

THE RICHLAND BEACON.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Rayville, La., Nov. 21, 1874.

Religious.

Bishop [REDACTED] the appointments of the Baptist Church at Rayville, La., for Sunday, each month.—Rev. Frank W. Brooks, Pastor.

Assemblies—RAYVILLE CHURCH, M. E. CONGREGATIONAL—Gained, First Sabbath, Rayville, Second Sabbath, All, Third Sabbath, Union Friends School, Rev. Tom S. RICE, Pastor in charge.

PREACHERS.—Rev. D. A. Campbell will preach regularly at Altoona on the 1st Sabbath in each month; at Union Church on Rock Ridge, in Franklin, Pa., on the third Sabbath, at Rayville on the fourth Sabbath; at Oak Ridge, Monongahela, Pa., on the second Sabbath each month. Preaching in Rayville every Wednesday night.

RAVILLE UNION SABBATH SCHOOL, from 9 to 11 o'clock, every Sunday morning.

MASONIC.—Regular communications of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 299 the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

TEMPERANCE.—U. F. T., RICHLAND CHURCH, NO. 29, meets on the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month.

B. D. C.—RAYVILLE CHURCH NO. 15, holds its regular meetings every Tuesday night.

Patrons of Husbandry.—RAYVILLE GRANGE, NO. 50, meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

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DEATH has again visited our community, and taken from us one of our best citizens. Mr. WM. DAY OLIVER died at the residence of his father, in this place, on Monday last, after one week's confinement with a severe attack of pneumonia. In the death of this young gentleman, our community sustains a loss that will be deeply felt, especially in all those circles wherein good people band themselves together in support of moral, social and religious enterprises. As a Mason, WM. DAY OLIVER wore the badge "with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity." As a member of the Church, the jewel of consistency shone about him in his daily conduct. As a brother in the United Friends of Temperance, his example was well worthy of imitation. And one among the Patrons of Husbandry, he was a zealous worker and a faithful supporter of the fundamental principles of the Order. He was buried on Wednesday morning, his remains being accompanied through town by the United Friends of Temperance, in procession on foot; and thence conveyed to the Cemetery at New Salem Church and interred by the Masonic Fraternity. He was a quiet, unostentatious young man; yet firm, kindly disposed, liberal, straight-forward and strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellow-men. And last, but not least, among the good words that we are now able to use in recording the departure of our young friend—he was a Christian; and died in the glorious triumphs of a living Faith, prepared to meet his God. He told his friends that Death brought no terrors to him; and he only regretted the separation from his loved wife and little children. But the same merciful Being, whose rod and whose staff supported him in this trying hour, has promised to be "a Father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow." And to an humble belief and an implicit trust in the fulfilment of this promise, we command the family of our deceased friend and brother. It is "through suffering that we are made perfect," but, oh, that glorious perfection which is attained in a reunion with the dear ones who have preceded to the Church triumphant—is it not worth the price of all our woes? of all the grief that we can endure?

"Yet it is but for a season—and thy trials all are past."

And then? upon the emerald air thy spirit winds are cast;

Then the bonds of earth will sonder, and

thine ear will drink the song

That floats the vernal pastures and crystal waves along;

Thou who art lost and lovely that have gone before to Gun,

In a wild, emotional city, by the earth's re-

deemed ones too!

Where each angel-phane is folded o'er a peaceful brow and breast,

Where the wicked cease from troubling, and

the wretched are at rest.

THE NEW CONGRESS.—The next House of Representatives will be a new house in fact. Only about one-third of its members elect occupy seats in the present House, and fifteen or twenty more have been members of previous Congresses; so that considerably more than one-half are new men. Of the members of the present House who offered themselves for reelection more than one-half were beaten either in convention or by the people at the polls. There have been five negroes elected to the next House: Lee and Smalls, of South Carolina; Haralson, of Alabama; Nash, of Louisiana, and Hyman, of North Carolina. They are all Republicans except Lee, who is classed with the Democrats.

A correspondent of the Memphis Appeal thinks laziness is the chief cause of the want of prosperity in the South.

MR. GEO. M. MOSELEY has removed to Rayville and opened a stock of Dry Goods and Groceries in the new Store recently occupied by H. B. SWINN & CO., opposite the depot.

REV. THOM. S. RANDLE will preach in Rayville on Wednesday night next, at which time he has announced to begin a protracted meeting with the aid of several Ministers from other works.

OUR friends, to whom we have been sending the BEACON for some time, on a credit, will bear in mind that the time of year has arrived when they are expected to pay up. Twill take but little of your cash to satisfy our claim, and we want that little from each one of you before the present year draws to an end.

REV. J. F. SCOURLOCK, of Missouri, is now on a visit to his old friends and acquaintances in this Parish. He was once Pastor of the Methodist Church on this Circuit, and meets with a cordial welcome among those of our citizens who knew him so well and esteemed him so highly in days gone by. He will be present to assist in the protracted meeting which commences in our town on next Wednesday night.

The Caucasian says, now that the Democratic candidates have all been elected in Rapides Parish, the only way for Kellogg to place his defeated protégés in office and keep them there, will be to furnish each officer with a company of U. S. troops, to walk the streets with him in day time and sleep with him at night. Unless we undertake the temper of our people it would require twice that number of troops to supply Rapides under similar circumstances.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, the 14th inst., our young friend, Mr. BECKER HATCH, came to his death in the most sudden, painful and distressing manner. While at work about the engine, at his gin house, his coat was caught by one of the wheels in such a way as to draw one of his arms into the machinery and almost completely sever it from the body near the shoulder. The accident occurred on Saturday morning and in the evening of the same day he died. Mr. HATCH was an amiable young gentleman, one of the most useful, highly esteemed and respected citizens of our Parish, and his untimely death is one that meets with universal regret. He leaves a wife, a father, several brothers and sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends, to mourn his sad departure.

FATAL DIFFICULTY.—On Tuesday last, a difficulty occurred, at Girard, between Messrs. Henry Eddins and P. B. Stein, in which the latter was shot and killed. It appears that, in the scuffle, Stein fired at Eddins and missed him, and then struck him over the head with the pistol, after which Eddins fired on Stein with a shot gun striking him in the right side, near the breast. Stein then made his escape through a back lot, and ran out into the woods, about half a mile from town, where he was found, lying dead, a short time after dark. This news being communicated to the Sheriff, he immediately summoned a posse and went in search of Eddins, but failed to find him. The above statement is in accordance with the verdict of the Coroner's jury. The deceased was engaged in business on the Railroad, and had no family or relatives in the community, so far as we have been able to learn, to shed a tear of regret over the unfortunate event which ushered his soul into eternity.

THE COMING CRASH.—The following is a New York special dispatch of the 5th, to the Picayune:

Leading financiers anticipate a very hard winter here. They think the closeness of money, dullness of trade and lack of confidence will cause a number of failures between this and January, many houses that have been trying to tide over for fourteen months, vainly hoping for better times, being now early at the end of their resources and credit.

It is feared some railway corporations will be forced to default on their December and January coupons.

There has been no Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives since the Thirty Fifth Congress, which organized in December, 1857, by the election of Hon. James L. Orr, of South Carolina.

The survivors of the Confederate army in Georgia are to hold a convention at Atlanta on the 20th of January, for the purpose of forming a social and benevolent organization.

There are rumors of new and extraordinary revelations in Erie, but so vague that their character cannot be at present determined. Some think these refer to a change of administration; others, that they mean damaging exposures in interior management.

1900 Acres of land for sale on easy terms. Apply to Wiley P. Mangham, Rayville, Louisiana.

SAVING SEED CORN.—The best plan, as a general rule, is to select the best ears at the time of husking, and save them on the barn floor, so that the ears can become thoroughly dry. The old method of leaving the husk attached to the corn, so that it could be braided together and suspended in a dry and airy place, brought about a similar result. In all cases, this corn should be kept where it will be free from dampness. Many, in saving seeds, are particular to select only from stalks that produce two large, new and beautiful ears. Corn is often planted so deep that it will not germinate quickly. If the soil is fine and dry at the time of planting, the plant will be apt to sow deeper than it should.

MR. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS writes in a private letter as follows, concerning the elections: "The news of the elections throughout the country is exceedingly encouraging to the patriot of the land. The next House of Representatives will be Democratic for the first time in 14 years. If this majority shall prove itself equal to its mission—that is, keep the party on the great principles on which it was founded—and go after no 'new departments,' a bright future may await us. Mr. Stephens is silent about his latest 'new departure,' the third term.

In the annual report of the General of the Army, the record of a large amount of labor is compressed in a small space. Gen. Sherman thinks that our army is the hardest-worked body of men in this or any country. The frequent requisitions for troops in the Southern States added much to the labor of the army and the embarrassments of the General; there will probably be fewer of these in the future. Gen. Sheridan points out the absurdity of the notion that the whites on the border are descendants of Indian wars, the fact being that all their wealth is in cattle grazing on the plains, they have everything to lose and nothing to gain from hostilities.

Those arrests that were to "give us the State" of Alabama have come to a most impotent conclusion. The Sumter County "conspirators" against Hester, United States Special Agent and late of the Confederate Navy, have been discharged without argument on the evidence. It was some days since that the subpoena served in the case was dated before the alleged offense; further investigation reveals that the document was an old one, issued in the Ivey murder case, and remanded for trial on the 2d of April.

Terms of sale, each with the benefit of appraisement.

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