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## Jefferson Theatre

LAFAYETTE

Special Announcement, Saturday Night Feb. 4.

FIRST TOP-CLASS DRAMATIC TREAT

Jules Murry Presents the Renowned Legitimate Star Actor

**CRESTON CLARKE**

And 20 Distinguished Artists in the Comedy-Romance Delight

**"Monsieur Beaucaire"**

Adapted From Booth Tarkington's Famous and Fascinating Novel of the Same Title AS PLAYED BY RICHARD MANSFIELD. Most Sumptuous Scenic and Superb Costume Production Ever Offered Here. An Event of Gorgeous Importance. A Charming Refreshing Occasion.

PRICES—\$1.50, \$1.00, 75c and 50c.

Seats on Sale Wednesday Morning.

Carriages at 11 P. M.

## STILL CONTINUING.

Big Clearance Sale of Winter Millinery.

We are offering hats so cheap, you can afford to get you a new one to wear the rest of the season.

**MOUTON SISTERS.**

## It's All the Same

Whether you buy our lumber, our buggies, our wagons or harness  
**YOU GET FULL VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY.**

Numbers of Satisfied Customers have found it to be true and so may you.

It Will Pay You to Let us Figure with you.

**Vordenbeumen Lumber Co.**

## BEGIN THE NEW YEAR

By Adding to the Comfort or Beauty of Your Home.

An easy rocker, a cushioned chair or any one of a hundred articles we might suggest from our immense stock, would be worth many times its cost in comfort during the year. And from our large selection of pictures, rugs, curtains, etc., you can find many things to beautify the home. We invite you to call and look through our fine show rooms.

**PELLERIN & DECLOUET.**

## WINTER

## CLOTHING.

Suits, Overcoats, Underwear, Etc.

Ten Per Cent Below Cost.

**FALK MERCANTILE CO.,**

LIMITED.

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meet in Parlor of Gordon Hotel. Satisfactory Basis Reached, But Definite Information Refused for Publicity.

Pursuant to instruction from Gov. Blanchard the following assessors met last Monday night in the parlor of the Gordon Hotel to confer on the problem of securing a uniformity of assessment: C. M. Richard, Calcasieu; Alex Lorman, Acadia; Laodis Broussard, Vermilion; John Broussard, Iberia; Louis Guidry, St. Martin; P. E. Smith, Cameron; and M. Melancon, Lafayette. Absent: L. Dossman, St. Landry.

The assessors were called to order by Mr. Richard, the temporary chairman, and organization was effected by the election of Mr. Richard as chairman and Louis Guidry as secretary. The Board continued in session from two o'clock p. m. to two o'clock a. m. and it is reported arrived at a harmonious and satisfactory basis for guidance in fixing valuation on property of all description.

The proceedings were held behind closed doors and definite results were refused publicity although repeated efforts were made to elicit information. The assessors all agreed that they had agreed upon certain line of action and rules for government in taking the assessments, but shut off all inquiry as to facts and figures even of a general nature. It is, however, very certain that rates will be increased considerably throughout this portion of the State as Chairman Richard in conversation drew attention to gross inequalities existing in several parishes, notably between St. Landry and Acadia. All the assessors left town yesterday morning, maintaining strict reticence as to details of the meeting. It is understood, nevertheless, that unanimity prevailed that the basis agreed upon will approximate one-third cash valuation on all property, including horses, mules and cattle. The greatest increase in most parishes will not materially affect present taxation, except in case of St. Landry, where all property was found to have been rated extremely low. The assessors are bound to abide by the decisions of the board on all rates, but, of course, have in certain instances, sufficient latitude of action to prevent undue hardship upon the tax-payer.

### To the Public.

As the engine at the plant is in perfect order, all parties desiring electric lights will please apply to the undersigned.

A. E. MOUTON,  
Chairman

### Broke His Arm.

Little Bennie Clark had the misfortune Thursday to fall from his horse and break his arm in two places. Bennie is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

### CONTRACT AWARDED

To L. E. Patterson to Drain School Lands in Western Part of Parish. Price \$300.

The School Board committee consisting of Supt. Alleman, Alcide Judice and Jasper Spell met at Scott Saturday a week ago and awarded the contract for draining the school lands in the western part of the parish to L. E. Patterson. The contract calls for a canal nine miles long, ten feet wide and two feet deep, and deepening one foot of half mile canal twenty feet in width; amount to be paid, \$300. This will drain quite an extensive area and render it very valuable for farming purposes.

## YOUNG MEN'S TICKET.

The following municipal ticket, in which a large following of citizens are interested, is respectfully submitted for the consideration and support of the voters of Lafayette at the Democratic primary election to be held March 4, 1905. The candidates stand pledged to their fellow-citizens for a progressive and economical administration of the public affairs:

### FOR MAYOR.

Felix H. Mouton.

### FOR COUNCILMEN.

Dr. G. A. Martin

Felix O. Broussard

Felix H. Landry

Archie A. Morgan

Pierre Gerac

L. F. Rigues

J. F. Tanner.

### FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.

A. Edwin Chargois.

### FOR SECRETARY.

L. D. Nickerson.

### FOR TREASURER.

D. V. Gardebled.

### FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

H. H. Hohorst.

### FOR JAILOR.

Abraham Hirsch.

### FOR CITY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Judge Julian Mouton

Wm. Campbell

Alfred Hebert

Henry Church

W. P. Bracken.

### District Court.

Judge Pugh began a regular term of criminal court Monday. The venire has been called for two week as there are quite a number of cases to be considered. Among the principal ones are:

Clebert Colbert, Albs Colbert, Roussel Stevens, shooting to kill; Felix Living, shooting to kill; Jos. Antoine, Ernest Antoine and Ferdinand Dickson, stabbing to kill; Arthur Menick, shooting to murder; Bert Guidry, manslaughter; Ben Young, burglary, Aug. Soulier, stabbing to murder; Jno. Bull, stabbing to kill; Jasper Lincoln, stabbing to kill; Thad Cantine, striking to murder; Louis Dinkins, Aymar Francois, stabbing to kill; Aras Foreman, stabbing to kill; Paul Brinches, shooting to murder; Chas. Thompson, cutting to murder; Jos. Lavergne, stabbing to kill. McBride Mouton, attempted arson; Harrison Miller, stabbing to murder; Fidance Malapart, striking to murder; Eloi Daniels striking to kill; Jas. Montgomery, cutting to murder.

Monday A. P. Richards, white, pleaded guilty to larceny and Tuesday N. A. Walton and C. A. Lloyd, white, also pleaded guilty to larceny. Henri Stevens, colored, plead guilty to entering in the night time. Sentence will be passed on Saturday.

The case of Ben Young, colored, who is charged with burglary, entering in the night time and attempted murder, occupied the time of the court Monday and Tuesday.

### Communicated.

To The Advertiser.

Lafayette, La., Jan. 28, 1905  
Nobody in Lafayette appears to be able to understand the application of the remarks of the speakers at the political meeting recently held for the nomination of a municipal ticket, that the days of bossism were over and that it was the purpose of the meeting "to select men who would be servants of the people and not their masters." Most certainly they are not applicable to Mayor Caffery and Councilmen DeBlanc, Demanade, Rosenfield, Fontenot, Gardebled, A. E. Mouton and J. O. Mouton, every one of whom would take first prize for meekness at any sheep or lamb show in the country, though their meekness did not deter them from rendering services of the highest value to the community by inaugurating and carrying out great public measures and improvements that would have remained forever undone by men of less progressive spirit and determination.

JUSTICE.

## Shooting Scrape.

Wednesday evening Joseph Lazaro, bartender at Bodenheimer's saloon, became involved in a difficulty with some tramps who had congregated at the saloon, and being assaulted by them with bottles drew his pistol and fired several shots, wounding one tramp slightly in the hand. Two negro boys who were passing at the time were struck by stray bullets, one in the arm and the other in the leg. The wounded were attended by Dr. Martin, who gave them all necessary attention.

## Supt. Alleman Complimented.

Under authorization by the State Board of Education, Supt. Aswell has appointed the following committee to examine and report upon text books submitted for adoption by the State for the next four years: Supt. C. E. Byrd, of Shreveport schools; Principal F. W. Gregory, of Boys' High School, New Orleans; Supt. L. J. Alleman, Lafayette parish; Principal J. O. Taylor, Bastrop High School; Principal C. C. Lewis, Sabine High School.

In this list are represented all interests in the public school system by teachers of recognized ability who thoroughly understand the needs of the various grades. To them will be submitted sample books by the different publishing houses for consideration and their recommendations will largely, if not altogether, determine the action of the State Board.

## La Grippe Epidemic.

Lafayette is undergoing the anything but pleasant experience of an epidemic of la grippe. There is scarcely a household in town that has not a case or one just recovering. In some families every member is reported down with it. This is the worst instance of such widespread sickness here within the writer's knowledge.

## Filled the Holes.

The street committee secured some cinders last week and had the worst holes on Jefferson street filled up. The street was getting worse all the time, and the public was much gratified at seeing the work done, and they will be considerably more gratified when the street is put in first class shape.

## The Campaign Progressing.

Under the designation of "Young Men's Ticket" we publish in another column the personnel of a second ticket which has been formed to enter the contest for the control of the municipal government of Lafayette for the next two years.

The Young Men's Ticket contains some good material for a successful business administration of the affairs of the town, and will no doubt command a strong support in the community at the primary election to be held on the fourth of March.

Under our republican form of government it is the inherent right of every citizen to serve his country as a public officer, provided his services prove acceptable to the people, so that it is a narrow and unamerican spirit which would cause one man to feel angered or unkind toward another man who may happen to aspire to the same office with himself. The Advertiser hopes that there will be no such unreasonable feeling displayed in the present municipal campaign.

Kings' Early Improved Cotton seed for sale. Apply to J. W. Ramsay at Planters' Mill.

## Sociable.

The sociable given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church last Friday at the home of Mrs. Jas. D. Kelly was a most enjoyable affair, and netted about fifteen dollars.