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## ONLY SEVEN MORE SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS Do Your Christmas Shopping at BLOSSAT'S. It will Pay You.

### PROF. LEE GIVES FACTS ABOUT SILO

How Material is Preserved—Cane Tops Good Forage Crop, Worth \$12 Per Acre.

There seems to be some doubt in the minds of some of our people as to the many advantages of having a silo on the farm. The silo is not a new thing, it was used by the ancient Egyptians thousands of years ago and has been in use on the farms of some of our progressive American farmers for many years. Today, it is found on almost every farm in the north, east and west.

The silo looks very much like a large cistern being round with air tight walls which rest on brick or cement foundation. The height varies; however, it is generally twice the diameter; if the diameter is fourteen feet, the height will be approximately twenty eight feet. The silage seems to keep better when these proportions are carried out.

A silo can be constructed of wood, brick, cement and cement blocks. Those made of cement cost more than those made of wood but the lasting qualities of the former will more than offset the extra cost. A silo constructed of wood will last from five to ten years depending, of course, on the quality of material used in construction and the care which it receives.

I have often heard men express themselves in regard to silos for this climate. Some seem to think that the success of the silo depends entirely on the temperature and the humidity of the atmosphere which, of course, is erroneous. Our agricultural scientists or theorists who discovered bacteria and who studied their actions and how to control them paved the way for the farmer to can green material for his stock in the form of silage. The principle of preserving green corn and other green materials is briefly as follows: Bacteria, which are the cause of all fermentations and decay, must have the proper amount of moisture, heat and air for their successful development and work. If either one of the essentials named are absent the work of the bacteria is stopped and they either die or lie dormant until conditions are favorable for their development again. So, when green material is placed in the silo, the temperature begins to rise and the bacteria start their work. This work continues until the enormous pressure of the silage excludes all air and the temperature of the silage rises beyond the normal for bacterial development; when this stage is reached, all work of bacteria ceases and the silage keeps for an indefinite length of time.

Almost any forage crop which can

be grown in this section can be used for silage purposes; however, corn and sorghum make the best grade of silage with sugar cane tops a close third. If these materials are mixed with some legume such as cow peas, soy beans and clovers the grade and value of the silage for feeding is materially increased. As to cane tops for silage, I will say that I do not think they have had a fair trial up to the present time. The time is coming when this valuable waste material will be used as extensively for silage purposes as is corn and sorghum at the present time.

We put ten tons of cane tops in the Industrial Institute silo and this made a good grade of silage. A silo expert from the United States Department of Agriculture examined the silage made from cane tops and pronounced it as good as he could ask for. The cows, however, did not go after the cane top silage with the same eagerness as they do after the corn. I attribute this to the fact that a great many dry blades from the cane got mixed with the green crops which made a drier feed. This can be eliminated though, by keeping a stream of water running on the material as it is blown into the silo.

I understand that an acre of cane yielding twenty tons of stripped cane per acre will give about six tons of tops. At this rate of yield, it would take about sixteen acres to fill a one hundred ton silo. Corn silage is easily worth from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per ton; in order to be conservative, I put cane top silage at \$2.00 per ton or \$12.00 per acre. At the present time these tops are waste material, the only thing saved from them is a little mineral matter left when they are burned which represents a few cents worth of fertilizer and the best part goes up in smoke. Now, if we save these tops in the form of feed for livestock we get the feeding value and can return the manure to the soil which is the greatest fertilizer known thereby realizing two values and at the same time be improving the soil for future crops.

Some say that the cost of hauling the tops to the silo will be too great. Of course this is a point that affects the individual; it will cost some more than others but I do not think the cost per ton will total more than one dollar. At any rate, I am convinced that the manure will more than pay for the hauling.

Signed

J. G. LEE, JR.,  
S. L. I. I.

### PAUL E. SWITZER MADE THE BUREAU MANAGER

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Southwest Louisiana Development Bureau Paul E. Switzer was employed as manager, without salary, expenses paid and Guy Guthridge, late of L'Abelle de la Nouvelle Orleans, as field assistant at a salary of \$35 per week and expenses.

### For Sale at a Sacrifice.

On account of leaving town and not wishing to ship, will sell all of my household goods at a sacrifice, including piano, side board, and everything necessary in a home. Call and see me at the Union Hotel.

J. S. BALDWIN.

### Notice.

There will be a regular meeting of the Lafayette Building Association on Dec. 17, 1913, at 7:30 p. m. MONEY TO LOAN. Members wishing to borrow should attend.

FELIX H. MOUTON,  
Secretary.

FOR SALE—1000 Bales of Hay.  
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### VENISON!

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### TOURING STATES WITH DOG TEAM

Man Calling Himself Bill Brown, Famous Alaskan Mail Carrier, Passes through Lafayette.

Friday afternoon some little excitement was caused on Jefferson street by the arrival from the west of a man driving a team of dogs to a little no-top buggy. Quite a crowd soon gathered and looked with curiosity upon the outfit. The man gave his name as Bill Brown, famous Alaskan mail carrier. He stated that he had left Nome, Alaska, on May 5, on a wager to visit every state and capital of the United States within six years, returning with one of the dogs dead or alive. He had \$500 put up against \$10,000 and expected to win. He would finish his job some time next year, doing in two years what he was allowed six years to do. He then offered post cards with the picture of himself and team, with descriptive reading, at fifteen cents each, and sold a few. He spent the night and left Saturday morning for Baton Rouge. As he went down Jefferson street the dogs, he had five hitched up and two extra, barked as they ran and the din scared horses and brought everybody to the front door. The last seen of them, the dogs were still running and the famous Bill Brown sitting comfortably in the little carriage.

### MEETING TO ORGANIZE MARKET ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the farmers of the parish is called at the office of the Chamber of Commerce at 3 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 20. The object is to organize an association for the purpose of getting better prices and bringing buyers here. There will be no expense to growers who desire to join and will abide by the rules of the association. A big attendance is urged as this is a co-operative effort to benefit all who will organize and pull together.

See the splendid assortment of Christmas Goods at the Lafayette Drug Store.

### STATE FIRE MARSHALL CAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE.

State Fire Marshall C. H. Trousdale has sent out a circular letter specially warning people against fire at this season. He urges care as to decorations and cautions against cigar, cigarette and pipe smokers and parents allowing children to light matches. His suggestions are timely and everybody should be a little more careful of fire during the holidays.

### BAD MUD HOLES IN THE PUBLIC ROADS REPORTED.

A gentleman who makes frequent trips over the roads in the parish, states that there is a bad mudhole in every road leading out of Lafayette. If these mudholes would be fixed the roads would be good, he says.

It certainly seems strange that road overseers do not fix these bad holes, or in case they don't, that the people along these roads who have to use them do not make a vigorous "kick".

To have one or two mudholes to spoil a good road should not be permitted long and it is up to the members of the Police Jury to see that the holes are fixed at once.

### New Years Eve Dance.

A New Years Eve dance will be given for the benefit of the Tribe of Ben Hur at the Ben Hur Home on Dec. 31. Good music and refreshments. Gentlemen 50 cents, ladies free.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that hunting or trespassing on my plantation or the plantations of Mrs. Sidney Provost and L. G. Breax near Scott is strictly prohibited under penalty of the law.  
11, 18, 1mo. S. G. PROVOST

Don't think of buying your holiday presents until you see the fine assortment we have on display.—Lafayette Drug Store.

### BUY RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS

And So Help Camp Hygeia Fight Tuberculosis in Louisiana—They Need Funds.

A great battle against tuberculosis is being fought with the money raised from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals which are to be placed on the backs of letters and Christmas packages. The seal is the medium through which the public contributes money in any sum an individual may desire to one of the greatest movements in the name of humanity the world has ever known—to free the land of the White Plague.

The Civic League of Lafayette has taken up this good work, the entire proceeds of the sale of these seals to go to assist in maintaining the home for tuberculosis at Camp Hygeia.

A pathetic appeal has been sent out over the state by the officers of this home asking the people to give all assistance possible by buying these seals as the Camp has been so overcrowded with unfortunates for the past six months that unless the people of the state come to their relief they will be compelled to close the camp.

The Civic League asks the good people of Lafayette to go to Moss Pharmacy or Lafayette Drug Store where the stamps are for sale and buy some seals for the sake of suffering humanity. The officers in their appeal for help for the Home state that if every man, woman and child in the State of Louisiana would purchase but ten cents worth of these seals that they would not only be able to care for the present inmates, but would be able to care for a number of other unfortunates who are anxiously waiting to be received. Is there any one in Lafayette who is not willing to contribute ten cents or more to so worthy a cause?

### Political Prophecy.

All men are intuitive prophets. This is part of their proud claim to the possession of reason looking before and after. On all sides one meets happy warriors professing to see in current events only what they forecast and predicted. Especially in public affairs are the most unlikely omens found among the prophets. Who of us has not been drawn aside by a man bearing none of the outward insignia of a prophet, who begs his hearer to mark his words as he proceeds to unroll the book of fate? His favorite field is political campaigns. He will tell you who is going to be elected and why. Near and far his eye rolls in a fine frenzy, and his forecasts are as universal and sweeping and—we regret to say—usually as inaccurate as those of the old-style almanac. Despite frequent ludicrous confoundings by the event, this kind of prophet comes up smiling after every failure. He is stayed by no consideration of probability or the doctrine of chances, and openly flouts the maxim not to prophesy "unless you know."

### English Cast Biggest Ingot.

The biggest ingot ever cast in the world has just been turned out by a Sheffield, England, company, according to the Engineering and Mining Journal. It is designed for admiralty purposes and is cast of acid open-hearth steel. The feat was accomplished without accident and stands as a record in the production of steel ingots.

It is 24 feet long, 7 feet 1 inch mean diameter over flats and 7 feet 6 inches mean diameter over corners.

### New York and London.

The population of Greater New York is, in round numbers, about 5,000,000; that of Greater London about 7,500,000. The old English town seems to grow as rapidly as its young rival on this side of the Atlantic, but, unless a miracle intervenes, which is not likely, the Yankee town will eventually catch up with and go by the ancient city of the Britons. At present, however, London has every reason to feel satisfied with the race.

### New and Valuable Farm Product.

An interesting new farm product, the "beetato," is a hybrid between an Irish potato and a red beet. It has the shape of a potato, the meat being a deep purple. Great possibilities are claimed for the product as a food. A farmer at Silver Springs station, Ore., is experimenting with the hybrid.

## CHRISTMAS

Is either a day of joyful giving, or one of sad misgiving, according to whether or not you have a snug bank account.

If you feel the disappointment of not having "enough to go round" properly this year, why not resolve to start an account in our bank right away so you'll never feel "pinched" for funds in the future?

If you are contemplating a gift to a member of the family, let us suggest that there is nothing more appropriate or acceptable than one of our bank books, with the recipient's name inscribed and, say, \$1 deposited as a "starter". It would mean much for the future of the children.

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S. R. PARKERSON, Cashier  
F. V. MOUTON, Asst. Cashier  
JOE E. MOUTON, Asst. Cashier

### FORUM MEETING ENJOYABLE... AND WELL ATTENDED.

Music Hall was filled to capacity, with some standing, Sunday afternoon at the first meeting of the Forum for this year. Dr. E. L. Stephens presided.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the Musical program began and the audience was delightfully entertained by vocal solos by Misses A. Labbe, Gertrude McConnell, Isabelle Mouton and Mrs. Anna Grant Miller and a piano selection by Miss Eveline Jaufroid.

An interesting talk on the value of the Forum was given by Dr. Stephens and Manager B. F. Martin of the Chamber of Commerce spoke well on the necessity for co-operation between the town and country, stating that the organization of a marketing association, for which a meeting is called for Dec. 20, is a step beginning.

Mrs. F. E. Davis suggested in her paper that we should aim to make Lafayette a cleaner and more attractive city and Rev. W. A. Rolfe thought that a Y. M. C. A. was the next thing for Lafayette. The whole program was very entertaining and all who attended had a pleasant and profitable afternoon. The next meeting will be Jan. 4.

### Nice Scratchers.

If a calendar seems too pretty to destroy, paste a piece of sandpaper over the calendar pad and use as a match scratcher. One of these will not come amiss in each room if gas is used.

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### JEFFERSON THEATRE

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### Programs.

Tuesday, Dec 16—Flaming Hearts, comedy, Vita; Jimmie's Finish, comedy, Kalem; Betty Buttin and the Bad Man, comedy; His Nephew's Scheme, comedy, Edison.

Wednesday, Dec. 17—Nora's Boarders, comedy, Edison; The Quality of Mercy, 2 reels, drama Selig.

Thursday, Dec. 18—A Proposal From Nobody, drama, Edison, (4th story of Mary); Alkali Ike's Auto. (Reissued by Public demand) W. comedy, Essanay.

### WILLIE LINDSAYS CHICKEN'S AGAIN CAPTURE PRIZES.

Willie Lindsay, the accommodating head clerk at the freight office, did so well with his chickens at Lake Charles, he decided his birds could do a stunt or two at the Baton Rouge poultry show last week, and so sent over a cockerel, a hen and a pullet. He wasn't disappointed for they took prizes for second cockerel, first pullet and first hen, which is going some and ample proof that high class poultry can be raised successfully here.

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### Decorated for Christmas.

The Lafayette Drug Store has decorated very tastefully for Christmas and when you go in and see the holly hanging from the ceiling and draping the store you at once realize that Christmas has again come 'round. Decorating for Christmas is a pretty custom and it adds greatly to the attractiveness of the stores.

### PAINFULLY BURNED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS.

Yesterday morning at 4:20 Rene Deffez, in charge of pumps in the railroad yards, was painfully burned about the head and face by an explosion of gas. He was pumping oil from a tank and passing his lighted lantern too close to the vent the gas caught fire and he was very painfully burned. His clothing caught, but was put out before his body was injured. He had a very narrow escape. To prevent such an accident in the future the railroad company should provide electric lights to pump oil by.

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