

We Are Thoroughly Prepared To Meet the Demand of the Day.

**Ice-cream Freezers,
Ice Saws,
Ice Tongs,
Ice Shaves,
Ice Picks,
Seine Twine,**

**Water Coolers,
Lawn Mowers,
Garden Sprinkles,
Water Filters,
Wire Screen,
Fishing Tackle.**

Paints and Oils.

The Lacoste Hardware Store.

Lesson XXIV.



Do you see this hat?
I do see this good hat.
Why is it a good hat?
Because it is made by

JOHN. B. STETSON.

His Boss Raw Edge

HATS
are
BEST MADE.

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

Alpha-Doucet.
Last Thursday evening Mr. James Alpha and Miss Cecile Doucet were married at the Catholic church by Father Bollard. A large number of people gathered in front of the church where they awaited the arrival of the wedding party. At the appointed time the young couple, accompanied by their relatives and friends, arrived in carriages and after waiting a short while at the door of the church proceeded to the chancel. The bride, who was exceedingly lovely and beautiful in a splendid wedding dress, was escorted to the chancel by her father, Mr. Cleobule Doucet. Walking just before them were the bridesmaid, Miss Philomene Doucet, and Mr. Edward Thomas, the groomsmen. The groom, accompanied by Mr. Pierre Gerac, came out of the sacristy and met the bride in front of the altar. Father Bollard spoke of the sacred character of the ritual he was about to perform, referring to the divine origin of the holy sacrament which, he said, was instituted by the founder of the Christian religion, and concluded by pronouncing the happy couple man and wife bestowing upon them the blessings of the Catholic church.

After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the home of Mr. Alpha where the groom and bride received the sincere congratulations of their many friends.

MEETING AT WHITTINGTON'S

People of the Eighth Ward Listen to Addresses on Education.

As was announced in the two last issues of The Gazette a school meeting took place in the Whittington woods in the eighth ward last Saturday. Though the meeting was not as largely attended as it should have been, quite a number of the people of the ward were present. Mr. John Whittington called the meeting to order and explained its purpose. Mr. Alcide Judice, who is doing so much for the cause of public education, was called upon to say a few words to the audience. Mr. Judice made a practical talk on the necessity of supporting the public schools. He said he would always be ready to aid every movement for better schools, and if the people needed him he would be glad to do all in his power to help them. Mr. Judice was followed by Judge Julian Mouton, who had been invited to address the meeting on the subject of education. Judge Mouton spoke in French and urged his hearers to send their children to school. His address was well received. After the speaking the people enjoyed the barbecued meat and refreshments which had been prepared for the occasion.

Among the town people who attended were Misses Mayfield and Dupre of the Industrial Institute, Dr. N. P. Moss and Superintendent Alleman.

Picture-making is an art and it is the man who knows his business who gives satisfaction. See the display at Clark's Art Studio.

An Accident Averted.
Owing to an unavoidable accident at the electric power house Tuesday night the patrons of the plant were compelled to have recourse to lamps and candles. It was found that the new boiler was leaking and that it was necessary to have steam connection with the old boiler and when the change was being made the plant was unable to furnish any light. The boiler had been inspected by the representative of an insurance company and pronounced safe, but strange to say it began to leak a few hours after being in use. Fortunately the defect was discovered in time to prevent what might have been a very serious accident.

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

Judge Gilbert Dupre, of Opelousas, was here on legal business Monday.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Lecture by Prof. Fortier of Tulane—Preparing for the Commencement.

Prof. Alce Fortier, of Tulane University, addressed the people of Lafayette at the Industrial Institute last Saturday night. He spoke of "Paris in 1900" and gave a vivid description of the great capitol of the French nation. He showed how it has always been the centre of French interests since the earliest times, so that Paris and France have almost become synonymous in political history, as embodying the aspirations and ideals of the French people and as being perhaps the most unique city in the world: its area, its architectural beauty, its fine art, its culture and withal its solidity and its manhood. Prof. Fortier was well received by his auditors and their one wish when the lecture was ended was that he had continued longer. Prof. Fortier addressed the people of Scott on the following morning. His speech was in French and upon the subject of education. It was a splendid and inspiring address.

The students of the Institute are now experiencing that nervous interest that always precedes the closing or commencement exercises and in this case the first in the history of the Industrial Institute. Everything is done with snap and vim and in a vigorous way—the songs, the marches, the recitations, all. But work necessarily accumulates at the end of the session and it is feared that for this reason the field-day sports will have to be abandoned for a time, possibly till next session.

We understand that addresses will be made at the commencement by Rev. Dr. Beverly Warner of New Orleans and Mr. W. H. Carver of Natchitoches.

The Tennis Club has received a challenge from the Youngsville Tennis Club. They have not yet developed their playing and cannot accept.

Do you want a picture of yourself? If so, go to Clark's Art Studio.

Juvenile Burglars Bailed.
John O'Brien and Pete O'Beay, who, despite their distinctly Irish names, have extremely black skins, were released on bail this week. O'Brien and O'Beay are among the boy burglars who entered Mr. Demanade's store about two weeks ago. Two of the juvenile gang are still in jail. It is said that O'Beay has been in the employ of a citizen of this town and on several occasions carried large sums of money for his employer to and from the bank at and no timid he show a desire to steal.

Mrs. John Marsh, of Crowley is visiting relatives in Lafayette.

Accident at Base-ball Game.
During the game of base-ball played at Austin a few days ago by the L. S. U. boys and the team of the Texas University, Luke Olivier of this parish, who was pitching for the visiting nine, sustained bodily injuries which were rather painful, but fortunately not of a dangerous nature. While running to a base one of the heaviest men in the Texas team threw himself with great force against young Olivier who came out of the encounter with a broken rib and a painful bruise about the hip. With the use of a cot it was possible to move Mr. Olivier to the train and he made the trip back home in company with the other boys. He arrived here Sunday and was taken to the home of his uncle, Judge C. H. Mouton. We are pleased to say that his condition has improved satisfactorily since his arrival here and that he is doing very well at this moment.

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

THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

The Century Club Entertained Last Tuesday Night.

The billiard tournament given by the Century Club last Tuesday evening was witnessed by the members of the organization and many invited guests. A number of ladies were interested spectators. The club rooms have been greatly improved in comfort and appearance lately and Monday night the arrangements were particularly neat and tasty. The club has many new members and is unusually prosperous.

The score of the tournament printed below shows the skill displayed by each player. The first column of figures shows the number of points played for by each person and the second column gives the number of points made. Felix Mouton proved to be the most skillful player and was awarded the prize, a fine umbrella. The following is the score:

Game No.	Points.	Results.
—Game No. 1.		
F. H. Mouton	35	35
Leo Judice	15	9
F. A. Kraus	25	23
—Game No. 2.		
S. R. Parkerson	25	15
A. B. Denton	20	17
D. L. Caffery	25	25
—Game No. 3.		
E. J. Higginbotham	25	25
Gilbert Comeaux	25	19
—Game No. 4.		
F. E. Girard	20	20
F. Sonntag	25	8
C. K. Darling	20	13
—Game No. 5.		
A. A. Mouton	20	16
Jerome Mouton	25	15
E. L. Stephens	15	15
—Game No. 6.		
F. H. Mouton	40	40
E. J. Higginbotham	25	19
F. E. Girard	25	10
—Game No. 7.		
D. C. Caffery	35	35
E. L. Stephens	20	17
—Game No. 8.		
Deciding game.		
F. H. Mouton	40	40
D. L. Caffery	25	17

WEEKLY EXERCISES

At the Lafayette Primary School—Last Friday's Program.

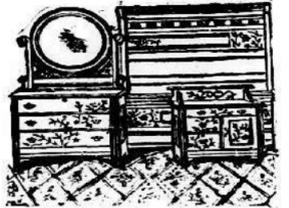
As usual the weekly exercises took place last Friday at the Lafayette Primary School. A number of parents and friends of the pupils attended and by their presence encouraged the young folks. The teachers had worked hard in preparing the following program which was rendered in a very creditable manner. These exercises which were begun some time ago at the suggestion of Miss Trichel, are now very popular with the pupils. The parents too are interested in them as is shown by the increase in the attendance every Friday afternoon.

THE PROGRAM.

- Song, America.....By School
- Grown Up Land.....Cora Mouton, Frank Ard.....
- Memory Gem.....Rouseau Mouton.....
- Boys Wanted.....Francis Thompson.....
- Song, The Bee.....By Third Grade.....
- Memory Gem.....John Triary
- Little Helper.....Leona Thibodeaux.....
- Memory Gem.....Douglas Higginbotham.....
- Robin and Robert.....Stafford Lusted, Felician Thibodeaux.....
- Song, Shoemaker John.....By Part of Third Grade.....
- Little Boy Blue.....Arthur Whitmeyer.....
- Recitation.....Sylvin Guidry
- Memory Gem.....Abel Bourgois
- Red, White and Blue.....Eola Mouton, Bella Mouton and Johnnie Ard.....
- Memory Gem.....Albert Vincent.....
- Song, Follow Me.....Third Grade
- Song, Mudpie Days.....Solange Broussard, Bella Mouton
- Dialogue, What Girls Love to Do.....Eola Mouton, Lucile Bourgois, Leona Thibodeaux, Solange Broussard, Estelle Carey, Lottie Donlin.....
- Song, Sweet and Low.....Third Grade
- Song, Flag of Our Nation.....By School.....

Mr. Arthur Greig is the only local veteran who attended the reunion at Dallas. The Gazette has no doubt that Mr. Greig has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet the old soldiers with whom he shared the trials and hardships of the civil war.

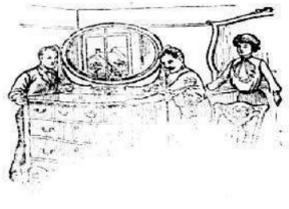
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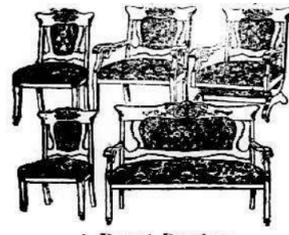
Another Sharp Reduction
In buying prices enables us to lower selling prices to your great advantage. We offer this week, bed room sets, 10 pieces, as low as \$15.75; better grade, \$20; still better, \$35; all remarkably cheap at the figures quoted. Better avail yourself of the opportunity while it lasts—can't last long—prices too tempting. See the goods and judge.



The Glory of Easter Tide
Should find your house bright and beautiful. Nice furniture will greatly add to its effect, and as we are supplied with many artistic sets and pieces which are being sold at remarkably low prices, you should not allow the opportunity to pass.



In The Spring.
When your bedrooms have all been cleaned from Winter's accumulation, 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 bureaux, cheval classes, dressing tables, brass and enameled beds, etc. Every article is well made and well finished and a right bargain at the right price.



A Regal Display
Of everything excellent in fine furniture awaits you at our store—common kinds, of course; but the highest grades, the cheaper kind, you will find to be well worth the money we ask. Here's a whole Wick parlor set, 5 pieces, \$14.50; five pieces, upholstered—something good, \$25.00; and others just as cheap.

COMPLETE HOUSE-FURNISHERS, LAFAYETTE, LA.

DIED—Last Sunday night at his residence in this town, Mr. C. C. McBride, aged 44 years.

Miss Belle Dupre, of Opelousas, visited her sister, Miss Edith Dupre, in Lafayette, last Sunday.

Clark, the photographer, has a good run because he does satisfactory work. Visit his studio and see the display.

John Tolson, Kossuth Comeaux and Ulysse Duhon have returned from New Orleans where they attended a session of the medical department of Tulane University. They will leave in a few days for Sewanee.

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

Hector Prejean and Arthur LeBlanc visited Abbeville this week.

Sheriff Broussard made a short trip to Abbeville this week.

Everywhere in town there are evidences of progress. Quite a number of new buildings are going up at the present time.

THIS TALKS FOR ITSELF.

GEO. BROUGHAL, Esq.,
Manager, Equitable Life Agency, Toronto.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter and statement of results, of my \$100,000, 15 Year Endowment Savings Fund Policy No. 289,421, issued by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States December 30, 1884.

The results, realized by the Equitable, are larger and more satisfactory than any result ever realized by me on any of my policies which have matured to date. I may say that they are quite satisfactory, and that no company has done so well for me. The result stands as an evidence of the careful and prudent management of one of the largest and most progressive of the American Life offices.

I have always been a strong advocate of Life Insurance and about the time I took your policy for \$100,000, I placed \$100,000 in the New York Life and \$100,000 in the Mutual of New York, all of which matured last month. I have lived to see the result and to know what it means.

You are at liberty to quote the results of my policy in your company.

Yours truly,

GEO. GOODERHAM.

Results in Three Companies Compared.

Kind of policy	EQUITABLE Endowment.	NEW YORK Endowment.	MUTUAL Endowment.
Period.....	15 years	15 years	15 years.
Amount.....	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Premium.....	8,382	8,382	8,590
Age of assured.....	55 years	55 years	55 years
No. of Policy.....	289,421	197,849	261,345

RESULTS.

Cash option.....	\$150,847	\$135,533	\$135,545.13
Premiums paid.....	125,730	125,730	128,850
Profits in cash.....	\$ 25,117	\$ 9,803	\$ 6,695.13
Paid up policy option.....	210,000	188,660	188,660

The profits of the Equitable policy are \$8,618.87 greater than the combined profits of the other policies. The Equitable has more earning power than any other company in the world.

PARKERSON & MOUTON, Agents.