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## Season's Greetings

We welcome this opportunity of extending to everyone our very best wishes for a happy Holiday Season, and trust that their share of prosperity will be bountiful throughout the coming year—throughout their life!

The friendship and goodwill existing between our bank and our customers, we consider our most valuable asset. Valuable not only from a monetary standpoint, but because it cements together a foundation of confidence. Our growth and success we attribute to the confidence of our patrons in our ability to serve them best.

We shall ever be mindful of the welfare of those we serve, omitting no opportunity of adding to their happiness and prosperity. May there be many more seasons of good cheer and good luck for you and yours.

## The Commercial Bank

of ARCADIA

—The BANK that SERVICE BUILT!

Like the treasure ship of olden times full fraught with precious things, so may Christmas and the New Year come to you laden with all that will make for your happiness and contentment.

We assure you of our keen appreciation of your goodwill and patronage.

## DANIEL, BRYAN & TURNER

"Insurance of Every Kind Known to Man"

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## Dog With Rabies Killed In Town

A very vicious looking mad dog was killed in town this morning, (Thursday) by Messrs. Ben Dance and Polard Williams. We understand that during the night he bit several more dogs.

Never before have we heard of so many dogs afflicted with rabies, and some precaution should be taken against dogs running at large. It is always the case that a man owning a dog prizes him very highly. Lots of times he will permit the dog to come between him and his best friend, and cause an ill feeling that will last for a life-time. It is also a fact that a man owning a little child should prize his little life very highly—even more than he prizes the dog. Should think of its health and the sorrow it would bring to his home should it be bitten by a dog with rabies. We think the life and health of one little child is WORTH more—ten times more—than the dogs in the whole world today, and when a mad dog is running at large some little child's life and health is in jeopardy.

We have always been willing to grant a man the privilege of owning any kind of animal that he wanted, except "blind tiger," in town or out-of-town, so long as he doesn't permit the animal to bother anyone else. But you can go out into your back yards any night you want to and you'll find from one to a half dozen dogs, some hounds, some poodles, some bird dogs, and some without any nationality. Now, if I owned a good bird dog or fox hound, I wouldn't want them associating with a poodle, because I would be afraid they would be trying to sit in some lady's lap.

To say the least of it, this mad dog proposition is getting serious, and people should make some effort to keep their dogs at home, because it is certainly a useless hazard to have a lot of stray dogs that are liable to become afflicted with rabies at any time, running around all over town and the country too.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Gerhing and Mrs. Stark and daughter of Gibsland, were welcome callers at the Democrat office this week.

Rev. Gerhing states that the marriage of his daughter, Miss Olive, to Mr. Wright D. Parson, of Belzoni,

Miss. has been announced and that the marriage will take place Sunday afternoon, December 24th at 5:00 o'clock in the Baptist church at Gibsland.

Both Mr. Parsons and Miss Gerhing are members of the Belzoni high school faculty, and have many friends who extend them best wishes for a very happy married life.

### SHERIFF SALE

Mrs. Sallie James, et als vs. W. T. Coker, No. 6129, Third Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville. Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued from the above named Honorable Court, and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash, with the benefit of appraisement, at the principal front door of the Courthouse at Arcadia, Bienville parish, La. within legal sale hours on SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1923 the following described property, to-wit: NE 1-4 of NW 1-4, SE 1-4 of NW 1-4, less 10 acres on south side, 10 acres on west side of NE 1-4 of SW 1-4, and SW 1-4 of NE 1-4 less 10 acres on south side all in Sec. 8, Tp. 16, N. R. 7 W., containing 110 acres more or less. The property offered as belonging to the defendant W. T. Coker, and will be sold to satisfy said Writ of Execution and all costs. This the 20th day of December, 1922. J. E. CURRIE, Sheriff.

### C. OF C. EXECUTIVE COM. MEETS

The executive council of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce met Saturday afternoon, Dec. 16th, at 3:00 o'clock.

Plans were discussed for civic improvements and it was decided that a

drinking fountain for horses was very much needed and should be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Turner, chairman of the council, stated that he would get an estimate of a drinking fountain and report at next meeting.

The council appointed the secretary to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the organization.

It was decided to call a meeting of the entire membership of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce for the middle of January. The program for this meeting will appear in the Democrat at a later date.

### STATE TROOPS AT MER ROUGE

State troops have been ordered to Mer Rouge, Moorehouse parish, to assist in the investigation of the disappearance of two citizens of that town. It is stated by newspaper reports that it has been determined by secret service men on the job, that the men were killed and their bodies cast into a lake in that vicinity, and that these lakes will be searched by

divers brought there for that purpose.

The men, whose names are Richards and Daniels, were according to reports, taken out by a body of masked men some time last fall, and since that time they have not been seen.

Before a thorough investigation can be held the authorities feel that the bodies must be discovered. Although it is stated that they have located the place where the bodies were thrown in the lake, the latest press report does not state whether they have been found.

### OUR JUDGE PRESIDES IN 2nd DIS.

District Judge J. E. Reynolds, presiding over the third judicial district, has been appointed by the Supreme Court to perform the duties in the second district, comprising the parishes of Bossier and Webster.

The first week of the month court will be held in Claiborne, the second week Webster, third week Bienville and the fourth week Bossier. This additional work is a recognition

of Judge Reynolds' ability by the Supreme Court. He performs the extra work without any increase in salary, and although the work will take a great deal more of his time, he states that he will be able to perform his duties without permitting the dockets to become congested.

We congratulate the Judge.

### TO BEGIN TWO WELLS AT ONCE

The information was given out today (Thursday) that Smitherman, et al, had made two more locations and would begin drilling their fourth and fifth test just as soon as the derricks can be built and the rigs put in operation.

We understand that the second rig to be used in this territory will be shipped in from Texas, and operations will be started on both wells at practically the same time.

We have been unable to find out the location of these two wells, but understand that one will likely be located on the Anderson lease and one a little southwest of their third test.

## Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations—merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified—there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its leaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the leaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

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## To All—

A Happy Holiday

Season

We welcome this occasion which offers us an opportunity to extend to our friends and customers our best wishes, trusting that each one alike, will enjoy to the fullest all the pleasures of a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

We assure you of our appreciation of past favors, and solicit a continuation of your valued patronage on a basis of the best values for the lowest prices consistent with market conditions.

We wish to also announce that we will hold our usual January Clearance Sale, notice of which will appear in this paper.

## THE ARCADIA FAIR

Jos. Dawidoff & Co. Props. - - Arcadia

## Greetings

To all our friends and customers, with whom our business and social relations are always the most pleasant, we take this method to wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## The PEOPLES HARDWARE CO.

(Incorporated)  
ARCADIA, LOUISIANA

## Women And Men Must Pay Poll Tax

Again we wish to remind you, man or woman, of the importance of paying your Poll Tax for this year, and call your attention to the fact that you only have a few days left in which to pay same.

The gubernatorial and senatorial election for the State of Louisiana will occur in 1924. Before anyone can vote in the elections held in 1924 in either the primary or general election, it will be necessary for him or her to have paid poll tax for 1922 and 1923. The funds derived from the poll tax payments goes to the current school fund, which we are sure every patriotic, liberty-loving, god-fearing citizen is willing to support. Not only that, it is the duty of every man and his family to uphold the government and the fundamental principles of the public school system which stands for enlightenment and free thought.

There will be many important issues to be decided in 1924, and every citizen should arm themselves with the power of the ballot, this being the only way that the battle for right can be eventually won. The good, quiet un-

assuming mother who doesn't like the idea of going to the polls and voting her Christian sentiments, should realize that the evil spirit will be there, and that it is the men and women of her type upon whom the responsibility rests to offset this evil influence.

JUST A FEW DAYS LEFT IN WHICH TO PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

### LOCAL CITIZENS CONFER WITH HIGHWAY COM.

Messrs. P. A. McGuire, R. L. Williams and B. P. Theus went to Baton Rouge this week to confer with the State Highway Commission regarding the good road work going on in this section of the parish.

Many complaints have been made by local citizens regarding the class of gravel being used on the highways, this we understand was one of the causes that prompted the citizens to send a committee to Baton Rouge.

It is hoped that their trip will be a profitable one, and that all matters can soon be adjusted and the work prosecuted with due diligence until it is completed, because the work of building the roads has certainly been a long, drawn-out affair.

## Christmas Greetings

We want to express to our customers and friends the hope that this may be the HAPPIEST Christmas that they have ever spent, and they may be thankful that their lot is

cast in a Christian community in which this glorious holiday is celebrated.

Let us remember that we are celebrating the birth of a Divine creature whose advent was heralded by the exclamation, "Peace on earth and goodwill toward men," and try to celebrate it as we think this Divine Being would have us do so.

We further ask that every one be assured that now as ever before we are a friend and well wish-

er of every man and institution in this vicinity, and that we believe we have the goodwishes of them all, and in this hope and belief we are going into the Holidays with the same spirit that we wish others to exhibit.

A Merry Christmas to All!

The First National Bank and The First Trust & Banking Co.  
Arcadia, La.