

Saturday, January 23, 1897.

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Local and Parish News.

Clothing at all prices at Levy's.
Services at the Churches to-morrow.
Yonnie Yohuson is alright, alright.
Court started Monday morning on
time.

The first month of '97 is fast passing
away.
The planters are still purchasing
mules.
The weather has been mixed this
week.

Frank McGuire's coal pile is diminu-
ishing.
The assessor for East Carroll still
hangs fire.

Read the advertisement of Mr. W.
N. White.
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Oldfield are now
town people.

Now is the time to prepare for an
early garden.
The delinquent town tax list will
soon appear.

The Police Jury proceedings will ap-
pear next week.
Read the list of real estate transfers
in another column.

Bell has entirely cleaned out his
large cotton seed pile.
Don't forget to call on Powell at his
new place of business.

There is not a vacant residence in
the town of Providence.
Our mail arrives quite early, con-
sidering the heavy roads.

Raising the levee on the Grant
canal front has commenced.
The artistic arranged show win-
dows at White's looks pretty.

The horse lost by Mr. R. J. Burney a
few weeks ago has been found.
The grip is dying out for the want
of material. Everybody has about
had it.

There is too much grinding by those
who have money, who let it out on
interest.
The murder case has taken up al-
most the entire time of the court this
week.

Attend the lecture at the Episcopal
Church to-morrow evening at 7
o'clock.
The brick kiln now being gotten
ready to burn, will be 250,000 or
300,000.

The street and bridge committee
have a gang at work on the streets and
sidewalks.
The merchants of town are carrying
a large line of harness and farming
implements.

Mrs. Grundy says "that the variety
of society folks now-a-days is infinite-
ly amusing."
The bottom seems to be knocked
out of the cotton market. The quotat-
ions are down.

The storm on Saturday night last
was very severe, and was accompanied
by rain and lightning.
It is a shame to allow mules and
horses to stand at the racks all day
without food or water.

Fousse skipped out on Wednesday
morning. It is whispered that he
went to Baton Rouge on business.
Postmaster Taylor, who has been
down with a case of grip, is now able
to be up and attending to his duties.

Col. P. D. Quays and Mr. H. H.
Graham, members of the Police Jury,
were in attending a meeting on Wed-
nesday.
The bottom is plum knocked out of
the cotton receipts, and it is only a
stray bale now that wanders on the
landing.

White's cut sale of one third on bon-
nets, hats and shaps cannot be beat.
We advise the ladies to take advantage
of this sale.

Mr. Louis Leach, of Robertdale, in
Bunch Bend, lost a fine mule a few
weeks ago. Read the notice in
another column.

Mrs. Segbers and children, who
have been visiting in New Orleans for
several weeks, returned on the Natchez
last Sunday morning.

The first quarterly conference of the
New Year took place at the Methodist
Church on Saturday and Sunday last,
Rev. Mr. White, presiding.

The jury in the murder case that
took up three days of the week,
brought in a verdict on Thursday of
not guilty. Mr. Ransdell, their attor-
ney, worked hard and deserves a great
deal of credit for the manner in which
he conducted their case.

GOOD TRAIN SERVICE.

Train service inaugurated by the Y.
& M. V. R. R. and L. C. systems is ap-
preciated by the traveling public. By
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St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Cincin-
nati and all points east with only one
change of cars and this change is made
at a Union Depot in Memphis, where
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burg, Miss.

NOTICE.—Rev. Mr. Mack wishes us
to state that on account of breaking a
lense in his apparatus that he will not
be able to present his pictures to-mor-
row evening.

Mr. John Hamilton, who has been
quite sick for sometime, was taken to
Vicksburg on Friday last by his sister,
Mrs. J. L. Martin. We hope that the
change will restore him to good health.

Mr. John McRae of our town, has
patented a self fastening pants button
that is one of the best yet patented.
Mr. McRae has been offered a good
sum of money for his patent, but has
refused it.

We hope that a large number of our
citizens will attend the lecture and
illustrations of Holy pictures to be
delivered by Rev. Mr. Mack to-mor-
row evening at the Episcopal Church
at 7 o'clock.

Live Oak Rye is the peer of any
whiskey made in the world, possessing
in concentrated form the aromatic and
tonic qualities of the grain from which
it is distilled. Phil McGuire is the
sole agent at this place.

Simon Allen, a colored man living
on the Henderson plantation, had a
horse stolen from him on the 2nd.
Messrs. J. Stein & Co., will pay a
liberal reward for his delivery. Read
the notice in another column.

Plant a goodly size acreage in cot-
ton, but do not forget to make ample
provisions for food crops, for in it
lies the success of the cotton planter
these days. The man who raises every-
thing he needs on his plantation can
make money at five-cent cotton.

WEST MONROE, LA., May 25, 1895.
We have tried several of the IMITA-
TIONS of Dr. TICHEONOR'S ANTI-
SEPTIC, and while they may "smell,
taste and look" like his, they are cer-
tainly not its equal, and this is also
the verdict of our customer.

W. L. Morris & Co.
We are told that Mr. Geo. S. Owen,
the efficient manager of Buckmeadow
plantation, made an average of four
hundred and fifty pounds of cotton to
the acre. We suppose there are other
places in the parish that has done as
well, but they have not been reported
to us.

Mr. John M. Kennedy, who is at-
tending the State University at Baton
Rouge, will please accept our thanks
for a copy of "The Reveille," a neat and
newspaper, published weekly by the
students of the University. The paper
is brim full of interesting matter
and is bound to be a success.

On account of the trial of the four
colored men charged with the murder
of one of their color in October last,
our streets were thronged Monday,
Tuesday and Wednesday with colored
men, women and children from the
Bend, who came in, some as witnesses
and others through curiosity.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and
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We learn that lately several stray
horses and mules have been taken up
by colored people and instead of noti-
fying the proper authorities they would
work them as if they were their own
stock, and that it is only by chance
that the strayed stock is ever found.
If some of these people were handled
by the law it would learn them and
others what to do when they take up
stock and work them, as it has been
done in several instances.

We are told that our popular Re-
publican friend Capt. J. B. Donnally of
New Orleans will be appointed Col-
lector of the Port by President Mc-
Kinley. It would be gratifying news
to his many Democratic friends in his
old home to see him appointed to the
position. No better appointment
could be made, and one that would be
approved of by Democrats as well as
Republicans. We wish him good
luck.

Because the imitations of Dr. Tiche-
onor's Antiseptic smell and taste like
peppermint is so prof that they are
"just as good" as the original, simon-
pure compound that has given univer-
sal satisfaction for ten years. You
may know Dr. Ticheonor's Antiseptic
by the trade mark. J. S. Guenard
always keeps it for sale.

In another column will be found a
list of transfers of property that took
place during the month of December.
The list was kindly furnished us by
deputy clerk D. W. Gilmour.

Twenty-one transfers of property by
sale and otherwise, took place during
last month in our parish, and most of
them took place in the town of Provi-
dence, or in the new addition to it re-
cently made by Messrs. Millikin and
Hameley.

This is a sure and unmistakable
evidence of the growth of our town.
Real estate in Providence has been
greatly on the increase during the last
year, and houses have been built in
every part of the town. In the last
four years more than fifty house
were put up in town, and to-day we
do not know of a single residence for
rent in or near Providence. Lots are
selling very well in the New Provi-
dence, and there is already quite a
number of houses in what was last year
a cotton field. In fact, there is a gen-
eral desire for every one to get a home;
every one wants to quit paying rent
and get a little home that they may
call their own. Lumber is much
cheaper than it used to be, brick will
soon be down to eight dollars a thous-
and and the town is bound to increase.
We are not booming, but steadily and
healthily growing.

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quite sick for sometime, was taken to
Vicksburg on Friday last by his sister,
Mrs. J. L. Martin. We hope that the
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FLERS' and other warm things for
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tion.

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If any person in our parish should
come across a negro who has a pug
dog in his possession they will do us
the favor by capturing the canine. A
young lady in Mississippi has lost him
and has written to us that the negro
crossed the river at our landing on
Monday. A liberal reward will be
paid for his delivery at this office.

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tion of Dr. Ticheonor's Antiseptic
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original Ticheonor's Antiseptic by the
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Francis Magee, after an illness of
years, passed away on Tuesday even-
ing and his remains were followed to
their last resting place in the Provi-
dence Cemetery by a large number of
our citizens. Father Mahe paid a fit-
ting tribute to the little fellow, who,
during his long suffering never com-
plained. Francis is now better off
with his Maker. His father and
brother have the sympathy of their
friends in their bereavement.

The river after coming up just high
enough to cause Mr. Hamley to move
the 250,000 feet of lumber laying on
the bank, commenced to fall on Sat-
urday last and has been going down
rapidly during the entire week. The
rise now coming though will check
the fall and cause it to swell again.
The knowing ones tells us that on ac-
count of the open winter we will not
have an extreme high water this
winter or spring.

A gentleman told us the other day
that a colored man whom he knows,
started in at the beginning of '96 to
make his crop of cotton without a dol-
lar and that he had to be furnished.
He put in twenty-five acres in cotton,
worked hard and was saving, and at
the winding up of the season had
cleared \$525 00. Is there any other
place under the sun except in the cot-
ton growing country that this can be
done? Here was a man who did not
have a dollar to begin with, who has
made enough of money to carry him
through the '97 crop year without bor-
rowing a dollar, and if he does not buy
a mustang poney and a buggy and
other things that he can do without
and does not need, he can soon have
enough of money to purchase a little
piece of his own and be independant.

They report in the second ward that
the hat of a prominent gentleman of
our town, lost on the night of the wed-
ding, was since found in a bath tub.

Hon. C. S. Wyly and wife left for
New Orleans on Wednesday. Mr.
Wyly has business before the Supreme
Court.

President Nicholson of the Police
Jury, was up from the first ward to
attend a meeting on Wednesday. He
tells us everything in plantation work
is going along nicely.

The colored people of the parish in-
tend building a Union church in our
town in the near future. It is said
that it will be a fine structure.

It did not take long to get a jury on
Tuesday in the murder case. Very
few were rejected. It was composed
of two whites and ten colored.

REDUCTION!!
IN MILLINERY.

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PRICE. THIS SALE WILL CONTINUE
AS LONG AS THEY LAST. WE INVITE
YOUR INSPECTION.

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MYSTICISM.

Early on these winter mornings the
lake is like a sheet of crumpled
steel, the silver rays of the newly risen
sun glance upon the crest of the waves;
beyond the water in the forests the
trees appear as if painted on a canvas.
They blend together, in the distance.
A dim blue haze is the medium through
which we see the lake, the sunrises, the
damp forest trees.

The landscape seems to me to be in na-
ture what mysticism is in literature.

The mystics are not the writers that
deal with mystery, but they are the
writers whose thoughts and images are
seen, as if they were, through a mist.
Raskin says, "No man should paint
a picture of the interior of a room with-
out putting in it an open window."
The window showing a glimpse of
violet-crowned hills, or blue sky, or
gray-crown waster, suggests in finite-
ude. It presents the picture from being nar-
row and too realistic.

In literature the mystics paint the
open window. They are suggestive.
They allow the white winged dove—im-
agination, to escape from the four walls
of fact, and to venture forth without
restraint, over the waters of specula-
tion.

The three greatest mystics in Ameri-
can letters, are the poets Hawthorne,
Edgar Allan Poe and Father Ryan.

Hawthorne has written no verses but
"The Marble Faun," is a poem. The sub-
ject is one that appeals to the dream-
er, rather than to the practical man.
In Greece there is supposed to have
existed a race of beings that formed
the link between the brute creation
and man. The fauns were intelligent,
but they had no souls. They were a
part of nature. They were joyful in
the dim, Hellenic groves they drank
only the golden sunlit wine of pleasure.
To their lips was never held grief's
chalice of deadly hemlock. In Rome
there is a statue by Proxiodes. It is a
"Marble Faun." From this statue
Hawthorne drew the title of his book.

The hero, Donatello, resembles, per-
sonally, the marble faun. His nature,
too, is as sanguine and careless as was
that of the fauna of Mythology. This,
being, all sunlight and thoughtlessness,
comes in contact with Miriam, a
woman that is an artist, and one whose
nature is as deep as saddened as, irre-
sponsible and free. She is beautiful
with a rich, dark Jewish type of beau-
ty. Donatello loves Miriam, and for
her sake, on an impulse, in obedience
to a glance from her eyes, he hurls the
mad monk from the brow of the Capu-
tine hills. The fantastic mad man is
the husband of Miriam. As soon as
the murder has been committed the
two lovers feel alone in the universe—
isolated from mankind. Then they re-
alize, with a shudder, that they are
akin to all the criminals of old
Rome. There is a communion of devils
as well as a communion of saints.

Before he sinned, Donatello used to
lie on the rolling Tuscan hills near his
home of Monte Beni, and when he gave
a low soft whistle like the sweet notes
of a flute, the birds and the squirrels
would come to him and frolic around
him as if he too, was a creature of the
wild woods. When his soul becomes
saturated with crime, he leaves Rome
and flees to Monte Beni; but the forest
birds and the squirrels will not re-
spond to his call. They shun him. He
is evil. He is no longer a child of
nature. Is this fact keeping with
God's law. Does He cast off His or-
dering ones? Does He not rather make
His sun to rise upon the evil and the
good and sendeth His rain on the just
and the unjust alike?

Through crime Donatello's soul is
awakened. It is better to fall and
suffer than to live forever on the sur-

face of life and never once to sound its
depths?

The mystics leave such questions
unanswered. Indeed, they never state
them in words. They only suggest them.

In "The Marble Faun" one follows
the characters through the crumbling
arches of the Coliseum; through the
Boghese Gardens, in cathedrals and
art galleries, and it is understood,
always, that Miriam is more guilty
than Donatello. She instigated the
crime. He was a tool in her hands.
But when the story is ended, Donate-
llo is described as languishing in a danc-
geon while Miriam is free. Hawthorne
never says whether Donatello is
executed or not. The poet novelist is
true to his mysticism. We close the
book, and feel as if life's casements
had been thrown wide open and we
had looked into the vast, solemn star-
lit eternally.

Of Edgar Poe's works "Ulalume"
is the most mystical.

A path leads through a forest. Gray
mists of autumn rest upon the trees.
Dead leaves are tramped into the wet
earth. The poet wanders through this
"misty, misty, misty" region of weir,
and "his heart it is ashen and sober as
the leaves that are crisped and sore."
As the leaves that are withering and
sore." He comes to the end of a vista
and stops at the door of a tomb, at the
door of a legend tomb. "Tis the tomb
of his last "Ulalume." From the
stone vault a nebulous lustre is born.
It assumes the form of a star and rolls
through an ether of sighs."

Many critics say there is no meaning
to this poem, that it is nothing but
words, words, words, that it is rhyme
without reason. However it bears
interpretation as well as does the
"Raven." The dim haunted woodland of
Weir "is the shadowy land of memory.
The poet's soul wanders down this mys-
tic mind region of Weir until it comes
to the door of a tomb that contains the
body of his wife. Then it shudders,
and leaves the past to hasten back to
the present. The star that is brighter
than Dian is the spirit of "Ulalume."

Father Ryan's mysticism explains
itself. He is a poet and a priest.
His mind is colored by his vocation.
In his verses ring sweet toned vesper
bells and gleam soft after lights. His
"Song of the Mystic" is but the long-
ing of the human for the divine that all
of us feel at times.

"I walk down the Valley of Silence,
Down the dim voiceless valley alone,
And I hear not the fall of a footstep
Around me, save God's and my own,
And the hush of my heart is as holy,
As hovers when angels have flown.

Long ago was I weary of voices,
Whose music my heart could not win;
Long ago was I weary of places,
That fretted my soul with their dim.
Long ago was I weary of noises,
Where I met but the human—and sin.

And I tolled on, heart tired of the human,
And I moaned amid the mazes of men,
Till I knew, long ago as an after,
And heard a voice call me—since then
I walk down the Valley of Silence,
That lies beyond mortal ken.

Do you ask what I found in the Valley?
"Tis my Trusting place with the Divine.
And I fell at the feet of the Holy,
And above me, a voice said "Be mine,"
And there arose from the depths of my
spirit,
An echo—"My heart shall be thine."

It is twilight. The blue lake is
charmed into stillness. A bar of crim-
son sunset forms a back ground to the
forest trees. The holy evening star
trembles alone in the heaven, and a
soft and silve haze covers the face of
nature like a filmy bridal veil.

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