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Happy New Year to all!

The Chief extends to all its readers wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. May those who have suffered loss or misfortune in 1913 be compensated three over by an abundance of blessings and prosperity in 1914.

Among the names President Wilson is likely to consider for appointment to the Reserve Board under the new currency bill is that of Ashton Phelps, president of the New Orleans Times-Democrat Publishing Company and one of the south's ablest students and writers on financial subjects. Mr. Phelps would add dignity and efficiency to the position, and his appointment can reflect nothing but credit and honor upon the administration.

**Royal Arch Masons Elect Officers.**  
Ascension Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, last night elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: E. A. Thibodeaux, excellent high priest; D. Ohlmeyer, king; Abe H. Bloomensiel, scribe; Hudson Hanley, captain of the host; Fred Landry, principal sojourner; William A. Dill, Royal Arch captain; Jacob Blum, treasurer; John S. Thibaut, secretary; J. D. Blum, master third veil; W. D. Williams, master second veil; Sidney Harp, master first veil; Raphael Singer, sentinel.

**Chamber of Commerce Active.**  
Far from having capitulated to the "grooms," Donaldsonville's wide-awake Chamber of Commerce is as full of vigor and energy as ever, and is going right ahead with its campaign for the upbuilding of this community. In a recent communication to the members of the body, Secretary R. S. Vickers wrote in the following optimistic vein:

"We are now working on the lock proposition, and do not intend to relax our efforts until the legal obligations of the levee boards have been fulfilled. Congressman Morgan has taken up the question with the federal government, and we have his personal assurance that favorable action by the authorities cannot fail to be taken.

"The success of our first inter-parish fair taught us what harmonious and energetic action will accomplish. If we brace up now, and carry the same determined spirit into our efforts to secure the locks and other things which we need and cannot get, and must get if we expect to press forward in the rehabilitation of our community, now suffering from a succession of disastrous blows, the misfortunes of the present will soon be but memories of the past.

"We trust you will realize the importance of your individual co-operation in our efforts to accomplish something tangible and lasting for Donaldsonville and vicinity."

**Elks to Make Merry New Year's Eve.**  
Donaldsonville Lodge No. 1153, B. P. O. Elks, will celebrate the advent of the new year with a grand jollification next Wednesday evening at its handsome home in Railroad avenue, and from the linkings concerning the function that have been permitted to leak out, it will doubtless prove one of the most interesting and enjoyable affairs of its kind ever given here. Some novel features will be arranged for the occasion, and as the jolly wearers of the antlers are renowned for the originality of their conceptions and the warmth of their hospitality, it is safe to assume there will not be a dull moment throughout the evening's entertainment and that the birth of the new year will be observed with proper ceremony and eclat. A large number of guests are expected.

In announcing the jollification, the house committee says:

"This past year has been a hard one for all of us, but we feel it is incumbent upon us to rejoice over the fact that we are all in good health, and where there is life there is hope.

"Our reputation as 'jolly good fellows' must be upheld, and we must set the example of fortitude to our friends and the entire community.

"With this idea in view, we are going to give a reception and dance at the home on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, and a gleefully dance at the wake of old 1913, that has treated some of us so ungratefully, and joyfully celebrate the advent of 1914, with the hope that it may bring prosperity and happiness to us all.

"There will be much doing besides dancing, so every one is assured of a real jolly, good, old fashioned time. Come and join us in having all of this fun."

Leondias Wemple was acquitted at Alexandria on Wednesday of the murder of his father-in-law, J. H. Phillips, who was assassinated in his store near Cheneryville the night of November 12. Although there was some damaging circumstantial evidence against the accused, no direct proof of his guilt could be obtained, and he gave such a straightforward and seemingly truthful account of his movements that the action of the trial jury in giving him the benefit of the doubt met with general public approval.

The Monroe News-Star has added another laurel to its already well-decorated brow by issuing a thirty-eight-page "Progressive edition," filled to the brim with interesting reading matter and attractive display advertising setting forth in convincing array the resources and advantages of the "Parlor City" and the fertile and beautiful Ouachita valley. Brothers Smith and Faulk are to be congratulated upon their success in pulling off this new stunt in progressive north Louisiana journalism so successfully.

**FOR HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES**  
we have made large quantities of delicious fruit cakes and assorted pastry. Better favor us with your New Year orders now for these articles and your orders for

**Bread and Rolls**  
later. You can then enjoy the feast while we do the work. We guarantee our productions to equal the best home baking, and the cost less than that made in your own kitchen.

**C WINTER**  
THE MODEL BAKER

## THE NEW CURRENCY BILL A LAW.

The efforts of President Wilson and his associate leaders of the Democratic party in congress to give the country a new currency law culminated successfully on Tuesday last, December 23, five days less than a year after the movement for its enactment was formally inaugurated, and only nine and a half months after Mr. Wilson became president.

Whatever may be the judgment of individuals as to the relative merits and demerits of the measure, and whatever may be the results of its trying-out in the crucible of practical operation, there can be no disputing the fact that the campaign for the passage of the law was conducted with conspicuous ability and earnestness, prompted by the conviction that the financial system of the country needed the reformation and additional elasticity which the measure provides. From this point of view, therefore, the victory of the administration must be regarded as well deserved.

The currency bill passed the senate Friday night of last week by a vote of 54 yeas to 34 nays, the senators recorded in the affirmative comprising 47 Democrats, 6 Republicans and one Progressive. Conferees were promptly appointed by the senate and house, and worked so diligently on Saturday and Sunday that the differences between the two bodies were harmonized in a report presented on Monday. The house of representatives then reached a vote Monday night, passing the amended bill by 298 yeas to 69 nays. Thirty-four Republicans, 11 Progressives and 1 Independent joined with 252 Democrats in giving the measure its big majority, the minority vote being cast by 58 Republicans and 2 Democrats.

The senate took its final vote early Tuesday afternoon and the tally showed 43 yeas to 25 nays on the adoption of the conference report. Three Republicans and one Progressive joined the 39 Democratic senators in favoring the report.

After being signed by the vice president, the bill was hurried back to the house to be signed by Speaker Clark, and at 6 o'clock the same evening President Wilson affixed the signature that made the measure a law of the land.

### A COMMENDABLE ACTION.

The directors of the People's Bank of Donaldsonville are to be congratulated and commended upon the good judgment shown in the unanimous adoption of a resolution favoring the enactment of a bank guarantee law in this state.

There can be no doubt that such a law is badly needed. No community in Louisiana should be easier to convince on this subject than our own—assuming there is need for it—before to convince any community—the desirability and necessity of such a measure been more forcibly demonstrated than here.

With a law of this character properly framed and enforced, the financial disaster inflicted upon this town and section by the collapse of the Bank of Donaldsonville last month might have been prevented.

No better evidence of good faith toward its patrons could be offered by any bank than a declaration in favor of the enactment of a guarantee law that will protect trusting depositors and confiding stockholders from such calamities as the dissipation of their means by excessive loans or injudicious investments, and perhaps no influence could be more potent in bringing about the passage of such a law than the active co-operation of the banks themselves.

The People's Bank of Donaldsonville has set a most praiseworthy example in this regard, and we commend it to the other banking institutions of the state as worthy of their earnest consideration and concurrence.

### WELCOME, MR. PRESIDENT!

The president of the United States, accompanied by his wife and two of his three daughters—the third daughter having "gone with a handsomer man" on a wedding trip to Europe—arrived at Pass Christian, Miss., Christmas morning and will spend the next weeks in the Herndon mansion at that beautiful seacoast resort. Mr. Wilson's health has been somewhat impaired by a severe cold, and it is hoped a brief period of rest and outdoor recreation in the balmy climate of the Mexican Gulf region will rid him of the ailment and fully restore his bodily strength and mental vigor.

In accordance with the wishes of the presidential party they will be left free to follow the bent of their own inclinations during their brief sojourn. Their privacy will not be intruded upon and there will be no attempt to drag them out to public receptions or other functions. The president will give attention to such public business as may be necessary, and may confer with representatives of the dual governments of Mexico, but golf will be given precedence over both the governmental and political games as far as possible.

The whole people of the country, and none more warmly than those of the southern states, will join in wishing the chief executive and his family a very enjoyable and beneficial visit to Dixie.

Welcome, Mr. President, and come again!

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## SUGAR SQUIBS.

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

The curtain will be rung down on the 1913 sugar-making season in this section at the close of the present week, the McCull Company's Egan Hall factory, the last to bring the campaign to a close, being scheduled to blow its final blast today. It had been expected that the wheels would cease turning about the 22nd inst., but the heavy rain of last Saturday interfered with the delivery of cane to the mill, resulting in a temporary suspension of operations, and another delay was caused by Wednesday's downpour.

Fred. Werner, Jr., who is bossing the sugar-bolling department of the big Teresa Central factory at Ceiba Hueca, Manzanillo, Cuba, writes us as follows under date of Dec. 17: "Started grinding Dec. 2. Have 8000 bags of sugar to the good. Expect to make 125,000 bags this season."

The Murrell Company's fine Tally-Ho mill at Bayou Goula finished grinding last Saturday night, having crushed upwards of 34,000 tons of cane and made close to 5,000,000 pounds of sugar of the 98-degree test. W. A. Dill, of Donaldsonville, who has presided over the Tally-Ho parlor for many years, again served in that capacity with his usual efficiency, and had a most capable assistant in the person of his brother, Dave Dill, also of this city.

Kiebert F. Aucouin, who for several years past has rendered able service as a field marshal on Mrs. Barton's St. Emma plantation, which place will discontinue the planting of cane, expects to leave shortly with his family for New Orleans, where he has a position in view.

E. A. Lawless, for a number of years employed in a managerial capacity in the Lemann Company's Crescent plantation, and who for the past six months has been filling the position of custodian of the Elks' Home in Donaldsonville, will again don the harness of a field marshal at the beginning of 1914, having been engaged to manage the Australia plantation in Iberville parish. As a handler of labor, tiller of the soil, and in the other phases of a plantation manager's field of activity, Mr. Lawless made a most enviable record during his long term of service with the Lemann Company, and that he will continue the good work in his new location is a fact of which his many friends are entirely confident.

The last stalk of cane passed through the rollers of the Meeker factory in Rapides parish on the 15th inst., and the final "strike" of sugar was boiled Sunday night. Dille Ohlmeyer, of Donaldsonville, was the competent chief-pot-stick manipulator of this well-equipped plant, and John Schaff and Henry Robertson, also of this community, assisted in converting the crop into sugar. A number of other Donaldsonvillians were members of the skillful mechanical crew of the house, among them being Joe Schaff and "Poppe" Moler, who operated the Demings, and Sidney Acosta, who was in charge of the syrup tanks.

### Local Syrians Charged with Frauds.

Kalli Jacob, a Syrian merchant formerly in business here, and his aged mother, Mrs. Lizze Jacob, were arrested Tuesday morning by Deputy United States Marshal Emile Kiebler of New Orleans, and were taken to the latter city on the 8:35 a. m. Texas and Pacific train to answer to an indictment found against them by the federal grand jury, charging them with conspiring to defraud their creditors in bankruptcy. Jacob was remanded to the Orleans parish prison in default of bond, while his mother was paroled by Judge Rufus Foster to appear in court Wednesday morning.

Jacob, once a prosperous store-keeper, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court for the Baton Rouge district in January last, and Attorney S. W. Gaudin was duly appointed trustee of his estate. The indictment found against the pair charges that shortly before instituting the bankruptcy proceedings Jacob leased a place in Whitecastle from one F. S. Brown, and, placing mother in charge of the premises, shipped to her goods from his Donaldsonville store valued at \$252.64, with a view of defrauding his creditors.

It will be remembered that during recent months Jacob has figured in court proceedings in the Baton Rouge federal court, the complainant being the May & Ellis Company, of New Orleans, who charged the defendant with having purchased merchandise from them on credit and disposed of same out of the ordinary course of business. It was alleged that the bankrupt merchant had shipped large quantities of goods to his mother, then in business at Whitecastle, and freight receipts of the Texas and Pacific Railroad for various and sundry boxes and cases were produced by the complainants to substantiate the charge.

### Father Massardier Ill.

Right Rev. Canon J. M. T. Massardier, the beloved pastor of the local Catholic church, who has been quite seriously ill for the past several days, was taken to New Orleans yesterday morning for treatment at the Hotel Dieu, being accompanied by his physician, Dr. Paul T. Thibodeaux, and Rev. Father Francon, of Platteville. It has been decided that a surgical operation is necessary to relieve Father Massardier's condition, and it will be performed Monday morning by Dr. Marion Souchon, house surgeon of the Hotel Dieu. The entire community regrets to learn of his illness, and shares the hope that he will safely weather the attack and soon be able to return to Donaldsonville and resume his pastoral duties. For the time being Father Massardier is being replaced as rector of the local church by Father Dougherty, of the faculty of Jefferson College at Convent.

**Ungrammatically Hopeful.**  
Speaking of the prevalent hard times and business depression, an esteemed contemporary says, "Everybody are not discouraged." Isn't they? Mightn't somebody am not.

Only three days more in which to pay that poll tax.

Advertise! It pays.

## MILES COMPANY GIVES UP.

All Employees of Big Concern Notified of Release at End of Year—Cultivation of Sugar Cane on Thirteen Plantations to be Abandoned.

The predicted ill effects of the tariff legislation recently enacted by congress, with reference particularly to the removal of the duty on foreign sugars, are fast becoming apparent in this section, through a general business depression resulting from a feeling of uncertainty as to what the outcome of the new law will be.

All the employees of the Miles Planting and Manufacturing Company have been notified that their services will not be required after the expiration of the current year, and it is understood the concern will either lease or tenant its properties in Ascension and St. James parishes, if it cannot find purchasers for them. The white employees of the company, some of whom have been in its service for a long term of years, are making arrangements to move to other localities with their families and effects, and hundreds of field hands and other unskilled laborers will likewise have to seek new places of employment.

The Miles Company operates sugar factories at Burnside and New Hope, in Ascension parish, and Arment, in St. James, and controls an estate of thirteen plantations, divided into three groups, as follows: The Burnside group, comprising the Rearwood, Riverton, Donaldson, Clark, Conway, Orange Grove and Monroe plantations, the cane from which is ground at the Houmas Central factory, having a capacity of 1200 tons per day; the Arment group, consisting of the front and back Arment and Valcour Arment places at St. Patrick in St. James parish, which furnish cane for the Arment mill, with a capacity of 1000 tons daily; and the New Hope group, made up of the Ascension, Delicia and New Hope plantations in the first ward of Ascension parish, whose crops are ground at the 750-ton New Hope house. The latter plant was not operated this year, the cane usually handled by it having been sold to the McCull Company's neighboring Egan Hall central factory.

Dr. William Forcher Miles, president of the company, will retain an ancestral home of the family, Houmas House, a magnificent mansion of the ante-bellum type situated near Burnside, and will continue to make his residence therein, it is reported. The grounds attached to the dwelling comprise 100 acres.

In addition to its extensive planting interests, the Miles Company operated a large general merchandise store at Burnside, maintaining a drug store and the United States postoffice. Burnside station on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad is situated on the property, and all passenger trains are required to stop there. There is also a store at Arment, and it is understood the employees of this and the Burnside establishment will be affected by the company's decision to discontinue cultivating its properties.

### Maroney to Fly Tomorrow.

A heavy rain last Saturday having interfered with the airship flights scheduled to be given at A-muz-u Park by Aviator T. T. Maroney of Montana, under the auspices of the Woman's Civic League of Donaldsonville, and greatly diminished the attendance at the exhibition the following day, Mr. Maroney has consented to remain over and make a series of flights tomorrow afternoon. In connection with his demonstration of aerial navigation, there will be a 25-mile automobile race between an Amplex car driven by A. Marullo of New Orleans, and a Cadillac racer, with Val. Jensen at the wheel. The latter won first place in the 75-mile road contest recently held at the City Park track in New Orleans, the Amplex car finishing second in the event. The drivers of these powerful machines are among the most skillful and daring in the country, and this feature of the program should prove extremely thrilling and interesting. Mr. Maroney will race his biplane against the winning car, and will perform various sensational stunts in the air at a distance of 1000 feet. It is probable, also, that some young lady of Donaldsonville will accompany him on one of his flights, the aviator having extended an invitation to any young woman weighing not over 116 pounds to be his companion on a trip into the air. The program will be started at 3:30 p. m.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions last Sunday, Mr. Maroney made two interesting flights in the presence of a small crowd, demonstrating a sufficient degree of skill as an aerial pilot to warrant the prediction that his exhibition tomorrow will be well worth witnessing.

The Christmas tree and program at the Methodist church Tuesday night was an enjoyable success. The attendance was good, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

## Wanted

**Tenants with mules and implements to cultivate cane and corn. Special inducements offered.**

Write or Apply to  
**GEO. B. REUSS**  
HOHEN SOLMS, LA.

# Attention, Dealers!

## Store Fixtures and Merchandise at Auction on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2-3

The balance of Merchandise and Fixtures contained in the Vega Store will be closed out in round lots to the highest bidder. Following is a list of the fixtures:

6 Silent Salesmen	25 Cane-Seat Chairs
5 Floor Showcases	Cash-Merchandise Carrier
6 Counter Cases	2 Nat'l Cash Registers
5 Fine Clothing Stands	Rolling Ladder
Shirt Hanger	Fine Computing Scale
Umbrella Case	6 Fine Oil Lamps
10 Clothing Tables	Letter File
5 Oak Top-Counters	Oak Office Desk
400 Feet Fine Shelving	Office Chairs, Etc.

Pending this sale the retail auction sale will continue daily throughout the week. Come to our store and buy goods at your own price.

### U. A. ROUSSEAU (VEGA STORE)

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

George M. Plaisance, an Ascension boy who has made a prominent place for himself in the business world of Birmingham, Ala., arrived here Monday for a brief visit to his father, Prosper Plaisance, of Barton, and left the following afternoon for New Orleans, where he and his family are spending the holiday season with relatives. Mr. Plaisance dropped in to exchange greetings with his friends in this office during his stay in town, and it gave us pleasure to find him looking as hale, hearty and prosperous as of old.

Who gives you credit when you need it? The home merchant. Don't you think you ought to reciprocate by patronizing him when you have the cash?

### QUARTERLY STATEMENT

—OF THE—  
**Bank of Ascension**  
of Donaldsonville, La.

Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks by the Bank of Ascension at the close of business on Dec. 23, 1913.

RESOURCES	
Loans secured by mortgage	\$111,516 00
Other loans and discounts	183,929 21
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	200 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	37,789 34
Due from banks and bankers	104,056 55
Checks and other cash items	1,810 08
Gold coin	215 00
Silver, nickel and copper coin	4,732 85
National bank notes and all issues U. S. Government	28,189 00
Total	\$453,669 91
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$20,000 00
Surplus	25,990 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	24,736 89
Dividends unpaid	40 40
Individual savings deposits	131,329 83
Individual deposits subject to check	202,502 89
Certificates of deposit for borrowed money	15,000 00
Total	\$453,669 91

State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—J. J. Lebermuth, President, and I, John S. Thibaut, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of December, 1913. B. J. VEGA, Notary.

### QUARTERLY STATEMENT

—OF THE—  
**Peoples Bank**  
of Donaldsonville, La.

Report furnished to the State Examiner of State Banks by the Peoples Bank of Donaldsonville, La. at the close of business on December 23, 1913.

RESOURCES	
Demand loans	\$ 6,514 33
Loans secured by mortgage	61,486 41
Other loans and discounts	184,719 04
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	438 10
Other bonds and stocks	5,900 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	22,500 00
Other real estate owned	12,500 00
Due from banks and bankers	34,804 75
Checks and other cash items	2,822 62
Gold coin	310 00
Silver, nickel and copper coin	9,883 46
Currency	17,200 00
Suspense account	263 39
Total	\$342,221 08
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$20,000 00
Surplus	13,000 00
Individual savings deposits	107,832 62
Individual deposits subject to check	161,927 02
Certificates of deposit for borrowed money	911 15
Bills payable	256 00
Total	\$342,221 08

State of Louisiana, Parish of Ascension—T. J. Lebermuth, President, and I, W. J. LeBlanc, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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### PUBLIC SALE

—of the—  
Donaldsonville Wharf and Market Franchises.

BY VIRTUE OF and in obedience to orders of the commission council of the city of Donaldsonville, I will adjudicate to the last and highest bidder, at the principal front door of the courthouse in said city on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1914, at 11 o'clock a. m. (1) the lease of the Donaldsonville wharf and landing dues, and (2) the lease of the Donaldsonville markethouse and market dues, for a term of one year from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1914, both inclusive, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in said ordinances, which are on file at the office of the city clerk.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

W. J. LEBLANC,  
Commissioner of Finance.  
Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 27, 1913.

# Sold Hogs by Telephone

A South Carolina farmer had a large number of hogs which were ready to kill. The weather was so warm that killing was out of the question. He went to his telephone, called a dealer in Columbia over Long Distance and sold his hogs at a good price. He then called the local freight office and arranged for shipment.

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## Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company

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# NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We desire to express our thanks to our many friends for the liberal measure of patronage we have enjoyed at their hands and to extend our best wishes to each and all for A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## B. Lemann & Bro.

DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

### COLDS & LaGRIPPE

5 or 6 doses 666 will break any case of Chills & Fever, Colds & LaGrippe; it acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. Price 25c.

FOR SALE.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES doing a good business. Near church and school. Small stock, small rent. Reason for selling, death in family. Address OPPORTUNITY, care Donaldsonville Chief.

NOTICE  
To All to Whom These Presents May Concern:  
TAKE NOTICE: That the power of attorney granted by the Belle Helene Planting Company, Limited, under and by virtue of a resolution of the board of directors of said company, the 6th day of March, 1913, to A. Dumas, A. Wierpel and the Metropolitan Trust Co. of the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana, and evidenced by an authentic act before Sidney Davay, a notary public, in and for the city of New Orleans, under date, March 10, 1913, heretofore published, and in and for the same has been revoked, set aside and annulled, and declared to be of no further force and effect. BELLE HELENE PLANTING CO. LTD., Per G. U. RIVIER, President.  
Ascension Parish, La., Dec. 26, 1913.