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Move to Marion! The Biggest Town on Earth For Its Size and The Best People.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE AT STURGIS

Whole Business Section of the Town is Practically Wiped Out by Conflagration.

DAMAGES OVER \$200,000.00

Sturgis, Ky., July 7.—Fire which broke out here Sunday night about 9 o'clock in a warehouse in the rear of Seagraves' drug store, on the main street of Sturgis, did damage amounting to about \$200,000 and wiped out practically the entire business section of the city, thirty houses being destroyed. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

There is no fire department here and the citizens organized a bucket brigade and did their best to fight the flames. A call for help was made to Henderson, Morganfield and Princeton, but before the fire departments could respond the fire had burned itself out. A number of persons from surrounding towns came to Sturgis in autos and aided in fighting the flames.

Of the business houses only two remain, Winston Bros' Dry Goods Company and the offices of the West Kentucky Coal Company. Many of the buildings destroyed were of rather poor construction, and the owners and merchants have declared they would rebuild at once on a much more elaborate scale.

Though the majority of the structures destroyed were small, there were several large buildings, including the Y. M. C. A., which was one of the largest in the State for a town the size of Sturgis, and the drug store of Seagraves', which was handsomely equipped. The First National Bank was also a heavy loser, so far as the building was concerned, though all its papers and money were in a fireproof safe.

No one was injured during the progress of the flames.

The principal losers were: Sturgis Dry Goods Company, Seagraves drug store, Barker & Perkins' restaurant, Dodd & O'Nan, hardware and furniture.

Sturgis Grocery Company, Hagan & Sale, restaurant, A. L. Berry, insurance office, A. M. Benedict, grocery, Miss Carrie Elbe, 10-cent store, Mrs. Kate Wilcox, milliner, C. S. Welch, jewelry, B. F. Hall, men's furnishings, Young Men's Christian Association.

D. W. Bishop, barber shop, C. E. Bradburn, grocery, City Judge's office, First National Bank, Wallace S. Thompson's law office.

P. H. Winston and Dr. I. D. Winston, office, A. L. Shipley, grocery, G. B. Simpson, grocery, furniture and hardware, Meachem & King, druggists, James T. Truitt, grocery, E. L. Rakes, pictures and photographs.

Stone Hardware Company, H. A. Thompson, tin shop, Karl Kaminkey, dwelling and meat shop, C. L. Funk, produce house, J. A. Culwell, blacksmith shop

THIS ISSUE STARTS US ON OUR THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR

DISASTROUS FIRE AT DIXON, KY.

Three Citizens Injured.—Two Others Nearly Drowned in Fire Well.

Dixon, Ky., July 7.—By dint of great effort citizens of Dixon prevented the destruction by fire of \$100,000 worth of property when they kept the flames which destroyed the building of Bud Ramsey, biggest dry goods dealer in Dixon, from spreading to adjoining buildings. The fire fighting was the greatest ever witnessed here. Three citizens were injured, Guy Ramsey, strained back and bruises; Marlin Blackwell, nose badly cut; Watt Biggs, arm severely cut.

The fire originated in the millinery store in the second story of the Ramsey building. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock. A call was sent to Providence asking for aid. Within twenty-nine minutes an automobile bringing fire hose was driven over the ten miles of rough roads by Joseph Justice.

The Providence hose was attached to a Howe pump engine and after a valiant fight lasting for two hours the adjoining buildings were saved. The Ramsey building was a complete loss. The building owned by Mr. Ramsey, was valued at \$3,000 with \$2,000 insurance. Mrs. J. R. Duncan and Mrs. J. L. Porter who owned the millinery store, valued their stock at \$1,200 with no insurance. The Dixon bank building was damaged to the extent of \$400 while the telephone exchange loss is about \$100.

Watt Bigg, son of Jailer Biggs, was on a ladder playing a stream on the fire when a window fell and he was covered by bits of falling glass. A long gash was cut in his right arm which required a number of stitches. Guy Ramsey lost his balance while on a ladder and fell heavily to the ground, escaping fortunately without any broken bones. Marlin Blackwell was also cut on the face with glass.

While the fire was at its height a grim tragedy was narrowly averted when Aries Bell, an eleven-year-old boy fell in a well from which water was being pumped into the engine. The lad fell into the well when a loose stone gave way. The water was about twelve feet deep and six or eight feet from the surface. It was too dark to see the boy in the well but his screams indicated that he was managing to swim about. Prof. F. G. Boyd, principal of the local school, was lowered into the well by a rope, which broke while he was descending. Another rope was hastily secured and the two were rescued. The boy was half strangled.

Dixon was visited by a \$25,000 fire only a few weeks ago, and part of Alloway lumber yard.

Nearly all the people were at church at the time the fire broke out. The Illinois Central depot was saved, but only after a hard fight.

THROUGH TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS THE "PRESS" HAS CONTINUED OVER ONE-THIRD CENTURY.

HOPES TO CONTINUE AS MANY YEARS LONGER.

ONE OF THE OLDEST COUNTY PAPERS IN THE STATE.

The recurrence of one's birthday is naturally looked upon as an event of some importance—an epoch, somehow, for self-congratulation—and it is, therefore, with a peculiar sense of satisfaction that we can point out to our readers the "No. 1—Volume XXXVI," to be found at the head of our front page this week.

With our last issue the Crittenden Record-Press rounded out its thirty-fifth year—making its appearance week after week, sometimes coming out through trying vicissitudes—but never missing an issue—and to-day, its thirty-sixth birthday, we send it forth to its large list of subscribers with renewed hope for the future and having no great cause for regret of the past.

A RETROSPECTIVE GLANCE.

Thirty-five years ago—July 10, 1878—The Crittenden Press made its initial bow to the public. It was established by Messrs R. C. Walker and C. F. Champion, both of this city and both young men just out of school. After a few issues of the paper Mr. Champion sold his interest to Mr. Walker, who assumed entire control of the publication.

Under the editorship of R. C. Walker the Press became a wide-awake newspaper, though it started out under unfavorable conditions—difficulties that beset most new publications, the want of public confidence. This was caused by the failure of its predecessor, the Marion Reporter, established a year or two before by Messrs R. H. Adams and J. J. Nall, principals of Marion Academy. These gentlemen, though great educators, were not newspaper men. The paper was a failure from the beginning and had a short existence.

A few years later the Marion Monitor made its appearance before the public, B. F. Copeland being the editor and publisher of the new paper. After a short and financially unsuccessful run, Mr. Copeland sold out to S. C. Haynes, and at the death of Mr. Haynes a year later, the paper passed into the hands of A. C. Moore and W. S. Adams, still later to T. J. Davidson and finally to non-existence and restful oblivion, the Press taking over the type and fixtures of the plant.

Several years later—in about the year 1902—Mr. J. E. Crittenden established the Crittenden Record. For want of the necessary patronage, the paper

had a rather troubled existence for a year or two, then Mr. Crittenden sold to George M. Crider, who continued the publication a short time, then sold the plant to the present owner of the Press, the two papers were consolidated and henceforth became The Record-Press.

In October, 1911, the Marion News, C. V. Oakley, editor and publisher, made its appearance. The paper, not having the hoped-for support, suspended publication after a year's financially unprofitable existence. On its expired subscription list many of the names were supplied the Record-Press free until January 1, 1913—this being done voluntarily and without compensation by the editor of this paper.

Though these various publications, like ancient empires, have arisen, had their day and passed away, the Record-Press is "yet alive" and has, on its thirty-sixth birthday, the best paying subscription list and a better advertising patronage than in any period of its existence. It also has a complete Job Department.

At the time of the establishment of the Crittenden Press in 1878, Marion was a much smaller place than the new Marion of to-day. Then there was no railroad, no telegraph office, no telephones, no banks, no electric lights, no macadamized streets and few if any concrete walks. While the town possessed the same refined, wide-awake, industrious citizenship, it contained less than one-fourth the population of to-day and none of the advantage of a thriving county seat. Though hidden beneath our soil lay rich deposits of minerals, there was at that time no mines of lead and zinc and fluor spar operated in Crittenden county.

Just how far this paper has been instrumental in bringing about these improved conditions is not for us to say. However, we might call attention to the fact that no opportunity has been lost, either by the former or the present editor, to advance the interest of the town and county in every way possible. During the ten years the present editor and publisher has had control of the paper he has put forth every effort to keep the Record-Press up to its former standard. How well we have succeeded we leave our subscribers to judge. We have endeavored to make it a newspaper in every sense of the word, giving the news of the town and county, as well as the important happenings in adjoining counties—social news, min-

CONFESSES TO WRITING NOTE.

Claude Hall, Webster County Farmer, Lodged in Jail at Dixon Monday Morning.

Dixon, Ky., July 7.—Claude Hall, aged 28, a farmer, was arrested at 6 o'clock this morning on the charge of posting a note ten days ago on the front gate of Will Spencer, living between Sebree and Robards, in Webster county, threatening to burn his home unless he plowed up his tobacco, and tonight made a confession, declaring he would plead guilty in circuit court tomorrow. The warrant was sworn out this morning by Mr. Spencer before Magistrate J. W. Shelton at Sebree under section No. 1222 of the Kentucky statutes which provides a penalty of from one to five years imprisonment for "sending a threatening letter."

To Visit Brother.

Miss Mabel Nunn of Rodney arrived Sunday to be the guest of her sister Mrs. Claude Lamb until Tuesday when she left accompanied by her sister Miss Clara for northern Louisiana to visit their brother Lacy C. Nunn the banker at Olla, La.

CUPID NEVER IDLE.

Popular Hebron Couple To Wed July 16.

The following will be interesting news to the many friends of this popular young couple here and elsewhere. Mr. and James O. Paris announce the marriage of their daughter, Nina to Mr. Hollis Charles Franklin Wednesday July the sixteenth, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

While the Record-Press has always been Democratic in politics, the editor believes in being fair to all parties alike, and this he will endeavor to do in the future as he has in the past.

Viewing things from every standpoint, the publisher of the Marion home paper has no cause to feel ashamed; on the contrary he is proud of its illustrious former employees, some of whom have gone out to seek fame and fortune elsewhere. Among these we might mention:

Charles F. Champion, of Chicago; Robert C. Walker, Grand Junction, Col.; Walter Walker, same city; Ed Moore, Madisonville; W. E. Stinson, Evansville; W. G. Hammond, of Chicago; J. C. Bourland, R. E. Wilborn and R. C. Haynes, all of this city; Ellis Grissom, Joplin, Mo.; Virgil Carlton, El Paso, Texas; Norman Henry, Charleston, Mo.; Lawrence Schisley, Indianapolis, Ind.; Cleveland Stone, Eddyville; Abe Cosby, Kuttawa.

The force of our composing rooms at present, from foreman to —, is as follows:

M. R. Jenkins, Seldon Hughes, Malcolm R. Dollar and Hodge S. McNeely.

ED. MASSIE IS GRANTED BAIL

Judge Gordon Puts His Bond at \$3,000 Which Was Filled Promptly.

SISCO, BROWN AND KIRK SIGN.

Judge J. F. Gordon, as per previous announcement reopened the summer term of the circuit court Monday and took under advisement, the granting of bail to Ed Massie, who has been confined in the Morganfield jail where he was sent by Judge Blue for safe keeping to await the action of the grand jury. He was brought here Saturday afternoon and lodged in jail.

Judge Gordon decided he was entitled to bail and fixed \$3000 as the sum. It was promptly made by Wm. Sisco, W. H. Erown and H. H. Kirk. Immediately afterward Massie was released from custody and left the city with his relatives and friends many of whom were here.

There was no undue excitement attending the proceeding.

Notwithstanding the gravity of the charge and the prominence of all the parties interested everything pertaining to it was orderly and quiet.

Announcement.

Having met all the requirements of the law in order to be eligible for County Superintendent's office I now submit my name to your candid consideration assuring you that none could or would be more grateful for your support and influence, I hold a state certificate, a result of the June examination, although this has been otherwise reported.

Any help you may give me in securing the nomination for School Superintendent at the August Primary will be appreciated. Sincerely,

John B. Paris.

Burse B. Dunn Withdraws.

To the voters of Livingston and Crittenden counties. The facts being known that my nomination petition was presented to the Secretary of State two days too late to have my name printed on the Democrat ballot for Representative.

I am certainly sorry that I neglected having my petition ready at the right time. But I have been interested on the farm and the busy rush of the crops have taken most of my time when I should have been at work on my petition. I certainly appreciate those eight that signed my petition and others that promised when same could be presented to them. Also those that had pledged their vote and influence. The time is now at hand when our people should be getting their petitions ready, asking our next Representative to vote for laws as of interest to us.

Yours respectfully,

Burse B. Dunn.

Special Cash Offer.

The Crittenden Record Press to new subscribers till the November election for 25 cents.