1901 The Institute Building
Nearing Completion - Mr. Roy's and Other Homes to Add to the Appearance of the Locality.

Contractor A.E. Mouton is usually happy these days. After many months of constant work he is on the eve of seeing the completion of the main building of the Industrial Institute. A few more days and the elegant and spacious structure will be finished. Aside from its great architectural beauty, this building has many exceptional advantages possessed by few others in the country. It is thoroughly modern in every respect, and now that it is about completed, one may have an idea of how well it was planned. That the plan was conscientiously executed there seems to be no doubt. All, the president, building committee, architect, contractor and everybody else connected with it, tried to give the State a good job, and the building itself is the best evidence of the success of their efforts. It is a grand structure which will stand for ages as an eloquent monument to the intelligence and skill of the builders and to that enlightened spirit of progress which the people of Lafayette displayed in their efforts to have the institution located here.

The cost of the building is about $41,000. In this are included a few extra improvements not stipulated in the original contract, amounting to a little over $2000.

As soon as practicable the dormitory and other buildings will be erected, preparatory to the opening of the first term next September.

An engraver is working on the corner-stone. The lettering originally made on the stone was not satisfactory.

We are informed that Dr. Moss and other citizens of the town intend to build fine homes in the neighborhood.

Mr. Geo. K. Bradford, of Rayne, was at work during the week surveying Mr. Girard's land, with a view of laying it out in lots. We understand that it is Mr. Girard's intention to sell these lots.

Surveyor Charles S. Babin has marked out the lines for the opening of Johnston street.

If the land-owners will exert themselves just a little bit that locality can be made very beautiful. The employment of some taste and a little cash will make the land adjacent to the college grounds exceedingly desirable for the building of residences.