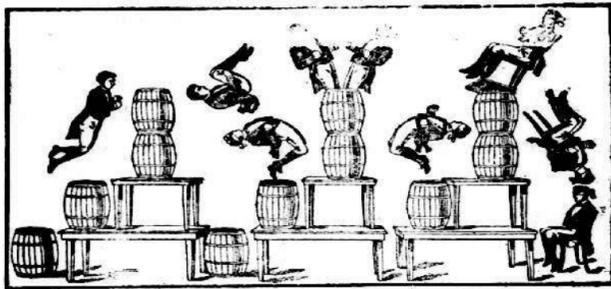


## LAFAYETTE, LA., Wednesday, Nov. 4, THE GREAT Sells and Downs United Shows.

America's Most Popular Amusement Institution.  
Grandest, Greatest, Purest, Fairest

Amusement Enterprise on Earth.  
2 Stages, Half-mile Track. Scores of Original Features, 100 Phenomenal Acts, 25 Clowns, 20 Hurricane Races, 10,000 Seats, \$1,000,000 Menagerie, Camels and Elephants.



Splendid in Organization. Magnificent in Presentation.

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Accomplish the most novel, unique and sensational feats of angelic grace and hazardous daring ever attempted.

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Afternoon and Night, Rain or Shine.

Under 10 Acres of Water-Proof Canvas.

Lafayette, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1903.

## Mouton Sisters.

Fashionable Millinery,

Ready-to-wear Hats, Veils, Velvets and Ribbons in leading styles and pretty designs. Prices reasonable

Opposite Boissat's and near the Blue Store.

LAFAYETTE, LA.

## John Vigneaux

Tenders an invitation to the People of Lafayette and parish to inspect his stock of

### Parisian Goods for all Saints' Day.

The selection was made by him in person while in France and consists of

### Crowns, Rituals, Birds, Hearts,

All hand made in artistic porcelain flowers and beads. The prices, in consistency with quality of the goods, cannot be met by competitors. All goods are displayed at VIGNEAUX'S EMBALMING PARLORS on Main street, near the court-house.

BE EARLY AND MAKE YOUR SELECTION.

The Salve That Heals without leaving a scar is DeWitt's. The name Witch Hazel is applied to many salves, but DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the only Witch Hazel Salve made that contains the pure unadulterated witch hazel. If any other Witch Hazel Salve is offered you it is a counterfeit. E. C. DeWitt invented Witch Hazel Salve and DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best salve in the world for cuts, burns, bruises, letter, or blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles. Sold by Lafayette Drug Co.

Don't forget the place when in need of a bicycle, bicycle sundries or anything in that line. A. J. Bonnet, the bicycle doctor, phone 186.

#### Beautiful Clear Skies.

Herbine exerts a direct influence on the bowels, liver and kidneys, purifying and strengthening these organs, and maintaining them in a normal condition of health; thus removing a common cause of yellow, mothy, greasy skin and more or less of pimples, blotches and black-heads. 50c at Lafayette Drug Co.

Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Thos. B. Pugh, president of the State organizations of the Daughters of the Confederacy, came to Lafayette Wednesday, and at night delivered a patriotic address to the members of the local chapter and a large audience, in the auditorium of the Industrial Institute. Miss Lucille Revillon, Miss Genevieve Mouton, little Miss Eva Mouton, and Prof. Sontag delighted the audience by the rendering of a very pretty musical program. Judge Julian Mouton also addressed the audience.

#### How Does This Strike You?

At Business we make our living, so why not prepare for it by taking a practical business or shorthand course at the Tyler College, Tyler, Texas.

It is not only the largest school of the kind in the South but its graduates are filling the most responsible positions to be found in most every town and city of the South. It is a school for the poor as well as the rich. It can fit you in a few months time and at a small expense to command an excellent salary. Write them for their free catalogue. Address: Tyler College, Tyler, Texas.

#### The Attorney General's Opinion.

The two letters published below explain themselves. Several individual cases similar to the ones referred to in Mr. Mouton's letter have been presented in this parish and The Gazette publishes Mr. Guion's letter as it will undoubtedly throw some light upon the subject.

Lafayette, La., Oct. 20, 1903.  
Hon. Walter Guion, Attorney General of Louisiana, New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:—Article 198 of the Constitution provides: "The provisions of this section as to the payment of poll taxes shall not apply to persons x x x under twenty-three years of age, who have paid all poll taxes assessed against them."  
"A" was 21 years of age in the latter part of Oct. 1901; was not assessed with a poll tax as he reached that age only after the making of the assessment by the assessor and after the rolls had been placed in the hands of the collector; and by inadvertence he was not assessed with, and never paid, a poll tax for 1902 or for 1903, but he is a registered voter. Can he vote at the next general election?  
"B" is of the same age, was not assessed for a poll tax for 1901 for the same reason, but was assessed with and paid his poll tax for 1902 only, not being assessed with that of 1902 through inadvertence of the assessor; but he is registered after he has reached twenty-three years of age. Can he vote at the next general election?

Having been consulted by law aiding citizens on above points and failing to find any authoritative interpretation of above provisions to guide them, I address you as in the opinion of the writer the matter is of sufficient public moment to justify the step. Yours respectfully,  
ORTHER C. MOUTON.

Attorney General's Office,  
State of Louisiana,  
New Orleans, La., Oct. 22, 1903.  
ORTHER C. MOUTON, Esq.

My Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 20th inst. is received. In reply I beg to say that, in my opinion, no male person who reached the age of twenty-one years in the latter part of October 1901 can vote at the next general election unless he shall have paid his poll taxes for the years 1902 and 1903, previous to the 1st December of each of those years, notwithstanding the fact that he may have been registered. This I think answers both inquiries contained in yours of above date, and is, I believe, a correct interpretation of the second paragraph of Art. 198 of the Constitution.

It is my opinion that no failure of duty on the part of an assessor, in placing the name of a voter upon the list of poll tax payers, will relieve such voter from the disability resulting from his failure to pay his poll taxes for the two years preceding the year of a general election, and that the only way by which such voter may qualify himself is by paying his poll taxes for the two years preceding the year of the election. A male person who reached the age of twenty-one years in 1901, not being under twenty-three years of age at the time of the next general election, will not be a qualified elector unless he should have paid his poll taxes for the years 1902 and 1903.

Very truly yours,  
WALTER GUION.

Honest goods at honest prices—no tricks—is what holds old customers and makes new ones—and that is what makes Moss & Company's store such a popular store with the people. And so you see there is a reason for everything.

October birthday presents at Boissat's.

#### A Dangerous Month.

This is the month of coughs, colds and acute catarrh. Do you catch cold easily? Find yourself hoarse, with a tickling in your throat and an annoying cough at night? Then, you should always have handy, a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. J. A. Anderson, 354 West 3th St. Salt Lake City, writes: "We use Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and colds. It gives immediate relief. We know it's the best remedy for these troubles. I write this to induce other people to try this pleasant and efficient remedy." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Lafayette Drug Co.

Prejean & LeBlanc have just received a fine line of gentlemen's furnishings and suits for the Fall.

## Furniture, Mattings, Carpets, Shades and Wall Paper

at Fascinating Prices.

On account of moving into our NEW BUILDING on Jefferson Street (opposite the Blue Store,) we are now disposing of our entire stock of Furniture, Mattings, Carpets, Shades, Wall Paper, Stoves, etc., at greatly reduced prices.

This in order to save repacking, drayage and handling. It's a business proposition with us and you can save money. Please give us a call and see what we have to offer you.

Remember we always do what we Advertise.

#### Political.

Democratic rallies will be held Sunday at Royville just after the celebration of high mass, and at Broussardville at four o'clock in the afternoon. All democrats are cordially invited to attend. The following speakers are announced to address the meetings in French: Judge C. Debaillon, Judge Julian Mouton, Hon. Wm. Campbell, Sheriff Ike Broussard and Dr. G. A. Martin.

See Boissat's line of watches.

In its last issue The Lafayette Advertiser refers to the inefficient service given the patrons of the Cumberland Telephone Company by the local exchange. The Gazette believes the complaint well-founded and hopes proper steps will be taken to improve the service.

#### Theatrical.

Wm. A. Brady's production of Way Down East will be presented at the Vendome Opera House in New Iberia on Sunday Nov. 1. Mr. Achille Patin of New Iberia was in Lafayette during the week and he assured our people that the production will be a good one. Reserved seats can be obtained by communicating with Mr. Patin. One-half rates will be given by the railroad companies.

Wedding and birthday presents at Boissat's.

#### Seed Oats.

The Magnolia Mills, Ltd., have a good supply of red rust proof seed oats. Phone 65.

The largest assortment consisting of the latest patterns of winter lap robes, at The Lacoste Hardware Store.

Dr. J. M. Barrier, president of the State Medical Society, was in Lafayette Wednesday and met several of the members of the Parish Medical Society in conference over the next convention to be held here next May. The doctor has been making a tour of Louisiana and reports that the profession throughout the State is looking forward to the meeting with a great deal of pleasure and that it has already advertised Lafayette far and wide in the State. He sincerely hopes that the business men of the parish will fully appreciate the advantages of having such a convention in their midst, composed of nearly a thousand of the leading medical men of the South, and he anticipates an attendance of from two to three hundred. He further expressed the hope that the business men would co-operate with the medicos in making it a success with the assurance that every dollar expended by them will return tenfold. He said this had been the experience of the business men of Shreveport.

A visit to our store will convince you that we carry the stock. J. M. Boissat.

Everything for the fire place at The Lacoste Hardware Store.

Go to the Planters' Mills for your Red Rust proof seed oats, white clipped oats, Alfalfa hay, rice bran, rice polish, feed oats, and other feed stuff. Phone 182, Ramsey & Upton.

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PELLERIN & DEGLOUET.  
Lafayette, La.

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Those of our readers who appreciate wholesome amusement should plan to spend the day in town where the Sells & Downs Shows will exhibit on Nov. 4.

The Daily X-Rays, of Charles City, said:

"The afternoon performance was presented before a tent full of people, who were enthusiastic over every feature. There is an absence of sameness about the Sells & Downs Shows, every part of it being new, novel and artistic. Not a single thing on the bill was omitted, and when the magnificent exhibition ended the great throng fled slowly out, loath to depart from a place which had provided them with such a pleasant afternoon's entertainment. The performance, with variations, will be repeated this evening."

Levy Bros. have a large stock of Hawes hats on hand.

#### A New Connection for Texas.

The Texas & Pacific Railway changed the time of the train passing Shreveport at night, on Sunday October 18th, so that connection is now made with Queen & Crescent Route train No. 7 which arrives at Shreveport at 10:50 p. m., thus giving two connections daily to all points reached by the T. & P. Ry.

Paint that gives satisfaction sold at The Lacoste Hardware Store.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Tools, diplomas, positions and board given. Years saved by our method of free work and expert instructions. Write today. Moler Barber College, New Orleans, La. 2t.

T. M. Boissat, the jeweler, is having his store building enlarged and beautified.

Hon. O. B. Steele of Baton Rouge, was a visitor in Lafayette last Saturday. Mr. Steele is a candidate for the office of State Treasurer. He was Auditor under the administration of Senator McEnery and is well known throughout the State, and he has many friends here who will give him their support.

Hats for Ladies and Children. At A. L. Dyer's, Royville, La. He has a full line of trimmed and outing hats for ladies and children.

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Saturday, November 7.

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The Largest Exhibition Tented Show That Will Exhibit Here.

Do not let other shows deceive you by claiming to be in any way connected with

## The Great Floto Shows, More High-Class Features than Presented by Any Traveling Organization.

The largest herd of Elephants and smallest Baby Elephants in Captivity, and more fine Horses, and pretty Ponies, and rare, curious Animals, and white Camels. Read carefully our press notices. See New Orleans papers.

See our Grand free Street Parade, at 10 a. m. City folks and farmers wait for the Grand and Great Floto Shows.

Remember the date, Saturday, November 7.

#### Rate-Payer Vs. Tax-Payer.

To the Editor of The Gazette: Dear Sir—In The Gazette of August 8th, Tax-Payer says he does not think the plan advocated by Mr. J. Nickerson, to work the public roads, will give satisfaction to the farmers. I don't think the system that Tax-Payer supports, of working the poor men and boys twelve days on the roads for nothing, suits the majority of the people.

Then, why not drop both Tax-Payer's system of twelve days work, and J. Nickerson's land-tax system for working the public roads, and have Tax-Payer, in his official capacity, to pass an ordinance similar to the one we have in the city, compelling every land-owner to clean up the ditches and hedges in front of his plantation. By cutting down the hedges, the wind and sun can get in and dry up the roads; and by cutting down the tall weeds and grass in the ditches, the water can run off when the floods come. If our city council has the authority to pass such laws, why has not our parish council? They can make a boy work twelve days on the road for nothing.

#### RATE-PAYER.

Ladies' shirt waists, in all the latest styles, at Levy Bros.

His Life In Peril. "I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee, of Welfare, Tex. "billiousness and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50c at all druggists.

The Ladies' Guild at the Episcopal church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. E. Davis, next Tuesday afternoon, November third, at four o'clock. All the members are requested to attend this meeting.

#### Worm Destroyer.

White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Lafayette Drug Co.

#### Show Horses Well Kept.

If there is one thing above another which is noticeable with this show it is the excellence of the horses. All are well kept, well groomed and well fed. All circuses make a specialty of advertising their "horse fair," but with many of them this is mere advertising. With the Sells & Downs show, however, it is a reality. Many an exclamation of surprise and admiration is heard as the beautiful animals pass along the street, or as they unload the cars and haul the heavily loaded circus wagons to the lot.

Kansas Red Rust proof seed oats at Ramsey & Upton's.

A spring seat post on your bicycle will make riding a pleasure on rough roads; for sale by A. J. Bonnet, phone 186.

LOST—A link cuff button, (frosted gold), between Dr. H. C. Salles's office and Judge Parker's residence. Reward will be paid for its delivery at First National Bank.

Miss H. Elena Milsted of Opelousas, is visiting Mrs. Thomas E. Webb.

Go to Levy Bros. store for gent's furnishings. Call on F. F. Carter for good crayon and pastel work.

Seed Oats! Feed Oats! Kansas City feed and seed oats at Magnolia Mills L'td. Phone 65.

Clothing for Men, Boys and Children.

A. L. Dyer, Royville, La., has in stock clothing for men, boys and children.

A Perfect Painless Pill is the one that will cleanse the system, set the liver to action, remove the bile, clear the complexion, cure headache and leave a good taste in the mouth. The famous little pills for doing such work pleasantly and effectively are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Bob Moore of Lafayette, Ind., says: "All other pills I have used gripe and sicken, while DeWitt's Little Early Risers are simply perfect." Sold by Lafayette Drug Co.