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Financial Prosperity of the
Southern States.

State banks and trust companies in the thirteen Southern States showed a growth of over \$300,000,000 in 1916. In addition to that, the national banks, as previously reported, grew with equal or greater rapidity, showing an increase for the year in the resources of all banks in excess of \$600,000,000 for thirteen States.

The deposits of State banks in the thirteen Southern States for 1916 increased \$301,807,146, and total resources increased \$307,074,302. During the same period the capital invested in State banks increased only \$1,300,457, and the net increase in the number of State banks was only thirty. This represents the difference between 138 new banks that began business in the States under review and 108 which quit business, including failures, voluntary liquidations, consolidations and conversions to national banks.

As in the case of national banks, the rapid growth was mainly in the item of deposits, as comparatively few banks were organized and the proportion of banks going out of business was relatively very large. This was due to low money rates and to the shrinkage of earnings from exchange, which the weaker institutions were unable to withstand. It is accordingly evident that the enormous increase in the banking resources of the South is represented by the "survival of the fittest" and that the South's position in banking is the stanchest ever occupied in its entire history.—Southern Banker, for February, Atlanta, Ga.

Kindergarten Education Extending Throughout the United States.

Approximately 570 kindergartens were opened last year in public schools that never had them before, according to a recently completed survey by the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior. "This means one extra year of education for about 25,000 children," the Bureau reports, "and as the boys and girls of this country average only a little over five years in school, the value of this additional training can not be overestimated."

A number of States have shown increases which are noteworthy. California stands out particularly for having reported 91 additional kindergartens in 25 different cities and towns. Montana has also made a stride forward by changing, in one year, its record of 6 kindergartens in one city to 31 kindergartens in six cities.

Several cities have reported that they were carrying on experimental kindergarten work with a view to proving the value of this kind of training before definitely incorporating it in the school curriculum. Youngstown, Ohio, introduced kindergarten methods in this way last February with the result that a kindergarten has now been permanently established. A similar experiment made in Houston Heights, Texas, proved so satisfactory that the school authorities contemplate a kindergarten in each of the grade schools for next year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Commercial Security Co., Ltd., to William Russell, lot, Tchoupitoulas,

TO THE PUBLIC.

The New Orleans Bee, No. 520 Conti St., is prepared to publish in the English language in its daily paper all legal and judicial advertisements and notices at the rate of three and a half (3 1/2) cents per agate line, net, instead of seven (7) cents per agate line as heretofore.

LETTER D'UN PARISIEN

Suite de la 1ère page.

Mlle Elise Mason Smith, fut choisie reine du bal, et ses demoiselles d'honneur, gracieuses débutantes, étaient Miles Marcelline Grima, Mildred Bobb, Veva Penick et Elise Perrilliat.

douivent pas émouvoir les sourdes oreilles allemandes. Il ne peut y avoir de compromis pour l'enfer, de plus pour les serviteurs de Satan, en d'autres termes point de quartier pour les Anglais, les Français, les Russes et pour les peuples qui se sont donnés au diable, qui ont été en conséquence condamnés à périr par une sentence divine."

(La fin à demain.)

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Programme.

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Le comité notera pour examiner les manuscrits, ouvre seulement l'enveloppe contenant le nom du concurrent qui a mérité le prix, pour s'assurer qu'il est dans les conditions du concours.

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La présentation des prix se fera dans une séance publique. On réunira, pour la circonstance, tous les éléments d'une fête littéraire et artistique.

Le nom du lauréat ou de la lauréate sera proclamé à cette fête et les devises des concurrents à qui des mentions honorables auront été accordées, seront lues devant le public.

Les candidats devront se soumettre strictement aux dispositions du programme.

Les manuscrits dans aucun cas ne seront rendus.

Tout candidat qui fera connaître sa devise sera mis hors de concours.

Toute personne qui aura obtenu la médaille ne pourra plus concourir.

Les manuscrits seront adressés à l'Athénée Louisianais, 1000 de la Banque Hibernal, Nouvelle-Orléans.

Le secrétaire perpétuel, LIONEL C. DURFL.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE.

Do you know there is a fine Anti-Tuberculosis League in New Orleans? The members are trying to enlist contributions and members to help eradicate consumption and to assist those who have contracted the disease to be cured. Another object is to prevent the spread of infection among well people. Do you want to help along the movement? You can get literature and contribution slips at 417 Camp street, New Orleans.

INSURANCE STATEMENT.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Fidelity Phenix Fire Insurance Company, of New York, N. Y. For the year ending December 31st, 1916, published in conformity with section 1871 and 1875 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, as amended and reenacted by Act 196 of 1916.

Capital paid up \$ 2,500,000.00
Assets 10,219,357.62
Liabilities less capital and surplus 9,703,732.63
Surplus 7,015,621.99

Premiums received in Louisiana, 1916:
Fire \$83,903.54
Marine 6

Total \$83,903.54

Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:
Fire \$32,747.62
Marine 6

Total \$32,747.62

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Soirées et matinée Samedi 50c à \$2.00

Matinée:
Mercredi et Samedi à 2 P. M.

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La semaine prochaine:
"FLORA BELLA"

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Toute la semaine

PRIX REGULIERS DU CRESCENT.

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