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Our Oak Suits Are Hard to Beat.

We have a fine line of oak beds, dressers and washstands; suits complete or by the single piece just as you like. We need room for about five carloads to be here about Sept. 15. Nuf Ced—come around and our prices and delivery wagon will do the rest.

COMPLETE HOUSE-FURNISHERS, LAFAYETTE, LA.



We never sell old goods. We never will keep them in our store. Our present stock of matting is fresh and of the best values, but as we must make room for 300 rolls (one carload) to arrive Oct. 1, we must dispose of a nice line we have on hand. There is always one or more rooms in the house in need of new matting. This is your chance to get something nice and at the same time save big money. Good quality matting from 12½¢ up. Don't wait until the prettiest patterns are gone.

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

Ladies' Shirt Waists

Going at Your Own Price.

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COUSA MURDER.

Sheriff Broussard Solves The Mystery — Anita Chapman Confesses Her Guilt.

Ever since the mysterious murder of Jacob Cousa, the Syrian peddler, on the plantation of Hon. R. C. Landry three weeks ago, Sheriff Broussard has devoted all his ingenuity and detective resource in clearing away the seemingly impenetrable veil which shrouded the crime and the perpetrator. At last when all others had abandoned hope of ever obtaining a reasonable solution of the many strange and apparently inexplicable circumstances of the horrible deed, the sheriff has finally, not only revealed the mystifying circumstances, but has actually fixed the responsibility for the murder beyond question upon Anita Chapman, a negro girl living in the cabin where the body of the murdered man was found.

It will be recalled that the crown of the unfortunate man's head had been blown entirely off by some terrific explosion, resembling in effect that of dynamite, but as absolutely no evidence of any instrument or explosive substance could be found the verdict of the coroner's jury as well as all who viewed the bloody scene, left the cause of death still shrouded in deepest mystery. Many inclined to the suicide theory and endeavored to establish this view mainly from the lack of any material evidence to account for the peculiar nature of the wound which caused death.

Sheriff Broussard, who had been away, appeared upon the scene in the afternoon, and proceeding to make a thorough investigation of the affair, soon discarded the suicide theory as totally absurd.

Searching the cabin he secured a shot-gun, one chamber of which had recently been discharged and still further quest was rewarded by finding the bloody cartridge shell and wadding used in the charge. Upon this evidence the sheriff immediately arrested Charles Paddio, Zenon and Joseph Payne, negro men, and two negro girls, Anita Chapman and Ida Scranton, all suspected of participation or connection with the crime. All the prisoners, however, stoutly protested their innocence and ignorance of any knowledge of the foul deed, compelling the sheriff to cast about for other means of tracing the criminal and discovering his identity. Thoroughly convinced of the correctness of his conclusions and with his characteristic determination, the sheriff resorted to the magical working of that "rabbit foot" which has so many times led to the vindication of the law and the discomfiture of the evil-doer. Without entering into details in advance of the regular judicial inquiry, it will be sufficient to say that the sheriff first found the statements of the two girls, Anita and Ida, as to their actions, did not correspond either as between the two or with the testimony of several neighbors. Then a positive eye-witness of the killing was found and ultimately confessions secured from Anita and Ida, as to the commission of the deed in all its details. Anita Chapman acknowledged her guilt and stated that Cousa came to the cabin where she and Ida were; that although she told him to leave he persisted in talking to her principally in a foreign language and made what she supposed to be improper movements and proposals to her. She threatened to shoot him, merely to scare him away, but he only laughed and replied that she had no gun. Going into the cabin she secured the gun and

thinking it unloaded placed the muzzle to his head and pulled the trigger. To her astonishment the weapon discharged, producing the horrible effect already noted. She gives no explanation of her persistent denials.

Now that the matter has been satisfactorily explained all the suspects will doubtless be released from confinement. A preliminary examination will be held Monday and Judge Debaillon will decide upon the evidence there adduced as to the disposition of the prisoners.

Sheriff Broussard in this case has again demonstrated his extraordinary skill in detective work and proven his ability as an executive officer of the highest order.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coffey are visiting relatives and friends in Houston.

Pure insect powder is the best thing obtainable for flies and other household pests. The other kind does no good. Ours is the pure kind. It's fresh and it's the kind to buy. Moss Pharmacy.

Accidents.

Last Thursday morning Mr. Sidorov's horse ran away with his wagon near the Blue Store and caused some damage to the vehicle.

Mmes. Antoine Gidry and A. J. LeBlanc, while out driving, had a narrow escape from a runaway Wednesday evening. Fortunately neither lady sustained any hurt.

Landry's livery team took fright Friday morning in front of the Cottage Hotel and upset the buggy. No damage resulted, however.

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.

Mrs. Denbo, than whom there is not a more gracious hostess, entertained at a handsome tea last Tuesday evening from six to eight. Her guests were: Mmes. Meriwether, Coulter, Blake, Pellerin, Darling, Blossat, Comstock, Kennedy, Cleary; Miss Robertson of Tennessee, Miss Hall of Marksville, and Misses Parkerson, Gladu, Mudd, and Littell.

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

The Constitutional Amendments.

In this issue we publish the constitutional amendments submitted by the recent State Legislature to the qualified electors and to be voted on at the coming election, November 1. The intelligent voters of Lafayette will find it profitable to inform themselves of the purpose and nature of these proposed amendments in order to express themselves correctly at the polls.

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

Mr. Willie Lalanne, of this town, and Miss Linnie Mosely, of Eola, were married last Saturday evening in Lafayette.

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

F. C. Triay and family left Monday to spend a week with relatives and friends in Houston and Galveston, Texas.

The picture business seems to be on a boom. F. P. Carter says he is busier than ever before at this time of the year.

Miss Mable Dauterive and her friend, Miss Cammi Allen, are spending a few days in St. Martinville.

For Sale.

Ten thousand new bricks at very reasonable figures. LAFAYETTE CEMENT & STORAGE CO.

Third Congressional District.

Secretary E. G. Voorhies of the Third Congressional Democratic Executive Committee has issued a call for a meeting at New Iberia, Sept. 3, to adopt measures for the nomination of a candidate to represent the party in the approaching election. The following parishes under the recent State apportionment now constitute the third district: Ascension, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, Iberia, St. Martin, Vermillion and Lafayette. The following gentlemen representing the respective parishes are members of the committee and have been notified to attend the meeting: W. T. Jones, Lastie Broussard, J. Y. Sanders, J. D. Schaffer, Wilbur Kramer, Adrien Nunez, C. J. Edwards, Ed McCullum, Alfred Daspit, T. J. Labbe, A. V. Fournet, W. H. Price, A. M. Martin, Jos. A. Prevost, Clay Dugas, Albert Domingue, C. P. Caillouet, Aurelien Olivier, Geo. M. Robertson, A. N. Muller and E. P. Muson.

The principal subject for discussion and decision will be the method to be adopted in selecting the party candidate, whether by convention or primary election. Opinion seems divided on the issue all over the State, but if properly guarded, selection by primaries would seem to insure freer and better expression of the popular will than manipulations incident to the ordinary nominating convention.

So far there appears no opposition to the renomination of Hon. R. F. Broussard, the present representative in Congress, and unless other aspirants materialize, the selection will be devoid of spice. Congressman Broussard has served three terms of two years each and the honors of a renomination and election will rest with easy grace upon his shoulders.

Go to Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy for French imported perfumery. tf.

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

Judge C. Debaillon and Simeon Begnaud, after three weeks' pleasant recreation at Sour Lake and Highland, returned home Tuesday.

Fine perfumery, all kinds, all prices, just received at Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy. tf.

Judge Julian Mouton and Rev. Father E. Forge returned home Monday after an extended tour of some two months through California, New Mexico, Utah and other western States, much benefited and reinvigorated.

Fine new line of stationery at Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy. tf.

Messrs. F. E. Moss and F. E. Davis, who visited St. Louis on business bent, returned last Tuesday after an absence of a week.

M. Pfarrer, the tailor, has received an elegant line of piece goods. He earnestly solicits your inspection. Cleaning and repairing a specialty.

Little Alice Moss, daughter of Dr. Moss, last Saturday evening while playing on the plank walk in front of her home fell and broke both bones of her left forearm. Dr. Mouton was called and reset the injured limb. The little girl is now up and about again.

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

Rene Durand and Henry Broussard were in Lafayette this week.

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.

Martin Development Company.

As foreshadowed in the last issue of The Gazette a gigantic consolidation has been effected for the control and development of the vast mineral resources of the Lafayette and Anse Labutte oil fields. Representatives of the Martin families of Lafayette, Acadia, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Landry, Calcasieu and Orleans, headed by Hon. Robert Martin of St. Martinville, met at the Crescent News Hotel last Thursday evening and organized the Martin Development Company with capital stock fixed at \$5,000,000. A charter was adopted and the domicile of the new enterprise located at Lafayette.

The following officers were elected: Hon. Robert Martin, president; Dr. J. S. Martin of St. Martin, vice-president; Charles Martin of Welsh, secretary; Ed. Martin of Crowley, treasurer; and Dr. F. R. Martin of Crowley, general manager. Drs. G. A. Martin of Lafayette and G. W. Martin of Arnaudville together with the above named officers constitute the Board of Directors.

It is the intention of the promoters to issue one half of the capital stock for the purpose of defraying the preliminary operations of the company in exploiting their numerous and valuable holdings in this and surrounding parishes, the remainder to be held in reserve until oil or other mineral shall be discovered in sufficient quantity to justify the extension and enlargement of the company's scope in the development undertaken. Several wells will be put down immediately in Lafayette and other localities giving favorable indications will receive prompt attention, it being the determination of the company to push to successful issue the exploiting of all the mineral resources of Southwest Louisiana in general and the Lafayette and Anse Labutte fields in particular.

The activity in the local oil fields evidenced by the formation of this company augurs well for rapid development and now that men of ample means, unhampered by outside influences have taken matters in hand prospects are exceedingly encouraging for the realization of genuine gushers a la Spindle Top. The promoters of this scheme are especially enthusiastic over the indications on their many holdings in Lafayette and St. Martin parishes although at Welsh, in Acadia, Calcasieu and St. Landry, where the company owns large tracts of land, the surface indications are highly satisfactory.

Our Headache Cure removes the cause for a headache by its action on the stomach. It cures the ache—doesn't drive it away. Moss Pharmacy.

Homer Bailey is visiting relatives in Lafayette.

Guerre-Broussard Pharmacy is the place for kodaks, films and photo paper. tf.

The Fire Department of Lafayette is invited to attend a grand ball at New Iberia given under the auspices of Iberia Steam Fire Co. No. 1, Thursday, September 11, 1902. Music will be furnished by the renowned Pelican State Band.

Purity Of Our Drugs.

That's the point we are trying to impress on the public mind. When a clean, pure Drug Stock is spoken of we want that to refer to our Stock. We are doing all we can to merit that title. It's the main point of our business. Bye-and-bye if you haven't already. There is no extra charge for this purity. Together with accuracy, it's our inducement for prescription trade. Moss Pharmacy.

Shallot Sets at the Moss Pharmacy.

The sisters of Mt. Carmel Convent announce the reopening of their school on next Monday, Sept. 1.