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We Must Make Room For Our

IMMENSE FALL STOCK

That is soon to arrive. Just think of it!

MEN'S STRAW HATS

Formerly:	Now:
\$2.75,	\$1.85.
2.50,	1.60.
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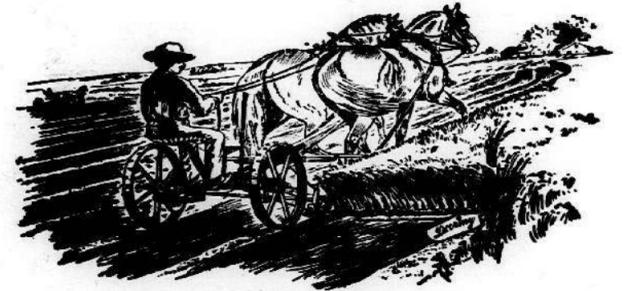
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The New Ideal Pattern

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Informs the public that she has just received a complete line of spring and summer millinery and fancy goods.

She solicits a share of your patronage.

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Colored Boy Falls From the Upper Story of the Crescent Hotel.

Willard, a young son of Valmond Lemel, the colored man who is head waiter at the Star and Crescent Hotel, had a narrow escape last Monday afternoon. He fell from the rear porch of the second story of the hotel building, a height of about 25 feet. The carpenters who are repairing the building had placed a temporary railing in lieu of the banisters.

The boy, although warned of the danger, leaned against the railing which gave way. The boy held on to the plank and fell to the ground with it. The hotel people ran to his assistance. Dr. Dreyfous, of New Orleans, who was present, thoroughly examined his body and was quick to ascertain the fact that he had received no serious injury. The next morning the boy was well.

Judge Blackman, of Alexandria, was in Lafayette Wednesday and paid The Gazette a much appreciated visit. The judge speaks entertainingly of the Kansas City Convention, which he classes among the greatest political gatherings in the history of this country. Judge Blackman was the Louisiana member of the committee on resolutions, a body which was composed of exceptionally able and influential men. The judge had occasion to speak with the best informed leaders of the various States and he reports that the consensus of opinion among them was that Bryan had a splendid chance of winning. The large gains made by the Democracy in the middle West and in other sections of the country are most encouraging and would indicate a victory in November.

FOR RENT—A small dwelling house, near centre of town. Apply at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davidson left Friday for the Seashore Camp Grounds near Biloxi. They will attend the meeting of the Epworth League being held there and will spend some time on the coast.

Dr. J. F. Mouton visited New Orleans this week.

Don't neglect to attend to that insurance business. Phone or write to Felix Mouton and he will call on you.

Miss Virgie Heard, of Avoyelles parish, who has been on a visit to Mrs. C. C. Wier, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bower and child left Tuesday for St. Louis where they will spend the month of August.

Oats, corn, hay and rice bran for sale. D. L. Caffery, phone 145.

Base Ball.
A game of base ball will be played at Oak Avenue Park Sunday, Aug. 5, between Pilette and New Iberia, for a purse of \$100. Game will be called at 3:30 p. m. Admission, 25 cents; children 10 cents; ladies, free.

Table and seed potatoes for sale. Triumph and Barbanks. First-class stock and much cheaper than New Orleans stock. O. B. Jenkins.

Prof. Robert Broussard returned last Saturday from Acadia parish where he had gone to complete the census in a ward, the enumerator having been incapacitated by sickness. Mr. Broussard took the census in the 7th ward of this parish, but got through in time to do some work in Acadia.

Miss Jennie Hacker, of New Iberia, is visiting Misses Evelyn and Nora Darby.

A. O. U. W. Entertained.
Last Tuesday the members of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias tendered a reception to the delegates of the A. O. U. W. convention. The local knights prepared a lunch and refreshments for the visiting brethren at their hall in the National Bank building and a good time was had by every one. Messrs. Shepherd and Perrault delivered appropriate addresses on behalf of the visitors and Messrs. Falk, Vigneaux, and Staley spoke for the local lodge.

A. O. U. W.

Grand Lodge Holds Its First Biennial Meeting in Lafayette.

Last Tuesday morning the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. met at Falk's hall. Grand Master W. C. Perrault presided and there were about fifty delegates present, nearly all the towns in the State being represented. When the meeting was called to order there were half a dozen persons of this town present. Six members of the Lafayette orchestra kindly volunteered their services and played some very acceptable music.

Judge Perrault rapped the assembly to order and Hon. Wm. Campbell delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the mayor who was unavoidably absent. Mr. C. O. Mouton, of Ideal lodge, spoke in behalf of the local fraternity. Judge Perrault responded to the addresses of welcome and returned thanks for the hospitality so unselfishly tendered. The judge dwelt at considerable length upon the merits of the order explaining both its insurance and benevolent features. He referred to the large increase in the membership rolls in this State and to the great help given to the widows and orphans of deceased members. At the conclusion of Judge Perrault's address the lodge convened in executive session and transacted much business. The reports of the officers were received and referred to appropriate committees and disposed of in regular order.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing two years: W. C. Perrault of Opelousas, grand master workman; George J. Martin of New Orleans, grand foreman; James Fortier of Donaldsonville, grand overseer; D. J. Searcy of New Orleans, grand recorder; Charles E. Peroncel of Shreveport, grand receiver; C. O. Mouton of Lafayette, grand inner watchman; H. R. Silvernail of Crowley, grand outer watchman; W. W. Whittington of Alexandria, grand judge; Dr. Clarence Pierson of New Iberia, grand medical examiner; W. C. Perrault, T. J. Shepherd, W. W. Whittington, Sr., supreme representatives.

Donaldsonville was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting.

Tuesday night Mr. Webb McNall, of Kansas, installed the newly elected officers and delivered an address to the lodge.

See Felix Mouton about life and fire insurance.

Louis N. Brueggerhoff, a member of the repositary staff of the Shreveport Evening Journal, was among the delegates who attended the meeting of A. O. U. W. held here this week. While in Lafayette Mr. Brueggerhoff paid The Gazette an appreciated visit.

Now's the time to insure your life. Felix Mouton will attend to your insurance business at any time.

The jury commissioners met Wednesday and drew the venire for the September term of court which convenes on the 10th of that month. The venire is published in another column.

Felix Mouton will write an insurance policy on your life or property.

Mrs. F. C. Triay returned home Monday after making a visit to relatives at Bunkie.

Wilson Arrested.
Sheriff Broussard received a telegram last Wednesday from Deputy Sheriff Dees of Lake Charles to arrest a white man named Jack Wilson, wanted in Calcasieu for theft. The sheriff located Wilson early Wednesday morning and placed him under arrest. Deputy Ryan came from Lake Charles on the noon train and returned in the afternoon with Wilson in custody. It appears that Wilson is not only wanted in Lake Charles, but is also much wanted in Orange, Texas. He is said to be a dashing fellow and a very smooth individual.

Judge H. L. Monnier has completed his office. It is very neat and tasty and looks well.

POLICE JURY

Holds Its Regular Monthly Meeting—Contract Made With Sheriff Broussard.

The Police Jury met last Thursday in regular session with all the members present. Minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Alex Broussard was authorized to purchase lumber and repair Middle Bridge in the second ward. Mr. Broussard was further authorized to advertise for bids to construct a new bridge at Pascal Molaison's. This bridge connects Lafayette and Acadia parishes and it is estimated will cost not less than \$800 the length being over three hundred feet.

Mr. Wm. Campbell appeared and addressed the jury in behalf of Cadets McBride and Herpin, urging the absolute necessity of reappointing the young men as beneficiary cadets of the State University at Baton Rouge.

By motion the jury unanimously reappointed the cadets and made the usual appropriation for their maintenance. This action will meet with the unqualified approval of the people of the parish and is a source of extreme satisfaction to the ambitious young men. Cadet McBride has received the highest commendation and endorsement from Col. Boyd, president of the University, and will graduate next session.

Messrs. Mouton, Lacy and Labbe, appointed to report on the advisability of contracting with Sheriff Broussard, submitted a report giving in detail the result of their investigations and recommending that the jury refuse to contract with the sheriff for \$6450.

The sheriff then made a second proposition, offering to do the criminal work of the parish for a yearly consideration of \$6000, or \$5600 if the jury would furnish a janitor to keep the jail. The jury accepted the \$6000 proposition. Under this contract the sheriff will do all the criminal work of the parish, including the feeding of prisoners and the proper keeping of the jail. He will bear the expenses incurred in the capture of criminals in and out of the parish and State and the expenses made in conveying prisoners to the penitentiary and patients to the insane asylum; he must also furnish deputies for elections, wait on the court, and do all the civil work for the parish, excepting the collection of taxes, licenses, forfeited bonds, fines and costs in criminal cases. Sheriff Broussard was asked why he had made a reduction from his first proposition. He stated that it was made at the request of Mr. Billeaud, the president of the jury, who was of the opinion that a contract was to the interest of the parish but asked the sheriff to make this concession, to which the sheriff acceded although confident that his salary under the law would have exceeded the sum fixed in his first proposition.

Messrs. Buchanan, S. Broussard and Mouton voted nay on the proposition.

Mr. Alex Broussard was authorized to exchange a portion of the public road near Alex Domingue's for an equal right of way on the west side of Domingue's land.

Messrs. Mouton, Whittington and Buchanan were appointed to confer with a committee from the City Council of Lafayette as to the drainage of the territory North of the town of Lafayette.

The jury accepted the report of a jury of freeholders opening up a road between Broussardville and Duchamp station.

The sum of \$600 was ordered paid into the school treasury on account of balance due. This leaves the jury yet \$400 behind on last year's appropriation to the schools. After approval of accounts the jury adjourned.

Will Meet Here.
The Epworth League of the Opelousas district will meet in Lafayette on Sept. 4 and will continue in session until the 6th.

There will be services Sunday at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Accidentally Killed.
Last Wednesday morning an unknown Mexican was accidentally run over and killed by a train at Dason. Acting Coroner F. R. Tolson went to Dason and held an inquest ascertaining the fact that the cause of death was purely accidental.

NECROLOGICAL.

Miss Mattie G. Torian, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Torian, died Thursday morning at the residence of her uncle, Mr. Walter S. Torian. Miss Torian was 31 years of age. Her death was not unexpected for some days ago it was announced that her illness betrayed symptoms which led her friends to believe that her once robust constitution would finally yield to the inroads of the malady. The tenderest nursing and the best medical skill failed, and the life of one so dear to family and to friends was brought to an untimely end.

The deceased was a person of uncommon intellectual force and of distinguished personality. She was held in great esteem by all who knew her and was admired and loved by her associates. A favorite at home and in society her death has created a void and has elicited many sincere expressions of regret from those who had occasion to become acquainted with the splendid qualities of heart and mind which are the inheritance of Southern womanhood and which the deceased enjoyed in a marked degree.

The icy hand of death ever inflicts its blows with merciless severity, but it seems that at times its dread visitations are accompanied by circumstances that even the stoutest heart is ill able to endure. For the death of this estimable person many friends and relatives will mourn, but the profoundest grief has been reserved by an Allwise Providence for the aged parents who can seek consolation only in the Christian truth that the Father of the universe knows best what should be.

Died.
Mr. Lewis H. Moore, aged 74 years, died Sunday morning at the residence of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joseph E. Moore, near this town. His remains were taken to Arnaudville for burial.

The deceased was a native of St. Landry. He was a brother of the late Circuit Judge Joseph Moore. He was a man of refinement and education and was highly respected. The Opelousas papers are requested to copy this notice.

Miss Mayre Littell, the manager of the Western Union office at this place, left yesterday for Opelousas, where she will spend a month among relatives. During Miss Littell's absence the Lafayette office will be in charge of Miss Elina Roy, of Opelousas.

Mr. R. C. Landry and daughter returned home Saturday from Hot Springs, Ark., where they remained five weeks for the benefit of their health.

One of our citizens was puzzled the other day when he saw the following sign hanging in front of the business place of one of the merchants doing business in the suburbs of this city:

"POPONICE."
Our perplexed friend racked his brain to know the meaning of the word. Looking into the store he saw a box containing ice and several bottles of pop which offered a solution of the puzzle.

Hon. O. Cade was in Lafayette Thursday.

Dr. F. E. Girard returned from New Orleans Thursday. While in that city Dr. Girard visited the building in which the negro Charles was intrenched and from which he did such deadly work with his rifle. The doctor says that the murderer could not have selected a better place to carry out his murderous intents, and that it is surprising he did not kill more men. He was in a position to pick out his victims, and was afforded almost absolute immunity from the bullets of the police and citizens.

Sheriff Broussard has added a catanout to his zoo. Some days ago he was presented with an eagle to complete the pair, but the recent acquisition is a very handsome animal and promises to become the star of the zoological collection.

Pearl Pearls!
For sale. Write for price to James Maund, Jennings, La.