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# L. LACOSTE,

Largest Carriage and Hardware  
House in Southwest Louisiana.

MAIN ENTRANCES: Jefferson and Madison Streets.

# WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR SPRING STOCK,

Consisting of a Well-selected Line of

## Men's Furnishings and A Full Assortment of Ladies' Shoes.

We have an elegant line of low quarters, from one to nine straps. See our Spring suits. We have the right kind of goods for the season, and remember we have only one price and are satisfied with a small profit.

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Former Stand of Lafayette Clothing House.

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## THE MANHATTAN THE MONARCH.....

Are the Finest Shirts Made.

They Dress Well,  
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Sold by...  
**LEVY BROS.**

We will be pleased to show our  
Spring suits for men and boys.



## Tailored Suits

For

\$12 UP TO \$30.

Let us make your

## Easter

suit for you. Samples of all kinds of cloths. Pants lengths of cloth in display.

No fit, No pay.

How does this proposition strike you?

Reliable Merchandise **ABRAMSON'S** The Blue Store

## IN THE SPRING,



WHEN your bedrooms have all been cleaned from Winter's accumulations, is a good time to renew the furniture of your sleeping rooms. In anticipation of your needs we have filled our warehouses with some rich and artistic bedroom suites, separate bureaus, cheval glasses, dressing tables, brass and enameled beds. Every article is well made and well finished. Get our prices and you will have an idea of the rare bargains we are offering.

Pellerin & DeClouet,  
House-Furnish rs.

John Deere  
Plows,  
Cultivators,  
Harrows,  
Banner Planters,  
Deere Planters,  
Buggies,  
Surries and  
Harness

Can Be Had at  
The Lowest Prices

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W. V. Nicholson's,

Near Depot

### INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Books for the Library—Literary Society Will Entertain on March 22.

Gavin Spence and Flora McDonald on April 1.

Slowly but surely the library of the Industrial Institute is growing in size. This is very gratifying and speaks well for this community, the public spiritedness of whose citizens is evidenced not only in the Institute itself, but by the way they manifest their interest in its welfare by either lending or giving books to the library. Col. Gus A. Breaux presented the following books last week. Advance and Retreat, by Gen. J. B. Hood, 1 volume; Gen. Beauregard, by Alfred Roman, 2 volumes; The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government, by Jefferson Davis, 2 volumes; Philip II, by Wm. H. Prescott, 2 volumes; Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes, by l'Abbe Cyprien Fauquay. These books, with those presented by Mrs. John Clegg, and the great number loaned by Dr. F. E. Girard, make quite a fine appearance in the library of the Institute.

Enthusiasm runs high in the Literary Society this week owing to the fact that there will be an open session of that body on the night of the 22d. instant. Everybody is expected to turn out and all are sure to do so. These young people need and expect encouragement. So let no one interested in the school and its progress fail to be on hand. A good programme is being prepared and there will be no charge for admission.

The last number of the lecture course this season will be given on Tuesday, the 1st of April. This will be Gavin Spence and Flora MacDonald, the accomplished Scottish entertainers. These people come well recommended, and in their "Auld Scotch Songs," this bonnie lassie and braw Scot will reach the hearts of many.

Albert S. Clark, the photographer, opposite Gardebled's drugstore, does good work. Give him a trial.

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

The fact that the Grand Jury returned only nine true bills is the best proof that the laws in this parish are pretty well observed. This is a splendid record for a parish of 23,000 people.

Have your picture taken at Clark's Art Studio, opposite Gardebled's Drugstore. Call to see the display of beautiful pictures.

**CORN-SHELLER FOR SALE.**  
Capacity 350 bushels a day. Worked by hand or power. Apply to GEO. A. DEBLANC, at Pelican Grist and Meal Factory, 2t.

**Pupils for Summer Normal.**  
There was a prompt response to the call issued by Superintendent Alleman in last Saturday's Gazette for pupils to attend the Summer Normal. But the required number has not yet been secured and parents who wish to take advantage of the opportunity offered will do well to communicate with a member of the committee.

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

It is to be hoped that the Police Jury will not disfigure the court-house square by building an unsightly fence around the jail. It appears to us that a neat iron fence four to five feet high will be all that is necessary to keep the public from interfering with the prisoners. Let the jailer be instructed to arrest all persons who will enter the jail-yard.

**Ask For It.**  
Creole Breakfast Hominy. Your merchant has it for sale.

A. R. Mitchell, the Calcasieu lawyer, was attending court here this week.

**Fertilizers and Distributors.**  
We are ready to furnish any kind of reliable fertilizers prepared for any kind of crop, by the bag or ton, at lowest rates. Also the latest improved planters and distributors. W. V. Nicholson. March 8, 3-t.

### DISTRICT COURT.

The Grand Jury Reports  
Nine True Bills—A Very  
Light Docket.

A regular criminal session of the District Court convened Monday morning with Judge Debaillon on the bench. The following Grand Jury with Mr. C. C. Brown as foreman was empanelled: Hebert Billeaud, A. A. Mouchet, A. A. Morgan, Alfred A. Delhomme, A. E. Mouton, J. G. St. Julien, G. W. Beadle, L. G. Breaux, Alcide Broussard, W. V. Nicholson, Sidney McFaddin.

Immediately after hearing the charge of the judge, the Grand Jury entered upon the discharge of its duties. Wednesday morning it concluded its labors and made a final report to the court. The report showed that twenty-one accusations had been investigated, out of which nine true bills were found, and it is worthy of note that the indictments are mostly for minor offenses. The Grand Jury congratulated the people upon the fact that so small a number of criminal cases had been presented for trial, evidencing a happy condition of affairs in the parish. The following true bills were reported: Chris Leifert, larceny of an overcoat.

Edmond Prejean, shooting with intent to kill and murder.

Paul Pellerin, larceny of one dollar.

Paul Ramare, stabbing with intent to kill and murder.

Eddie Gath, stabbing with intent to kill and slay.

Gustave Jones, burglary.

Wm. Green, larceny of a watch.

Jeff Williams, shooting with intent to kill and murder.

Frank Rubin, horse-stealing.

Pierre Sylvestre, larceny of a mattress.

"Not true bills" were returned in the following cases:

Landry Taylor, obtaining money under false pretense.

Cecile Morris, larceny.

Julia Simon, embezzlement.

Arsenor Green, obtaining money under false pretense.

A. Amuny, embezzlement.

Arsenor Green, obtaining goods under false pretense.

Eraste Bauman, shooting with intent to murder.

Next week and week after cases will be tried before the petit jury, but it is probable that all the docket will have been disposed of before the end of the second week.

The case of Jim Harris, colored, charged with murder, is fixed for Monday.

The case of Eloi LeBlanc, charged with an assault with intent to commit rape, has been fixed for the 24th.

Fresh Seeds,  
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Fresh Seeds,  
At the Moss Pharmacy.

**TO THE PUBLIC.**

Having decided to retire from the mercantile business I will close my store on or about Monday, March 17, 1902. As I will dispose of my stock at cost price I have some very advantageous bargains to offer.

Before retiring I desire to thank the public for their kind and generous patronage.

MRS. P. GERAC.

P. S. Pugh, of the Crowley bar, was attending to legal business in Lafayette this week.

The circulating library (including all the latest books of fiction) of the Moss Pharmacy is an assured success. The cost is so little that all who care for good reading can get it at a little less than 5c. per book, and you have 52 books during the year. Moss Pharmacy.

**Syrians on Warpath.**  
Yesterday morning there was an outbreak of hostilities among the Syrian population of Lafayette. The fight grew out of a legal controversy. As the Syrians have not yet contracted the American habit of fighting with weapons, none was seriously injured. A number of black-eyes and bruised noses were the results. Several arrests were made.

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### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elects a Chief and Other Officers  
For the Ensuing Year.

About two hundred firemen, members of the three fire organizations of the town, met in Falk's hall Monday to elect officers to serve during the ensuing year. It was no doubt the largest meeting of firemen ever held in Lafayette. The good-natured rivalry arising from election of a chief had stirred the boys as never before and as a consequence the enrollment of each of the three companies had been largely increased. Number One marshalled its forces in an effort to land District Attorney Campbell in the office of chief and Home Company stood loyally by Mr. F. V. Mouton. Single handed Home Company would have been unable to elect its man, but it made what reformed politicians call an "unholy combination" with Hook & Ladder Company. Number One fought with unswerving fealty to its favorite, but at the outset it was clearly evident that it could not hope to win against the combined strength of the two other companies. A count of the ballots showed that 105 votes had been cast for Mr. Mouton and 85 for Mr. Campbell. In announcing the result, Mr. Campbell, who was temporary chairman, referred to the friendly nature of the rivalry which animated the firemen in the contest and expressed much satisfaction at the active interest shown in the result of the election. In a brief and well-worded speech Mr. Mouton thanked the department for the honor conferred upon him. The meeting furnished ample evidence that the fire department of Lafayette is a vigorous, public-spirited organization, composed of men determined to do their duty in any emergency.

The officers elected are: President, A. E. Mouton; vice-president, Louis Lacoste; secretary, B. J. Pellerin; chief, F. V. Mouton; assistant chief, Arthur LeBlanc.

**FOR SALE**—Fine property on Madison street. Apply to M. Rosenstein, tailor, Lafayette, La.

The demand for crape and tissue paper has, for the last few years, been steadily increasing and today it is greater than that of any year. Crape paper has become a necessity for the home decoration. Its possibilities are beginning to be found out. See our latest assortment of the latest designs. Moss Pharmacy.

Clark, the photographer, is prepared to do good work. Call to see the pictures and get prices.

**Hook and Ladder Company.**  
Hook and Ladder Company held a meeting on the 10th of March and elected the following officers: P. L. DeClouet, president; M. Rosenfield, vice-president; Geo. DeBlanc, secretary; James Radcliff, foreman; E. Pellerin, 1st assistant; J. C. Nickerson, 2d assistant; Aymar Guidry and George Pefferkorn, nozzlemen; George DeClouet, keyman. A number of new members were enrolled.

Have your picture taken at Clark's. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Sorghum Seeds,  
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At the Moss Pharmacy.

**DON'T FORGET IT.**

Friday, March 28, 1902—Grand Auction Sale of Town Lots in Crowley.

Crowley has a population of 6,000 people. It has eight of the largest rice mills in the country, and another one contracted for. Eight large irrigating canals have their headquarters here. We have waterworks, electric lights; a \$35,000 opera-house; \$25,000 city hall and market house. Will soon have an electric line; a \$75,000 hotel, and a \$75,000 court-house. Everybody who attends this sale will participate in the drawing of a Crowley lot valued at \$250, or \$250 in gold.

W. W. DUSON & BRO.

All kinds of fresh seeds for the garden at the Moss Pharmacy.