soil by plowing under green manure crops, as this practice makes the use of commercial fertilizer more beneficial and greatly increases the yield of the crop, and also improves the drainage and moisture-holding capacity of the soil. Mr. Simmons recommends application of 1200 to 1500 pounds of commercial fertilizer to the acre, to be mixed in the hill before planting as above suggested for potatoes. This fertilizer will also increase the crop which will follow the beans. He also recommends that a complete mixed fertilizer, preferably 10-2-2, be used, as it is less expensive. These percentages are very important, and the grower should realize that, in his results will depend in considerable degree upon using the proper kind of fertilizer. In general for truck crops the U. S. Department of Agriculture recommends for the South, when a home-made mixture is used, the following formula:
150 pounds of nitrate of soda,
650 pounds of cottonseed meal,
1000 pounds of acid phosphate, 16 per cent.
200 pounds of murate or sulphate of potash.

This will give the grower an idea of what to require in a ready mixed fertilizer. Another important point is that an application of nitrate of soda each week from the time of first blooming will considerably prolong growth, say 50 pounds to the acre at first and lesser amounts thereafter.

The seed should be planted or drilled in rows from 18 to 36 inches apart, depending on the kind of cultivation whether by hand or horse implements. In the row seeds should be dropped 2 to 4 inches apart. It is usual to plant one bushel of beans to the acre. The depth of planting should be from 1-2 to 2 inches.

If possible the co-operative growers should all plant the same variety of beans. There are several reasons for this, the most important being to obtain a uniformity of product and development, so that all can be marketed at the same time, for there is a great advantage in marketing in carload lots. Mr. Simmons recommends the Black Valentine bean, and for marketing purposes this is certainly one of the best, if not the very best on several accounts, for it is early, hardy, withstanding cold weather and resisting blight, as well as being a good long distance shipper. There are others almost equally good, such as the Stringless Green Pod bean. An early bean has great advantages. As stated in a bulletin from the North Louisiana Station: "This is very important. On the 20th day of May we have secured as high as \$2 a bushel, and immediately afterward the prices began to decline, until by the 5th of June only 75 cents per bushel was obtainable. Our general experience establishes the fact that the main crop for market should be planted so as to be ready not later than the 15th of May, and earlier if possible."

As soon as the young plants appear the soil should be stirred and cultivated, kept up as frequent as possible during the entire season of growth. The object should be to stir the surface of the soil only and to leave it fine and loose, and for this purpose a small toothed cultivator should be used. Deep cultivation should have two main purposes, to keep the ground free from weeds and by the dust much to prevent loss of moisture.

For the market the pods are allowed to attain nearly full size and are picked just before the beans begin to develop in the pods. Picking should be done at least every week, by keeping the pods closely gathered as fast as they are ready for use, and keeping the soil well stirred, and by applications of nitrate of soda after they begin to bloom, the plants will be kept bearing much longer than otherwise.

The chief advantage of the associa-

ADVERTISE

Home Sweet Home by F. Parks. A series of comic panels showing a man in a car and a man on a bicycle. Text includes: 'WHY DONT YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING? YOU NEARLY HIT ME !!!', 'THESE FELLOWS WITH CARS THINK THEY OWN THE ROAD!!', 'THE BIRDS WITH CHEAP CARS ARE THE WORST!', 'HEY, YOU! LOOK OUT-', 'DO YOU WANT TO GET RUN OVER?', 'HOME SWEET HOME by F. Parks AUTOCASTER'

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