

**ABOUT OURSELVES.**

Our readers have no doubt noticed for some time past that The Gazette has furnished them with a rather meagre service. We will not apologize for short-comings, but will state that in the future will try to do better. We have bought of the American Type Founders' Company, of St. Louis, a modern press to take the place of the rather primitive "Washington hand-press" and on next Saturday we will begin the publication of a seven-column folio, set up and printed in our office. We will try to give the people of Lafayette a good country weekly and hope to merit their patronage.

**THE LAW ON HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS.**

The Gazette publishes below the new law on homestead exemptions adopted by the late constitutional convention. As most of our readers must be familiar with the terms of the law passed by the constitution of 1879 on the same subject, we do not reproduce it. Under that constitution a person could not renounce his homestead rights; and furthermore such exemptions to be valid had to be set apart and registered, while now any person entitled to a homestead may waive it by recording a written waiver in the recorder's office. It will be seen that it may be in whole or in part, or general or special:

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS.**

Article 244. There shall be exempt from seizure and sale by any process whatever, except as herein provided, and without registration, the homestead, *bona fide*, owned by the debtor and occupied by him, consisting of lands, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, buildings and appurtenances, whether rural or urban, of every head of a family, or person having a mother or father, or a person or persons dependant on him or her for support, also two work horses, one wagon or cart, one yoke of oxen, two cows and calves, twenty-five head of hogs, or one thousand pounds of bacon or its equivalent in pork, whether these exempted objects be attached to a homestead or not, and on a farm the necessary quantity of corn and fodder for the current year, and the necessary farming implements, to the value of two thousand dollars.

Provided, that in case the homestead exceeds two thousand dollars in value, the beneficiary shall be entitled to that amount in case a sale of the homestead under any legal process realizes more than that sum.

No husband shall have the benefit of a homestead, whose wife owns, and is in the actual enjoyment of property or means to the amount of two thousand dollars.

The benefit of this exemption may be claimed by the surviving spouse, or minor child or children, of a deceased beneficiary.

Article 245. Rights to homesteads or exemptions, under laws or contracts, or obligations existing at the time of the adoption of this constitution, shall not be impaired, repealed or affected by any provision of this constitution, or any laws passed in pursuance thereof.

This exemption shall not apply to the following debts, to-wit:

- 1st. For the purchase price of property or any part thereof.
- 2d. For labor, money and material, furnished for building, repairing or improving homesteads.
- 3d. For liabilities incurred by any public officer, or fiduciary, or any attorney-at-law, for money collected or received on deposit.
- 4th. For taxes or assessments.
- 5th. For rent which bears a privilege upon said property. No court or ministerial officer of this State shall ever have jurisdiction, or authority, to enforce any judgment, execution or decree, against the property exempted as a homestead, except the debts above mentioned in numbers one, two, three, four and five, of this Article; provided, the property herein declared exempt shall not exceed in value two thousand dollars.

Article 246. The right to sell any property that is exempt as homestead shall be preserved; but no sale shall destroy or impair any rights of creditors therein. Any person entitled to a homestead may waive the same, by signing with his wife, if she be not separated *a mensa et thoro*, and having recorded in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages of his parish, a written waiver of the same, in whole or in part. Such waiver may be either general or special, and shall have effect from the time of recording.

Article 247. The articles of this constitution relating to homestead and exemption shall take effect on January 1, 1899. In the Parish of Orleans, the homestead to be valid shall be recorded as is now, or may be, provided by law.

Throat cleared by Caillouet's Anti-Cough. Ten cents at Caillouet's Drug Store.

**A Fine Piece of Color Work.**

An experienced art critic gives it as his opinion that there will be no handsomer piece of color work issued this year than Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar for 1899. It is not only useful, but artistic and beautiful, and up-to-date. The charming "American Girl" whose beautiful face appears with a delicately painted flag in the background, makes a pleasing feature which anyone will be pleased to have before him the whole of 1899. We suppose druggists will have this Calendar, or a copy may be obtained by sending 6 cents to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Lowney's candies at DeLahoussaye & Caillouet's.

**The Frederick Bryton Company.** One of the best theatrical troupes that have visited Lafayette in many years, performed at Falk's opera-house this week. It was billed for one night, but Mr. Falk prevailed upon Mr. Bryton to give three performances, all of which were well attended and greatly enjoyed. The next attraction will be the Schubert Symphony Club which appears on the 20th.

Fine candies at Caillouet's Drug-store.

**SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LAFAYETTE,**

At Lafayette, in the State of Louisiana.

At the close of business, Dec. 31, '98.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 67,898 95
Overdrafts	220 94
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	13,625
Other Stocks and Securities	130
Five per cent Redemption Fund	562 50
Banking-house	5,000
Furniture and fixtures	1,162 65
Cash and due from reserve banks	57,522 31
Total	\$176,122 35
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$ 50,000
Surplus fund	5,000
Undivided profits net	1,849 37
Dividend unpaid	36
Dividend No. 7, payable Jan. 2	2,000
National Bank notes	11,250
Deposits	105,986 98
Total	\$176,122 35

N. P. MOSS, President.  
J. G. PARKERSON, Vice-President.  
S. R. PARKERSON, Cashier.  
F. V. MOUTON, Asst. Cashier.

**Making the Home Attractive.**

William Martin Johnson, author of "Inside of a Hundred Homes," contributes the first article of his new series on "The House Practical" to the January Ladies Home Journal. In these articles Mr. Johnson will explain how the various rooms, hallways, etc., of a house may be artistically furnished and decorated at comparatively small cost. The explanation is so clearly detailed that, with the aid of accompanying drawings almost any one with taste may follow the instructions given. The articles will show how the interior of a house may be transformed from the commonplace into a thing of artistic beauty and coziness. There is no subject of such vital interest to Americans as the improvement of the home, and Mr. Johnson's articles will doubtless prove as popular and useful as his "Inside of a Hundred Homes."

Charles King and his company will be at Falk's Opera-house Sunday night, Jan. 15. Mr. King will be remembered by the people of our city as the leading man in the Emma Warren Company here a few years ago. The company will present Rip Van Winkle.

If you want the new year to look bright to you call at the Moss Pharmacy for a pair of the celebrated Hawkes' eye-glasses. Money refunded if they do not give utmost satisfaction. Only \$2.50 a pair.

Vernand Mouton and sister Anne leave to-day for New Orleans to spend a few days.

It is well to keep Dr. Caillouet's Tar and Wild Cherry on hand.

**Notice.**  
There will be a meeting of the stock holders of Carenery Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., in the refinery office at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, Jan. 16, 1899.  
V. E. DUPUIS, President.

**Everybody Says So.**  
Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colic, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a Box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

**Notice to Tax-payers.**  
Tax-payers who have not yet settled for their taxes are urged to do so at once in order to avoid costs. Under the new law the notices issued through the mail have to be registered which entails an additional cost of 25 cents instead of 10 cents as heretofore. After the 31st of December all who have not paid will become delinquent.

I. A. BROUSSARD,  
Sheriff and Tax-Collector.

To the Hon. Police Jury—Your undersigned committee appointed to estimate the probable expenses of the parish for the year 1899, would respectfully report the following for your adoption:

Assessor's salary	\$ 700 00
Sheriff's salary	2300 00
Court-house keeper	100 00
Printing	275 00
Secretary	200 00
Treasurer	200 00
Members Police Jury	400 00
District Attorney conviction fees	350 00
Coroner's fees	300 00
Road overseers	960 00
Bridge-keepers	220 00
Bridges and roads	4000 00
Jurors and witnesses	3000 00
Feeding prisoners	2000 00
Public schools	3000 00
Contingent fund	2500 00
Constables and justices	1200 00
Improvements	3000 00
	\$24705 00

Respectfully submitted,  
JNO. WHITTINGTON,  
A. LACEY,  
R. C. GREGG,  
Lafayette, La., Nov. 19, 1898.

**Real Estate**  
—AND—  
**General Agency**

To day is Your Chance. To-morrow May be too Late.

Give me a chance to show you, free of charge, some of the best improved, high rolling and light SUGAR, COTTON and CORN plantations and farms in this State, near railways and railroads. Cheap and easy terms. Improved and unimproved property in the four additions to this rapidly improving and flourishing town, as follows:

- 1900 acres, residence, tenant house, barn, etc., in Vermilion.
- 394 acres, residence, 7 tenant houses, barn, 1 1/2 miles from Scott.
- 317 arpents, residence, 1 tenant house, barn, 1 1/2 miles from derrick.
- 300 acres, residence, 5 tenant houses, barn, 2 miles from Broussard.
- 248 arpents, residence, 4 tenant houses, barn, 5 miles from Lafayette.
- 161 acres, residence, tenant house, barn, 3 miles from Duson.
- 155 arpents, residence, 2 tenant houses, barn, 3 miles from Lafayette.
- 146 arpents woodland in St. Martin.
- 140 acres, residence, 1 tenant house, barn, 2 miles from Lafayette.
- 136 arpents residence, 2 tenant houses, barn, 2 miles from Scott.
- 83 arpents, residence, 1 tenant house, 2 miles from Lafayette.
- 80 acres, fenced, near Zenon Landry's in Vermilion.
- 80 arpents, cypress and wood land near Breaux Bridge.
- 75 arpents, fenced and in cultivation, 3 miles from Rayne.
- 70 acres, residence, barn, near Duson.
- 63 arpents wood land, 3 miles from Lafayette.
- 48 acres, residence, tenant house, 1 1/2 miles from Lafayette.
- 40 acres high agricultural land, 30 miles free range in Cameron.
- 35 arpents, residence, etc., 1 1/2 miles from Lafayette.
- 34 arpents, residence, etc., 3 miles from Lafayette.
- 20 acres 1/2 mile from Lafayette.
- 20 arpents, residence, 1 1/2 miles from Lafayette.
- 10 arpents, corporate limits Lafayette.
- 5 acres, 3 residences, barns, etc., in corporation Lafayette.
- 5 acres, 1 residence, etc., in corporation Lafayette.
- 4 acres, oak grove in corporation Lafayette.
- 4 acres, Oak avenue in corporation Lafayette.
- A large two story hotel near railroad depot.
- One large store.
- Two stores and residences combined.
- Large and small residences.
- Eight lots on Lincoln avenue.
- Lots in the four additions for business and residences.
- Second hand sugar and grit mills.
- Bulders and engines.
- Horses, mules, Jersey and other good milk cows.
- Carriages, carts, etc.
- The grandest bargain of 1898, 2900 acres, well improved, at 2.05 per acre.

Call for What you need or want to know.  
**AMBROISE MOUTON,**  
Box 42, P. O. Building,  
Lafayette, La.

**Mules for Sale!**

A car-load of large, healthy mules for sale at lowest prices, now on Harry Durke's plantation near Royville.

**TAX SALES.**

**Corporation of Lafayette vs. Delinquent Tax-payers.**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, I will sell at the town hall in the Corporation of Lafayette, in the State aforesaid, between legal sale hours, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m., on

**Saturday, Feb. 4, 1899,**

and continuing on each succeeding day, until said sales are completed, all property on which taxes are now due to the Corporation of Lafayette, to enforce collection of taxes assessed in the year 1896 or 1897, together with interest thereon from the 31st day of December, 1896 or 1897, at the rate of 2 per cent. per month until paid, and all costs. The names of said delinquent tax-payers, the amount of the taxes due by each on the assessment of said year and the property assessed to each to be offered for sale, as follows, to-wit:

**WHITES.**  
Micaud & Hebert, of 244, Mills addition; tax 1896, 30 cents; tax 1897, 50 cents, interest 40 cents, total \$1.26.  
Miss Eliza Mouton, lots 146, 162 and 149 Mouton addition; tax 1897, \$5.00, notice 10 cents, interest \$2.30, total \$7.40.  
Mrs. Olivia Robertson, lot 10, square 87, McComb addition, tax 1897, \$1.63, notice 10 cents, interest 67 cents, total \$2.32.

**COLORED.**  
Usin Boutreaux' heirs, one lot, Kennedy Addition, tax 1896, \$1.00, notice 10 cents, interest 25 cents, total \$1.35.  
Hermogene Breaux, improvements on lot McComb addition, tax 1896, 40 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 10 cents, total 60 cents.  
Mrs. Enallic Breaux, lots 11 and 12, square 14, McComb addition, tax 1896, \$1.00, notice 10 cents, interest 25 cents, total \$1.35.  
Mrs. Eliza Edmond, estate, one half lot 383, Mills addition, tax 1896, 75 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 18 cents, total \$1.03.  
Caroline Mouton, one lot Kennedy addition, tax 1896, \$1.00, notice 10 cents, interest 25 cents, total \$1.35.

Mrs. Mary Perkins, lot 222, Mouton addition, tax 1896, \$1.00, tax 1897, \$1.90, notice 10 cents, interest \$1.38, total \$4.38.  
Honore Rigues, one lot Dr. Hopkins-Mills addition, tax 1896, \$4.83, notice 10 cents, interest \$1.20, total \$6.13.  
Mrs. Susan Richardson, lot 8, square 35, McComb addition, tax 1896, 50 cents, tax 1897, 94 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 69 cents, total \$2.23.  
Mrs. Emma Thomas, improvements on lot 23, square 35, McComb addition, tax 1896 \$1.00, notice 10 cents, interest 25 cents, total \$1.25.  
Wm. Froote, lot 9 McComb addition, tax 1897, \$1.90, notice 10 cents, interest 92 cents, total \$2.92.  
Annalide John, lot 86, Mouton addition, tax 1897, \$2.00, notice 10 cents, interest 92 cents, total \$3.08.

Jno. Baptiste John, lot 75 old corporation, tax 1897, \$1.00, notice 10 cents, interest \$1.84, total \$2.84.  
Wm. Landry's heirs, lot 3, square 12, McComb addition, tax 1896, 50 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 23 cents, total \$3 cents.  
Antoine Mouton, one half lot 10, Mouton addition, tax 1897, \$1.50, notice 10 cents, interest 69 cents, total \$2.34.  
Albert Neveu, one lot 90, Mills addition, tax 1897, \$1.90, notice 10 cents, interest 90 cents, total \$2.90.  
Mrs. Mary Pradier, lot 94, Mouton addition, tax 1897, \$1.56, notice 10 cents, interest 69 cents, total \$2.35.

**NON-RESIDENTS.**  
Albert Landry, lot 3, square 45, McComb addition, tax 1896, 50 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 12 cents, total 72 cents.  
Mrs. Mary Sommier, lots 1 and 2, square 14, McComb addition; lots 342 and 343; Mouton addition, tax 1896, \$5.00, notice 10 cents, interest \$1.25, total \$6.35.  
New Orleans Brewing Company, merchandise, tax 1897, \$7.50, notice 10 cents, interest \$3.58, total \$11.18.  
Smith Alpha, tutor, lot 138 Mouton addition, tax 1897, \$1.56, notice 10 cents, interest 70 cents, total \$2.36.  
Mrs. Emily Falk, lots 1, 2 and 3, B. K. Co., McComb addition, tax 1897, \$1.87, notice 10 cents, interest 92 cents, total \$2.87.  
Joseph Montet, lot 352, Mouton addition, tax 1897, 75 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 35 cents, total \$1.20.  
Israel Prejean, lots 1 and 17, Mouton addition, tax 1897, 50 cents, notice 10 cents, interest 23 cents, total \$5 cents.

On said day I will sell such portion of said property as each debtor will point out, and in case the debtor will not point out sufficient property, I will at once and without further delay, sell the least quantity of said property of any debtor, which any bidder will buy for the amount of taxes, interest and cost due by said debtor. The sale will be without appraisal for cash in legal tender money of the United States, and the property sold shall be redeemable any time for the space of one year by paying the price given, with twenty per cent. and cost and penalty added.  
The mortgage creditors are hereby notified that if the property to be sold is not redeemed, the sale thereof when recorded in the conveyance or mortgage office shall operate as a cancellation of all conventional and judicial mortgages thereon.  
D. J. VEAZEY,  
Constable and Collector.  
Lafayette, La., Dec. 31, 1898.

**A TEXAS WONDER.**

**Hall's Great Discovery.**  
One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emission, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned.  
E. W. HALL,  
Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 218,  
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For sale by Wm. Clogg.

**READ THIS.**  
Opelousas, January 27, 1898.  
This is to certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery, of Waco, Texas, for kidney and bladder troubles, and can truthfully say that it gave good satisfaction.  
W. R. COCHRAN, City Clerk.  
**ROBERT S. PERRY,**  
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New Iberia, La.  
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We have just received a complete line of the latest novelties in clothing, dry goods, shoes, hats, etc., which we consider the strongest and most complete, up-to date line in town; we cordially invite our friends and the public to come and inspect our goods before purchasing elsewhere. We take pleasure in showing goods, as we feel confident that when you examine our stock you will buy, as our prices and styles are right.

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**LEON PLONSKY.**

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