

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND LIGHTS BEING INSTALLED ON MAIN STREET.

Traffic Police Also Appointed. Will Start On Job With Opening Of New Year.

Work was started Friday morning on the project of installing traffic signs and lights on Main Street at the principal intersections, running from Weeks Street to Railroad Street.

This is conforming to a resolution passed by Mayor LaSalle a few weeks ago, at which time permission was granted by the Board of Trustees for the Mayor to carry out this project.

It will be necessary for a channel to be chiseled out to the center of the street through the brick pavement, to accommodate the laying of the wires out from the lines on the right side of Main street. This will be a difficult piece of work. It is being done by Mr. James Hebert. The first start was made at the corner of Main and Iberia, Friday morning.

The plans call for traffic signs and lights, erected on strong pillars, extending in the center of each street intersection in the more congested districts of the city.

This move will fill a long felt need. Automobiles have now become so numerous, and some drivers so reckless, that frequent collisions were the rule, and serious injury sure to occur in some instances.

TRAFFIC POLICE ALSO.

Commencing with January first, New Iberia will also be able to boast of a Special Traffic Cop, in the person of Mr. Ben Veazey, who has been appointed to occupy this important position.

Officer Veazey brings 'em before the City Court with evidence enough to convict, it is going to be pretty tough with the law breaker.

The system of traffic lights and signs will not be completed for some time, as it is quite a job to put them up in the vitrified brick pavement, but Mr. Veazey starts on the job with the opening of the new year, so Mr. (or Mrs.) Speeder, better watch out!

100 KILLED BY POISONED BOOZE DURING HOLIDAYS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Poisoned booze reaped a toll of nearly a hundred lives during the Christmas holidays in the United States, according to reports compiled by prohibition enforcement headquarters today.

Denatured alcohol converted to concoctions that resembled real whiskey was blamed for the majority of the deaths.

Prohibition directors estimate that thousands are undergoing treatment in their homes or in hospitals. Prohibition directors declared that in many cases death certificates camouflaged the real cause and attributed death to other things.

WANTS NEW ORLEANS BRIDGE.

Business interests of New Orleans still are talking of the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi there. At present the bridges at Memphis are the last ones across the lower Mississippi. One proposal is to have the commission council give the Public Belt Railroad authority to issue \$15,000,000 in bonds for the construction of the bridge.

BEATS AN IOWA FARM.

Twenty years ago George W. Van Dyke, an Iowa farmer, bought land and settled in the lower Louisiana delta. He had never seen an orange tree, but he had heard about them, so he started a small grove of about an acre. His 1920 crop brought in \$1,286 and in all he had sold over \$20,000 worth of oranges.

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All Indications Point to Normal



COMMUNITY CAROLERS TOUR CITY.

On Christmas Eve about fifty men and ladies gathered at the Chamber of Commerce office, and from there went in automobiles on a tour of New Iberia, singing Christmas Carols to a list of "shut-ins" that had been prepared.

About fifteen homes were visited by the singers. Some of these homes contained invalids, some crippled persons, or sick, and some elderly people who are not able to get out much.

Many were the words of thanks spoken for this music. One lady said, "You have brought a touch of real Christmas cheer to my old mother that will never be forgotten." One young man, a cripple, has sent word to Community Service that words cannot express his appreciation for their thoughtfulness.

It is little things like this done in a community that make a real home town.

A little MORE kindness,
And a little LESS creed,
A little more GIVING,
A little less GREED;
A little more SMILE,
A little less FROWN,
A little less kicking
A man when he's down,
A little more "WE,"
And a little less "I,"
A little MORE LAUGH,
And a little LESS CRY,
A little more flowers
On the pathway of Life,
Will prevent much complaint
And end much of your strife.

IBERIAN GETS PATENT ON INVENTION.

Mr. Walter E. Fisher, engineer at the New Iberia Ice Factory, has just received a letter from his Patent Attorneys at Washington, D. C., notifying him that his application has been allowed by the Federal Government on an Oil Burner Apparatus invented by him. The allowance was made on December 20th.

This invention is an automatically controlled oil burner, operated by steam pressure, and is the only one of its kind in existence. It is a very ingeniously constructed apparatus, and will fill a long felt need in oil burning plants of America. From tests made it can be set to keep steam pressure at any desired gauge, and without further attention will maintain that pressure indefinitely.

Mr. Fisher has secured local financial backing, and is now making plans to place his product on the market in the near future.

MILLIONS FOR 30,000 ACRES.

The Michoud plantation of nearly 30,000 acres, part of it in the ninth ward of the city of New Orleans was disposed of at a price said to exceed a million dollars. The buyer is Col. R. E. E. DeMontluzin. The property was acquired in 1910 by the New Orleans Drainage Company, a Chicago corporation which planned to develop the property but never did so. The new owner plans to convert the huge holding into residential farm tracts.

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IBERIA HIKER GETS TO CALIFORNIA.

Passed Through This City Few Weeks Ago.

This article was clipped from The Santa Maria Daily Times, published in Santa Maria, California, and dated Saturday, December 16, 1922.

Cross-country hikers are common these days, in fact few weeks pass by without some pedestrian makes his way along the coast highway as the result of a wager with some friend or an organization.

A very unusual member of the hikers' fraternity made a brief visit in Santa Maria this morning. This man, A. L. Vuilleumot, left Washington, D. C., September 12, 1922, on a \$75,000 wager to walk from the nation's capitol to the coast and return by June 1, 1923, handicapped with handcuffs about his wrists and chained to a wheel barrow. He has been forced to push this one-wheel vehicle every foot of the way of his long journey and arrived in this city at 8:30 this morning with a happy smile upon his face and bloom of health upon his cheeks.

When he left Washington in September he weighed 128 pounds and was considered a consumptive. Today he weighs 156 pounds and looking forward to a Christmas dinner in San Francisco.

Local interest in the hiker is created by the fact that he hails from the home town of a well known Santa Maria, J. M. Davis. Mr. Davis recognized Vuilleumot this morning pushing his wheel barrow. The hiker was invited into the Davis auditor's office on South Broadway and their boyhood days in New Iberia, La., were discussed for a brief time. Mr. Davis vouches for the identity of the man and the recommendations carried beyond all doubt that the hiker is carrying out the agreement as arranged in Washington. Senator Jos. E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, is the first name to appear in the book containing over 8000 signatures of various people met by Vuilleumot on his journey.

The hiker is accompanied by a young man who was sent to see the conditions of the agreement were carried out. Vuilleumot started his journey without a cent of money and has made his way by selling advertising space on his wheel barrow and from donations. He has not accepted any offers to ride and has walked every step of the distance of over 3400 miles traveled to this city. His outdoor life has restored his health which was failing as a result of service during the World War. He has captured a prairie dog and killed a fox and coyote in Arizona.

Vuilleumot is confident that he will reach Washington City by June 1, 1923.

IBERIA AGENT WINS EXPRESS CONTEST.

Mr. W. E. Williams, agent for the American Railway Express Company at New Iberia, is just in receipt of a letter from the head office of the company advising him that he was one of the prize winners in a contest participated in by all express agents in the United States.

The contest was run during the months of July, August and September to boost the sale of Travelers' Cheques issued by the Express Company.

The nation is divided into five districts, New Iberia being in the Southwest District. Nine prizes were awarded in the states comprising the Southwest District, and Louisiana captured four out of the nine. Mr. Williams office here ranked third, which is quite an honor, considering the vast amount of competition.

Accompanying the letter announcing the winners in the contest was his prize, a check for twenty-five dollars, which no doubt adds to the enjoyment of his success.

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The First Sunday After Christmas.

There will be the regular services at the Episcopal Church this coming Sunday at 7:30; 10:00, and 11 A. M. The special intention at both of the services will be: That the entire American Church, The Church of the Epiphany, and each individual member of the congregation may have faith and grace to carry out the spiritual and temporal programme of the late General Convention.

New Year's Day.
New Year's Day being the high feast of the Circumcision of Christ there will be two celebrations in the Church: at 7:30 and 11 A. M., with the same intention as on Sunday. The Circumcision of Christ has been considered in all Three branches of the Holy Catholic Church, Greek, Anglican, and Roman, as one of the great festivals of the Christian Year; and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the privilege of being present at God's altar on that day.

CHRISTMAS WAS EXTENSIVELY CELEBRATED IN NEW IBERIA.

Community Service Efforts Add Much To The Jollity Of The Occasion.

Christmas in New Iberia was observed in a manner, and with an enthusiasm not seen here in many a year.

From observations, and according to the statements of our leading merchants, there was more money spent, and more presents given, than in several years preceding.

The usual number of Christmas visitors in New Iberia was swelled to a new high record mark, and the family reunions of absent members were numbered by the dozens.

An atmosphere of good will and friendly association pervaded the entire city to a remarkable extent.

ENTERTAINMENTS NUMEROUS.

Starting several days before Christmas, with Christmas trees and entertainments in all the schools, and with special services in all churches, commemorating the Nativity of Christ, the entire populace was brought under the genuine Christmas influence, and prepared for a real observance of the day.

The Knights of Columbus dispensed good cheer and generous gifts to hundreds of children Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, on the occasion of their public Christmas tree, in St. Berchman's Hall, at Mount Carmel Convent.

A veritable army of eager youngsters thronged the hall, but the liberal provisions were equal to the test, and every outstretched hand received its gift.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION.

The much heralded Community Tree was erected, as previously announced in The Iberian, on the Court House grounds.

The committee had done noble work, and when the lights were turned on shortly after six o'clock Christmas afternoon, a gasp of admiration involuntarily swelled from the vast throng who had gathered to witness the event.

The New Iberia band met Old Santa in front of the Chamber of Commerce headquarters, and preceded his decorated truck to the Court yard, where they played a few selections while Santa with his assistants were moving the huge boxes of candy to the tree.

CROWD PASSES EXPECTATIONS.

While the arrangement committee had anticipated a large gathering, the number so far surpassed their expectations that the plan of procedure had to be abandoned to a considerable extent.

Santa had intended to dispense the bags of candy from his truck, but it was found impossible to drive through the solid line of cars that blocked Main street in front of the Court House, nor would it have been safe to attempt passing the truck through the mass of crowding hundreds that surrounded the tree.

CROWD SINGS CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Led by Prof. Yves Armandez and his musicians, the gathering united in singing "Silent Night, Holy Night," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." The school children had been practicing other special songs for the occasion, but they were so mixed up in the crowd that it was impossible to get them together to sing. However, this feature of the program went off very smoothly, and seemed to have been enjoyed by everybody.

SANTA HAD BIG JOB.

Santa Claus, represented by Mr. Max Zimmerman, jovial manager of the Boldt Paper mill, had a man sized job in handing out the bags of candy.

Approximately twelve hundred hands were stretched out to receive the packages that had been prepared by the ladies of New Iberia.

It was not so much for the candy itself as the pleasure of receiving it at the pretty tree, and from Old Santa himself, that caused the little folks to push and crowd till it looked for a time as though Santa Claus, tree, and assistants would be crushed beneath the press of eager feet. However, a few men came to the assistance, and in a short time a line was formed, and everything went along smoothly. Candy and children "came out even," and the last bag filled the last outstretched hand.

Community Service has again made good and justified its existence among the organizations in New Iberia.

FIRE CHRISTMAS DAY.

Fire broke out in the large residence owned by Mr. Belanger, formerly the Captain White home, on East Main Street, Monday noon, and did a great deal of damage before the blaze could be gotten under control.

The family were eating their Christmas dinner when the fire was discovered, and the misfortune broke into their joyousness in a most regrettable manner.

According to reports, the extent of the loss will be about four thousand dollars.

The building was rendered absolutely unfit for further occupancy, and the family have rented another home until theirs can be rebuilt.

The fire had its origin in the attic and was caused, according to experts, by defective electric wiring.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

You are cordially invited to attend the services of the Christian Science Church, which are held at 11 A. M., Sundays, in the Masonic Lodge room. The subject for this Sunday will be: "Christian Science."

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