

THE GAZETTE.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Mr. Florian Cornay is spending some days in Lafayette. Dr. J. D. Trahan took a trip to the Crescent City this week.

The Revs. Fathers Forge and Healy spent Tuesday in Carecero. Mr. P. B. Roy, president of the People's Bank of Lafayette, came in from Royville.

Carecero lodge, Farmer's Alliance, meets on the 26th instant. Hon. George Pulford of Opelousas was here last week.

A new shed is being erected in front of L. Lacoste's hardware establishment. Mr. C. P. Moss, the saloon prince of New Iberia, was in town this week.

Mrs. Wm. Rousell, of Patterson, La., was the guest of Mrs. A. Cornay, this week. Mrs. B. Falk who has been on a visit to her children in Lake Charles, returned Monday.

Mrs. John Baynot, returned home Tuesday after a short visit to friends in Grand Coulee. Miss M. Bagnell left Wednesday for New Iberia on a visit to friends.

Mr. W. C. Triay, of Washington, La., made a flying visit to Lafayette Sunday. For fresh, home made candies, go to S. Georgiades, Main street, next door to The Gazette office.

Miss Lea Cladin, one of our popular young ladies, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. Domenguez, in Houston, Tex. Mr. M. L. Swords the accomplished and faithful assessor of the parish of St. Landry, was in town this week.

Mr. Jos. Plonsky took a trip to Lake Charles the early part of the week on pleasure and business bent. It is a pleasing sight these lovely afternoons to see the many ladies out buggy riding.

Sheriff Isaac Broussard went to New Orleans this week and will return some time in the future. A coach load of Johnnie Chinmen passed through this week from California to Havana.

The popular conductor of the Alexandria branch, Mr. C. H. Lusted, is off on a leave of absence. Constable Geo. Malagrie of Broussard, was in Lafayette Monday and favored us with a call.

Maurice Riou, son of Mrs. Timond Guidry, aged 14 years, died Sunday and was buried from the Catholic church Monday. Mr. V. E. Dupuis, the president of the Farmer's Alliance of Lafayette was in town Tuesday and called at The Gazette office.

Mr. S. Duplex, one of the popular merchants of the growing town of Royville, was in town this week. That enterprising planter, Mr. Octave Theriot, from near Youngville, was in Lafayette one day this week.

Mr. Leon Plonsky one of the principal merchants of town, went to New Orleans Monday. Miss Cecile Voorhies the charming young daughter of Judge Felix Voorhies of St. Martinville was in Lafayette visiting friends.

Judge C. DeBaillon was in Abbeville this week attending a regular term of court being held in that place. Mr. B. V. Planchet, of Avoyelles parish, is visiting the family of our townsman, Mr. J. C. Couvillon.

Mr. A. Avant of Duson was in town this week looking a fine ready-made clothing. Hope we will get some of the cake. Dr. G. A. Martin will soon remove to the Veazey building next to Lisibony's boarding house.

The Gazette works impartially for the undivided interests of every section of Lafayette parish. Miss Cleona Thibodeaux, of Bayou Bouef, La., was here this week, on a visit to the Misses Bagnell.

Miss A. L. Gorman, of New York, who has been on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Valier, left for home Saturday. Mrs. Gus. Schulmen left for Lake Charles Friday to join her husband in Lake Charles, where they are now permanently located.

The children of Mr. Carmel Convent, feasted their beloved superior, Mother Patrick, on Thursday, and enjoyed a holiday Friday in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Mr. H. S. Willitt, representing Bugger & Beauregard of New York, with headquarters at Houston, has been stopping at the Crescent.

Mr. Geo. Doucet, the accommodating clerk at Trahan's drugstore, took a pleasure trip to New Iberia Saturday and returned Sunday. The painters are at work on the building that will be occupied, as soon as finished, by Alex. Delahoussaye, who proposes to open a first-class grocery store.

Those bustling drummers Messrs. Nuna Domenguez, V. J. Jaeger, and H. D. Engelmann, called at The Gazette and bade us good luck in our journalistic voyage. Delicious cocanut and peanut candy and Boss Chewing Candy at Georgiades candy store on Main street next door The Gazette office.

Mrs. M. Denis and Mr. E. Borilly from Galveston, Texas, came to Lafayette to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. Pellrin, last Sunday and left Monday for their homes. James Simon, Esq., a leading young lawyer of St. Martinville, was in Lafayette attending to some legal matters.

Mr. E. E. Bourg, the well-known cistern maker, made a business trip to New Iberia last Saturday. The Gazette thinks it would be a good idea for our business people to join hands and get a street sprinkler.

The Gazette has just received a fine stock of stationery, and solicits orders for all kinds of printing. Have you thought over the matter that a good and well organized fire department would tend to reduce the present rates of insurance?

Miss Alida Guidry, after a pleasant stay in our midst, as the guest of the Misses Revillon, has returned to her home in Opelousas, La. Mrs. C. C. Brown and niece, Miss Madeline Melchior, accompanied by Mr. George Melchior, all of Carecero, were in town on Sunday.

Our young friend, Sidney Mouton is now waiting on customers at Mouton Bros. store. Buyers will always find Sid to be a polite and accommodating clerk to deal with. While putting in six days of labor for your personal interests, don't forget to put in a lick now and then for the advancement of your town.

We were pleasant to meet at the Crescent Hotel Mr. A. Chiappella the representative of the well known house of B. Fellman New Orleans, and we call the attention of our readers to his card which will appear in our next issue. Jas. Choate, charged with stabbing Martin Clinto, last summer, and who was out on bail, has been re-arrested and incarcerated, in jail at the request of his bondsmen, who feared that he was about to skip "out of sight."

We shall talk Lafayette parish in and out of season, and if you are interested in its prosperity and advancement, send copies of the paper to your friends abroad. It will enlarge our field of usefulness and will not cost you much. The "Black Diamonds" are still actively rehearsing, and from what we can learn on the quiet, will give the people a very interesting performance, when they give their first entertainment, early next Lent.

From Wednesday's Advertiser we learn that at the request of a committee, Mr. Leslie has amended his first proposition by increasing the bonus on a sugar refinery to \$25,000, and "for the present dropping the idea of a cotton factory." Mr. Charles Baudier informs the people of Lafayette that he will deliver insurance, coal oil, etc., in five-gallon cans at residence. Orders left at Buhlers shoe store will be promptly attended to.

Miss Maud Young one of Royville's charming young ladies, after spending a short time with Mrs. A. Cornay left for home to-day, much to the regret of her many friends. Mr. Geo. O. Elmes, one of the prominent business men, and C. W. DuRoy, a leading member of the legal profession, both of Opelousas were in town Sunday shaking hands with their many friends.

Through the courtesy of our popular young friend, Vic Levy a Gazette man enjoyed a very pleasant buggy ride about town last Sunday evening. The Gazette man was pleased to note the many evidences of prosperity, in the way of new buildings going up in the different parts of town. From assurances received we are pleased to note that The Gazette is well received by the reading public of the town and parish of Lafayette. In this connection we wish to state that it will be our constant and earnest endeavor to always merit the good will of the public.

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The first number of the semi-weekly Advertiser made its appearance Wednesday in folio form, six columns to the page, having reduced its size from eight pages to a weekly four pages, its present form. It is very neatly printed, and The Gazette wishes it a large measure of success. We heard a gentleman remark the other day that the perpetrator of an infraction of the law in Lafayette might just as well give himself up to be tried, as escape for any length of time was out of the question, for no matter where he will go he will nab him sure, sooner or later. Quite a neat complement to the vigilance of the sheriff.

The Gazette was pained to hear that Alfred, the young son of our worthy assistant assessor, Alfred Voorhies, is confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia. At this writing we are glad to report that he is much better, and hope he will soon recover his wonted health. Mr. Willie Lewis, president of the Lafayette Drayman's Association and Transportation Company, has placed on his horses beautiful leather shields of black with large brass letters, "Lafayette Transportation Co." Hurrah for Willie.

Dr. F. H. Hopkins who was one of the leading practitioners of yore in Lafayette, has returned from a short residence in Texas, and will pitch his tent with us again, and will resume the practice of his profession. Mr. F. Otto, the butcher, has just returned from Texas with a lot of fine cattle. The Gazette saw one of the lot dressed and can truly say that it looked very "fat and tender." Mr. Otto says that this one is but like the average of the lot.

What Lafayette needs most and will have is a central sugar refinery. The only question is, will the people of the town and vicinity build it and reap the great profits that will follow its operation, or will they wait for outside capital to come and scoop the immense amount of money that might just as well be theirs? A merry party, composed of the Misses Flora and Rose Plonsky, Clara Martin, Rose and Louise Benoit, Emma Falk, Lena Laura and Gussie Plonsky and the Messrs. Leon Plonsky, Theall, Joe, Ducoite, Paul Cousson, Mr. Falk, Isaac Plonsky, A. Meyer, Sam Benoit and Mr. Levenoux, took a ride Sunday to our neighboring town, Broussard. A reception was tendered the party in Broussard, which was of a very agreeable nature, and enjoyed until a late hour. The pleasure party departed for home in buoyant spirits much pleased with their outing.

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Last Monday while a countryman was trying to effect a sale of some dozen eggs with our merchant friends across the way, and explaining the freshness of his goods, the old horse hitched to the vehicle took a motion to go home, and he did, at a very lively rate, and the consequence of his freak was the painting of the street, for some distance, a very pretty yellow.

We felt quite put out Saturday by not being able to comply with the many requests made for extra copies of The Gazette. Although we printed a large edition, one that we believed would cover every demand, the supply was exhausted early in the morning. Fully a hundred more copies would not more than meet the demand.

We tried last Saturday to place a copy of The Gazette in every home in the town and parish. Possibly we may have failed in our wish in some instances, if so, we very much regret it, as we desire that every one should see a copy of the paper, and we trust it will be found good enough to induce every one to subscribe. The subscription price is only \$1 a year.

Mr. B. A. Salles, returned home last Saturday from a trip West, and after remaining a few days with his family, left for other points. Mr. Salles represents Clark & Joubert, wholesale grocers and commission merchants of New Orleans, and he is also the State agent of the Wichita Mill Company, of Wichita Kan. This is one of the largest flour manufacturers of the country and the amount of flour sold by Mr. Salles proves the superior quality of their goods.

A little coon "anarchist" indeed, on Wednesday last was carrying a small bundle, and on being asked what he had in the package, replied "dynamite!" To prove his assertion he lit a match and applied it to the package, it did not burn fast enough to suit him, so he drew a long breath, and his lungs were full, and blow it out on the fire, he hastened it. In the package was gun powder, it exploded, and there came near being one little coon less in the world. The only injury he sustained was a pretty badly burned face.

The Gazette calls special attention to its correspondence from Carecero and Broussardville this week. Both letters are filled with new items and are well worth perusing. With Oberon and others as special writers. The Gazette has a corps of correspondents of whom it is justly proud, and we feel confident that our readers will agree with us in the statement that their contributions are features that enhance the value of the paper.

A Mysterious Killing. Last Saturday night Alcide Thibodeaux, a married man 44 years old, accompanied by Simon Navarre, a young man 18 years old, stopped at the house of Genevieve Breaux living 3 miles north-east of Rayne, and left there with Breaux's two daughters, stating they were going to Crowley.

After passing through Rayne, and near there, they were joined by a crowd of 15 men, and coming over into Lafayette parish, stopped at the home of a farmer named Oscar Benoit.

From what could be learned, some of the crowd appears to have enjoyed more favor in the eyes of the women than the others, whereupon the green-eyed monster took possession of Erwin Meaux and some others. And they hatched a plot to kill one of the number; Erwin had borrowed August Morgan's (his friend) 45 calibre pistol, and later they were seen in the yard and heard to make threats.

Morgan was standing near the door. Erwin was a few feet from him, when a shot was heard, and Aug. Morgan fell dead with a bullet hole above the right eye.

The Sheriff heard of the killing at about 8 o'clock next morning and immediately left for the scene, and when he reached the place he was informed that the killing was accidental. But on noticing that the pistol was lying unaccounted for on the dead man's breast, at once surmised that the tale of accident had decidedly dubious, and proceeded to arrest Erwin Meaux; the arrest being made just across the line in Acadia parish.

At the coroner's inquest but little in regard to the true inwardness of the affair was elicited, the testimony given having but little of the elements of probability, it was evident that it was given apparently either through fear or with a view to screen the one who fired the fatal shot, hence the inquest was closed with very little light thrown upon the subject.

Sheriff Broussard returned Monday to the scene, gathered additional evidence, which it is thought best not to divulge presently, which led to the arrest of Alcide Thibodeaux and Simon Navarre charged as accessories before the fact. The belief is that others are implicated in the affair, and other arrests may follow.

The three parties arrested are now quartered in the parish jail. Altogether it is a mysterious and complicated affair.

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Remembrance. On the 17th of March, St. Patrick's day, was the Rev. Father P. J. Healey's fête, and on this anniversary of the birth of his patron saint, he was kindly remembered. First, the little boys of Mrs. Bailey's school called in a body at the presbytery to wish him many returns of the happy day and presented him as a token of their affection and gratitude, a beautiful carving set, the presentation remarks being made by Master Walter Donlon. The boys were loaded down with pretty bouquets and delicious cakes. And all told it was a most happy event.

Later a few of his personal friends presented him with a magnificent combination shaving cup, with the inscription, "happy feast." The remarks on this occasion were made by Master John Tierney.

It gives us much pleasure to say that Father Healey has endeavored himself to the people in a very pronounced manner, and what is more he is fully deserving of their regard and esteem. The Gazette here toasts his health and hope the returns of the day will follow for many, many years to come. On this auspicious occasion the printers on the Gazette force were not forgotten, and for the courtesies extended desire to return their grateful thanks.

The Ball. We understand that the young people are looking forward, with pleasant anticipations, for the evening of the 19th instant. On that evening will take place the grand ball, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the High School Building fund.

The object for which this ball is given appeals strongly to every one interested in public education, and the purse strings should be thrown away for the cause.

But besides this it is pretty certain to be a great social success, and will afford to those attending much pleasure.

The arrangements committee, we understand, are leaving nothing undone to make it the event of the season, and those who miss it will miss a treat.

Let us all do our best to make it what every one hopes it will be a pleasurable and financial success.

Broussardville Drizzlings. Editor Lafayette Gazette: It is rumored that a sugar refinery is to be established near the vicinity of Broussardville. Such an improvement would greatly enhance the value of our rolling lands, which for years past, have been under the sole cultivation of the cotton crop. The low prices for the seasons of 1891, 1892 and 1893, have even our most industrious planters. But the languor which had begun to creep among our people will soon vanish away—the erection of a refinery, the extension of a branch line from Cade station to Royville, and the opening of a rich and fertile district; extended switches at Duchampstapin, Broussardville, and Landry Bros. All these improvements would so much favor the cane cultivation, that the cotton acreage would be reduced, within the next three years, to what the cane acreage is at present. Every farmer would be facilitated to diversify products, and thus an era of prosperity would soon be made to prevail in a deserving land.

The decision of Judge Allen in the Bernard vs. Hawkins case, published in The Gazette last Saturday has created quite a stir among the merchants and other business men. It becomes a matter of impossibility for them to advance to any person working on shares inasmuch as no guaranties can be offered through which their money would be secured. One more step towards the abolition of the credit system.

Mr. Ed. St. Estorge and M. Billard Jr. were out visiting last Sunday. Chief Justice Greig had an important case to decide last Monday, but for want of evidence he adjourned the case to all 11 Messrs. P. B. Roy, Severin LeBlanc and Dr. Duplex from Royville, accompanied by Messrs. J. A. Roy and M. Billard, were in New Orleans on the latter part of last week, attending to business.

Our young Druggist friend R. J. Dominguez witnessed the Hall and Fittings fight, at the Casino, Monday.

The dull season has set in. No more business; loafers are getting scarce; even whiskey day looks gloomy.

It would be much to regret if the present market for sugar, which has been started in our section, should subside; there being at present two public schools and three private schools, to which latter number one more should be added next month.

Our town is without mayor or constable and at a moment when they are greatly needed, inasmuch as the municipal election takes place on the 2d Tuesday of April.

Caracero News. Editor Lafayette Gazette: Messrs Ferris, Humble and Roussel, representatives of the Ferris Sugar Manufacturing Company, spent several days here last week. It is said that they have completed contracts for the purchase of over six hundred acres of cane in the place. They have declared their intention of erecting a 400-foot platform near the depot, for the forwarding of their shipments.

Mr. Gus. Schulmen, has closed his establishment here, and moved to Lake Charles, where flattering inducements offered him for opening a first-class store. Mr. Schulmen was one of our leading and most enterprising citizens, never letting an opportunity pass wherein his assistance might aid in the progress or advancement of Carecero.

His removal will prove a loss to our little town, and a gain to Lake Charles. We wish him every success in his new home.

Mrs. L. G. Nwell and children, of New Orleans, were in town a few days ago visiting her sister, Mrs. D. A. Dimity.

It is almost a settled fact that we are to have a branch road connecting Carecero with Arnaudville. The road has been surveyed as far as Singleton's, and the grading and building will soon commence. It will run through the most fertile section of the parish, and will undoubtedly prove of inestimable value to Carecero, and bring us in contact with a large area that now is wholly dependent on the Teche for the transportation of its produce. It will greatly enhance the value of the property through which it will run, and will no doubt prove a very successful and valuable investment. All the property owners along the route have promised "right of way," and doing all in their power to encourage the enterprise. Just keep your eye on Carecero a little while, if you please.

Dr. G. D. Owen, of Eola, spent last Thursday and Friday with Dr. F. W. Courtney.

Mr. A. Cheffer, the veteran lumber dealer, has a large assortment of all kinds of building material, and can furnish the "wherewithal" for anything from a hut to a mansion.

There were 666 dozens of eggs shipped here during the month of February.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. W. A. Robert of Carecero and Miss Martha Victrine of Ville