

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND A THANK YOU, TOO!

MAY THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE BE YOURS—AND 1920 BE  
AS FULL OF SUCCESS AS 1919 HAS BEEN FOR ME—FOR ALL  
OF WHICH I THANK YOU!

**FRANK K. SIMS**  
THE AGENCY FOR SERVICE  
DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

## A WORD TO THE WISE!

BEFORE TAKING OUT THAT NEXT LIFE  
INSURANCE POLICY, GIVE ME A CHANCE  
TO FIGURE WITH YOU.

I REPRESENT THAT OLD RELIABLE  
COMPANY, THE MUTUAL LIFE OF NEW  
YORK, AND CAN OFFER YOU THE VERY  
BEST FORM OF POLICY SUITABLE TO YOUR  
NEEDS.

**R. S. VICKERS,**  
DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Chief takes occasion to extend to his many friends, patrons and the public sincere good wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The year which is just coming to a close, has, by the grace of God, been one of unprecedented prosperity to the entire people in this section. The crops have been fair and the prices unusually good, and the farmers have reaped a splendid harvest and made bushels of money. The success of the planters has extended to the workmen and laborers of all kinds, who have been paid higher wages than ever before in the history of farming in this vicinity, and the merchants and storekeepers have in turn shared to the fullest measure in the general prosperity which has prevailed. The volume of business, and especially holiday business done by them has been the biggest and most remunerative on record.

In extending good wishes for a happy New Year, the Chief hopes that God in his infinite goodness will bestow the blessings of good health, peace, happiness and contentment upon the entire people and permit the planters, farmers, merchants, employees and working men to enjoy the same full measure of success and prosperity in the year 1920, which by His grace rewarded their efforts during the year 1919.

### LAST CALL FOR POLL TAX.

Next Wednesday will be the last day on which the poll tax for the year 1919 might be paid for and within the year. All voters who desire to participate in the several elections scheduled for 1920, must have paid their poll taxes for the years 1918 and 1919, and the payment must have been made during each year. Wednesday, December 31, is the last day of the year and the last day on which the 1919 poll tax might be paid. Those who have not already performed this obligation should do so at once and not wait until it is too late. The right of suffrage is one of the most sacred privileges of citizenship; one which should be cherished with pride and exercised at all times with sound discretion for the good of the state. The payment of the poll tax is made a prerequisite

to the exercise of this right, and as the money derived from this tax is applied to a most worthy cause—the public school fund, no man, who has the best interests of his country at heart, should hesitate to make this small payment, which besides giving him a voice in the government of his state, adds financial aid to the public schools of his parish.

Remember, the last day for paying the poll tax for 1919, is next Wednesday, December 31. Those who have not already done so, should go to the courthouse and pay at once.

### WHERE IS REVENUE TO COME?

The city fathers are in a quandary over the subject of ways and means of raising revenues to make up the deficit in the town's finances which will result from the closing of the saloons. This one item alone has brought about \$6000 per year to the municipal treasury. This sum, added to the amount collected in taxes and other licenses, has been a barely sufficient to meet the current expenses of the city government, and when the limited revenues are reduced at one clip by the large sum of \$6000 a very serious deficit will occur, and this expected deficit is a source of deep concern to the members of the commission council.

Additional taxation is out of the question, since the limit has been reached in both regular and special taxes. Where then is the revenue to come from to make up the deficit which is sure to come? No one seems to be able to answer. It is a very serious question, and one which will have to be met squarely and answered definitely. If the town, which is operated on a very economical basis, can barely plod along with its present revenues, what will happen when these revenues are reduced to the tune of \$6000.

It has been suggested that a mass meeting of the tax payers of the city be called to discuss the matter and try to devise ways and means of relieving the situation, but in the absence of any other visible and tangible source of revenue it is indeed hard to conceive how the deficit is going to be made good. Let some good financier come forward and distinguish himself by suggesting means of solving the problem.

Joseph Matherne, Jr., who was recently slightly injured at the Texas & Pacific railroad shop at Marshall, Texas, where he has been employed for some time, is mending rapidly at the company's hospital in that city, and hopes to be able to resume his work in a short time. The news of his recovery will be received with pleasure by his many friends here.

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## NEW CANE JUICE FILTER.

Public Demonstration at Myrtle Grove  
Next Week.

The first public demonstration of a filter for cane juice, which, it is claimed, will revolutionize the present method of clarification, will be made December 29, 30 and 31 at Wilbert's Myrtle Grove plantation, near Plaquemine under the direction of the inventor, Louis J. Martel, sugar chemist and engineer of Franklin, La. and New Orleans. Invitations to sugar planters all over the state have been issued, Mr. Martel said Thursday, and the demonstration is expected to be largely attended.

The filter handles the cane juice just as it comes from the mill, eliminating a large part of the present process and doing away with the use of sulphur and lime, while removing all impurities. Since sulphur is an inversion producer, says Mr. Martel, both time and money are saved by eliminating it. Eighty per cent of the machinery now used in the clarification process can be dispensed with by using the filter, it is said, and there is a saving of 50 per cent of labor in the mill. Mr. Martel has experimented a number of years with Filter-Cel, a natural product, and the process is completed by his new invention.

The filter will be manufactured and marketed by the Martel Filter Company, Inc., with headquarters at 808 Perdido street, New Orleans. Louis J. Martel will act as president of the company, and the board of directors is composed of the following sugar planters: Donelson Caffery, Horace Wilkinson, John D. Minor, Henry N. Pharr, M. Billeaud and Will Price.

### Another Picture Show in Prospect.

Donaldsonville may have another moving picture theatre in the early future. A number of local business men have become interested in the project. They propose to organize a corporation and to acquire a desirable sight on which a suitable, modern and fire proof building will be erected. A part of the structure will be rented out for store purposes and the other part will be used for the moving picture show. The promoters of the enterprise are very highly encouraged with the co-operation and promises of support which they have received so far and feel confident that the new theatre will soon be an established fact. The people of this city and vicinity are strong patrons of the movies and there is no reason why another good moving picture show should not prove a success here. Nearly the whole of the authorized capital stock of the new corporation has already been subscribed and high-class film service is assured.

Deputy Sheriff Edward Smith and his wife and son, Nathan, were in town last Tuesday shopping for the holidays.

Let the Chief do your job work.

## Pastor for St. Jules Church.

The Catholic parish of St. Jules, in Assumption, near Belle Alliance, was officially transferred today from Father P. Gruel, who has been administrator for some time, to Rev. F. Jan, who has been appointed rector of the place. The ceremonies connected with the transfer were performed by Rev. Dean C. McChambers of this city. The new pastor of St. Jules was lately a chaplain in the United States army, in which capacity he served for nineteen months, and prior to his enlistment in the military service, was rector of the Catholic church at Larose, in the parish of Lafourche, below Lockport, and resigned that office to join the army. He will have charge of the St. Jules Church and the chapel in Brusly St. Martin. Rev. P. Gruel, whom Rev. F. Jan succeeds, has been appointed pastor of the Catholic church at Lawtell, near Opelousas, and will leave in a few days to assume the duties of his pastorate. The Chief in common with his many parishioners takes pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to Rev. Jan to the parish of St. Jules.

### Refuses Salary Increase.

It is not very often that an official is heard to decline a raise in salary, but here is one instance in which such a refusal has actually taken place. The board of aldermen of the city of New Haven, Conn., passed an ordinance a few days ago, granting a raise of salary to Mayor David E. Fitzgerald from \$3500 to \$7500 a year. The ordinance also provided for a substantial increase in the salaries of all other officials. When it reached the mayor he approved that part of the bill raising the compensation of other officials, but vetoed it insofar as it gave him a raise. This is the second time that Mayor Fitzgerald has refused to accept an increase in his salary. He is a lawyer and has an extensive practice.

### Jail Breakers Still at Large.

Frank and Percy Burns, the two negro burglars who escaped from the parish jail sometime ago, by sawing some of the steel bars of the cage and breaking through the solid brick wall, are still at large. Immediately upon their escape, Sheriff Hanson offered a reward of \$50 for the capture of each, or \$100 for both of the negroes. Notices of the offer of reward, giving complete description of the fugitives, were sent all over the state, but up to the present day nothing has been heard of the culprits. They seem to have disappeared as completely as if they had been swallowed up by the earth.

Miss Selma Mollere, a charming young lady of this city, spent Christmas with relatives in Baton Rouge. She reports having had a delightful time in the Capital City.

Clarence J. Savoie and Charles Alonzo, prominent citizens and planters of Belle Rose in the parish of Assumption, were business visitors to Donaldsonville today.

## Hail and Farewell

### FAREWELL TO THE OLD

Old Year, thy life is well-nigh spent,  
Thy feet are tottering and slow,  
Thy hoary head with age is bent,  
The time is here for thee to go;  
Already in the frozen snow  
A lonely grave is made for thee;  
The winds are chanting dirges low,  
Upon the land and on the sea.

Old Year, thou wert a friend to some—  
To some thou wert of worth untold,  
Thy days were blessings, every one,  
More precious far than shining gold;  
But unto others, thou a foe  
Did prove thyself—an enemy,  
Relentless as the chains of woe—  
As ruthless as the maddened sea.

Some will rejoice to know thee dead,  
Others will mourn thee as a friend;  
Some will look back on thee with dread,  
Others their praises to thee lend:  
I neither offer praise nor blame,  
Old Year, for what you brought to me,  
For unto me both joy and pain  
Your active hands gave lavishly.

Thy solemn death-hour draws a-nigh—  
And hark! I hear thy funeral knell  
Slow pealing through the darkened sky—  
Farewell, Old Year—farewell, farewell!

### HAIL TO THE NEW

Hail! hail! to thee, O virgin year!  
Not yet a day's length on thy throne,  
Thou with the merry eyes and clear  
And joyous voice of dulcet tone:  
Hail! hail! to thee, thou strong of limb;  
Our praise is thine, O youthful king,  
For thou art pure of woe and sin,  
Thy young hands yet but blessings bring.

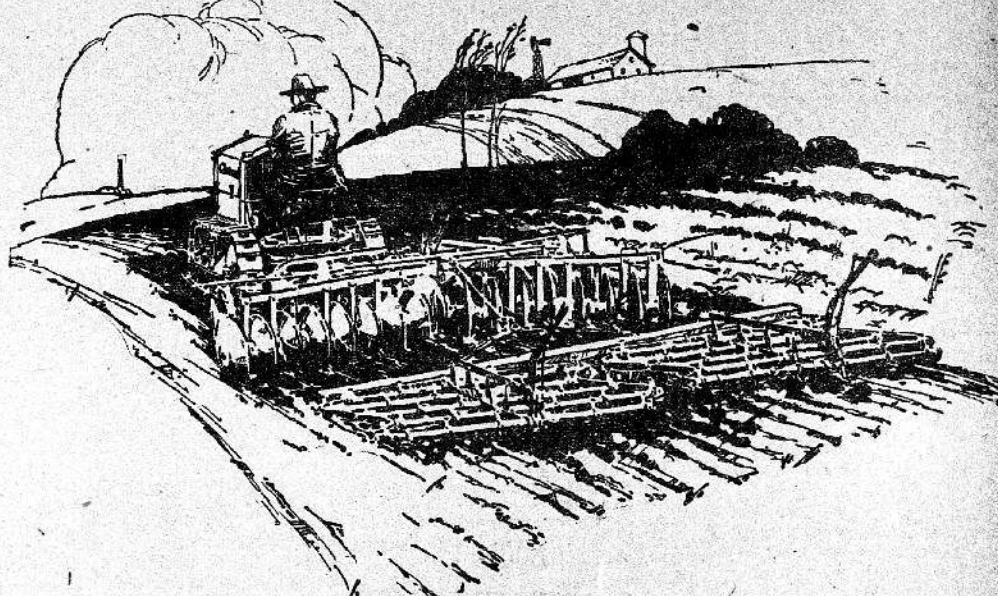
The monarch who is laid away  
Within the catacomb of years  
Was harsh and ruthless in his day—  
Seemed less to love our joys than tears;  
We look for blessings manifold,  
New Year, from thy pure sinless hand,  
We trust thy heart will ne'er grow cold  
Toward us—and our Native Land.

Bring healing to the hearts now sore  
From wounds the cruel Old Year made;  
The veil of peacefulness draw o'er  
The woes at each heart-threshold laid:  
We cannot love a tyrant king!  
Our hearts refuse to loyal be  
To one who takes delight to fling  
Upon our hearts keen misery!

Be kind to us—that we may say,  
When comes the time for thee to go;  
"O darling year, we grieve to-day,  
Because we all have loved thee so!"  
—Good Housekeeping.

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### HOME BOY TO THE FRONT.

R. N. Slaton in Big Insurance Corporation in Monroe.

R. N. Slaton, for many years a resident of this city, where he was engaged in the general insurance business, is fast coming to the front as one of the leading business men of the progressive city of Monroe, where he has made his home for a some time. A corporation capitalized at \$35,000 was recently organized in that city, under the name of Trousdale & Slaton, Incorporated, for the purpose of conducting a general insurance, real estate and brokerage business. The incorporators are: J. H. Trousdale, W. W. Cooper, Fred Stuart Smith and R. N. Slaton. J. H. Trousdale is president and R. N. Slaton, secretary and general manager of the company.

The company's charter gives it the right to acquire and build residences and it is said that the concern will engage extensively in that line of business for which there is said to be a broad field in the Ouachita city.

### A Worthy Undertaking.

A drive was inaugurated a few days ago, having for its object the raising by popular subscription of the sum of \$600,000 for the establishment of free clinics at the Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. The fund has already reached the \$400,000 mark, and about \$200,000 more are required to complete the amount. Touro is one of the oldest and leading infirmaries in the country. The purpose of the clinics which are to be added to the institution, is to give free treatment to those who are unable to pay. The object is a most worthy one and should appeal to the consideration of all liberal-minded persons. All those who can afford to do so should send in contributions to Otto J. Mayer, treasurer, Touro Infirmary. Any amount, large or small, will be gratefully appreciated. Dr. I. I. Lemann, a member of the Lemann family of this city, is on the consulting staff of the medical department of the infirmary, which will give free service in the proposed clinics.

### Electric Light Extension.

The extension of the electric light to the suburb on the river known as Faubourg la Type, which has been under consideration for some time, is now an assured fact. A contract between some of the residents of the faubourg and the Light and Power commission has been signed; all of the material for use in projecting the line has been bought and delivered and the work of building the extension will begin in a few days. The present contract contemplates the construction of the line as far as the Beouf plantation, a distance of about one mile below Donaldsonville and will no doubt be extended further as the people learn to appreciate the convenience of the system. Electric light has come to be recognized as indispensable in the up-to-date home and those citizens of the faubourg who have interested themselves in the project, have taken the proper step towards modernizing their residences.

### Day Means Much to All.

New Years suggest intimate personal views of self. The annual crop of good resolutions shows how near most people are to becoming radically better. The day also brings a sense of the inexhaustible resources of life. It is the door into a wonderful future, new inventions, new discoveries, new achievements, of social justice and privilege and joy for the masses of men.

If you leave it to  
the schoolboy  
New Year's day  
is what comes before  
he has to go  
back to school.

Learn to recognize quality. Choose slowly and thoughtfully. Buy good material for things that will get hard wear. By so doing you are saving money and making your future safe.

Have you paid your poll tax yet? If you do not pay it before next Thursday, you will be a squaw man in 1920.

## MULES FOR SALE!

We Deal in None But the Best Bred Mules.  
An Inspection of Our Stock is Invited



WE WISH to announce to planters and others that we have rented the large mule barn of Kahn & Weil in Mississippi street, opposite the Hotel Donaldson, where we will be permanently located and will have on sale at all times a large assortment of High-Class Sugar and Rice Mules which we will offer for sale at lowest market prices. Prospective purchasers are invited to call and examine these animals, all of which are perfectly sound and healthy and will be sold under guarantee as being exactly as represented. Phone 54.

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### PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

TWO-STORY MODERN HOME in St. Patrick street, between Berville and Nichols avenues, containing six rooms, bath and kitchen; hardwood floors. SINGLE STORY COMMODIOUS RESIDENCE in St. Patrick street, between Berville street and Nichols avenue, containing six rooms, bath and kitchen. TWO NEAT COTTAGES in Houmas street, containing three rooms and kitchen. FOUR COTTAGES in Houmas street, containing three rooms and kitchen. These properties will be sold for cash or on terms to suit purchaser. For further particulars, apply to or address, A. H. HUNLEY, Donaldsonville, La.

### FOR SALE.

ON ACCOUNT of removing from Donaldsonville, offer the following articles for sale at reasonable prices: Duplex window shades, 3 Vidor porch shades, 4-burner oil stove, living-room set, kitchen cabinet, Majestic range, Majestic coal range, estate heater, zinc covered kitchen table, packing wall cabinet, wall linen closet, medicine closet, kitchen pot closet, hat rack, davenport, Corona typewriter, portable chicken house and one lot in the Lemann Addition. Apply to A. H. BLOOMENSTIEL, Donaldsonville, La.

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### SUCCESSION NOTICE.

PUBLIC notice is hereby given that John Howell Pugh has qualified as duly testamentary executor of the succession of Edward Nicholas Pugh and that all creditors having claims against his succession should send statements of their claims to said executor at Plaquemine, La.

JOHN HOWELL PUGH, Executor.

### FOR SALE.

TWENTY GOOD SECOND-HAND SUGAR MULES are offered for sale at a bargain. Apply to GRAUGNARD BROS., St. James, La.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts directly on the mucous surface of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonic herbs combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Read the testimonials, free. J. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O. All Druggists, Inc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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### TRESPASS NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that no hunting, fishing or trespassing is allowed on the Mimie and St. Alice plantations in the James parish. Trespassers on either of these places will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. MRS. CLERVILLE HINE.

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"'Tis Better to Repair a Leaky Roof Than to Pay for the Damage It Causes"

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