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SPRING FASHIONS IN Women's Apparel.

**A Complete Exhibition of Suits,
Gowns, Costumes, Coats,
Dresses and Millinery.**

This Spring's Showing outranks in scope and extensiveness, that of all former seasons. New things in every style of Women's Garments are here in a wonderfully diverse collection. STYLE, that all-important factor, counts strong, and is not alone confined in its conception to the higher priced garments.

In Men's and Boys' Wear

you will find here that the highest standard of quality is the only standard; where you can always get the best things made and satisfaction guaranteed. The New

HART, SCHAFFNER, AND MARX' SUITS

are Unusual in Quality, Beauty of Color and Fabric, Tailoring and Style. \$18.00 to \$30.00.

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Smart New Fashions in Two Piece Suits. The Latest Colors and Models. Unusual Values; \$3.50 to 10.00.

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**Lake Charles' Biggest, Best and
Busiest Store.**

We pay railroad fare both ways from any point in Calcasieu parish, on purchases of \$20 and one way on purchases of \$10.

CONDITIONS IN MICHIGAN.

Six Hundred Saloons and Ten Breweries Must Close.

Detroit, Mich., April 6.—Upwards of six hundred saloons and ten breweries will be forced out of business in the nineteen counties of the state, which voted "dry" at yesterday's elections. Returns late last night gave the dries twenty of the twenty-seven counties in which the liquor question was voted upon, but later figures swing Iosco county, which has seventeen saloons, into the "wet" column by 172 majority. In the eight counties which the liquor interests carried, there are a total of about 300 saloons, giving the anti-saloon league victory over two-thirds of the saloons which they attacked.

Proclamation of Election.

By virtue of the authority in me vested as the Mayor of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, and in pursuance of the requirements of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, more especially an Ordinance adopted and approved April 6, 1909, I, C. E. Carr, mayor of the Town of Welsh, La., do hereby order that an election be held in the Town Hall, in the Town of Welsh, La., on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1909, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five Trustees for the said Town of Welsh, to serve for two years.

That said election shall be held in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the Charter and Ordinances governing same of the Town of Welsh, La.

Issued this 6th day of April 1909.
C. E. Carr,
Mayor.



TO BLOOM OUT WILL BE EASY IF YOU COME TO US, AND YOU SURELY ARE NOT GOING TO LET EASTER PASS WITHOUT BLOOMING OUT, ARE YOU? TAKE THE BLOSSOMS FROM A VINE AND IT WILL LOOK BARE. FAIL TO DRESS WELL AND YOU YOURSELF WILL NOT LOOK SO ATTRACTIVE. DRESS WILL HELP YOU. DRESS WILL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD AND PROSPER. SWELL NECKTIES WILL ADD TO YOUR DRESS. WE CAN SHOW YOU SWELL NECKTIES, PROPER THINGS IN SHIRTS, GOOD FEELING UNDERWEAR AND TASTY HOSE. GOOD VALUES IN MEN'S AND YOUTH'S SUITS AND EVERYTHING UP-TO-DATE IN MILLINERY LINES.

WE HAVE EVERYTHING YOUR BODY NEEDS. RESPECTFULLY,

SOUTHERN MERCANTILE CO.,

Limited.



Big Store with Little Prices.

40 SUITS 40

**Elegant
Enduring Line of Suits for Easter.
Enticing**

These Suits are Skeleton Lined, Handsomely Made Up and Guaranteed to be the Real Thing for the season, at 25 per cent off.

BLUE RIBBON TROUSERS

The line of Easter Trousers we are showing, is the Finest ever brought to Welsh. The
‡ \$ ‡ \$ ‡ Patterns are Swell and the Colors are Right. ‡ \$ ‡ \$ ‡

PANAMA STRAW HATS

These are Genuine Panamas. These hats come in Browns and Olives, in the Very Latest Styles—They're IT!

SIGNAL CLOTHING STORE,

J. S. GERSON, Manager.

Where Style Dwells and Quality Counts--That's

MARTIN'S

CLOTHING! : : : : CLOTHING!

HART, SCHAFFNER AND MARX CLOTHES appeal to the right class. Suits sold with a Guarantee. All Wool and Wool and Silk Hand Tailored. See them To-day.

SHOES! * SHOES!

We have Everything in Shoes--Old Men's, Young Men's, Children's and Babies', Old Ladies' Young Ladies' and Misses Shoes.

You can find here lots to select from, and at Very Reasonable Prices.

LOOK THEM UP TO-DAY.

YOU WILL FIND

BEST VALUES ALWAYS



MARTIN'S!

Notice of Town Caucus.

In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 67, notice is hereby given that there will be a general public caucus held in the Town Hall on Friday, the 16th day of April, 1909, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating one candidate for Mayor, and five candidates for Trustees of the Town of Welsh. To be voted for at the Town Election of Welsh, La., to be held on the 4th day of May, 1909. All legally qualified voters of the Town of Welsh, are requested to be present and participate in this caucus. Issued this 6th day of April, 1909.

C. E. Carr,
Mayor.

Splendid Meeting Sunday Evening.

The union meeting held at the Baptist church Sunday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., was a splendid meeting in every particular. The house was crowded to its fullest capacity. Reverends Carruth, Brown and McKaig were on the rostrum and helped in the meeting. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. McKaig, who made a strong and eloquent plea for the protection of Young America. Mr. McKaig spoke, as he expressed it, from "inside information" relative to the work of the saloon in the large cities, as he had spent nearly two years in slum work in New York City, and is acquainted with the various phases of the saloon question in a manner that one without his experience could not be.

Referring to conditions in territory that has voted the saloon out, the speaker made an earnest appeal for the substitution of some other place of amusement to take its place. He said that the removal of a saloon from a town or city was not enough, that something must be substituted in its place.

In discussing the various means employed by the saloons to draw and hold patronage, he laid special stress upon the social side of the question. He said, in substance, the saloon is the poor man's club. It is there he meets his friends and associates, to talk over their plans, to crack their jokes and to enjoy each others comradeship. That it is the poor man's place of amusement; that there he is furnished, free of cost, music, cheap theatrical and other forms of amusement. It is there, if he is hungry, he gets his free lunch with a nickel's worth of beer.

These and other similar methods are employed by the saloon interests to hold its vast army in line and keep them ever ready to obey their master's nod.

At the close of the meeting a good collection was taken up, which was given to the W. C. T. U.

STRAIGHT TAX ON RICE.

**Philippines Product to Pay Duty of
Two Cents a Pound.**

According to a staff special to the Times-Democrat, the rice planters are now safe from the wave of disaster that threatened to engulf them by the admission of rice from the Philippines, duty free. According to the communication, Philippine rice will occupy the same position on the tariff schedule as that of any other country.

Washington, April 3.—"Acting upon Mr. Broussard's suggestion, the Ways and Means committee met this afternoon and agreed to about fifty amendments, the adoption of which will tend to expedite the passage of the Payne tariff bill. Among the amendments agreed to, is that which places rice from the Philippines on a footing of equality with the cereal produced in foreign territory. If any is sent to the United States, it must pay a duty of two cents a pound.

"The committee preferred to strike out the provision admitting rice from the Philippines duty free, rather than adopt the more elaborate one agreed upon in the conference between Secretary Dickinson, Senator Foster, Representatives Pujoe and Broussard and Gen. Clarence R. Edwards. That amendment provided that, in the event rice should be sent from the Philippines to the United States in commercial quantities, then the President should declare a duty in force on rice coming into the Philippines from foreign countries, equal to the duty on rice coming into the United States.

"The amendment adopted to-day is simpler and probably more effective, for the reason that nothing is left to the discretion of the President. He might not think rice coming to this country was being imported in commercial quantities, unless the import amounted to several million pounds."

**International Stock Food
at Jones Bros.**