

The St. Tammany Farmer

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EDITORIAL COMMENT BY D. H. MASON

WILL LOW TAXATION REALLY HELP THE OWNERS OF LARGE TRACTS OF CUTOVER LANDS?

The Department of Conservation is more or less a luxury. It stocks the streams with fish; it tries to keep the hunting preserves up to the traditions that have drawn famed hunters from royalty abroad and aristocracy at home and that urges the pot-hunter to part with the price of a license; it fights to keep civilization off the grass, so that future generations may enjoy a little of the experience the pioneer had before the mowing machine of commerce swept over it; it does the little things that the refinements of life pain in bright colors while the taxpayer pays for the paint, and if its ideas survive generations and generations hence some one may sit on a moss-covered log and soliloquize on the inaptitude of a people who had slept while the forest grew.

We do not mean that there is nothing of value to conservation. There are some wonderful things in conservation, such as make Yellowstone Park a world marvel never to be marred or disturbed. There is something to be conserved in animal and plant life. But conservation in the wide scope of its interpretation and practice to-day is a luxury the poor man should not be asked to contribute to, and that the rich man, though he does not seem to comprehend it, will later find a considerable burden.

But the threatened danger to-day is the red flag waved in conservation while the treader of big land-holders sticks his lance into the poor taxpayer. Reforestation of cheaply taxed timber lands or cut-over lands means that the revenues of government must be provided by the people who own other kinds of property. And it means also that owners of big tracts of land who have large interests in other kinds of investments will be taxed higher on those interests besides suffering a loss from slow development and curbed business opportunities.

We believe in big institutions; in the combination of capital for big undertakings and laws to protect big interests from the results of demagogic teachings and popular illusions as to the heartlessness of big business. But we do not believe that any one will contend that big business should be entirely unrestrained. Self protection is the strongest instinct of human nature. In times when delirium from straining situations involves loss either to ourselves or others, we are all willing to let others stand it. We know it is a heavy burden to carry immense tracts of land that are charged with taxes and produce no income, but we do not believe that burden would be relieved by cheap taxation nor that it would be right to shift the burden to people who have derived none of the original profit that was made from that land.

Every bit of that land may be profitably disposed of if the bridge is built across the lake from Mandeville to West End. If the big land owners in nearby parishes would get together on this proposition there wouldn't be any more talk about reforestation, because they could sell every bit of land at a big price.

Commissioner Alexander is so enthused over reforestation, if our feeble understanding enable us to grasp his meaning, that he advises the ice manufacturers there will be no timber to put into cold storage in five years from now unless this is done. His remarks are reported as follows:

At a business luncheon in the Cave of the Grunewald Hotel at noon, J. W. Alexander, chairman of the Louisiana conservation commission, told the delegates of the importance of the ice industry to the storage and produce business of the state. He urged the ice manufacturers to become interested in the reforestation movement, predicting that without it, in five years, 50 per cent of the sawmills in Louisiana will be closed down with consequent loss in business to the ice industry.

The idea that five years of reforestation would keep that 50 per cent of our sawmills from closing down is certainly a remarkable one, but not any more remarkable than that it would have any noticeable effect on the ice industry—unless they are all going to drink his health when it happens.

WHEN THE PUBLIC IS WILLING TO FOOT THE BILL.

In viewing men who have been successful in business we are apt to see them indistinctly through mists of incomprehensible accomplishments. The fact that they have succeeded in some particular undertaking where thousands have failed gives the impression that they are better qualified for success in every undertaking. You will find on directorates men whose only qualifications are success in some other kind of business in which they have made fortunes. You find this in every town and in every city, and the result of their advice has frequently been disastrous. In fact, a large number of them are too conservative to have vision beyond 10 per cent on a solid basis. We see a great deal of this in Louisiana, and it is hurtful to the development of the State and is one thing in the way of making New Orleans three times the city it now is. The young man who is full of the spirit and energy of progress is often halted with the question, "What have you ever done? How much money have you made?" Yet this is the kind of man that is going to do the big things of the future—if they are done in this generation. The man who views every development as a business proposition in which he is interested only to the extent of his direct and immediate profits is not the man whose community value is pictured in parks and drives and attractions that advertise to the world that life has some of the joys of living in this section and the future a promise of something more than the bare struggle for subsistence. You can't get away from the psychology of this. Los Angeles has capitalized it.

When the Covington Association of Commerce proposed a dirt causeway across Lake Pontchartrain from Mandeville to West End, this situation was selected not because it was the shortest route over that body of water, but because it was the most picturesque and the most direct route out of New Orleans to the North, saving 25 miles in transportation over any other route, with no swamps or high cost of railroad or highway construction, giving any railroad an opportunity to enter that city, solving its problem of a union depot, giving an opportunity to tourists from Canada to California to enjoy one of the most delightful drives in the world with beaches on each side, concessions, amusements, restaurants—a veritable midway—at a cost of not over five million dollars. This drive would be 23 miles long, 100 feet wide, beaches with a slope of 6 to 1 and 10 feet above normal water.

But instead of every citizen in New Orleans boosting this proposition. It seems that some have grabbed the idea with a view to capitalizing it as a business proposition for the drainage of land on the south side of the lake, increasing the cost by probably eight million dollars and making the site coincide with the requirements of a railroad that must build a bridge soon in order that it might help pay the cost.

As we have said before, the bridge committee of the Association of Commerce has appealed to the big interests of St. Tammany parish for money for publicity and to complete plans to be submitted to the people of New Orleans for approval. Their contributions have not yet come in, but the Police Jury has appropriated \$1000 for this purpose and if we do not get enough money soon the committee will go to New Orleans for help.

As for the land drainage proposal, in which the lake is to be lowered two feet by the use of pumps, it should be considered that even if this were practical such a scheme would lower every river emptying into the lake, making them useless for navigation, would lower the entrance to the Industrial Canal, lower New and Old Basins and would otherwise spoil the lake and the lake shores. The bringing out of such suggestions at the time when plans for building a bridge are under way can only do harm and make the support for building such a bridge more difficult to obtain.

The eastern causeway proposed, by opening up New Orleans to railroads wishing to enter, that city will greatly facilitate its advantages as a distributing point. The headway made by competing ports recently shows that this is the greatest need of New Orleans as a port. There is plenty of room for railway yards on this side of the lake—good high ground. The rapid growth of New Orleans will make the drainage of lands, as an investment, more certain because of the increased demand for them and their consequently increased value.

It is just another case where vision does not go beyond immediate and direct profits. The public will be willing to foot the bill when it realizes that the bridge is to be built for public benefit and not to advance any scheme for private speculation or individual profit.

INFORMATION FOR INTERNAL REVENUE TAXPAYERS.

Every taxpayer, carrying on the business of producing, manufacturing or selling any commodities or merchandise, except the business of growing and selling products of the soil, shall for the purpose of determining the amount of income under the Revenue Act of 1921, keep

such permanent books of account or records, including inventories, as are necessary to establish the amount of gross income and deductions, credits, and other information required by an income tax return. The taxpayer shall produce such books of account or records for the inspection of revenue officers duly authorized by law to inspect the same at such time and in the manner provided by law.

OFFICE CAT



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In winter, when the trees are bare, and frost flies in the biting air, He hears the echoes, far away, Of songs the birds will sing in May; To him is borne, in wintry hours, The redolence of sleeping flowers— The optimist.

The latest styles look as if they came too early.

This is a fine country, but Norway has a law that requires girls to cook before they marry.

Time killed stays dead.

Start in Life.

Chief Justice Taft, revisiting Cincinnati, his boyhood home, said at a dinner party:

"It is strange, but the Cincinnati lads who have got on best were all pretty objectionable—too selfish and pushing, you know."

"One of these boys—he's a railroad president today—applied for a job in a wholesale drygoods house."

"We advertised," said the boss, "for a strong and pushing boy. Are you strong and pushing?"

"Well," said the boy, "the way I come to get in here first this morning, was that I licked everyone of the twenty-four other boys who was ahead of me."

"These are the times that try men's rolls."

Surely everybody would like to see prosperity, but not everyone is willing to contribute to that end.

The fate of the Missouri man who dropped dead while washing dishes for his wife should be a warning to other husbands.

A full coal bin maketh a glad heart. Has anyone had a glad heart?

Lots of times the society editor would like to write that the bridegroom is a "damn good chap," but must say perforce that he "is an estimable young man."

To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune.

After having striven always to lead an honest, blameless life, it surely is disheartening to pass one's husband the toast and have him turn it over to see whether it is burned on the other side. Especially when he could have heard you scrape it if he had listened.

Matrimony is a long sentence with many words in it.

Overheard After the Meeting.

"Yep, John was a genteel sort of feller. Yep. He was inclined to be sort of unreasonable at times, however. Yep. He wouldn't exactly go to— for a nickel, but he would hah around for it till he fell in."

Wild West Etiquette.

Excited Tenderfoot—Did you see that?

Alkali Ike—See what?

Tenderfoot—That swindler dealt himself four aces.

Ike—Well, wasn't it his deal?

Well, it will soon be time for quite a number of hunters to travel thru a barbed wire fence with loaded shotguns for the last time.

The Other Things.

"I am delighted to hear of your success on the school baseball team."

Harold," said the aunt, "but you must remember that there are other things in life besides baseball."

"Yes, I know that is," replied the youngster, "but you see, aunt, I'm too tight for football or rowing."

A New York man's wife was visiting out west. He wrote her saying: "My Treasure, I send you my best love."

She replied, saying, "My Treasurer, please send your best check."

If the speeches of Woodrow Wilson won the war, why not give a little rhetorical credit to the four-minute men.

Music may have charms to soothe the savage breast, but a Scotch bagpipe only agitates it.

The only successful effort to dodge death and taxes was made by John Barleycorn.

We have yet to meet the man who would rather hear criticism than flattery.

MUSICAL CONTEST AT ST. SCHOLASTICA'S ACADEMY.

Sunday, Nov. 26, the annual musical of St. Scholastica's Academy was held in the spacious auditorium. The pupils displayed unusual talent and skill in rendering their selections. Songs, recitations and selections by the orchestra complete the already interesting program.

The proceeds of the occasion will be employed in purchasing another instrument for the orchestra. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Second Grade—First prize, Mildred Schmidt; second, drawn by Audrey Sousa and Evelyn Dendinger and won by Audrey Sousa. Honorable Mention, Virginia Smith.

Third Grade—First, Thelma Biegelsack; second, Laura Mae Konke.

Fourth Grade—First prize, Katherine Burns; second, Clotilde Blossman.

Fifth Grade—First, Pearl Lacroix; second, Ruth Morgan.

Sixth Grade—First, Bertha Paterek; second, Eida Mioton.

Violin Class—First, Mercia Lacroix; second, Tdam Seiler.

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ful gifts. Her guests included Misses Lula Davenport, Elsie Galatas, Mary and Nina Gabriel, Lillian Anthony, Louise Baudeaux, Mabel Perrin, Dimples Ballam, Dena Chatelier, Edith Baudeaux, Elmer Oulliber, Carmelite Young, Ethel Oulliber, Lillian Davenport, Mady Cooper, Thelma Polcar, Pinkie Gollehon, Nannie Gollehon, Theodora Millett, Eva Pennington, Messrs. Sam Butler, Herbert Connor, Victor Planché, Geo. McCormack, Bradford Lancaster, Leo LeBlanc, John C. Hestrest, Joe Davis, Lancelot Butler, Jared Y. Heintz, Walsh, Stantz, Allen LeBlanc, Fred Blossman, Otis Heintz, Bert Heintz, Henry Vergez, Eldridge Poole, W. Reeder, Howard Galouye, Bennie Chatelier, Dan Cooper, Larry Davenport, George Mire, Alfred and Joseph Oulliber, Vernon Davenport, Rene Dausin, George M. Dutsch, Loyd Heughan, Arthur Robard, Joe Bischoff, Groves Davenport, Chaparrone were Mrs. Wm. Davenport and Mrs. D. W. Cooper.

Miss Eva Pennington Hostess At a Delightful Party.

Miss Eva Pennington was the hostess at a delightful party Wednesday evening, entertaining at her home in St. Andrew street. Among her guests were Misses Jessie Jones, Edith Baudeaux, Theodora Millett, Jane Dutsch, Ella Mae Cooper, Dimples Ballam, Elmer Oulliber, Ethel Oulliber, Mabel Perrin, Dena Chatelier, Nannie and Pinkie Gollehon, Carmelite and Gladys Young, Messrs. John C. Hestrest, Wilmer Perrin, Alfred Oulliber, Belmont Sanchez, Dan Cooper, Bennie Chatelier, Walsh Stantz, Fred Blossman, Joe Bischoff, Leo and Allen LeBlanc, George Dutsch, Jr., Joseph Oulliber, Wm. Reeder, Groves and Vernon Davenport, Rene Dausin, Lloyd Heughan and Henry Vergez.

Local and Personal.

Miss Dimples Ballam left Thursday morning to be the guest for a fortnight of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ballam in New Orleans.

Mr. Felix Currow and Mr. Joseph Stein arrived Friday evening from

Atlanta, Ga., making the trip by car and are visiting their respective families, Mrs. Bernard Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stein, Sr.

Mr. T. Gilbert, of Baton Rouge, is visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor.

Miss Thelma Mae Hohlman, Miss McChree Casey, Messrs. Walter Hohlman and Trency Daig, of Bogalusa, visited Miss Ella Mae Cooper last Sunday.

Miss Neva Chatelier, of New Orleans, was the guest of Mrs. Victor F. Chatelier and family, Sunday.

Mr. Charles Klein arrived recently from New York City to visit Mrs. Klein and lovely little daughter, Lois, who are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Englehardt.

Misses Pinkie Gollehon, Thelma Polcar and Messrs. Bennie Chatelier and Vernon Davenport attended the dance in Ponchatoula last Thursday evening.

Mr. John Dendinger and Mrs. Jos. LeBlanc returned last week from Hot Springs, Ark., where they have been visiting for a month.

Mr. Marshal Baudeaux arrived Monday from Mobile on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Frank Baudeaux.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Herrmann are visiting in New Orleans with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Herrmann.

Mr. Oscar Voss, of Hammond, was a Madisonville visitor last week.

Mrs. Earl Galatas and little son, Earl, Jr., returned Monday from New Orleans where little Earl has been under treatment of the famed osteopath, Dr. Tate.

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FOR SALE—Cheap, three young mules, 1 Ford racer, 1 Ford touring car. 1 pay cash for raw furs. Ed. Brunet, phone 233, Covington d2-2

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REWARD—\$25 reward for arrest and conviction of party or parties who broke in and took several farm articles from my house 6 miles on Military Road. Geo. Meyer. d2

FOR SALE—Chalmers 5 passenger auto, good condition, cheap; 1 mare, gentle, works anywhere; light spring wagon; set of harness; riding saddle. Apply to C. C. Schoener, Box 231, Abita Springs. d2

WANTED—1-ton truck, with or without body. Must be in good condition and cheap. Apply to C. C. Schoener, Box 231, Abita Springs.

FOR SALE—1 Jersey Cow, Ap. ply to W. Thrower, Abita Springs.

FOR SALE—Contents of best restaurant in Covington, located in the heart of the town, doing splendid business; cheap rent. Full particulars with Mrs. O. R. Brugier, 823 Common St., New Orleans, La. Telephone Main 6226. d2

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TRESPASS NOTICE.

No trapping or hunting allowed on section 16 township 10, range 17, St. Tammany parish, La., same having been leased by me for five years. W. H. Nash, Pearl River, La. d2-1

FOR SALE—1 iron double bed, 1 dresser, washstand, 2 parlor marble tables, 1 parlor walnut table, 1 wardrobe, 1 sideboard, dining table, oil stove and oven, 1 week cook stove. Apply at 1506 Jahneke Avenue, Covington, La. d2e

FOR SALE—4 1/2 h. p. marine Grey engine, with propeller shaft, new coil box, batteries, all in first class condition, \$65.00. C. C. Schoener, Box 231, Abita Springs, La. d2f

FOR SALE—Milk cow, with calf, 60; second-hand bicycle. Apply at L. Carmichael, Claiborne. d2

FOR RENT—House No. 1703 Jackson street. Apply to J. H. Smith or C. L. Smith, Covington, La. n25f

FOR SALE—Klondyke Strawberry plants, \$3.00 per thousand. Good, vigorous plants, free from disease. A. Langenhennig, Mandeville. n2e-2

CAME TO MY PLACE—Three weeks ago, small brown mule branded JF over an F on left side. Owner can have same by paying for advertising and expenses. Ed. Sharp, Covington, La. n25-3f

Several Exhibition Cockerels, S. C. R. 1. Reds, \$5 and \$3 each; 3 young cocks at \$3 each; eggs from exhibition matings, \$3 for 15. Eggs from exhibition Barred Rocks (dark) \$3 for 15. All line bred and Fair prize winners. Ozone Poultry Yards, 1620 15th Ave., Covington, La. n4ff

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FOR SALE—7-passenger Chandler touring car, in good condition, \$400.

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

FOR SALE—Cheap, 1 good family horse, surrey and harness. Box 351, Covington. d2

ROOM and BOARD—Meals also served on premises or at your home! Creole cooking at cheap rates. Apply Mrs. H. Buisson, at Madison and 24th Avenue, or phone 252. f714f

FOR SALE—Ford Sedan, as good as new, fully equipped, and with numberless accessories. A pick-up at \$500. E. A. Larose, Mandeville, Louisiana. n4ff

FOR RENT—Single cottage, 1001 26th Avenue, corner of Monroe. Apply Jacob Seiler, Covington. j5-4f

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SUCCESSION NOTICE.

Succession of Gilbert P. Molloy.

No. 239.

Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

Whereas, Mrs. G. P. Molloy has petitioned the Court for letters of administration on the estate of the late Gilbert P. Molloy, deceased, intestate.

Notice is hereby given to all whom

it may concern to show cause within 10 days, if any they have or can, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of the Court.

W. E. BLOSSMAN, Clerk of Court.

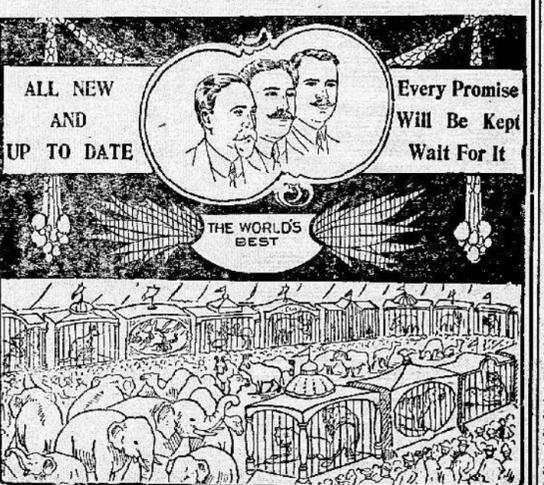
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