



BUILT AND EQUIPPED AT A COST OF \$57,000.

Maury's Geography says: "Its graded schools have long been established and stand high. Its public buildings are very commodious and handsome."
 Monroe has a population of 5,400, and, like all western and eastern towns, has a school system of its own independent of the parish and State. In addition to the cost of the building, Monroe spends yearly about \$9,000 for maintaining its schools. The money is raised by means of a special tax and unlike other Louisiana towns, Monroe has placed public school buildings and public schools at the head of its budget.

Meeting of Fire Department.
 The meeting of the fire department held last Thursday night at the court-house, was notable for its large attendance and the animated discussion of the subject which came up for the consideration of the firemen.
 In the absence of President A. E. Mouton Mr. P. L. DeClouet was elected chairman of the meeting, and Mr. B. J. Pellerin took his seat at the table as regular secretary. Committees were appointed as follows: A. J. LeBlanc, Wm. Graser, Wm. Campbell, Paul Castel, C. O. Mouton, Dr. G. A. Martin, A. E. Mouton, J. R. Domengeaux, to select a date for the regular annual parade of the fire department, and make all necessary arrangements for a fitting observance of the day; and F. G. Mouton, J. Alf. Mouton, A. J. LeBlanc, Wm. Graser, Geo. DeClouet, A. B. Chopin, to wait on the City Council for the purpose of obtaining an appropriation to purchase a new supply of hose.

Base Ball.
 Last Sunday the Lafayette Juniors went to Crowley and played a game of ball with the Juniors of that town. The Lafayette team arrived in Crowley at about 2:30 and was received and well treated by the Crowleyites. One hour later the game was called with Guidry in the box for Crowley, striking out three men in succession. R. Meaux, of Lafayette, then took the box, pitching a good game, having struck out eighteen men without hitting one, and giving only two bases on balls. The game lasted an hour and a half and resulted in a score of 10 to 12 in favor of Crowley. The same team will play in Lafayette tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. All should turn out and show an interest in, and encourage our boys.

A Building Boom.
 The sound of the hammer and the buzz of the saw are always to be heard in Lafayette, and this is especially true at this time. Among the better class of buildings now in course of construction may be mentioned the residences of President Stephens, of the Industrial Institute, and Superintendent Alteman, and the clothing store of Prejean & LeBlanc. Of the buildings to be constructed within the next three to six months, which are deserving of special note because of their large size and substantial character, are the new opera-house, Pellerin & DeClouet's furniture store, Rosenfield's new store, and the office and warehouse in which will be carried on a wholesale grocery and commission business. In this last number should be included the two-story building occupied by Moss & Company and the Moss Pharmacy, which is to undergo extensive alterations and repairs.

Reduced Railroad Rates on Account of Veterans' Reunion.
 Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad and Steamship Company will sell tickets from Lafayette to New Orleans and return May 18 and 19, 1903, with return limit May 24, 1903, at a rate of \$2.90 on account of U. C. V. Reunion. Special train will leave Lafayette at 10:50 a. m. May 18 and 19. For additional particulars, apply to local agent, or to C. B. Ellis, Division Passenger Agent.

The "Crawford" is the best bicycle made for its price, for ladies and men. Call and see samples at A. J. Bonnet's. Phone 124-2.
 The prescription department of the Moss Pharmacy is now in charge of Mr. Felix J. Dantin, lately of New Orleans. Mr. Dantin is a regular graduate of pharmacy, and though he is a very young man he has had a practical experience in compounding and prescription work extending over a period of ten years.

A Good Move.
 There is talk of moving the Brass Band stand from the Parkerson grove to the grounds recently purchased by the town for the new school building. The school grounds are large and well shaded and would afford a most inviting place for the public to enjoy open air concerts by the band, and the stand could be placed in such a way as not to interfere with the use of the grounds for school purposes.

A New \$50,000 Business Concern.
 A wholesale grocery and commission house capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, is now in course of organization in Lafayette, and will be ready for business within the next four months. The entire capital will be subscribed by local merchants and business men, and the concern will be managed by home people.
 This new enterprise is looked upon with great favor by our merchants, and the capital stock was virtually all subscribed within a week. This is another step in the substantial progress of Lafayette, which is fast coming to be recognized as one of the best business towns in the State.

Fair size hail stones fell in considerable quantity, for a few moments, during the down-pour of rain last Wednesday.

Ice, ice, ice. Phone 53.
 A pretty and very animated scene on Johnson street in Lafayette is the long procession of pupils going to and coming from the Industrial School every morning and evening.

Ice for everybody. Phone 35.
\$5000 For a Business Site.
 Mr. M. Rosenfield has lately purchased the corner lot of Judge Parkerson's block opposite the store of Mr. L. F. Rigues on Lincoln Avenue. The price paid for 75 feet front by 125 feet in depth, is five thousand dollars. Mr. Rosenfield intends to begin the erection, at once, of a two-story brick building with plate glass front, to be occupied by him as a store. The new location for Mr. Rosenfield's store is regarded as an exceptionally favorable one, by the business men of the town.

Ice, ice, ice. Phone 35.
Horticulturist (on his travels)
 "Are you having any trouble in this part of the country with the San Jose scale?" Stage Driver—"I can't say for certain, but I think I heard some of the boys say the bosses had refused to sign it."—Chicago Tribune.

Ice, ice, ice. Phone 35.
Veterinary Surgeon.
 Dr. Geo. Oglesby, V. S. of Winsboro, will be in Lafayette in a few days and will remain one week. He will treat all diseases of horses, remove decayed teeth, correct uneven ones—in fact he treats successfully all curable diseases of both horses and cattle. Special attention given to diseases of feet. Lameness, spavin, ringbone and curb successfully treated. His home is near us and he is responsible and fully recommended. Call at livery stable and see his skeleton of the horse and collection of the diseased parts. He will take pleasure in answering questions, will examine your horse free and treat you all right.

Ice, ice, ice. Phone 35.
 "I can't see why so much of my work is rejected," said the struggling author. "I'm sure it is strictly original." "Perhaps that is the trouble," rejoined the sympathetic friend.—Chicago Daily News.

Death of Mrs Arthur Billeaud.
 [communicated.]
 Mrs Arthur Billeaud died at her home near Scott, at 5 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, May, 5. Her maiden name was Zelia Reon. She was 35 years of age and was a native of Lake Charles.

The funeral services were held Wednesday, at St. John's Catholic church, Lafayette. Many people followed the remains to their last resting place. Mrs. Billeaud was a kind and dutiful mother and wife. Her acts in life were always characterized by a manifest desire to live up to the standard of righteousness and rectitude. Her last thoughts in life was about her loved ones. Her death was a fitting close of a life spent in the performance of duty—in the service of her family and her God. She leaves eleven children to mourn her death and share with a father that bitterest of human griefs which the Divine Power alone can assuage. A FRIEND.

"What reason have you for thinking that the defendant was intoxicated?" "Well, your honor, when his wife called me over, I found him in the cellar cutting kindling wood with the lawn mower." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lafayette, La., May, 5, 1903.—To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council of the town of Lafayette, La.
 Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned engineers, do recommend that the plan hereto attached, is the only feasible solution of the water problem at the power-house plant.
 1st. Because there will be an adequate supply of not less than 180,000 gallons of water on hand, that is 90,000 in proposed reservoir and 90,000 in stand pipes, with what our present deep well pump will pump.
 2nd. Pump must be a Duplex of not less than 14-inch or 16-inch suction and 12 inch discharge, same to be connected as shown on plan. And said pump cannot be connected so as to pump from the deep wells, as water level is too low.
 3rd. It will take four 2 1/2-inch streams throwing water 79 feet vertical distance 2 hours and 40 minutes to exhaust supply on hand not counting the supply gained from our present deep well pump.
 4th. From what we have seen the present wells at the plant are amply sufficient.
 Respectfully submitted,
 F. E. VOORHIES, Superintendent Peoples Cotton Oil Co.
 J. H. CHAMBERS, Engineer Compress.
 C. ALEXIUS, Engineer Ice Plant.
 C. F. MELCHERT, Superintendent Water and Light Plant.

N. B.—It is proposed to construct a reservoir 10 feet deep, 30 feet wide and 40 feet long to contain, as stated in above report, 90,000 gallons, and it is proposed to purchase a first-class Duplex Underwriters fire pump, capable of giving six streams from 1 1/2-inch nozzles, throwing 250 gallons each per minute.
 But as the quantity of water cannot be driven through an eight-inch pipe, the engineers suggest that the nozzle be reduced to 3/4 inch, which would give a superior vertical throw. The cost of this new work is estimated at about \$4000.

Mrs. Newrocks—"Why, those are genuine antiques!" Mr. Newrocks—"Are they? They look to me like second-hand stuff."—Puck.

Constipated Bowels.
 To have good health the body should be kept in a laxative condition, and the bowels moved at least once a day, so that all the poisonous wastes are expelled daily. Mr. G. L. Edwards, 142 N. Main St., Wichita, Kansas, writes: "I have used Herbine to regulate the liver and bowels for the past ten years, and found it a reliable remedy." 50c at Lafayette Drug Co.

It was the morning after, and he wanted a small loan. "I admit that I am temporarily hard up," he said, "but that's because I can't realize." "Can't realize on what?" "On my thirst. If I could only sell that thirst for half what it cost me I'd be all right."—Chicago Post.

Reduced Railroad Rates.
 \$3.00 dollars to California until June 15.
 \$47.50 to Los Angeles and San Francisco May 3, 12 to 18, good return until July 15.
 Account State Medical Association the Southern Pacific will April sell tickets to New Orleans at one fare for the round trip 27, and 28, and May 3, and 4, limit to return May 18.
 St. Louis, Mo., one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip account good-road convention and dedication of Louisiana Purchase Exposition; Tickets on sale April 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30, good to return until May 4.
 Savannah, Ga., and return one fare for the round trip plus \$2.25 May 2, 3, and 4, limit to return till May 20, account Baptist Convention.
 Macon, Ga., and return one fare plus \$2.25 for the round trip May 3, 4, limit to return May 12.
 Prospective Better—"Is he a good 'mudhorse'?" Jockey—"Is he!" Why, say! If that horse was human, he'd play golf in March."—Puck.

"How is your youngest daughter getting on with her music?" "Splendidly," answered Mr. Cumrox. "Her instructor says that she plays Mozart in a way that Mozart himself would never have dreamed of."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Peck—"Henry, do you mean to say you have been playing the races again?" Henry—"No, my dear. The bookmakers have been working me."—Chicago News.

"All I want is a little pin money," said young Mrs. Dashington. "I know it, my dear," answered her husband; "but don't you use anything but diamond pins?"—Washington Star.

"Try one of our new sofas," said the man in the furniture shop; "they're very healthy. Every one is stuffed with a new breakfast food."—Yonkers Statesman.

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Attorney-at-Law
 Lafayette, Louisiana

Public Roads.
 Hon. W. F. Bryan, at the Good Roads Convention held in St. Louis, said:
 The improvement of the country roads can be justified also on the ground that the farmer, the first and most important of the producers of wealth, ought to be in a position to hold his crop and market it at the most favorable opportunity, whereas at present he is virtually under compulsion to sell it as soon as it is matured, because the roads may become impassable at any time during the fall, winter or spring. Instead of being his own warehouseman, the farmer is compelled to employ middlemen and share with them the profit upon his labor. "The farmer has a right, too, to insist upon roads that will enable him to go to town, to church, to the schoolhouse and to the homes of his neighbors, as occasion may require, and with the extension of rural delivery he has an additional need for good roads, in order that he may be kept in community with the outside world.

It is important for the improvement of our government and for the improvement of our civilization that we make life upon the farm as attractive as possible.
 No man ever spoke truer words. There is nothing that will contribute so much to the happiness, wealth and prosperity of a country as good roads. The farmers and land owners receive about nine-tenths of the profits accruing from the benefits of having good roads. Why shouldn't they turn out and help build them when their crops are laid by and have little else to do? I believe that a great majority of them would be only too glad to do so if we had a law compelling every man to do his share. I know quite a number who have built miles of road (leading into the city) at their own expense. I am told by some that the above system would never be of any use in this parish if adopted.
 For several reasons; in the first place the law would never be enforced if passed. Second, we can't find a man in every road beat who understands working roads. Third, the niggers would refuse or neglect to turn out and if they did turn out they would not help work. That's all a mistake. There is a sure remedy, provided for all these evils.

NOTICE.
 In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Louisiana.
 In the matter of Hyman Plonsky and Isaac Plonsky, a Commercial Partnership as Plonsky Bros., in Bankruptcy.
 The creditors of Plonsky Bros., of Lafayette, in the parish of Lafayette and District aforesaid, a bankrupt, Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of April, A. D., 1903, the said Plonsky Bros., were adjudicated bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at J. L. Kennedy's office in Lafayette on the 14th day of May, A. D., 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
 April 17, A. D., 1903.
 THOS. T. TAYLOR, Referee.

CALL AT
Krauss' Jewelry Store
 And see the display of pretty things Suitable for
WEDDING PRESENTS.
 And if you need any kind of Jewelry, or have a Clock or Watch to be repaired, call at ...
Krauss' Store, Where Goods are First-class and the Prices are within the reach of all.

First, the law must be strictly enforced. Second, as soon as the supervisors and road overseers are appointed by the Police Jury and sworn in it shall be the duty of the supervisor to notify every road overseer in his ward that on a certain day he will call on him and the two go together carefully over his beat and see where the ditches want cleaning out, culverts put in and dirt hauled from the high places to fill up the low places, etc. If the negroes, or any man who is not on the assessment roll, refuse or neglect to turn out when notified to do so, report him at once to some magistrate, have him jerked up, fined \$3 and cost. (Pay or go to jail.) If a few such examples are set they will all very soon come to time. If any man, black or white, refused to do a reasonable fair day's work the road overseer shall only allow him for half time and return him for the balance. The duties of the road overseer and the details of the system will be given later on.
 J. NICKERSON.

For Sale.
 A registered Jersey bull, very gentle. Apply to J. D. Mouton, Lafayette, La. 5-7-6t.

Notice.
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Cotton Oil Co. will be held Tuesday, June 2, 1903, 3 p. m., at the office.
 C. M. PARKERSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

Constable Sale.
 P. L. DeClouet vs. Unknown Owner—Third Justice's Court, Lafayette, La.

By virtue of a judgment rendered by Judge H. L. Monnier, of the third justice's court, Lafayette parish, and to me directed, the undersigned, will sell, for cash, to the last and highest bidder, in front of Judge Monnier's office, in the town of Lafayette, between legal sale hours, on
SATURDAY, MAY, 16, 1903,
 the following described property, to wit: One sorrel mare.
 THOMAS MOUTON, Constable 3d Ward.

Taken Up.
 Near J. H. Bernard's, Lafayette parish, a young filly 2 or 3 years old; mouse color, small piece of rope around neck; very gentle; no visible marks. Owner can secure same by proving ownership and paying costs.
 ERASTE GUIDRY, Lafayette, La. 4-18-4t.

Taken Up
 On my place near Carencro, about one month ago, one small white horse branded, about 14 years old, and blind in right eye. Owner can secure same by proving ownership and paying costs.
 KOSSUTH MOUTON, Carencro, La. 4-18-4t.

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Excuse Moi?
 Je vais chez
LES LACOSTE
 Aupres de la Maison de Cour
 M'acheter un BUGGIE et un WAGON, et en meme temps les voir pour un bill de HARDWARE et de PEINTURE.
 Tres bien—Tu ne peux pas aller dans une meilleure place. Leur PRIX son toujours PLUS BAS, et leur assortiments les plus grands.

Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute.
 LAFAYETTE, - LOUISIANA.
 A State Institution for the instruction of both sexes in the Arts, Sciences, Manual Training, Domestic Science and Commercial Branches. Offers five courses of study, requiring one, two, three and four years for completion, as follows:
 1. Commercial Course. 3. Manual Training Course.
 2. Stenography and Typewriting Course. 4. Domestic Science Course. 5. Academic Course.
 Requisites for admission: 14 years or older; satisfactory examination in grammar grade branches, including arithmetic to percentage, and elementary geography and history.
 Handsome new buildings, commodious and modern in appointments. Equipment full in all departments. Healthfulness excellent. TUITION FREE. Necessary expenses very moderate.
 Splendid new brick dormitory for young ladies, with all modern conveniences: iron single bed for each student; spacious and well furnished bed rooms, heated by steam and lighted by electricity; filtered water from city waterworks for bathing, pure rain water for drinking and cooking. Apply in advance for board. Young men board in private families at \$10 to 12.50 per month.
 Second Annual Session Begins Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1902.
 Catalog sent on application. For other information write to
 E. L. STEPHENS, President.

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CAPITAL, \$25,000.
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 We solicit a share of the public patronage.

Columns and Columns
 Of praise might well be devoted to adulation of the excellent supply of lumber our yards are ready to furnish. Why go into rhapsodies? Better go into the lumber yard and do your rejoicing when you see the results of the carpenter's or cabinet-maker's handiwork in turning our lumber into exquisite indoor or outdoor decorations.
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