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## The Next Crop.

We have now entered into the new year and the planters will soon be preparing for another crop, but somewhat discouraged. The Messenger advises the planter and laborers to renew their courage and cast aside the trials and disappointments of the past year, and plant their plow into the soil with the firm determination of making first of all, food crops, such as corn, potatoes, hay, fodder vegetables, fruits &c., and raise their meat and poultry, in order to sustain themselves on their own labor and not to depend upon advances of provision and money at rates which are far beyond their means. And when they will have at home all the necessaries of life, then they could plant a little cotton, cane or other money crops, and in a very short time the planter will be independent and prosperous.

## Change of Crop.

We are informed that several laborers who made cane crops last year, will abandon the cane culture and plant cotton the coming season. The laborers do not like the present system of the owners of large plantation, to make cane at fifty cent per ton for every cent the sugar will be worth, that is if sugar sells at 4 cents per pound the cane will be worth two dollars a ton, which they consider too uncertain.

## Changing the Jury System.

The mistrials in prominent criminal cases lead to a thorough review of the Jury system and suggestions of changes to secure efficient public service.

The practice of rejecting jurors capable of reading and posting themselves on the incidents of crime, keeps out of the jury box some of the best qualified and most judicious men.

To begin with more rigid law in relation to jury service, to prevent business and professional men from shirking their duty or frivolous pretenses would increase the intelligence of the average jury.

A jury ought not to be deprived of the power of returning a lawful and just verdict, because one or two obstinates or corrupt men determine to violate the spirit and letter of the law by a refusal to concur with a majority or three fourths of their fellows.

Trials of criminals are always costly affairs, and all obstacles to speedy trials should be removed for economy as well as justice's sake.—N. O. Chronicle.

The N. O. States is pounding away at Mr. Gay for his vote on the Morrison tariff bill. It is strange that such a staunch Democrat as Mr. Gay should slide over and vote with the Republicans, but he does it like a little man. The protectionists all belong in the Republican column, and bar Congressman ought to stay there.—St Mary Review.

Mr. Gay has been sent to Congress by a sugar growing people, and his duty is to protect their interest. Mr. Gay has done his duty by voting against the Morrison bill and has the approbation of the people of his District.

There was a heavy fall of snow in Shreveport, Minden, Farmerville and Arcadia, La., and in central Mississippi. The depth of the snow was from 4 to 9 inches.

Illustratives of the "ups" (at the cost of course, of some one else "down") on Wall street the following is going the rounds.

One of the handsomest equipages on Fifth avenue was driven by a young Irishman who arrived in New York from Cork, a few weeks ago, with \$500 in his pocket. He had come to see the United States, and the \$500 was to pay his expenses. One of the acquaintances he made was a Stock Exchange magnate. The Irish lad had a story or two, new and succulent; the Stock Exchange man liked them and an off hand friendship sprung up forthwith. The Stock Exchange man was a bear, and the youth from Cork was invited into the ranks. In went his \$500 promptly. He didn't have long to wait: little by little the stock market began to split; soon it was wide open. The 500 swelled into \$5000 in a few days; then it grew to twice \$5000 and when Wednesday's crash came the figure doubled once again and \$20,000 stood to the credit of the mere chit of a boy who had never expected to handle so much money in many a year to come.—N. O. City Item.

Congressman Gay wants the free entry of certain articles of sugar-making machinery. Mr. Gay is not above raking in the advantages arising from free trade when they benefit himself and the quarter of a million of people whom he represents. The other 59,750,000 people in the United States are of course left out of the honorable gentleman's consideration.—Weekly States.

The other 59,750,000 people have Representatives in Congress to represent their interests. Mr. Gay is representing the people of his District, and it is his duty to take advantage of everything that will be to their interest.

## Local Lights.

The Police Jury met last Monday.

We have passed through a cold spell of weather this week, there was a freeze for several days.

The Messenger and the Mayflower of Yarmouthport, Mass., one year for \$1.35.

The social gathering at Judge Mouton's residence last Friday was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

The Volina Cordial Co., of which we publish an advertisement, has issued a beauty in the shape of an Almanac, which can be had at A. Labbe & Son's drug store, where the medicine is sold.

A very enjoyable soiree was given at Mr. Jeremiah Fitzgerald Friday night last, and was largely attended by the young people of the town.

Mr. Paul Bienvenu, one of the finest shots of this place, has killed 80 wild ducks in one and a half day hunt this week at Lake Catahoula. Who can beat this record?

Delightful was the hop given at our friend E. R. Knight, Wednesday evening. Those who attended had a most pleasant time.

The Sunday Law was generally observed, every place of business was closed. Some of our people are very bitterly opposed to the law, but will not resist it. The town was entirely deserted, and looked dull and sad. It is generally believed that the Sunday law will greatly injure the business of the town.

Gab. Gardemal has an extensive and varied stock of plantation supplies such as plows, leather collars, hames, trace chains, hoes, and in fact everything necessary on a plantation, at rock bottom prices.

Miss Blanche Broussard, the charming daughter of our popular Sheriff, Mr. T. L. Broussard, gave to her friends Tuesday evening a delightful soiree. We extend our thanks to Miss Blanche for her gracious invitation.

The Steamer Queen City was in port last Wednesday with a light freight. This is the first trip of the Queen City for the last few months, and if the bayou remains at its present stage, she will run regularly throughout the season.

Mr. Adrien Vuillemot, formerly of Loreauville, has moved to this town, in the building lately occupied by Mr. C. E. Schrenk as a Photographic Gallery. Mr. Vuillemot will shortly open a grocery store where he will be pleased to serve his friends and the public.

The Scientific American published by Munn & Co., New York, presents weekly to its readers the best and most reliable record of various improvements in machinery while the scientific progress of the country can in no way be gleaned so well as by the regular perusal of its pages.

Our popular friend, Mr. C. A. Thomas, now residing in Rayne, and publisher of the Acadia Sentinel, paid us an appreciated visit Sunday last. Charley speaks in high terms of Rayne and her prospects and is well pleased with his new home.

The young people of this town organized an impromptu soiree at Duchamp's Hall last Sunday, but owing to the severe cold experienced at that time the attendance was not large, but those who attended had a boss time, as the soiree was very enjoyable. The young gentlemen of this town propose to organize a dancing party every Sunday evening.

Wednesday at about twelve o'clock, an old colored man named Bob, well known and liked in this town, was struck by a violent attack of apoplexy, we presume, while carrying a sack of cotton seed on his back, dropped the sack, and fell to the ground dead. He had been working at the Oil Mills for several days and was in perfect good health.

The residence of Mrs. Nuckoll's about a mile and a half above New Iberia, was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 31st. ult. the origin of the fire is supposed to be incendiary.

Two colored men were killed at the Salt Mines last Friday by falling down the shaft. They fell a distance of ninety feet, one being killed instantly and the other living a few hours. They were new hands, having gone to work only a few hours previous the accident.

Mr. Nelson Newman, a prominent citizen of Catahoula parish was killed by J. F. Robertson, also a prominent gentleman near Trinity, La. The cause of the tragedy is said to have been a feud of long standing.

A fast express train running at a speed of 63 miles an hour collided with a freight train near Republic, Ohio, and caused a frightful crash of the trains which took fire and were entirely consumed; about twenty persons were killed.

An appeal for relief to the people of the United States, is made by twenty one counties of Texas. Thirty thousand people who, on account of drouth have failed to make any crop, and are in a most destitute condition, and suffer immensely from cold and hunger.

A most brutal murder was committed in Donalsonville, in broad daylight, upon the person of an old lady by the name of Mrs. Boulanger. The murder was committed at about 10 o'clock a. m. and the cause is supposed to be robbery as the old lady had some money in her house.

## Consumption Cured.

An old physician retired from active practice having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung affections after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. The recipe sent free to all who may desire it with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Address naming this paper. Dr. M. E. Cass, 210 Grand Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.—PARISH OF ST. MARTIN. 21st Judicial District Court No. 8863.

Citizen's Bank of Louisiana  
Versus  
J. W. & Jos. Norgress.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed by the Hon. 21st. Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Martin dated December 21st 1886. I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder at the Court House door in the town of St. Martinsville between the legal hours on

SATURDAY the 5th. DAY OF FEBRUARY  
A. D. 1887.

It being the first Saturday of said month the following described property to wit:

A tract of land in the parish of St. Martin belonging to Jos. Norgress, at Cypress Island, measuring four arpents frot more or less, by thirty four in depth bounded North by lands of heirs of Mrs. V. A. Fournet, South by those of Numa Landry, East by those of Martial Bienvenu, and west by those of Pierre Hulin.

Another tract of land in said Parish, belonging to J. W. & Jos. Norgress adjoining tract above described. Containing about two hundred and eighty six superficial acres, bounded North by lands of heirs of Mrs. V. A. Fournet, South by those of J. Van Wickle East by those of T. L. Broussard, West by those of J. Norgress above described, together with said lands all improvements and buildings thereon erected and thereto belonging. Also one Bradley Cart, 1 spring wagon, 1 Hack, 3 Plows, 1 Cultivator, 1 Potato digger, 2 Rolling Counters 4 American Mules, 1 Horse.

Sold to satisfy said above mentioned writ.

Terms and Conditions. CASH.

Sheriff's office this 31st. day of December A. D. 1886.

T. L. BROUSSARD, Sheriff.