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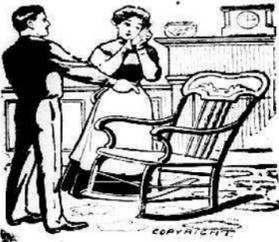
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If you select a go-cart or baby carriage from our superb line of these vehicles, we have them at all prices, according to design and finish. The cheapest are plain, but exceedingly durable and substantial. If elegance of upholstery and artistic finish is desired, we have them of surpassing beauty.



Comforts of Home that Make a Happy Couple.

We have contributed in no small degree to the comfort of many a household. And expect to continue doing so. Our stock of furniture is more extensive than ever, and we are selling it at marked down prices. Handsome and serviceable parlor suits \$25.00. Durable and elegant lounges, couches, easy chairs at half real value. Astonishing bargains.

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For the Dining Room or for the Kitchen

Our new refrigerators offer to the house-keeper an essential of supreme importance. Being constructed from plans that are the result of years of experience and skill, they afford the greatest degree of cold with smallest consumption of ice of any on the market.



Mattings, Oil Cloths, Linoleums, Etc.

We carry a full line of mattings, oil cloths and linoleums. For parlor, library or bed room, something new and nothing better than Sultan Cottage Carpet. We have a fine line. All floor coverings bought of us laid free.

We also carry a fine line of wall paper from 5c. per roll up.

## Ladies' Shirt Waists

Going at Your Own Price.

Levy Bros.

The buyer for the BLUE STORE is now making fall purchases in New York. Upon his return it will be interesting to you to notice the fall announcement of this firm, which handles only reliable merchandise.

J. R. Domengeaux.

Fire  
Life and  
Accident

## Insurance.

Represents only the Strongest and Best Companies.

43 Madison St., LAFAYETTE, LA.

### A Jersey Cow Lost or Stolen!

There disappeared from the China Grove Dairy, near Crowley, on or about July 1, 1902, one Grey Jersey Cow; pale red, weighs about 600 pounds, has a long, round body, a short tail. She is an extra fine milker. Will give a reward of \$10 for information leading to the recovery of this cow. Address

E. W. WALL,  
Crowley La.

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

### The Water Supply.

The trouble in the well at the power-house is being remedied and it is believed that a large supply of excellent water will be obtained within the next few days. The town is still getting its supply of water from the Congress, Manager Coronna having generously tendered the use of the company's well for that purpose.

Trunks, all kinds, all prices, at Prejean & LeBlanc's.

### A BRIDGE

Will be Built Across the Bayou on Woodlawn Plantation.

Jim Williams, Aristide Picard and Babilas LeBlanc, representing the Police Jury of Vermilion parish, met at Durke & Broussard's Woodlawn Plantation last week and made final arrangements to build a bridge over the bayou at that point. They contracted with J. E. Koy who will do the work for \$400, the parish of Vermilion furnishing the material. The contract provides for a good, substantial bridge, fully adequate to the needs of the people of that section. Some means to cross the bayou at that point was very much needed, and the action of the Vermilion Jury will be endorsed by the people living on both sides of the bayou.

Messrs. Durke & Broussard have put up a first-class ginning plant on their place, which will greatly facilitate the cotton farmers in that section in disposing of their crop. The gin will use the round bale system.

## SYRIAN PEDDLER

Found Dead on the Gallery of a Negro's House.

Five Negroes Arrested and Charged With the Crime.

Jacob Coursa, a Syrian peddler, was killed last Tuesday in the forenoon on the plantation of Hon. R. C. Landry, in this parish. Coursa was found dead on the gallery of the house of a negro tenant, named Charles Paddio.

Coroner Mouton, who was informed of the killing, went immediately to the place and conducted an inquest. The man was lying on the gallery with his face to the floor. The upper part of his head was completely torn off. Pieces of the brain and skull were found scattered in all directions. The people present were at a loss to know how the Syrian had been killed. It could not have been done with an ax or any other instrument of that character. There were no evidences of burnt powder and a close investigation made by the coroner failed to show any shot. The members of the Jury did not think that a shotgun could have caused a wound of that nature. Some believed that the peddler had committed suicide and had used an explosive of some kind. A number of witnesses were examined, but nothing was elicited to solve the mystery. The testimony seemed to prove that the inmates of the house were away at the time of the killing. The negroes about the place had seen nothing and heard nothing.

The Jury did not know how and by whom the Syrian had been killed and said so in its verdict. It could arrive at no other conclusion.

Subsequently Sheriff Broussard arrived and conducted a further investigation. A thorough search made by the sheriff resulted in the finding of a blood-stained shell under the steps of the gallery where the dead man was. A short distance away a wad, marked with blood, was found. In the house was a shotgun, with both barrels loaded, but one of the barrels appeared to have been recently discharged. These facts satisfied the sheriff that a shotgun had done the work, and he arrested Paddio, who occupied the house, and two other negroes who were said to have been with him in the woods at the time of the killing.

Later two young negro girls, who testified before the coroner's inquest, were also arrested. All protest their innocence and say they know nothing of the crime.

The motive of the crime was evidently not robbery. The general impression is that jealousy was the cause of the homicide.

On Coursa's body was found a purse, containing a certified check on the First National Bank of Lafayette for \$400. A small amount in cash was also found in his clothes.

Miss Marie Louise Mouton is visiting relatives in New Iberia.

Go to Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy for French imported perfumery.

### New Buildings.

Mr. J. A. LeBlanc intends to put up two new buildings on the lot near Mr. Lombard's purchased some time ago from Meleton, the fruit-dealer. Mr. LeBlanc's intention is to build a 30x50 brick store and a 24x35 frame structure.

The best 10-cent tablet writing paper in town can be had at Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy.

Mr. J. E. Primesaux, of the fourth ward, has bought the Clifford property and has moved to town with his family.

Just received a full line of fine trunks. Prejean & LeBlanc.

## THE NEW RAILROAD

The Route Changed to Take in the Oil Fields.

One of the questions uppermost in the public mind is: "Are we going to have a railroad to Baton Rouge?"

All the indications point to an affirmative answer, but time alone will tell definitely.

After tracing a line from this town to a point east of Bayou Teche, the movements of the surveyors would seem to show that another route, taking in the oil fields, is to be surveyed. The surveyors are now camped on the Pourcio place, a short distance from the Moresi well. Of course the men are not telling their business, and no outsider is able to find out exactly what they intend to do. But there does not appear to be any doubt that the intention is to run the new road over the oil territory. Such a road would place Lafayette within a five-minute's ride of Anse Labutte. This would greatly facilitate the operations there and would do incalculable good to this town.

From a conversation which took place between two prominent Southern Pacific officials it is safe to say that system is back of the movement to build a road to Baton Rouge. A road from here to the Capital will give a big boost to Lafayette. Even though it should not be a competing line, the benefits to be derived from such a road would be very great.

Vanilla is by far the best and most popular flavoring extract used. Judging from our sales there is more used than all the other extracts combined. It is a pleasing fact to us that many have said, "your vanilla is the best we have ever used." We guarantee all our extracts to be strictly pure and have fifteen or twenty different kinds. When you want something nice, try the vanilla. Moss Pharmacy.

### FRANCHISE

Granted to Mr. McIlhenny to Run His Electric Railway Through Town.

The City Council held a special meeting last Monday and acted favorably upon the proposition to grant a franchise to Mr. John McIlhenny to build an electric railway along several streets in this town. One of the conditions stipulated in the franchise is that the work of construction shall be begun in twelve and completed in eighteen months. Mr. McIlhenny has secured a right of way through the different towns along the proposed route. He has every reason to believe that the Police Juries will act favorably on his proposition and the right of way for the entire line will be obtained.

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

Supt. L. J. Alleman, and Pierre Landry, school director for the seventh ward, left this week to spend some time on Last Island.

The picture business seems to be on a boom. F. F. Carter says he is busier than ever before at this time of the year. Fine perfumery, all kinds, all prices, just received at Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy.

Mr. Jos. Ducote has been appointed notary public for Lafayette parish.

Fine new line of stationery at Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy.

Mrs. S. R. Parkerson and Mrs. F. V. Mouton are spending some time at Mandeville.

Prejean & LeBlanc sell trunks, trunks, cheap, cheap, cheap.

## THE OIL FIELD

Ineffectual Efforts to Remove the Bailer from the Well — Other Items of Interest.

Owing to the failure of Mr. Moresi to take the bailer out of the well, things at the oil fields have been rather quiet during the past week. As soon as the bailer is removed from the well, we may expect to see increased activity in the oil circles. Several ineffectual efforts have been made, but Mr. Moresi continues to work at it without being the least discouraged.

Over at the Heywood well Mr. Harper is still drilling through salt.

Scott Heywood was in Lafayette this week. He said that everything at Anse Labutte and Bayou Bouillon was progressing very satisfactorily.

Assessor Martin hopes to be able to make arrangements to drill on his place. A large number of oil men have visited Mr. Martin's place and they all agree that the indications there are very good.

Col. Breaux is in New York where he was called by wire to meet some capitalists who have expressed a willingness to join him in drilling operations on his plantation near this town.

Mr. Jno. W. Gantenbein and Miss Annie Thomas, of Houston, are visiting at the home of Miss Katie Belle Williams.

All the latest novelties in worsted cassimeres, chevots and cloths are at your disposal. M. Pfarrer, the tailor. Cleaning and repairing a specialty.

Mr. Independence Alpha, of Franklin, was in Lafayette this week visiting relatives. This venerable gentleman was 85 years of age on the last Fourth of July, but he is as cheerful, active and patriotic as a young man of 21.

Begnaud & Comeau have painted their saloon and will also improve the fittings inside.

Mr. O. H. Simpson, of New Orleans, was a visitor to Lafayette this week.

Dr. F. E. Girard and Louis Lacoste left Saturday for Old Point Comfort, Va. From there they will go to New York and return home by way of Cincinnati.

F. E. Davis and Frank Moss left Friday for St. Louis, where they will remain several days.

Capt. Jas. A. Moss, who has been with the American army in the Philippines for the past three years, has returned to the United States. He is now at Helena, Montana, where his regiment is quartered. Capt. Moss expects to visit Lafayette some time in December.

### A Splendid Selection.

An increase of business necessitating the service of a book-keeper at the First National Bank, the position has been offered to, and accepted by, Mr. Joe E. Mouton, who entered upon the discharge of his duties yesterday morning. With Mr. S. R. Parkerson as cashier, Mr. F. V. Mouton as assistant and Mr. J. E. Mouton as book-keeper, the First National has an office force which will compare favorably with that of any banking institution in the State. For the past seven years Mr. Mouton has filled most acceptably the office of assistant-postmaster of this town. In the performance of his new duties it is safe to say that his work will be equally satisfactory to the bank and to its patrons.

Sheriff Broussard left Wednesday for Baton Rouge to attend a meeting of the executive committee to be held for the purpose of devising the means to nominate a Democratic candidate for railroad commissioner.