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Feb. 24, 1877-Jan. 1, 78.

## OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS OF RICHLAND PARISH.

The following statement of the vote of Richland parish, cast in the different wards, at the general election held on Tuesday, November 5th, 1878, for the various officers named therein, is compiled from the official returns of said election made to the Sheriff of Richland Parish:

	1st ward	2nd ward	3rd ward	4th ward	5th ward	6th ward	7th ward	Total
<b>For State Treasurer:</b>								
E. A. Burke	137	262	175	147	136	78	78	1013
J. S. G. Ginner			2					2
<b>For Member 46th Congress:</b>								
J. Floyd King	137	258	175	146	136	78	78	1009
John T. Ludeling			4					4
<b>For Member 45th Congress:</b>								
John S. Young	136	264	175	147	136	78	78	1014
A. W. Fairfax			3					3
<b>For State Senator:</b>								
L. H. Bowden	134	262	177	143	136	78	78	1007
<b>For Representative in Legislature:</b>								
M. J. Liddell	72	187	151	24	92	73	22	621
A. B. Cooper	64	78	27	166	44	5	56	440
<b>For Parish Judge:</b>								
E. C. Montgomery	118	240	162	63	95	75	54	807
W. H. Prewitt	3	15	5	4		2	22	51
<b>For Sheriff:</b>								
Lem Scott	99	189	170	26	91	75	43	693
Jas. A. Graham	26	45	8	114	42	8	8	256
N. M. Aston		30		47	3			106
<b>For Coroner:</b>								
A. H. Turbeville	80	191	159	41	93	63	74	701
<b>For Police Jurors</b>								
John Bishop	96							96
E. H. Leggett	12							12
Elijah Scott	184							184
E. Fowler	21							21
C. P. B. Ford			166					166
Elijah M. Donald				172				172
P. L. G. A.					20			20
J. J. Adams					9			9
W. J. Goodrum						28		28
G. A. Maes						44		44
Frank Hatch							53	53
W. P. Thomas							23	23

There were a few scattering votes for Parish Judge and Coroner, which we do not consider necessary to publish. The following officers were elected in their respective wards, to-wit:

1st ward—Justice Peace, R. H. Dandridge; Constable, S. A. Owen;  
2nd " " " H. W. McLemore; " J. S. Summerlin;  
3rd " " " J. W. Edwards; " W. B. Hester;  
4th " " " J. Burton Archibald; " J. T. Ellington;  
5th " " " C. R. Brunson; " W. F. Choud;  
6th " " " Thomas Earle; " Thos. Wisene;  
7th " " " Jas T. Stokes; " Thos. Gwyne.

The constitutional amendments, which were all rejected, except the one proposing to remove the Capital to Baton Rouge, which received a majority of 2-4 votes in the parish.

### Words of Wisdom.

[Cautious Lumberman.]  
When men, women and children meet, the devil is down, knowing that the first will turn without help from him.

It is better to rise from your knees, and shut your eyes out of your neighbors' yard than to indulge in long prayers.

The perfectly contented man is also perfectly useless.

Try to see yourself through the eyes of those around you.

The ideal suit of the young man is cut from happy timber.

The Lord can more easily have faith in the religion that wears an old coat to church, than the man in the coat can.

True prosperity builds up the soul rather than the pocketbook.

The vigorous ideal keeps warm though wrapped in few words.

Faith that asks no questions kills the soul and stifles the intellect.

Happy is the man who has neighbors willing to forgive his mistakes.

Appear to be better than you are, and aim to be what you appear.

He who thinks poorly of himself cannot win the respect of his fellows.

Many who expect to go to heaven, will find little comfort there unless they are able to get up a lively trade in harps, and gold, and nickel plated crowns.

We are gratified to be enabled to announce that from this morning the Herald will contain the press reports from all quarters. Mr. Flippin, the efficient and faithful manager of the Western Union in this city, having secured a sufficient working force to ensure their regular transmission. The fault of their non-appearance did not rest with him or with the Herald office. A mightier power than that of man has been abroad in this stricken land for the past three months. Our cemetery has been filled with new-made graves, and our homes shrouded in the dark habiliments of mourning and of woe, sickness and death have been familiar guests in the city by the River, and the Herald has not escaped unscathed. We trust its friends will remember that it has been the only newspaper outside of New Orleans in the fever-infected region which did not curtail its proportions for a time, cut off its publishers and editors conscientiously tried to make it truthful and reliable. We cannot call back the dead from their silent graves, nor can we people our desolate homes with the loved ones forever gone, but with implicit confidence in the mercy and justice of Him who rules the universe, we can and will redouble our efforts to make the Herald the leading journal of Mississippi. With unfeigned gratitude to those who have stood by us in our efforts, and no unkind feelings for those who failed to extend a helping hand, we invoke the blessings of Heaven upon our many patrons and readers.

—Ficksburg Herald, Nov. 5.

Mr. Mackey, of California, has an income of \$35,000 a day, but what good does it do him? He can't drink over ten glasses of soda water per day, and he's got to die on his merits, the same as the rest of us.—Oskosh Christian Advocate.

"Why my child," he says, "what's the matter with your nose? It's scratched."

"Yes, sir," replies the bashful girl; "that red-headed, moon-eyed leper, Lizzie X, tried to smash my nose, but I bit her ear; you bet your carpet slippers on it. That's the sort of a clothes-wringer I am."

### To Our Patrons and Exchanges.

After many long, weary months of suspense, disease, grief, dread, and the turmoil and commotion of an exciting and, in our parish, very unpleasant political contest, during which we have been almost entirely cut off from the rest of the world, by the suspension of the mails and other means of transportation, we again visit many of you whom we have not visited during that time. Our size is small, it is true, but it is the best we can do at present. Hereafter, however, we will use all the means at our command not only to furnish you with a full-size paper, filled with good reading matter but to make up for what has been lost by our forced contraction and limited circulation, which most of the time has been confined to the narrow bounds of our own parish.

Like all others, our loss has been very heavy, while we have labored under many serious difficulties, during the prevalence of the epidemic; and the wonder even to us is that we have been able to continue the issue of a half-sheet. We have, with considerable difficulty and trouble, managed to send the paper to all parts of our parish; and we were the more careful to do this because we knew that our people were entirely dependent upon the BEACON for news and newspaper reading. For this very reason, we printed off a good many extra copies nearly every week to give to those of our people who were not subscribers. Whether they appreciated this kindness of ours or not remains to be proven. If they do, they will certainly subscribe for the paper now that they have an opportunity.

We greet you all with a cheerful spirit and wish to raise our voice with yours in thanksgiving to a merciful God for sparing so much of our parish and so many of our people from the terrible epidemic that has swept over our land and spread its dark mantle over so many homes. Let profound gratitude well up from every heart to Him who hath snatched us from the very jaws of death.

The epidemic has spent its force and is abating; communication with the outside world has been reopened, and the campaign is over. Now let us not keep alive the spirit of discord, but leaving the dead past to bury its dead, return to our more quiet and pleasant avocations, with the firm resolve to heal all dissensions and fall quietly into line, so that we may be found standing shoulder to shoulder in the great contest of 1880.

Finally, for the time being, let us eschew politics and apply ourselves to matters more immediately connected with our individual and common interests, progress and prosperity, remembering that the people cannot subsist on political excitement nor the resources of our country be developed without hard labor, economy and perseverance.

We extend to our brethren of the press a cordial fraternal greeting, and request them to resume their part of our pleasant intercourse, which has been temporarily interrupted by the heavy hand of affliction, with the hope that we may continue to be of mutual assistance to each other in the great field of journalism, and that we may never again see our country so sorely afflicted, but that the blessings of peace, prosperity and happiness may hereafter rest upon our beloved sunny south.

The horse that walks ought to be the horse for which our agricultural societies offer their best premium. Why the horse that trots should be looked for and his coming welcomed on an occasion when farmers are supposed to be assembled to encourage each other in those things most promotive of successful agriculture is past finding out. Of what advantage is a horse that trots in 2:30 for daily labor? The physique that fits him for making such time is almost sure to unfit him for drawing a plough, or for the cart. Sometimes the horse of all work may distance all comers on the race track, but if he can be very apt to be more on the track than on the farm, and his owner, too, for that matter. It is the compactly built, active horse—the horse which is technically said to have good nerve and that has been trained to walk rapidly and pull a good load after him, that the farmer needs.

"Another old citizen gone." We saw him only this morning, too—with a red over his shoulder. His step was firm and elastic, his cheeks blooming with health, and his pistol pocket bulging out with a respectable containing bait or something. And now he's gone—gone a fishing.

A medical journal says "lunatics do not shed tears." Then those Plymouth Church people are not as crazy as they have been painted. Shedding tears is one of their strongest characteristics.—N. Y. Independent.

Thermometer registered 74° yesterday.

### Her Sins Have Been Forgiven.

Annie Cook, the woman who, after a long life of shame, ventured all she had of life and property for the sick, died on Thursday morning, the 10th, of yellow fever, which she contracted while nursing her patients.

If there was virtue in the faith of the woman who but touched the hem of the garments of the Divine Redeemer, surely the sins of this woman must have been forgiven her. Her faith hath made her whole, made her one with the loving Christ, whose example she followed in giving her life that others might live. Amid so much that is sorrowful to an agonizing degree, so much that illumines the graces of a common humanity, the example of this brave woman stands by itself, singular but beautiful, sad but touching, the very expression of that hope, the realization of which we have in the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least one of these, my servants, ye have done it unto me." Out of sin, the very woman, in all the tenderness and truthfulness of her womanhood, emerged, transfigured and purified to become the healer, and at last to come to the Healer of souls, with him to rest forever she is at peace.—Memphis Appeal.

### Are Your Garments Spotless?

We would none of us like to appear in the presence of a large, well-dressed company, as guests, in tattered garments.

The light that would make everything else radiant, shining upon our filthy rags, would reveal their loathsomeness, and from very shame we would hide ourselves from its presence.

But how much more fearful would it be to appear in the presence of the King of kings and the white-robed multitude that throng about Him in the filthy garments of sin.

How the light of that place, brighter than the sun, would shine through and through our vile raiment, and upon every sin-stained spot like a pulse of fire, till from conscious guiltiness and unfitness we would flee away and hide ourselves in the outer darkness of an endless night.

Reader, are your garments spotless? Are you ready if the King should summon you to appear before the throne, in the presence of the celestial company, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing?

A few months ago, a christian lady, a personal friend, was brought to seriously consider this matter.

She dreamed she heard the cry: "The Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him."

She arose hastily to obey the summons, but looking down on her garments, she saw, to her dismay, that although they were white, without a stain, they were full of wrinkles.

She tried to smooth them out with her hands, but all in vain; and realizing that she was not fit to appear in the presence of the Master, her agony of soul became so great that she awoke. The dream led to a careful self-examination, and she found many wrinkles in her christian life and character that she knew full well it would not bear the light of the celestial city.

Self-examination now may save us from eternal shame and banishment hereafter.

If we sincerely desire the work wrought in us, the blessed Holy Spirit will smooth all the wrinkles out of our tempers, habits, conversation, thoughts and lives and in Jesus' name present us blameless, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing before the throne of His glory.

Alma Tameda, the distinguished Dutch artist, thus expresses himself in regard to female form: "I do not agree with you that nature is harmonious and truthful. Nature seems to me rather to follow the principle of surprises and compensations. Handsomely shaped models nearly always have ugly—or if not ugly, ignoble, commonplace, vulgar—faces, such as could not be introduced into any composition of an elevated kind; and pretty girls are often ill-shaped, and still often deformed by compressing their form to suit the exigencies of modern dress."

Love is deaf as well as blind. If it wasn't how could the tendrils of woman's affection wind themselves about the man who talks through his nose.—(Boston Globe).

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### Local Brevities.

Are you not glad that the political excitement is over?

The last case of yellow fever at Delhi has about recovered.

Next week, Providence permitting, we will commence issuing a whole sheet again.

King's majority in the entire District is estimated at thirteen thousand.

Mrs. M. H. Hardy has our thanks for a large and beautiful bouquet of fragrant flowers sent to our office last Tuesday.

We learn that the Democratic ticket was elected in Ouachita parish by a majority of 2800; and that the independent Republicans carried Madison parish by a large majority.

We had the pleasure of hearing Rev. J. L. Wright, Presiding Elder of this District, preach last Wednesday night, for the first time in a long time. At the conclusion of the sermon there were two recessions to the church.

The members of the Baptist Church at Rayville are earnestly requested to bear in mind the fact that there will be a conference meeting of the church on the third Sunday in this month for the transaction of important business.

Mr. Evans brought to our office on Tuesday a very large bear's paw, taken from a bear killed near Cypress bayou, a few miles southeast of Rayville, on Monday. He thinks the bear are just beginning to come into the country in search of mast.

Now, that transportation is open and our planters can ship their cotton, we hope that they will not forget again that they owe the printer a little bill. Friends, we need the money very badly, or we would not ask you for it—and we know you can pay us.

The weather has been so warm as summer most of this week. As long as it continues so warm it is very uncertain when all danger of yellow fever will be over. People should expose themselves to it as little as possible while this weather continues.

In noting the return of absentees to school last week we overlooked the names of our esteemed lady friend, Mrs. P. H. Toler, and her interesting little family. We were really happy to see them resume their vacant seats in their Sunday School classes last Sunday.

Rev. L. C. Kelis preached in this place on last Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night to a large and attentive audience, for the first time in three months. On Sunday afternoon he baptized three young men in Bayou River, at the mouth of the cut-off, near Mr. Stewart's.

### The Elections.

Enough is known of the result of the election in this State for us to safely say the Democrats have carried the State by a handsome majority, electing State Treasurer and all the Representatives in Congress unless it is perhaps one.

The Democrats also made a clean sweep of Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi, while they and the independent voters carried Tennessee and Missouri, the Democrats having a decided majority in the latter State.

The Tammany Democracy was beaten in New York.

Pennsylvania returns 17 Republicans and 10 Democrats to Congress.

The Republicans control Nevada, but the race is pretty close.

It is believed that the Republicans have carried Michigan, electing the entire representation in Congress.

New Jersey has gone Republican, electing Hoyt by 50,000 majority; but the Legislature will probably stand, in the Senate 11 Republicans and 10 Democrats, and in the House 36 Republicans and 24 Democrats. The Republicans claim a gain of two congressmen.

The next congress will be largely Democratic; and that is glory enough for the party.

A young man who will train up a girl to love him and then jumps the country because she cuts with a knife, should be pursued with a pitchfork wherever he goes.—Atlanta Post.

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Weed " " " " " 25.00  
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