

THE BOSSIER BANNER

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The editors of the Banner respectfully request that obituary notices not be submitted for publication. Such notices when good are usually not original, and when original are usually not good. Obituary notices immediately following a death is solicited when the deceased is known to the paper's readers. Let the length of the notice be gauged by the prominence of the deceased in the community where the family resides.

The proprietor of the Banner and its management hereby disclaim all responsibility for views expressed by contributors in its columns, or for veiled or open attacks made on others by any one not regularly employed on its staff and in the capacity of a paid employee on the office.

Anonymous communications will not be published. There is no objection to the use of a pen name, but the editors demand to know who you are before your contribution will be published. Do not address communications intended for publication to individuals.

Make all remittances in the name of the proprietor, THE BOSSIER BANNER.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One year... \$1.00 Nine months... .80 Six months... .60 Three months... .30

BENTON, LA. . . . . SEPTEMBER 9, 1915.

News Notes of the Week

The Alden Bridge School, which has been closed for a term or so, is to be reopened.

Fire one day last week damaged the roof of the residence of Mr. J. P. Clifford, an aged resident of our town, who lives alone.

Mr. J. B. Kirkin of Rocky Mount called last Friday and again Tuesday to renew subscriptions of his neighbors. Thank you, sir.

The public in this place made its first run of the season last Saturday, when three bales of cotton were ginned for Mr. S. C. Adger.

A business visitor in Benton one day last week was Mr. D. W. Hudson, of the Red Land community, who while here came in and renewed his subscription.

Misses Katie and Minnie Wyche, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wyche, expect to leave soon for Nashville, Tenn., to enter Ward-Belmont Seminary as students.

Dr. J. Z. Wise, now practicing his profession at Crichton, was a welcome visitor here with old friends several days this week. However, his visit was occasioned by business interests.

Mr. W. P. Belcher left some days ago for Mineral Wells, Texas, for a short visit with his cousin, Mr. John Belcher, Jr. He expects to return here before resuming his position in Mooringsport.

Graveling was begun yesterday morning on the gap in the hard-surface road leading from this place to the Bossier City traffic bridge. Eleven cars of gravel have been delivered at Willow Chute, and Mr. William Cook, in charge of the work, says he can close the gap within five weeks if there is no interruption in the delivery of the gravel.

Benton High School was opened Monday, with flattering prospects for a successful term. The faculty is as follows: Mr. H. Sheffey Roller, of Fort DeFiance, Va., principal; Mrs. E. W. Doran and Miss Madeline Smith, both of this place, and Miss Lillie Maye Williams, of Monroe, first, second and third assistants, and Miss Harriet Currie, of Zwolle, primary work.

It will be remembered by readers of the Banner that in the issue of August 23rd mention was made of the killing of W. C. Stephens by Mr. John R. Sibley, Jr., which occurred in the southern portion of this parish. Mr. Sibley asked for a preliminary hearing, which was granted by Judge J. N. Sandlin and held Tuesday in Haughton. District Attorney Thos. W. Robertson was present and was assisted in the prosecution by other attorneys, employed by the father of the deceased man. The defense was represented by Judge A. J. Murrif of Shreveport. About eighteen witnesses were examined. It was proved by an eye witness that Stephens upon meeting Sibley reached his hand under his coat as if to draw a weapon. He carried a pistol, but it was found to be unloaded. Upon Stephens making this demonstration he was at once fired upon and killed by Sibley, who used a double-barrel shotgun. The decision rendered was that of justifiable homicide, and Sibley was ordered released and his bond canceled. Stephens had not long been a resident of the parish and came here from Alabama. The shooting occurred because of remarks made about

Mr. Sibley's wife, but it is said that ill feeling had previously existed between the two.

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Mr. J. M. Arnold, who farms near Benton, was a caller this morning. He reported that he had not seen a cotton blossom in three weeks or more. This must mean that boll weevils can be found in great numbers.

Mr. W. A. Fortson, Parish Superintendent of Public Schools, informs the reporter that since the close of the past school term four-room annexes have been added to both the Haughton and Bossier City school buildings, that a new school building has been erected at Millers' Bluff, and that another is under way of construction at Caney, in Ward Five.

Mr. T. F. Ward, an aged resident of Shreveport, in the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Agency of that city, was fatally injured last Thursday night on the Belcher road while returning to the city. His death occurred at the Shreveport Hospital and resulted from injuries received when his buggy was run into by an automobile driven by Mr. J. R. Wemple of Dixie. There were no lights on the automobile and none on the rear of the buggy. Mr. Ward was a married man of family and by trade a carpenter.

Demonstration Work

Cotton picking generally has opened up and farmers are finding the staple very short—fully one-third short of last year's crop. But corn, peas, peanuts and hay are abundant all over the parish.

Now, let's hurry and get through with this cotton picking and prepare for an oat crop. Prepare your land early and properly, for nothing pays better.

Let us plant some clover, rye or barley as cover crops. This will pay, for it gives good grazing, keeps your land from leaching or washing by winter rains and gives us just what we need to turn under in the spring—humus. If we will follow this practice for a few years, our land, instead of wearing out, will be as good as when first cleared.

I recommend bur clover most highly, and you can get all the seed you want from my demonstrator, W. L. Foster, whose advertisement is now appearing in the Banner. These seed should be planted this month. Put with Bermuda as a pasture, there is nothing better.

Yours respectfully, E. S. BURR, Agent.

Subscriptions Paid.

The management of the Banner hereby acknowledges receipt of the following subscriptions paid during the past months—AUGUST, 1915:

W. R. Baumgardner, April 7, 1916, \$1. Gen. A. B. Booth, to Sept. 1, 1916, \$1. Mrs. J. W. Cross, to Sept. 1, 1916, \$1. D. W. Hudson, to Jan. 1, 1916, \$1. J. W. Houston, to balance account and to Sept. 1, 1916, \$2.

Mrs. Callie Keel, August 1, 1916, \$1. W. H. McCaleb, to balance account and to August 1, 1916, \$2. C. L. Reimund, to March 1, 1916, \$1. J. E. Scanlan, to Sept. 1, 1916, \$1. H. M. Spruill, to Jan. 1, 1916, \$1. George H. Smith, to Jan. 1, 1916, \$1. R. A. Smith, to balance account, \$1. J. H. Scarborough, to balance account and to August 1, 1916, \$2. V. V. Whittington, to July 1, 1916, \$1. A. N. Wingo, to Sept. 1, 1916, \$1.

In the event you discover an error in your date (if shown above) please make prompt complaint.

Cotton Quotations.

Yesterday's Shreveport cotton quotations were as follows: Ordinary, 7 cents. Good ordinary, 7 1/2 cents. Low middling, 8 1/2 cents. Middling, 9 1/2 cents. Good middling, 9 3/4 cents. Receipts for the day, 236 bales. Total receipts, 3525 bales. Shipments to date, 10,636 bales.

Protracted Meeting.

A protracted meeting will be held at the Plain Dealing Presbyterian Church, beginning Monday evening, the 13th. Rev. W. F. O'Kelly of Shreveport is expected to be present and preach at every service during this meeting. W.

First National Bank Shreveport, Louisiana

United States Depository. Fiscal Agents of the State of Louisiana and Parish of Caddo

First Savings Bank and Trust Company Shreveport, Louisiana

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$800,000. Deposits, \$3,000,000 4 per cent Interest Paid on Savings and Time Deposits

CORRESPONDENCE

Monday, Sept. 6.—Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Prince, now of Monroe, passed through here Saturday on their way to the river to visit relatives.

Mr. Marion Rushing spent Saturday in Shreveport.

Mr. E. E. VanArsdel spent Wednesday in Shreveport.

Master Dwight VanArsdel spent Friday and Saturday in Crichton.

Mr. W. Stewart of Frickson spent last Wednesday here in the interests of his company.

Mr. F. E. Brnrage, with Alline and Chester, his children, spent Monday in Shreveport.

Miss Leona McDade spent last Monday and Tuesday with relatives residing in Shreveport.

Mr. D. A. Horton of Fillmore stopped here for a time Saturday while on his way to Shreveport.

Miss Irene Gass, a charming guest of the Misses McDade, left last Monday for her home in Bonham, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trichel, Mrs. G. E. Gilmer, Alice and Enelina Trichel and Master William Gilmer, all of Shreveport, motored to Princeton last Tuesday, visiting relatives.

Plain Dealing.

Tuesday, Sept. 7.—Cotton seed are selling at \$25 per ton.

From September 1st of last year up to June 1st of this year 2488 bales of cotton were received at this place.

Mrs. Mattie Adger and Mrs. J. H. Belcher of Benton came in this morning on the motor car and will remain as visitors until to-morrow.

Mr. Schumpert Bixler left yesterday for Enloe, Texas, to act as assistant in the office of his brother, Mr. Cliff Bixler, who is station agent at that place.

Miss Jane Thompson and Miss Mabel Jordan, former teachers in Plain Dealing High School, and again engaged for the present term, upon their arrival here were met at the railroad station by their pupils and friends and warmly welcomed.

Three cars of cattle, consisting of a little more than 100 head, were shipped from here to some Texas point the past week. There are now several buyers here gathering up all the surplus cattle that can be found. Prices are considered good.

A pleasant reception was given last Thursday night by Mrs. R. E. Wyche in honor of Misses Ruby Scott and Margery Ogden, of Benton, then visitors in Plain Dealing. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, and games indulged in until a late hour.

The fall term of Plain Dealing High School opened yesterday with one of the largest enrollments for the first day in its history. Prof. R. W. Eggleston gave the children an encouraging talk, which was well received by the patrons and friends of the school—a large number of whom were present, in fact, nearly double the number usually in attendance, thus showing the interest taken in the welfare of the children and our school. Rev. T. J. Embree then followed with words of encouragement to the pupils and teachers, congratulating all over the growth and advancement of the school during the past four years. His address met the entire approbation of the well-packed audience.

Upon invitation of the principal for remarks by the patrons, Mr. J. S. Rodgers responded, pledging a hearty co-operation with the faculty for the upbuilding of the school. In the high school there were enrolled 51; sixth and seventh grades, 43; fourth and fifth grades, 41; second and third grades, 41; primary department, 29—making a total enrollment of 205. There are several others who will enter the school in the near future. All pupils from a distance who attended the school last term have returned, and quite a number of new ones are enrolled. The best school in the history of the town is predicted.

WEDNESDAY.

Mr. H. H. Montgomery, now residing in Shreveport, is a business visitor here.

Miss Alline Woodbridge was placed in charge of the fourth and fifth grades in Plain Dealing High School (the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Carroll on the opening day) until the board could employ a teacher. Yesterday Miss Lucy M. Carr of Welch was selected and is expected here to-morrow morning. Miss Carr has had five years experience as a teacher and comes highly recommended. Miss Woodbridge's school, at Keithville, will open on the 18th.

A meeting looking to the launching of the Boy Scout movement in our town was held last night at the Presbyterian Church. Some twenty-five eager and interested boys gathered and listened attentively to an address by Rev. T. J. Embree on the value of training their bodies and minds and learning how to do things by doing. A local council, consisting of Dr. T. N. Keoun, M. B. Kidd and J. T. Manry was elected by the boys. A meeting will be held at eight o'clock Friday evening to perfect the organization. Already visions of

things to do and be done are fitting through the minds of the boys.

Mr. R. L. Fortner has sold his blacksmith shop here to Mr. W. M. Worley, of Naborton, who will remove here at once. Mr. Fortner will still continue in the shop.

Miss Simms, who was principal of the Bolinger School during the past session, is a visitor here for a few days. She has been selected as principal of the Mira School, which will open on the 18th.

THURSDAY.

Sidney Caldwell, who graduated from Plain Dealing High School last May, will leave next Tuesday for Baton Rouge to enter the State University.

Jimmie Wyche, a recent graduate from Plain Dealing High School, expects to leave at an early date for New Orleans, where he will enter Tulane University.

Mr. W. C. Allen, Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and detention of C. P. Fox, wanted for committing a murder in that county August 31st. This man Fox is known here. He is the individual who bought and shipped walnut logs from this section only a few months ago.

Emma Dots.

Monday, Sept. 6.—Rather cool weather at present.

Mrs. Cozby made a business trip to Sarepta Saturday.

Our school closed last Friday for a few days vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnston of Plain Dealing are spending a few days here with friends and relatives.

glance. Hon. A. A. Abney was chosen as Chairman, and he named Col. J. A. Snider, Chairman; Col. J. M. Sandige, Col. R. W. Turner, Capt. B. F. Fort and Mr. P. R. Gilmer as a committee to draft resolutions expressive to the sense of the meeting.

"In this issue we announce Mr. P. R. Gilmer, for Clerk; Mr. A. Benj. Broughton, for Recorder, and Messrs J. M. Sledge and J. M. Russell, for Assessor. They are all clever gentlemen."

Justice of Peace Wm. A. Kelly united in marriage Mrs. Nancy Teutsch and Rev. D. J. Henderson on the 7th, which was reported. Also, on August 31st Justice of Peace J. J. Swindle performed a like service for Miss Thetis F. Willard and Mr. Wm. S. C. Gardner.

"District Court in and for the Parish of Bossier convened in this place on the 4th, the Hon. James I. Weems presiding." The foregoing appeared as a local reader. However, it is to be seen from a lengthy article and resolutions signed by members of the bar that Judge Weems was on the 8th, when just about to reopen court, arrested, as was the Sheriff, this action being authorized by Capt. Charles Berry, Provost Marshall of the Freedman's Bureau for the Parish of Bossier. The offense offered by the court was in fining a free negro by the name of John quiddy of horse stealing and sentencing him to the State Penitentiary at hard labor for one year. . . . At the meeting of the members of the bar referred to above, Capt. L. M. Nutt was called to the chair, and Hon. H. A. Drew and Robt. J. Looney requested to act as secretaries. A committee of five was appointed "to embody in writing a statement of facts and present such resolutions as they in their discretion may deem proper and necessary." The five named by the Chairman were Col. George Williamson, Hon. T. T. Land, Col. R. W. Turner, Capt. L. B. Watkins and Mr. T. M. Fort. The resolutions are much too lengthy to be shown here. However, they ably voiced the indignation of the meeting.

Devotional.

Services will be held at different churches in this parish Sunday as reported below by those authorized to care for the several charges:

September 2, 1915.

Local Editor Banner, Benton, La. DEAR SIR: Please announce that I expect to preach Sunday, the 12th, at the Cottage Grove Church. Services will be held at 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Communion service in the morning. G. G. WOODBRIDGE.

PLAIN DEALING, LA., Sept. 6, 1915.

Local Editor Banner, Benton, La. DEAR SIR: Please announce that I expect to preach Sunday at Walker's Chapel. Morning services will be held at eleven o'clock. At eight o'clock p.m. I will conduct services at the Plain Dealing Methodist Church. T. J. EMBREE.

HAUGHTON, LA., Sept. 7, 1915.

Local Editor Banner, Benton, La. DEAR SIR: Please announce that I expect to preach Sunday at the Benton Methodist Church. Two services will be held—at eleven a.m. and eight o'clock p.m. J. M. BROWN.

CHARTER

Atkins Gin Company, Incorporated.

State of Louisiana. Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Caddo, I designed authority, came and appeared, W. E. Connell, T. D. Connell, Dr. D. J. McAnn, P. M. McClanahan, O. E. Giddens, all residents of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and Jim Weis, of the city of New Orleans, La., here represented by the said W. E. Connell, who declared,

That, availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to corporations, they have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do covenant and agree, and bind themselves, as well as other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation, and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations and conditions following:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of said corporation shall be "Atkins Gin Company," incorporated, and its domicile is hereby fixed at Atkins, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and under its said corporate name said corporation shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, and to do all things which a corporation of the same name to be formed for the same purpose, to hold, purchase, improve, alienate, convey, borrow, buy, mortgage and hypothecate, under its corporate name, property, real, personal and mixed, and to do all things and acts permitted by law, and necessary to perform and carry out the objects and purposes of said corporation.

The President, or in his absence, the Vice-president, shall be the proper person upon whom legal processes shall be served. This corporation, unless sooner dissolved, in accordance with its charter shall exist and endure for a period of fifteen (15) years, from and after the date hereof.

ARTICLE II.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized, and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be, for the construction and operation of public ginners in the town of Atkins, La., and to operate a grist mill, and to buy and sell cotton and cotton seed, and generally to do all such acts and things as are necessary or incident to the purposes herein set forth.

ARTICLE III.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby declared to be and is fixed at the sum of Six Thousand and Five Hundred (\$6500) Dollars, divided into sixty-five (65) shares, of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars each. The corporation shall be considered a going concern whenever Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6500) Dollars shall have been subscribed for, and Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (\$3250) Dollars shall have been actually paid in, and the balance shall be paid whenever the Board of Directors shall demand it.

ARTICLE IV.

The corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of five (5) directors, who shall for the present be: W. E. Connell, T. D. Connell, Dr. D. J. McAnn, P. M. McClanahan and O. E. Giddens, all of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, of which said board T. D. Connell shall be President, Dr. D. J. McAnn, Vice-president, and W. E. Connell, Secretary-Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until the next regular meeting of the stockholders, for the election of the Board of Directors, which shall be held not later than September 1, 1916, and annually thereafter. Stockholders' meetings shall be held, of which meetings notice shall

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be given, by written notice, directed to the last known place of residence of each of the stockholders, provided such notice may be waived by the consent of the stockholders.

ARTICLE V.

The Board of Directors shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, and from the stockholders of the company; they shall have full control of the property of the company, and shall so conduct, manage and use same as they deem best and as is consistent to the objects and purposes of this corporation; they are authorized and empowered to frame and adopt such laws and regulations as the affairs and business of the company may require, and employ all officers, agents, employees, servants and clerks as they may deem necessary, and fix the salaries of such employees, as well as the salaries of the officers provided for by the stipulations of this charter.

ARTICLE VI.

This charter may be amended or abolished, or the capital stock thereof increased or diminished, by a vote of two-thirds of the stockholders, cast at a meeting called for that purpose. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote, to be cast by the owner in person, or by proxy. No meeting shall be called for this purpose without written notice to each stockholder. When this corporation is dissolved, its affairs shall be liquidated by two liquidators to be selected by the stockholders.

ARTICLE VII.

The original stockholders, and the number of shares of stock subscribed for by each, are as follows, to-wit: W. E. Connell, 20 shares; T. D. Connell, 10 shares; Dr. D. J. McAnn, 10 shares; P. M. McClanahan, 10 shares; Jim Weis (herein represented by the said W. E. Connell) 10 shares; O. E. Giddens, 5 shares; total, 65 shares.

ARTICLE VIII.

No stockholder of this corporation shall be liable for any of the obligations of this corporation any further than the unpaid balance due the corporation on the shares of stock subscribed for and owned by him.

Thus done and passed, in the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, on this 1st day of September, A. D. 1915.

W. E. CONNELL, T. D. CONNELL, D. J. MCANN, P. M. MCCLANAHAN, JIM WEIS, (per W. E. Connell) O. E. GIDDENS.

Witnesses: P. C. BUTLER, L. P. BUTLER.

LEWELL C. BUTLER, Notary Public in and for the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Bossier, Clerk's Office, Benton, La.

I, Jas. M. Henderson, Clerk District Court and ex-officio Recorder, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above contained is a true and exact copy of the original charter of the Atkins Gin Company, Incorporated, and that the original thereof is on file and of record in my office.

Given under my hand and seal, in the town of Benton, La., on this 7th day of September, A. D. 1915.

JAS. M. HENDERSON, Clerk District Court and ex-officio Recorder, Bossier Parish, La.

Constable's Sale.

S. J. Caldwell versus Emma Owen. In Justice's Court, Ward Three, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued by R. H. Allen, Justice of the Peace for Ward Three, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in favor of S. J. Caldwell, and against Emma Owen, and to me directed, I will, at 10 o'clock a.m., on the 21st day of September, 1915, at the office of the said Justice of the Peace, in the town of Plain Dealing, La., offer for sale at public auction the following property, to-wit:

Two bedsteads, 3 mattresses, 1 trunk, 2 chairs, 1 cook stove, 1 wash pot, 1 pair of springs, 1 tub.

Seized as the property of Emma Owen under said writ.

T. B. BIXLER, Constable.

Warning to Trespassers.

THE Liberia plantation, consisting of 1400 acres, located in Ward Two, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, has been posted and this publication is made to fully comply with the law prohibiting trespassing. In future all hunters, trappers and others who willfully trespass on, or are guilty of taking timber from