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SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 1911.

Mrs. Wahl has it.

Mrs. C. Kline returned Sunday afternoon from a short visit to friends in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney LeBlanc, of Klotzville, were visitors to Donaldsonville last Monday.

Joe Guerry, of Belle Rose, spent Thursday here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matherne and family.

Mrs. F. B. Lemann and her children returned last week from a lengthy stay with relatives in New Orleans.

F. Edw. Babin, a leading merchant and prominent citizen of Hope Villa, was transacting business in Donaldsonville last Monday.

The public schools throughout the parish will close for the Christmas holidays Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, reopening Tuesday morning, Jan. 2.

Dudley Weber, of Baton Rouge, paid a brief business visit to Donaldsonville yesterday, and while here was the guest of his brother, C. C. Weber.

Eusebe Tullier, a well-known farmer of the Burnside neighborhood, was in town Monday on business and complimented The Chief with a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Alex. Bloomenstiel and her children, Pauline and Lillie, returned last Sunday afternoon from a several days' visit to relatives in Baton Rouge.

W. M. Hammond, piano tuner, will be in Donaldsonville during the coming week, and any orders left at the Maher Hotel will be given his prompt attention.

Mrs. E. K. Sims and her small daughter, Alice, spent a couple of days in New Orleans last week as the guests of Mrs. H. W. Barton and family, returning Saturday evening.

Rabbi H. Rosenwasser, of Baton Rouge, will hold Chanukah service and lecture at the Cholim Synagogue at 6:30 o'clock p. m. tomorrow. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Nita Sims, who is a student at the Washington Seminary in Washington, D. C., will arrive here tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. R. N. Sims.

Prof. H. B. Messick and M. E. Pace, respectively principal and assistant principal of the Donaldsonville high school, attended the annual conference of Louisiana high school principals held at Baton Rouge last Friday and Saturday.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated at the Catholic church on the 8th instant with becoming solemnity, the usual impressive services in commemoration of the sacred day having been carried out in the morning and afternoon.

Edgar Thibodeaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thibodeaux, of Donaldsonville, and a brother of Mrs. J. P. Krieger, also of this city, died at his home in Plaquemine last Tuesday at the age of thirty-seven years. He is survived by his wife and eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

Melville Duke, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Runney Duke, who for some time past has been in the employ of the Swift Packing Company at its branch house at Laurel, Miss., tendered his resignation of that position recently, and the past week went to New Orleans and embarked in the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Bernheim, of Lexington, Miss., are the proud parents of a fine little son, their first child, the new-comer having made his appearance last Sunday.

Mrs. Bernheim was before her marriage Miss Sadie Kern, of this city, and has a host of friends here who will learn with pleasure of her happiness.

If you wish to have a real good party, be sure to attend the entertainment to be given at the Grand Theatre on Dec. 23 by the pupils of St. Joseph's Commercial Institute, assisted by the young ladies of St. Vincent's Institute. The program contains many interesting and amusing features, some of which can not be told to please you. The prices of admission are only 15 and 25 cents.

One of the largest single deals in raw furs made in this section for some time was the purchase last week by Jasmin Tobias, of Donaldsonville, for \$2000, of an assortment of coon, opossum, muskrat and mink furs, the sellers being the A. Klotz Company, of Assumption parish. Buyers representing New Orleans and St. Louis houses competed in the bidding.

Miss Sally Beirne Miles returned home last week from an extended trip abroad. Miss Miles left Burnside last April for a trip to Europe, and visited all the principal cities of the old country. Evidently the climate and her surroundings while away benefited her, for she is looking the picture of health. Everyone within the shadow of the palatial "Houmas House" is delighted to have her back home.

Rev. C. M. Thompson, who has been the pastor of the local Methodist church for the past several months, will continue to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year, having been re-assigned to the Donaldsonville and Vacherie pastorate at the annual Methodist conference held in New Orleans. Rev. J. M. Henry was appointed presiding elder of the New Orleans district, in which Donaldsonville and Vacherie are located.

Among the Donaldsonvillians who witnessed the great L. S. U.-Tulane football game at Baton Rouge last Saturday, other than those mentioned in last week's Chief, were Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Richard, Misses Sophia Mielke, Janie Moseman, Ethel Landry, Claire Werner, Geneva Chambers, Laurie Colomb and Alice Stuart, and Messrs. C. Kline, Warren Williams, Allen Colomb, and Ivan and Ray Dehon. The game, which was viewed by upwards of 6000 people, was one of the greatest football contests ever held off in Louisiana, and resulted in a victory for the State University eleven by the score of 6 to 0.

A Pleasant Incident.
At a delightful informal reception and supper given last Tuesday night by the Riverside Club at its rooms in Mississippi street, Jasmin Tobias, former chief of the Donaldsonville fire department, presented Vic Ganel, the present head of the department, with a handsome gold fire chief's badge. The function of which this pleasant incident was a feature was attended by upwards of twenty-five members of the Riverside Club and invited guests, and proved a most interesting and enjoyable affair. A tempting supper was served, the menu consisting of chicken saute with mushrooms, asparagus and potato salads, celery, claret and beer. The delectable spread was prepared in the Riverside Club's intimate style, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Judge Edmond Maurin officiated as toastmaster, and brief talks appropriate to the occasion were made by Messrs. Tobias, Ganel, Paul Giscard, Whitney Comstock, B. J. Vega, Cyrille Rodeillat, Stephen Ganel, Henry Oubre, George Rodeillat, Judge Maurin, and others.

High School News.
The literary society will render a Christmas program next Friday night at the high school auditorium. There will be no admission charged and a good crowd is expected. Children below the fifth grade will not be admitted. The medal donated by the Alluvial Land Purchase Company will be awarded by Supt. Rusca to the writer of the best essay on St. Elmo. The following program will be rendered:
Anthem, high school chorus; declamation, Irene Richard; songs, glee club; selection, mixed quartette; orchestra selection; essay, "Christmas Customs," Lillian Bourgeois; selection, male quartette; star drill, glee club; declamation, Maude Brockhoff; tableaux.

The essays on St. Elmo have been handed in for criticism. The following winners were appointed by the contest judges: Messrs. E. N. Pugh, Donald Bentley and J. L. Rusca. The essays are numbered and no names appear on the manuscripts. The papers will be corrected and graded by each judge, who will give a certain per cent on each paper. The pupil whose essay is given the highest rating will be awarded the medal.

New Dental Office.
Dr. Amedee Mary, a well-known young dentist who for several years past has been residing in New Orleans, has located in Donaldsonville for the practice of his profession and last week opened an office in the building at No. 121 Railroad avenue, opposite the postoffice. Dr. Mary is a graduate of the Louisiana State College of Dental Surgery, located in New Orleans, and occupied the chair of professor of oral surgery in that institution for some time. He also holds the degree of "Medical Doctor," having graduated with high honors from the Memphis Hospital Medical College at Memphis, Tennessee. He has been practicing his profession for the past nine years, with marked success, and is well qualified both by training and experience in all branches of dental jurisprudence. His office is equipped with the most modern appliances and instruments, including the latest devices for the painless extraction of teeth, and is provided with separate operating rooms for colored people.

Dr. Mary is married and has two charming little daughters. The estimable family are comfortably located in the Lambert residence in Faubourg la Pipe, and since their arrival here have made a number of warm friends who unite in welcoming them to Donaldsonville, and in wishing the good doctor a liberal and successful success in the practice of his profession.

Only six more shopping days before Christmas.

At a meeting last Sunday of Ascension Council No. 1087, Knights of Columbus, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. D. Park, grand knight; Paul Braud, deputy grand knight; L. A. Landry, chancellor; Ulysses L. Rodriguez, recording secretary; Prosper Rodriguez, Jr., financial secretary; W. J. LeBlanc, treasurer; R. J. Chauvin, lecturer; J. L. Rusca, advocate; Rev. J. M. T. Massard, chaplain; Gottlieb Wild, warden; John Breaux, inner guard; John Delat, outer guard; Dr. P. T. Thibodeaux, trustee, for a term of three years. The installation ceremonies will take place at the regular meeting of the council to be held on the second Sunday in January.

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The annual report of the treasurer was read, showing that during the past year the Chapter had expended over \$187 in entertaining the old veterans of this section and providing for their welfare and comfort. It was decided to send a Christmas box to the veterans of the Soldiers' Home in New Orleans, and the generous gift, containing many useful articles of wearing apparel, as well as a variety of good things to eat, an abundant supply of reading matter, and numerous other things that will bring joy to the hearts of the aged recipients, was despatched from the K. of C. hall yesterday morning.

LODGE LOCALS.

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The recently elected officers of Ascension Lodge No. 251, F. and A. M., were formally installed last night with ritualistic ceremonies. Dr. John S. Thibaut, most worshipful grand master of Louisiana, officiated as installing officer, and was assisted by Robert Henderson, acting as deputy grand master. Dr. D. C. Brumfield, of Darrou, the new worshipful master of the lodge, announced the following appointments: F. J. Bibeau, senior deacon; Abe Bloomenstiel, junior deacon; Paul Wutke and Frank Peyrefitte, stewards; D. Ohlmeyer, master of ceremonies.

Officers for the coming year will be elected by Ascension Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, at the next stated convocation of that lodge to be held Friday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

In accordance with a pretty custom annually observed by every lodge of Elks throughout the United States, Donaldsonville Lodge No. 1153 will, on Christmas eve, distribute among the worthy poor of this city baskets containing a generous supply of the season's dinner, thus enabling these less fortunate citizens to participate in some measure in the gayety and good cheer of the beautiful Yuletide feast. The fund for this purpose is raised by voluntary contributions from the members of the lodge, and this year quite a snug sum has been accumulated.

Dr. John S. Thibaut, most worshipful grand master of the Louisiana grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, visited Napoleonville Thursday to preside over the ceremonies which marked the dedication of the handsome Temple recently erected by the Masonic lodge of that town. A number of other officers of the grand lodge participated in the ceremonies, which were of a most interesting and impressive nature.

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SUGAR SQUIBS.

Progress of the Grinding Campaign in Ascension and Elsewhere—Items of Interest from Field and Factory.

Decidedly unfavorable weather prevailed throughout the past week, adding further gloom to the already dismal and discouraging crop outlook. To begin with, the temperatures have been too high, with the result that the cane nipped by the disastrous freeze of week before last, both that which had been windrowed and that yet standing in the fields, has suffered to a considerable extent. As though this were not enough of an evil, the weather since Tuesday has been damp and cloudy, with occasional drizzles which have been just sufficient in volume to make the roads muddy and slippery. Thursday was a particularly disagreeable day, due to a remarkably heavy fog which lasted until well in the afternoon, and which was so dense as to have the effect of a light shower of rain.

It is imperative, if heavy monetary loss is to be avoided, that all cane remaining in the fields should be converted into sugar at the earliest possible time, and in order that this might be accomplished clear weather is vitally needed. The damp, rainy weather of the past week, by interfering with the hauling of cane to the mill and thereby giving the frozen stalks further time in which to deteriorate, has already augmented the damage to the crop to a material degree, and it is devoutly to be desired that the present indications of a rainy spell will not be realized, but that instead clear and bracing temperatures will obtain for the remainder of the cane harvesting season.

It is reported that during the past week the big Belle Alliance factory in Assumption parish, has been compelled to reject numerous carloads of cane shipped by growers in Avoyelles and other parishes to the north, owing to acidity. Several other of the larger factories of this neighborhood have had to adopt the same course, and the loss to the unfortunate cane growers will amount to a large sum. Since the inception of the present warm spell following the severe freeze of Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1, the cane has soured to such an extent that it has been necessary to lower the knives several joints. The shipments of cane passing here by railroad have off an color that plainly indicates how disastrous has been the result of the freeze.

The Bon Secour factory in St. James parish ground its last stalk of cane at 2:35 o'clock Wednesday morning, and the final strike of sugar was dried out in the evening of the same day. Joseph F. A. Matherne, the capable chief engineer of Bon Secour, returned to his home in Donaldsonville Thursday morning.

The first Ascension factory to finish grinding was Mrs. E. H. Barton's St. Emma, on Bayou Lafourche, which brought the trials and tribulations of the rolling season to an end last Sunday. The Miles Company's New Hope factory, in upper Ascension, completed the grinding Tuesday. We hope to secure some interesting figures relating to the results obtained at these two smooth-running mills for publication in next week's Chief.

The Lemann Company's Palo Alto factory on Bayou Lafourche will be operating far into the first month of the new year, and so will the Miles Company's big Houmas Central mill at Burnside. The latter house has finished grinding all the cane which was not put under cover after the last freeze, and is now working on the windrowed supply.

Another factory that will be pegging away until after the middle of January is the Wilbert Company's Myrtle Grove, in Thiberville parish. The last of the standing cane on Myrtle Grove was harvested this week, and although it showed an appreciable percentage of acidity, the juice was susceptible of being worked up into sugar and fair results were obtained.

The owner of a small sugar plan-

tation in the Teche region, who has had many years of experience as a planter and manager, thus wrote to a friend on the 3rd instant: "I will wind up my crop in a few days and come out with a whole hide, but while I am not a pessimist I predict that in fifteen days Louisiana will be able to supply the world with vinegar from her cane fields. At the most sixty per cent of all the cane standing or windrowed will be beyond the sugar stage in fifteen days. Why, now one can mash between the thumb and forefinger the three top joints. The thermometer went two nights to 24 degrees and one night to 25. The lowest I ever saw in any previous harvest season was 29, and then fifteen days told the tale. To see mills shut down and all forces windrowing looks to me like a waste of valuable time."

Climatic conditions prevailing during the month of November are thus summarized by Local Weather Observer Park: Maximum temperature, 92 degrees on the 12th; minimum, 25 degrees on the 20th; rainfall, 5.75 inches; greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, 3.60 inches on the 27th; rainy days, 8; clear, 18; cloudy, 8; partly cloudy, 4. A dense fog was noted on the 10th, heavy frost and thin ice on the 13th, and killing frost and thick ice on the 29th and 30th.

The big Salsburg factory in upper St. James parish had ground 43,000 tons of cane up to Saturday before last, Dec. 2, and at that time had about 17,000 tons more in sight. Of the latter, 10,000 tons were to be secured in the immediate neighborhood, and some 7000 tons from growers in Avoyelles parish. Since beginning the grinding season Salsburg has lost only one day and a half, when the mill was closed down to give the field forces a chance to windrow cane.

Messrs. C. N. Gautreau, Louis Gaudin and Charles Gaudin, progressive farmers and prominent citizens of the Gonzales section, visited Donaldsonville last week on business and were cordially greeted by their many friends. These gentlemen recently finished harvesting the cane crops on their respective places, and express themselves as being entirely satisfied with the results obtained. Mr. Gautreau had 6 1/2 acres of plant cane and 3 1/2 acres of stubble, and his crop totaled 312 tons, giving him a general average of both plant and stubble of 31.2 tons to the acre. From 9 acres, all plant cane, Mr. Louis Gaudin harvested 283 tons, an average of 31.4 tons per acre. Mr. Charles Gaudin cultivated 18 acres of plant cane and 11 acres of first-year stubble, which yielded him 751 tons, an average of 25.9 tons to the acre. All of this cane was sold to the Miles Company, being transported to the big Houmas Central factory at Burnside by means of the Miles Company's narrow-gauge railroad from that place to Gonzales.

The finest line of Yuletide candies, post-cards, fireworks, dolls, toys and novelties to be found in Donaldsonville is on display at Mrs. Wahl's variety store in Mississippi street.

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FOR SALE.
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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS
—of the—
Bank of Ascension.
NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Ascension will be held on

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1912,
at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year. Respectfully,
JOHN S. THIBAUT, Cashier.

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Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 9, 1911.
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