

McRAE TO THE FRONT- WITH ALL THE NICE THINGS TO EAT.

Saturday, - - October 19, 1895.

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Office at Bernard drug store. Residence next to Methodist Church.

Payment for medical services must be made at the close of each month positively.

Local and Parish News.

Will it be all cotton next year?

Oh those good things at McRae's.

Our present sheriff has a clean field.

There is not a vacant store on Levee street.

* The river is now lower than at any time since 1886.

We regret to learn that Mr. Tim Byrne is very ill.

Remember the civil term of court convenes on Monday.

Services at the Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Read the Building and Loan article published in this issue.

The sand bars in front of town are covered with wild geese.

Mr. Peter Matheson is paying \$6.00 per ton for cotton seed.

A full account of the masquerade ball will appear next week.

A sand bar is forming above Schneider's upper warehouse.

Lumber in large quantities is still being brought in from the mill.

Build an iron bridge across Tensas. In the long run it would pay for itself.

Mrs. Wm. McCulloch and Miss Kittle were visitors to town on Monday.

Miss Ida Gardham returned home on Sunday morning from Jackson, Miss.

All kinds of school books just received at White's. They are marked down.

Phil McGuire took a run down to Vicksburg last week to see the widow.

Go to the Water Ways Convention to be held at Vicksburg on the 22nd and 23rd.

Mr. Dan Searles was in town this week, and did a large business in the clothing line.

Our most conservative planters estimate the yield at one half, while others say it is less.

Business was brisk on Saturday last, and White was in the lead with his cheap goods.

McRae's New Crop of sugar house syrups is first class and that Buck-wheat goes nicely with it.

Mr. Simon Witkowski was down from Ashton on Monday, shaking hands with his old friends.

Call at McRae's and they will lose any time in showing you the prettiest line of groceries ever in town.

Lawlessness must not be allowed in East Carroll, and the sooner people are made to know it the better.

Mr. James Beard came up and spent Sunday with his family. He returned to his levee work next morning.

The steamer Joe Peters on her last trip passing Providence on Sunday last had a large lot of cotton for Memphis.

It is said the merry chimes of the wedding bells will soon be heard. We have been requested not to give it away.

During our absence at the Atlanta Exposition, Mr. S. B. Kennedy and Miss Mary Docker will have charge of the paper.

Miss Eva Davis left Monday morning for school at Natchitoches. She will pay a short visit to her father at Franklin first.

Services at the Methodist Church to-morrow. Rev. Mr. Kuleckerbocker will have something to say on the Sunday traffic.

It was whispered to us on Monday that a boy had arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bass last week, and that both are doing nicely.

We congratulate Judge Montgomery on the large vote he received in Madison, which assures his election without any further trouble.

Judge Montgomery has been receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his success in Madison. The B.D. congratulates him also.

We regret to learn that Lucy, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Barber's little daughter, who had recently recovered from a severe spell of fever, is sick again.

Sheriff Dunn is one who will not be found to flinch when it comes to doing his duty. And he won't ask any one to go where he won't take the lead.

W. N. WHITE, AGR.

If you can find a weak spot in the BUCKSKIN BREECHES put your hand in the pocket and take the printed guarantee you'll find there, to the dealer. He'll give you another pair or the money back. Suit yourself. Isn't that fair?

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and La Grippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day.

Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25 cents. For sale at Guenard's Drug Store.

Mr. J. K. Fowler, secretary and treasurer of the Corinne Mill, Canal and Stock Co., of Corinne, Utah, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says: "I consider it the best in the market. I have used many kinds but find Chamberlain's the most prompt and effectual in giving relief, and now keep no other in my home."

When troubled with a cough or cold give this remedy a trial and we assure you that you will be more than pleased with the result. For sale at Guenard's drug store.

Mr. Peter Matheson is now keeping ice at his landing, wholesale and retail, and as there will be several more hot days we know the people will appreciate the more. We have had no ice in town for several days this week, and the inconvenience has been felt very much. Send your orders down to Matheson.

Rev. C. Mahe left on Wednesday morning for New Orleans to be at the bed side of Rev. Joseph Gestele, the beloved Catholic Priest, who is dangerously ill. Father Gestele lived in our little town for years, before going to Shreveport, and was held in high esteem by our citizens irrespective of religion. We hope the Rev. Father will recover.

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PROF. S. E. CHAILLE, M. D., DEAN, New Orleans, La.

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Providence Opera House was the scene of a grand masquerade ball last Tuesday night, given for the benefit of Master Walter Brown. Quite a large crowd were in attendance, and the lookers-on enjoyed the fun created by the maskers hugely. At 12 o'clock the masks were removed and the dance went on until the wee sma hours.

Judge F. F. Montgomery came back from Madison parish last Wednesday evening and brought the latest election news. He carried the parish over Judge E. C. Montgomery by about thirty majority. Lucas beat McClellan by the close vote of four. Holmes carried the parish over Slack overwhelmingly. Harvey beat Galloway for clerk. Murphy received almost the solid vote for State Senator. This is the latest up to going to press.

"While down in the southwestern part of the state some time ago," says Mr. W. Chalmers, editor of the Chico (Cal.) Enterprise, "I had an attack of dysentery. Having heard of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I bought a bottle. A couple of doses of it completely cured me. Now I am a champion of that remedy for all stomach and bowel complaints."

For sale at Guenard's drug store.

President P. D. Quays of the Police Jury has added the names of Rev. C. Mahe, Hon. J. E. Ransdell and Capt. R. N. Rea to the list of delegates to the Water Ways Convention which is to take place at Vicksburg on the 22d and 23d. This is an important meeting, and one that much good is expected to be derived from. We hope that every delegate appointed by Col. Quays will be present.

Last Sunday morning Sandy Presley shot and killed Frank Johnson down at the Banks store in the second ward. It seems that they were engaged in a game of cards and got into a quarrel with the above results. Presley came up to Providence before day and crossed the river here, making his escape. A reward of \$30 is offered for his capture. Murder in the parish is getting too frequent and should be checked if possible.

We are pleased to state to the Episcopians of our town and parish that Rev. Mr. Mack will hold services to-morrow morning and evening. We hope the reverend gentleman will have a large congregation.

Capt. W. S. Brown returned from New Orleans on the steamer Leathers Tuesday morning, bringing home two of his children. His wife remained in the city on account of the serious illness of his oldest daughter.

Lake Providence, La., Oct. 19, 1895.

The Hon. Board of School Directors of the Parish of East Carroll met this day in regular session pursuant to call.

Present—Hon. W. N. White, President; C. R. Egely, Secretary. Directors—Benjamin, Powell, Millikin and Webb.

Absent—Directors Goffe, Bass and Montgomery.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The treasurer of the school fund filed his report for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1895, which was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and proper auditing.

Communications from Messrs. Max Stockner and A. M. Nelson read and received, and upon motion of Director Powell, same was laid on the table.

Petition from Col. T. L. Van Fossen and L. K. Barber relative to school matter in Bunch's bend, was read and received, and upon motion of Director Benjamin it was unanimously resolved that a monthly appropriation of \$25.00 be made for the purposes indicated in said petition.

Upon motion of Director Millikin, it was resolved that an appropriation of \$150.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purchase of school furniture and other articles, as indicated by the Superintendent in his last semi-annual report and adopted by the Board at its regular session, and the Superintendent file his report of the expense incurred in said purchase at the next regular session of this Board.

Petition from the Lake Providence Educational Association asking for an increase of the salary of J. A. Harris, principal of the colored school in Lake Providence read, received, discussed and upon motion of Director Webb, same was referred to the appointing board for investigation and report at the next regular session.

Upon motion of Director Powell, the superintendent was authorized to open on the 1st Monday in December for a session of four months fifteen colored schools throughout the parish, with one teacher each, at a salary of \$25 per month.

The Finance Committee filed the following report which was read and received and adopted, to-wit:

We, your Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the treasurer of the school fund and sundry claims presented, beg leave to report that we have examined same which is supported by proper vouchers, which report shows that on July 1st 1895 he had on hand—

A cash balance of \$749 23

Received since for Fall tax..... 6 75

Received for fines..... 45 00

Less commissions..... 12 60

Disbursed as per vouchers..... 287 05

Leaving a balance of Oct. 1895..... 505 73

We have also examined the following accounts presented against this Board which we have approved and recommend payment, to-wit:

T. J. Powell, for hauling..... \$ 4 00

C. F. Davis, examiner..... 8 00

W. S. Maguire, examiner..... 6 00

19 00

The bill presented of H. H. Graham for sundries, we refer back with request that an account of the item bearing date of March 8th, 1895, be furnished this board by its next session.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Powell,

J. S. Millikin,

W. H. Benjamin,

Finance Committee.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned until its next regular session, unless otherwise specially convened.

W. N. WHITE,

President.

C. R. Egely, Secretary.

Five fancy apples at McRae's for a nickel.

Mrs. Z. Kennedy, who has been on a visit to Mrs. Ora Powell down in Mississippi during the summer returned on the Joe Peters on Sunday last.

Freche's New Sensation showed at the landing Thursday and Friday night to a large house. The show was good enough for the price of admission, 25 cents.

The latest news from the lower end of the parish is that the parties have surrendered to Sheriff McClellan, and Mr. Dunn did not have to visit the scene of disturbance.

White has just got in, and they are on show, the prettiest line of Ladies' trimmed sailor hats you ever laid eyes on. Be sure and get you one. Why not, they are cheap.

Mrs. T. J. Gilliam and Mrs. T. J. Fatteree made the round trip to Memphis on the Joe Peters. All passengers are made to have a pleasant time on this popular boat.

Publisher Turner, has gone to the Atlanta Exposition, and will take in Chattahoochee and Chickamauga before returning. If he brings a wife back with him, don't be surprised.

Mrs. John Martin accompanied Rev. C. Mahe to New Orleans on Tuesday evening. We hope the trip will be beneficial to the good lady, who has not been real well for sometime.

An Italian has opened up a fruit and oyster stand at the O'Sullivan old store, corner Levee and First street. We learn that Mr. Doran will open up a meat market in the same building.

Furniture at Wholesale Prices.

We represent the largest manufacturers of Household Furniture in the world, and sell to anybody at factory prices. All shipments direct from the Chicago factory. Our large furniture catalogue mailed to any address on receipt of 6 cents in stamps to pay postage. Our special Baby Carriage Catalogue, showing 63 new styles, mailed free. American Furniture Agency, Retail Profit Smashers Galena, Kansas.

Cranberries.

Ben Davis Apples.

Fresh Prunes.

Bunch Celery.

California Fresh Fruits.

California Evaporated Peaches.

Evaporated Apples.

Dried Apples.

New Sugar House Syrup.

Maple Syrup.

Gold Drop Syrup.

And that Buckwheat.

Heno Tea.

Assorted Preserves.

Assorted Fruit Butter.

Potted Chicken and Turkey.

Fresh Strawberries in cans.

Fresh Cottolece.

Fresh Pork Sausage in oil.

Fresh Pork Sausage.

Pickled Tripe.

Pickled Pigs Feet.

Whittiker Hams.

Acme Hams.

Picnic Hams.

Breakfast Bacon.

Bologna in Olive Oil.

Hog Chittling.

Sure enough Mangoes.

Crabs on 1-2 Shell.

Sauer Kraut.

Pine Apple Cheese.

Cored and Grated Pine Apple.

Rollmops.

Chicken, Ox Tail and Turtle.

Soaps.

Fancy Candies to Suit the Most Fastidious!!

REFRESHMENTS:

Brandy, Claret, Champagne Cider, Ginger Ale, Mineral Water, Seltzer Water, Old Rye Whiskey, Imported Apollinaris Water, Imported and Domestic Champagnes, Anheuser Busch Keg Beer, Budweiser Bottle Beer, Malt Nutrine, Mereschino, Benedictine, Imported Sherry and Rhine Wines.

I am doing a first class Grocery Business and a liberal share of your patronage will be appreciated, and satisfaction is guaranteed.

Yours Very Truly,

W. C. McRAE, Agt.

THE TRAGIC ELEMENT IN LITERATURE—METHODS OF USING IT.

The tragic element in life is higher than the comic element. This is a self-evident truth. Life is real, life is earnest. Try as we will, to make light of the passing hours, there will inevitably come the day of death, when the body will shrink in physical terror at dissolution, and when the heart will know it must part from all it loves best on earth. Therefore, life is set to a tragic key. There may be song ripples of joyousness in it, but the deep undertone is tragic. This undertone, clear, strong, full as the rushing music of a river is always heard; and the best writer is he that can best interpret it.

Hence the greatness of a writer may be measured by the success with which he uses tragedy. Let us examine the manner in which different authors deal with tragic themes, and grade them accordingly.

First we will mention some tragic themes. They are death, intense passions of love, hatred, jealousy, ambition, revenge and remorse. When these themes are well presented they appeal to the tragic element that exists in every heart, and affect it more powerfully than do the themes of joy, prosperity, contentment and repentance.

There are two principal methods of dealing with tragedy. One method strives for simplicity; the other method strives for effect and picturesqueness. The first method is advocated by Thackeray and George Eliot. The latter method by Edgar Allan Poe and Charles Dickens. The first two authors assume tragedy lies entirely in the soul, no matter what may be the surroundings. The latter two make the external surrounding correspond with the internal emotions. Shakespeare employs both methods. In his celebrated poem of the Raven, Edgar Poe depicts that most tragic of all themes—remorse. And how does he impress its dread effects on the mind? By making the physical atmosphere of the work correspond with the mental atmosphere.

It is a stormy night in bleak December. The clouds are black and lowering, the rain pours in great sheets of water, the skies are riven by flashes of keen lightning. Inside of the student's room the air is heavy with the odor of musty volumes. The silken sad, uncertain, rustling of each purple curtain of the oak bed is as weird and melancholy as the dark night and the wind and the storm. Dreary and alone, with his relentless conscience, the scholar tries to decipher his parchment. The effort is useless. Every wall of the wind, every rattling of the window, the fall of each dying ember from the grate unnerves him. A crime stained soul makes him restless and afraid. Finally there is rapping at his chamber door. The thought of the supernatural glide phantom-like before his mind: "It is the spirit of Lenore, the scholar thinks, come here in the blackness and the solitude and the desolation to comfort me." He opens the door and peers into the night. "Darkness there and nothing more." "Back into the chamber, turning all his soul within him burning. Soon again he hears a tapping something louder than before." This time the sound pronounced, and yet uncertain is at his window pane. Opening the lattice he admits into the room a bird, which men of all centuries have considered to be of ill omen. It is a raven that enters. His plumage is blacker than the black night, and his eyes have in them all the seeming of a demon that is dreaming. He is the personification of maliciousness and blight. In the poem he represents remorse. His one word is "Nevermore." The past is gone. In it, you committed a crime. You cannot recall the days and act differently. The opportunity of being good has left you forever. The consequences of the crime will last always, and the memory of it will eat into your heart. Never, never more will you have the chance of peace and innocence that was granted you long ago, and that you despised. Now, through all the coming ages your soul

must suffer for the wrong which it has done; the wrong that can never be obliterated. This is remorse, and Poe impresses on the mind its gloom and its power, by means of painting the surroundings in colors as dark and tragic as the theme itself. Charles Dickens employs the same method. Recall any of his novels, and notice that whenever he writes of tragedy, he describes a stormy night in London. Each time one sees the clouds hovering over the oppressively vast city and hears the rain dripping, dripping on the wide stone streets and sees the street lamps flickering and flaring in the darkness, and beholds the black sluggish water of the Thames flowing, flowing with all its ugly secrets toward the ocean.

Thackeray, and George Eliot abjure this method. They consider it theatrical and stager. Tragedy is enthroned in the human heart and surroundings, neither add to it nor detract from it. The skies may be ever so bright, and the earth filled with sunshine and flowers, or the day may be gray and calm when Hetty Sorrel approaches the scaffold to pay the penalty of murdering her baby, the anguish of her soul is too deep and vast to be affected by the weather. When George Osborne tells Amelia good-bye before the Battle of Waterloo it makes no difference to that devoted wife whether the parting takes place in a cypress or in the hotel at Brussels. It is like tearing out her very heart, for her to give him up at all, and she will be as miserable in a ball room as in a cave. When Othello smother's Desdemona the stars are shining lambent, bright and clear in the heavens, but if there were an "huge eclipse of sun and moon." That sympathy of nature would be a relief to him; but this peaceless increases the tumult of his soul.

Without turning to external objects for aid, Thackeray, George Eliot, Howells and Shakespeare use the tragic element in literature with more force than do Edgar Poe, and Charles Dickens; therefore they are the greatest writers. Hence we conclude simplicity is the highest outcome of culture and real tragedy, is independent of dramatic surroundings.

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