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We are authorized to announce that

HON. OVERTON CADE is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for railroad commissioner for this district.

FOR BETTER ROADS.

Those who have driven over the road to Scott know what can be done with a small sum of money judiciously expended. This road, which is not yet completed, furnishes ample evidence that a few men, properly encouraged, can accomplish very much in the way of improving the public thoroughfares. Mr. Alcide Judice, the well-known Scott merchant, inaugurated a movement some time ago which has resulted in giving to the public a road between this place and Scott, that is far superior to any of the other principal highways of the parish. Though not quite completed, this road is such a vast improvement on the old one that a person is loth to believe that such excellent work could have been done in so short a time and at so small a cost.

The work was done by Ludovic Billeaud and Adelma Martin, aided by Joseph Billeaud, who contracted with Mr. Alcide Judice, to whom much credit is due for this splendid road. Mr. Judice subscribed liberally and with the assistance of gentlemen of this town raised \$200 which was the amount expended. Mr. Coronna gave \$50 for the compass and the Lafayette Refinery subscribed a like sum. Through the efforts of Mr. T. M. Blossat the sum of \$50 was raised among the people of this town and an appropriation of \$50 was made by the Police Jury.

Now that we have a good road to Scott our people should continue to agitate this question until the roads to Carencro, Broussard, Royville and Breaux Bridge are put in first-class condition. We understand that steps have already been taken to raise the money necessary to repair the Royville road. An effort will be made to put this road in good condition before bad weather sets in. Experience has taught the people of this parish that the present system is a failure and if the roads are to be worked it must be by private subscriptions and through the organized efforts of those interested. Certain provisions have been made in the new constitution to levy a road tax, but it will be some time before this law will give us better roads. It will not do to wait. Lafayette can not afford to be inactive when so much is at stake, and the farmers are equally interested in having better roads. The work so happily inaugurated should be continued with unabated energy.

IN BEHALF OF THE PRIVATES.

Congressman Broussard took up the cudgel for the privates and succeeded in obtaining an order from the war department to muster out the First Louisiana Regiment now at Jacksonville. Owing to the tyrannical action of Col. Stevens the privates were denied an opportunity to even express a desire to be mustered out. This officer claimed that it was contrary to discipline and unsoldier-like for the men to petition the department to be allowed to return home, but he subsequently declared that 60 per cent of the regiment were anxious to do garrison duty in Cuba. The City Item very pertinently asks how the esteemed colonel obtained this information if he did not canvass the regiment to ascertain what was the sentiment among the men. In the opinion of this military authority what was so unsoldierlike in the privates was eminently proper for the officers to do.

While the wisdom of the government in consulting the regiments

may be questioned, and while it is perfectly natural for the officers to try to hold on to their jobs, the action of the officers in denying the men an opportunity to make their wishes known and of employing autocratic methods to enforce their orders, can not be too strongly condemned by all fair-minded people. Petty officers, often appointed solely for political reasons, should be taught not to abuse a little temporary authority with which they might accidentally be vested.

Congressman Broussard has done what no other Louisiana official has deigned to do. He has used his influence at Washington in behalf of the private soldier who wanted to get out of the service to return to his family and to his business. He was not bluffed by the wrath of the officers who have made such desperate efforts to retain their very soft snaps in Uncle Sam's employ. Mr. Broussard deserves well for the plucky stand that he has taken for the men, though he might have incurred the enmity of a few gentlemen who did not want to let go a good thing.

Cotton buyers will be at Gerac's gin to-day and will buy all the cotton for cash.

DO YOUR DUTY GENTLEMEN.

Last Monday was the regular meeting day of the City Council, but before a quorum could be gotten together it was so late in the day that very little business could be transacted. The meeting continued until Wednesday, but on that day it was impossible to get a quorum, and no meeting was held.

It strikes us that those members of the Council who can not, or do not want, to attend to their duties should resign. When they accepted the office, which they now hold, they assumed certain obligations which they have taken an oath to fill to the best of their ability. If their personal affairs are such that they can not give any of their time to the public business they should resign and let those who are willing to serve be appointed.

The affairs of the town need the attention of a wide-awake and business-like Council. Without this we are bound to retrograde.

Do your duty gentlemen, or quit. See the pretty and comfortable carriages at Leopold Lacoste's.

The public schools opened last Monday with a good attendance, there being 150 pupils enrolled, which number will more than probably be soon increased to 200 and over. An excellent corps of teachers are in charge and Lafayette can justly feel that her schools are in no wise inferior to others in the State.

Five cents was paid for cotton at Gerac's gin last Saturday.

THE STREETS TO BE WORKED.

Mayor Caffery has informed us that arrangements have been made to work the streets. No doubt the people will be pleased to learn that the present deplorable condition of the town is only temporary. The Gazette has always felt confident that the town administration would do its best to have the streets worked before the winter season and that the mud holes and tall weeds would be attended to in due time. Before any work is done on the streets the Council should see that the stock law is rigidly enforced. As we said before the stock on our streets are a public nuisance. They not only commit all sorts of depredations on private property but they ruin the streets and side-walks. Let the Council start the good work by instructing the police to enforce the stock ordinance.

Planters can get wagons at Gerac's gin to haul their cotton.

ON TRIAL.

The Suit of the Consolidated Engineering Company vs. the Town of Lafayette.

Last Thursday morning Judge Debaillon called up for trial the suit of the Consolidated Engineering Company vs. the City Council of Lafayette. The plaintiffs were represented by Judge Jno. Clegg of New Orleans and Col. G. A. Breaux of the local bar, and the interests of the town were looked after by Messrs. C. D. Caffery, Orther C. Mouton, Wm. Campbell and Crow Girard.

After the usual preliminary skirmishes the work of taking testimony was begun. The ground is being fought inch by inch and from appearances we judge that the trial will last several days.

This suit was instituted by the Consolidated Engineering Company to enforce the payment of a thousand dollars due for the construction of the waterworks and electric light plant. The town sued in reconvention for damages and to compel the company to remedy the defects which are alleged to exist in the plant. The famous or infamous Zell boilers are alleged to be deficient in economy, safety and capacity and in a worthless condition. Charges of a more serious character are made as the town makes the allegation in its answer that there was some dishonest transaction between the company and the town's consulting engineer, who, by the way, was conspicuously absent from the court-room during the trial Thursday.

The town will undertake to show that the boilers are not as stipulated in the contract and we understand that much evidence will be adduced to prove this fact.

The result of the trial is awaited with much interest by the people of the town.

Lafayette will never be a wagon market without good roads. Now's the time, gentlemen. A cotton market means a large increase in the local trade.

Fine display of diamonds at Biossot's jewelry store.

The Gazette is informed that Col. Breaux has declined the Republican nomination for congress. The colonel is evidently not willing to lead a forlorn hope.

Death of a Good Man

A special from St. Martinville to the Times-Democrat of Sept. 8, says: "Mr. E. A. Duchamp, president of the Police Jury and a member of that body for thirty-two years, died yesterday and was buried this morning. Mr. Duchamp was mayor of the town of St. Martinville for five years. His loss will be felt by the parish of St. Martin. He occupied political positions for nearly forty years, and yet never went into active politics. He was never known to take part in any canvass or political combination. There have been no public improvements in the town of St. Martinville or the parish of St. Martin in which he was not one of the promoters."

"He was a trustee of the Catholic church for thirty years. He was born in New Jersey in 1836."

The old building at the corner opposite the court-house is being demolished to make way for Mr. Begnaud's new two-story structure.

J. L. Jones, who called the Republican nominating convention together at Morgan City, is a negro. Jones was ousted, however, to make way for a white man.

Wanted—A partner with \$5000, to increase a business in general merchandise store. Apply to Amb. Mouton, Real Estate and General Agency, Lafayette, La.

On a Furlough.

Alley Sprole, Lewis McBride, Willie Elmer, Paul Castel, Joseph Budloh, Henry Judice, Olivier Dugas, Jno. Greig, R. B. Martin, Frank McBride, Ozemee LeBlanc, Tom Behan, Felix Villere, who left here on June 30, to enlist as soldiers with the Cannoneers at Donaldsonville returned home having been granted a thirty-day furlough. Eddie Matthews stopped at Morgan City and Jerome Mouton at St. Martinville, to spend some time with relatives. C. S. Morris and J. H. Reodus, who left here with the Lafayette boys, remained at the Jackson barracks to do guard duty. R. E. Cunningham, Jim Bailey and Beauregard Besse and Ben Harold passed through on the way to their homes at Rayne.

It is believed that the boys will be finally mustered out at the end of their furlough. Their battery is on the list of those designated by the department to be discharged.

Prof. Knapp, of Calcasieu, has gone to China in the interests of American agriculture. If our Carencro friends are correct the professor is not a howling success as a promoter of the agricultural industry, but while in the celestial kingdom he might give Li Hung Chang a few pointers on Chinese diplomacy.

Hon. G. A. Breaux Nominated.

Morgan City, La., Sept. 6.—The Republican congressional committee of the Third district convened here at 1 o'clock to-day with a full representation, and a majority of the delegates being white people. Chairman J. L. Jones called the meeting to order, and after an eloquent address a committee on credentials was appointed and a recess taken until 5 o'clock. It was fully 8 o'clock, however, when the delegates got together again. Mr. Charles Fontelieu, of Ibeaia, was elected chairman, and J. B. Lowry, of Iberville, secretary. Hon. Gus A. Breaux, of Lafayette, was placed in nomination for congress by J. L. Jones, and seconded by Hon. C. B. Darrall. He was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Charles Fontelieu was elected chairman of the district committee, and J. B. Lowry secretary. The convention finished its business and adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator, for everybody the year round. All druggists 10, 25, 50 cents a box, cure guaranteed.

Gus Schmulen has had his store much enlarged and he will carry an unusually large stock this fall.

Prof. R. C. Greig opened his school last Monday with a large attendance. The other private schools in town, we understand, began the session with bright prospects.

Gerac's gin can turn out forty bales per day. Six or eight buyers are always there and will pay the highest prices.

A Building and Loan Association.

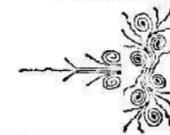
The Gazette is pleased to publish the following call. A local home building and loan association is calculated to do much good and we hope that this move will meet with the success that it deserves.

All interested in the organization of a Home Building and Loan Association are requested to meet at the court-house, Thursday evening, Sept. 15, at 8 o'clock p. m. R. C. Greig, Ed G. Voorhies, C. O. Mouton, C. D. Caffery, Crow Girard, J. J. Davidson, Wm. Clegg, S. R. Parkerson, F. V. Mouton, Homer Mouton, N. P. Moss, A. Bonnet, P. W. Barnes, F. K. Hopkins, O. C. Mouton.

New crop garden seeds at the Moss Pharmacy for fall and winter vegetables.

NEW STORE NOW OPEN

And ready for business with a well assorted stock of.....



Dress Goods, Calicoes, Percales, Trimmings, Linings; Men's and Boys' Clothing, Shirts, Shoes, Hats and Millinery.

All Selected in Person in New York.

Grand Bargain Days on Saturday and Monday, Sept. 10 and 12.

500 yards Standard Calicoes, 2 1-2c., Heavy Brown Domestic yd. wide, 4c., Bleached Domestic yd. wide, 4c., Cotton Plaids, 4c., Coffee, 8c. All groceries very cheap.

Give us a call and examine goods and prices.

YOURS TO PLEASE,

Holt & Carter, Next to post-office.

NOTICE TO FARMERS!

Notwithstanding statements of other cotton buyers, we will give highest cash prices for cotton at gins and at ginners' weight. We only ask for bids on your cotton to show this.

Office at Mouton Bros.' Store, Lafayette, La.

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And want another shot at living take DR. CAILLOUET'S SARSAPARILLA.

Best known remedy for pimples, pustules, tetter or salt rheum, blotches, boils, ring worm, ulcers, scrofula and syphilis.

MAKES GOOD BLOOD.

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The Yellow Fever.

The report that there were cases of yellow fever in New Orleans was unfounded. After investigation experts declared that there was no yellow fever in the city. Some places are still maintaining a senseless quarantine, not only against New Orleans, but against the earth. The fever at Franklin continues to spread, but so far it has been kept within the limits of the town. The people of this State have not yet betrayed any symptoms of the scare which prevailed last year and even should the fever spread to other towns it is not believed that the quarantine methods of last year will be resorted to again.

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sample and booklet free.

If you have any cotton Gerac Bros. will gin it for you at the most reasonable terms.

Dr. N. P. Moss, T. M. Blossat and B. N. Coronna will visit Royville with a view of enlisting the support of the people of that town in the effort which is being made to repair the road to that point.

School books and all other requisites for the school room can be had at the Moss Pharmacy, at lowest ruling prices.

The whole country will sympathize with General Joe Wheeler in the untimely death of his gallant son, Thomas H. Wheeler, who was accidentally drowned at Montauk Point, L. I. The young man was 17 years of age and was on his father's staff in the Santiago campaign. The heart of every true American goes out to the old hero in his great misfortune.

Those who have cotton are urged to bring it to Gerac's gin. There's the place to gin it and to sell it.

For A Wagon Market.

The question of making Lafayette a wagon market for cotton is being agitated by many of our business men. The other day a gentleman largely identified with the business of this town, gave expression to the following views which struck us as being particularly forcible. He said:

"Every citizen of Lafayette, regardless of what his business or profession may be, is directly interested in assisting to build up this town as a wagon cotton market."

"Almost without a solitary exception, in every town along the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad between New Iberia and Alexandria, farmers haul and sell their cotton directly to buyers."

"There can be no argument that our merchants will sell no wagons, no drugs, no groceries, no dry goods, no anything, to the farmer who finds his market at Scott, Broussardville, Breaux Bridge, Carencro, or any other town than Lafayette, and it is a duty which every citizen of Lafayette owes to himself to strive to put this town on the same footing as, for instance, Opelousas, which handles from 15,000 to 17,000 bales of wagon cotton annually. Although as much cotton is raised within 20 miles of us as within the same area of Opelousas, yet Lafayette has never had a bale of cotton sold on her streets, up to this season, simply because we were not awake to our opportunities."

"Competition makes trade and as soon as it is known that Lafayette is a wagon cotton market buyers will compete so keenly for the staple that prices obtained will attract farmers here for miles and miles around."

New goods have been piling in on Moss & Co. for several days past. This firm intends to be at the head of the procession this season for popular goods at popular prices.