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## 36th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Shreveport, La. (Special).—Mr. C. O. Beauchamp, Mrs. V. A. Thomason, Mr. W. A. McKennon, Mrs. J. Hill Fullilove, Mr. J. L. Russess, Mr. R. B. Lunsford, Mr. W. A. Anderson, Mr. W. G. Hudson, Mr. H. E. Gump and Mr. C. E. Olshner are the men and women who compose the General Committee of arrangements for the 36th Annual State Convention of the Louisiana Sunday School Association, which will convene in this city Tuesday night, April 11th, and continue through Friday night, April 14th.

Plans are being made for the entertainment of the delegates while in Shreveport in the homes of the citizens and in addition to the splendid program that will be rendered there will be several social events, connected with the Sunday School Convention. The first will be a lawn party for the Children's Division workers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster on Fairfield Ave. The Shreveport Community Training School will have charge of a trip to Camp Lassa on Friday, after which a tour and inspection of the Training Camp of the Louisiana Sunday School Association will be made. There will also be held a session of the convention in the big Tabernacle, that seats a thousand people, and at that time the delegates will hear the story of the gift of these Training Grounds to the Association and the plans that are under way for the Training School for Sunday School workers and the camps for Older Boys and Older Girls during the summer of 1922.

## WEEK'S REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Monday—Emergency.  
Tuesday—Granniss.  
Wednesday—Pitkin.  
Thursday—Echo.  
Friday—Leander.  
Saturday—Office.  
Meetings held last week:  
Simpson—Number enrolled, 24; per cent of attendance, 75; record books submitted, 0; new members enrolled, 1; adult visitors, 1.  
Union—Dress form demonstration.  
Cooper—Adults' millinery demonstration.

## RAIN AND MORE RAIN IN VERNON PARISH

If there is any section of the country that is in need of rain water, it may be possible to secure a supply here, as there is a surplus of that commodity in this locality. The generous rainfall of the past week has brought the wildflowers out in profusion and turned the fields and woods into one great flower garden. But it is seriously interfering with the work of the farmers and planting will be badly delayed as a consequence. Still more rain is to come, as the following will show:

Mch. 28—max. 78, min. 58  
Mch. 29—max. 78, min. 61  
Mch. 30—max. 74, min. 59  
Mch. 31—max. 74, min. 52  
Apr. 1—max. 71, min. 42  
Apr. 2—max. 71, min. 49  
Apr. 3—max. 77, min. 58  
.20 inch. rain fell on Mch. 28th;  
.08 inch. on Mch. 29th; and .50 inch. on Mch. 30th.

Indications are for unsettled showery weather during the first part of the week, and generally fair thereafter, with normal temperature.

## NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE NOW IN EFFECT ON K. C. S.

A new schedule, changing the time of nearly all passenger trains, became effective on the Kansas City Southern Railway at 12.01 a.m. Sunday, April 2. The new schedule has been arranged with the view of giving the people better service and there is no doubt that it will be entirely satisfactory.

Schedule:  
No. 2, north-bound, 1:57 p.m.  
No. 1, south-bound, 3:40 p.m.  
No. 4, north-bound, 3:28 a.m.  
No. 3, south-bound, 3:00 a.m.  
No. 12, north-bound, 7:42 p.m.  
No. 11, south-bound, 9:43 a.m.

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## TRADE AT HOME AND HELP THE TOWN

It is estimated that at least \$10,000 is sent away from Leesville annually to the various mail order houses that keep the post office of this town loaded down with alluring printed matter to induce the easy marks to send away their money to some other State and trust to the honor of the various companies that maintain mail order houses to deal squarely with them. This is a strange combination when one considers it from its foundation. It is like putting your money in a slot and wishing that something will come out that will be worth the price you put into it. There are, no doubt, many families that have been "stung" with this primitive method of doing business, but they will live in hopes that some day they will get what they are too willing to pay for. How different it is with the sensible woman who will go to her favorite merchant in her own town, see what he has for sale, and, if not satisfied, solicit his assistance in obtaining for her the coveted article. Now we have the services of a man who is capable and experienced in buying goods that have merit, and in nearly every instance find to our surprise that they will cost us less than if we had sent our money away to some unknown party in some far-away State.

Prices in Leesville will compare favorably with prices that are found in any part of the country. Shoes can be bought in Leesville as cheaply as they can be bought in Brockton, where they are made. To this the Democrat will attest; clothing in Leesville is as reasonable as it is in New York City, quality considered. Tailor-made goods are to be obtained in Leesville CHEAPER than they can be bought in New York City or Boston, quality considered. It is a fallacy and a snare to imagine that by sending away your money to another State you will be getting more for your money than you can get here at home, and the sooner one realizes this very important fact the better it will be for all concerned. Let's all start with a determination to build up Leesville as it is our duty; and from this date on, refuse to be hood-winked by the alluring pictures of what the mail order houses offer and to patronize our own merchants whenever possible.

Think this over, and you will no doubt decide that when you send money away for goods that can be bought here, that you are doing an injustice to yourself and your town, and injury to those who with you have the burden of paying the taxes of the town.

Supposing everybody should send away their money for goods required, and that can be bought here; what would become of our town? What would become of the home market accessible to the small farmers? When you go away on a visit you are only too proud to boast of Leesville and her vast opportunities. Then why not assist Leesville in her struggles to become what you have set your heart on that she should be?

It is well that you consider this matter, and see your home merchant before you send away a penny to any mail order house for goods, that can be obtained here.

## MICKIE SAYS

IT DON'T MAKE NO DIFFERENCE HOW DARK 'N STORMY TH' MORNING NEER HOW MANY BLACK CATS CROSS HIS PATH, TH' BOSS STARTS OUT TH' DAN FEELIN' GOOD WHEN THERE'S A LIL STACK OF LETTERS ON HIS DESK, RENOVIN' FER TH' PAPER 'N ENCLOSEM' MONEY



## THE CROPPER SPEAKS

"Next year we'll buy a farm," we said, My wife and I when newly wed; But next year came, and next, and next, And always we were sore perplexed To find enough to square the store And get a start for one year more.

I reckon somehow I'm to blame That we have gone on just the same For fifteen years; but looking back I can't see where my work's been slack, And we've not wasted what I made. I know I'm not much at a trade, And once or twice I've lost like sin By letting someone "take me in." And twice a farm I've tried to buy But couldn't gather, low nor high, The cash I had to have in hand To get possession of the land.

So still we tend another's fields And pay him from our scanty yields; From hut to hovel move about Till all our plunder's plumb worn out.

At moving time in years gone by My wife would fret and fuss and cry And say, "It's just no use to try To keep things nice until we get A home to stay at." "Right, you bet," I'd say. "Next year we'll have to, too; I'm sick of this as well as you." But now we just pull up and go. She says no word, because, I know, She's too down-hearted, tired, sad, From giving up the hope she had.

It's hard for one to spend his life Toilin' and moilin' in endless strife With worms and weevils, grass and weeds, For scarce enough to meet his needs. It's hard to work for years and then Be just a slave to other men— No home your own, no place to stay If some man says to move away. It's hard to feel men think of you As one of a shiftless, thrifless crew— "He's just a cropper"—that means, "No good!"

"He could do better if he would." To think of what your children miss And what your women-folks must bear As you go drifting here and there.

What neighborhood has in its life Place for a cropper's busy wife? Who cares to have his kids about? At school they're likely in and out; They leave their friends when they must go; They lose ambition as they grow. They never set an orchard or a tree, Or fix the yard up so 'twill be A nicer place another year. Next year they'll likely not be here. So year by year they drift away From folks with better show than they; And year by year the wife grows old, And less and less life comes to hold For her the things that women crave. She, too, is nothing but a slave— A slave to crops and a busy man Who must keep going when he can; A slave to toil and has no end And does not help her lot to mend.

I tell you, it's no little thing To take a woman's heart and wring It dry of every hope she had. In days when she was young and glad.

It must be my fault that it's so! I've tried and failed. But still I know There's something wrong. I can't say what; But what I've earned another's got. A nigger cabin, a muddy yard— That's my wife's portion. God! It's hard To think of hopes that once she had And keep myself from going mad.

E. E. MILLER, in the "Nation" for February 22, 1922.

## TWO GOOD PAPERS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

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The unknown, that is what frightens weak minds.—Louis Blanc. Misery is dreamy, solitude creative.—Charles Nodier.

## COURT IN SESSION DISPOSES OF CASES

The Twelfth Judicial Court is still in session at the Vernon Parish Court House, Leesville, the calendar of criminal and civil cases being so extensive that Hon. Mr. Justice John H. Boone, who presides will not be able to finish the court's business until about April 10th or 12th. Among the cases disposed of so far were that of Harry Brogden, who was sent to the penitentiary at Baton Rouge to serve at least five years for burglary and larceny, his entire sentence being nine years, subject to commutation for good behavior.

The trial of Hamp Brown for murder is still being continued before a jury composed of Messrs. Robert McCullough, Emery Burns, S. A. Evans, Asa Dowden and Robert Burns. As the regular venire of jurors was exhausted last Tuesday, an additional panel of De-Talibus jurors was drawn by the clerk, the names of those issuing from the jury box being: Messrs. S. E. Ellis, Fred Beckom, J. O. Fountain, Walter Evans, James Brewer, R. S. Copeland, S. G. Parker, R. E. Weldon, E. E. Johnson, J. A. Hicks, R. S. Johnson, Harris Midkiff, A. K. Allis, Mat Davis, C. L. McCartney, Jr., F. N. Hill, Monroe Arnold, J. R. Turner, Bart Jeane, E. B. Miller, A. B. Farris, Monroe Carver, James Chisolim, Andy Deason, Clyde Stevens, Joseph Weeks, George Stalsby, Major Addison, A. L. Burleson, H. B. Brown, S. R. Bush and J. B. Rongeo.

## REGISTRAR WILL

So far about 3,000 names have been registered at the office of Hon. V. O. Craft, Registrar of Voters in Vernon Parish, who is about to close his books not to be re-opened until thirty days before the next election.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued this week at the office of Hon. A. R. Hicks, Clerk of Vernon Parish, to: Mr. Dorsey Kring and Miss Leona Cotton, both of Hutton; Mr. Benjamin Seal and Miss May Graham, both of Leesville; Mr. William Howard and Miss Alice Red, both of Fullerton; Mr. Anderson Jones and Miss Texana Fowler, both of Leesville.

Cynism is the ideal overturned; it is the parody of physical and moral beauty; it is the crime of the mind; it is the brutalizing of the imagination. —Lamartine.

## "NOTED OIL MAN" IS SECRET SERVICE MAN

If you should see a simple-minded fellow who seems to be loaded up with more dollars than he knows how to take care of properly, and he should tell you a story of untold wealth that lies hidden under your very feet; who whispers of oil, oil, big gushers of it running wild along the road sides of the Parish, and wants inside information as to where he can get leases of any kind—then intimates that he is thirsty and the amount of good money he would give for a drink; tells of the good stuff he can get "at home," and what he would be willing to pay for something real good; a hail-fellow-well-met; a mixer that gets under your hide until he thinks you can be squeezed out of a \$20 easily, or perhaps more—then, go away, friend, and sit down and think; yes, think hard, and then think again. Then go away off somewhere and sit in the shade until the dream of so many \$20 blows away. "Cause 'tain't goin' do you no good; and besides you have your little family that will need you for the next twelve months—yes, and that old bus'll miss you, too.

Varied and strange are the methods employed by the Federal Secret Service men; they come to-day, demonstrate their merit, and depart like a ghost in the night.

Leesville has had a visit from one of these gentry recently. He came and captured the town; posed as an oil man looking for oil leases that could be bought cheap, stating that he held inside information in oil matters that must be told only in whispers, about a big surprise in oil that is coming to the Parish of Vernon soon. And so he goes, working until the small hours of the morning; always with an insatiable thirst that must be appeased at any cost, until like a bolt from the sky comes the news that this friend who has been so generous, so liberal, so confidential, so kind to you, was in reality a secret service man, having come here for the express purpose of a round-up for the fellows that were doing out the stuff that unmakes a man. He swore out warrants for 46 in Leesville whose stories will be told at the coming term of court, if you wish to hear it. Come up; it's free. This "friend" who was innocence personified, and who stated that he was from the RED River district, bears the honored name of Moses. He comes to lead the children of Israel—no, Vernon—into the Promised Land of Aridity, even at the expense of one year in jail.

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