

COLUMBIA SUFFERS \$125,000 FIRE LOSS

An Entire Block Of Business Houses Threatened Last Thursday

Another disastrous fire visited Columbia, Miss., last Thursday night when a property loss of over \$125,000 is reported and for several hours it looked as if an entire business block would be destroyed with a loss of \$200,000. A heavy fall of rain is believed as being responsible for the loss being as small as it was. Only about one third of the loss was covered by insurance. The Lampton department store, the largest in Columbia, was threatened and the loss will not be great from smoke and water. It was announced Friday that the fire was of incendiary origin and broke out in the end of Goss and Wilkes store and that the store had previously been robbed, the robbers setting fire to the building to escape detection.

The two volunteer hose companies did all that was possible to save the buildings and to confine the flames to the Goss and Wilkes building, and failing in that to the Berry Bros. drug store building, but owing to the nature of the buildings and the absence of sufficient fire-fighting facilities, the flames made rapid progress.

The losses in part are as follows: The Lampton Company, two brick buildings occupied by J. Frank Brown and Hill Hardware Company valued at \$15,000, insurance \$5500. Goss and Wilkes building and stock, \$40,000 insurance, \$10,000. Hill Hardware Company, \$18,000, insurance \$12,000. Berry Bros. \$16,000, insurance \$6000. J. Frank Brown, \$5000 insurance \$2000. Odum and Langston barber shop \$1000, insurance 500. Law office of David and Langston 1000 no insurance. Offices of Drs. J. C. Connor and D. A. Rattliff, 500 dollars each, no insurance. Columbia Bank and law office of Moulmer and Ford, by water and removal, five hundred dollars covered by insurance.

Bickham Gets Pardon

H. D. Bickham, former banker of this city and mention of whose application for pardon was made last week, has been granted a full pardon. He is located in Wyoming.

Two Fires Tuesday

Bogalusa had two fires Tuesday but both were extinguished before any great amount of damage was done. The first fire was at the home of E. L. Seals of Superior Ave. and the damage was confined to the kitchen. The second fire was at the residence of E. A. Haggerty on Ave. B. which was caused from an oil stove and the damage was less than one hundred dollars.

Mr. Bienn Arrives

There is a new manager down at the big furniture store of the D. Bienn Co. He arrived on the 13th and took charge of affairs in a howling manner. Mrs. Bienn is getting along nicely and Mr. Bienn is almost giving furniture away.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR BIG CASSIDY BUILDING

Montagne Bros., contractors of New Orleans, were awarded the contract to erect the Cassidy Building on Austin street, between the Washington Bank and the frame building occupied by Lears Drug Store. The building is to be two stories with several modern business rooms on the first floor and offices and a lodge room on the second. The building will cost about \$23,000 and will be one of the best in the State. Work is to start in a few days and the building will be completed by May 1.

NEGROES WHO WENT NORTH NOW DESTITUTE

And Northern Cities Now Face Question Of Caring For Them

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—This city is facing the problem of caring for several hundred illiterate negroes, brought here from the South by railroad companies and contractors on the labor shortage wave, according to investigation made by Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong and officials of the department of charities.

In council it was stated these negroes were induced to come by railroad companies and contractors and after working a short time were discharged. Hundreds have asked for aid. Mayor Armstrong has advised council to try to force the railroads and contractors to return the men to the South.

CITY CLERK BEAN TO BE MARRIED NEXT SATURDAY

City Clerk K. I. Bean, one of the most popular and best known young men of Bogalusa, will be united in marriage next Saturday to Miss Ruth Babington, one of Washington parishes' most accomplished young ladies. The ceremony will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Babington, of Franklinton, and will be attended only by relatives and intimate friends. Rev. McCormick will officiate. They will arrive in Bogalusa Tuesday and will be at home to friends at the Breitling residence on Mississippi Ave.

Mrs. Aycock Entertains

The bridge club met with Mrs. A. E. Aycock on Cumberland street Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Walsh won first prize and Mrs. Belton second. A delightful salad course was served the guests and the evening was enjoyed by all present. The club will meet with Mrs. Bergeron on Tuesday after Christmas.

Wood In City

G. H. Wood, the paper king, has been spending a few days in Bogalusa this week looking after interests in the Louisiana Fibre Board Co., inspecting the progress of the new million dollar paper mill and visiting his brother, Major C. R. Wood and family.

FINE BANQUET FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM

Babington Was Toastmaster And A Great Time Is Reported

Last Friday night the members of the Bogalusa High School football team banqueted at the Y. M. C. A. and according to reports received had some time. Mr. O'Brien of the Colonial Hotel was caterer and he lived up to his reputation by serving oyster cocktails, cream of celery soup, olives, hearts of celery, prime roast ribs of beef au feu, English peas, Louisiana rice creamed potatoes, brown gravy, hot rolls, hot mince pie and hot cocoa. To say that all did justice to this menu goes without saying.

W. M. Babington was toastmaster of the evening and he proved that he was capable of filling the position. Prof. B. S. Hamner presented the B's to the members of the football squad. Those present B's were Frank Gayer, Clarence (Pat) Ramey, James Richardson, Karl Starns and Isadore Marx. Prof. Hamner brought out the point that the B's for the first time were being introduced in the Bogalusa High School and that those presented this year were not on merit only but for other characteristics and the committee saw fit only to award five B's. Hereafter B's may be won in football, track, base ball and basketball, and will only be awarded after the committee is satisfied that they have honestly earned and worked for the letter and have come up to the other qualifications which will be embodied in the required regulations. This awarding of the letter is the highest honor that can be obtained in the athletic line in the High School and one that will be much sought after. The winners of the letter are allowed to wear them at any time and at any place and no other member in school is allowed to wear that particular kind of a B. Mr. Hoppen and Mr. Heckman each gave a short talk while impromptu speeches were heard from Prof. McGuire, Prof. Montagne, Wilson Moore and several "short" speeches from members of the football squad. Prof. J. F. Peters made the main address of the evening which was enjoyed by all and which carried with it some very helpful thoughts. Rev. A. Inman Townsley, pastor of the Methodist church, closed the evening with a few remarks and a short word of prayer. Everybody voted they had a dandy time and will look forward to the same stunt next year.

Robbery At Hackley

The mercantile establishment of W. O. Crair and Co. of Hackley, was entered by robbers Sunday night and about one hundred dollars worth of merchandise taken. Blood hounds were worked on the trail Monday and an arrest is expected any hour.

Students Give Musical

The musical number given by the students of the musical department of the schools at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening under the direction of their efficient teacher Miss Wemple was one to be appreciated. Those who did not attend missed a great treat as well as seeing and understanding the work this department is doing. This is the first year that Bogalusa has had music in the schools and it is proving that there is some excellent talent among the pupils. The stage was beautifully decorated with bells, holly colored electric lights, a Christmas tree in the rear and many other Christmas decorations, which were very attractive.

POLICE MAKE CLEAN SWEEP ON ALL TIGERS

Twenty One Arrests Were Made Last Monday and Trials End Of Week

Police officers made wholesale arrests Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning and when they had completed their work they had arrested twenty one persons, two white women and several white men and a dozen or more negroes charged with selling intoxicating drinks. The wholesale arrest was the result of careful planning on the part of the police department and came as a great surprise to violators. All, with the exception of four or five, gave bond for their appearance. They were arraigned yesterday and owing to the number of cases it is likely that court will be held tomorrow and again on Saturday if necessary to clear the docket before Christmas.

DIPHTHERIA QUICKLY CHECKED BY PHYSICIANS

Bogalusa is exceedingly fortunate in more than one thing. Last week one of the teachers in the High School developed diphtheria and an hour later officers and physicians were busy to keep the disease from spreading. As a result on Monday City Health Officer Slaughter announced that no new cases had developed and that the patient had recovered. Every precaution was taken and it is not believed that any more cases will develop. In other cities where the disease has broken out physicians were unable to check it and scores of cases were reported.

New Cars Arrive

M. L. Wuescher received his new Liberty car Saturday. It was the first Liberty in Bogalusa and attracted considerable attention and admiration. Mr. Breyfogle, Supt. of the Bogalusa Paper Co., also received a similar car.

Entertains At Dinner

Mrs. W. C. Flanders entertained the teachers of the West Side School at a delightful dinner Friday evening at her home on Mississippi Ave.

Geo. W. Root Dead

Geo. W. Root, father of Dr. A. G. Root of Bogalusa, died at his home in Kentwood Tuesday afternoon after a brief indisposition that did not even confine him to his bed. He was eighty-one years and eight months of age and was an old Confederate Veteran. The body was taken to Greensburg Thursday for burial.

Fine Chickens

O. C. Stratman received one dozen hens Monday which cost him \$46. They were shipped from a famous chicken ranch in Massachusetts and are of the White Leghorn variety. Mr. Stratman now has over 200 chickens on his farm and in a few months he expects to have one of the largest and finest chicken farms in the state. He reports the business a big success. Mr. Stratman is the first to engage in the business on such an extensive scale.

On next Sunday night a cantata will be given at the M. E. Church which promises to be a most enjoyable affair and to which the public is extended a most cordial invitation to attend. Mrs. E. Krieger has charge of the cantata.

SENSATIONAL FINISH FOR INDOOR BALL LEAGUE

Tonight will be the wind up of the Auto Indoor Baseball League when the Overlands will meet the Fords and the Maxwells will play the Chevrolets. Both of these games will be championship games inasmuch as the Fords defeated the Maxwells last Thursday night and the Chevrolets won their game and this ties the Maxwells and Chevrolets for first place while the Fords and Overlands are tied for third place. The first game of the evening will be between the Overlands and the Fords and will commence at 7:30 o'clock sharp, while the second game between the Maxwells and the Chevrolets will start about 8:25. The public is invited to attend these games and for the first time witness real championship games. There will be no admission and all children must be accompanied by their parents. These are the last games on the schedule and will be your last chance for several months to witness the caliber of indoor baseball. A social will be held immediately after the last game somewhat similar to the one held a few weeks previous. Everybody is urged to stay for this affair, will last about 30 minutes, and have a good time. Come one, come all but come prepared to root for your favorite team. No guns will be allowed but horns, cow bells, whistles will be permissible. We guarantee a seat for every lady but come early and avoid the rush.

BEAUTIFUL INSTALLATION OF EASTERN STAR OFFICERS

Jessemine Chapter O. E. S. was honored Monday evening when Mrs. Lorena Wortham, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana, was installing officer of the local chapter of Eastern Star. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Domergue Grand Deputy Matron of District No. 3, and acting grand marshal. Both are residents of Covington and were guests of Mrs. A. N. Dobbs. Rev. A. Inman Townsley was acting Grand Chaplain. After the installation of officers a floral drill was given by a select number of Jessemine Chapter all beautifully gowned in white. Mrs. Waller of Rio, Past Worthy Matron, was presented with a Past Matron's pin and Judge C. Ellis Ott, Past Worthy Patron, with a scarf pin in remembrance of the valued services rendered. Several visiting members were present and a delightful luncheon was served. The Elective Officers are Mrs. John C. Lee Worthy Matron, Dewitt Richardson Worthy Patron, Mrs. W. C. Flanders Associate Patron, Mrs. C. Ellis Ott Conductress, Mrs. M. A. Tate Assistant Conductress, Mrs. A. N. Dobbs Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Quick Treasurer.

The appointive officers are Mrs. Gentry, Ada, Mrs. Millington, Ruth, Mrs. Lucy Wadsworth, Esther, Mrs. H. E. Cutrer, Martha, Mrs. Dolly Richardson Electa, Mrs. Waller of Rio, Organist, Mrs. Ora Richardson, Chaplain, Miss Cordelia Kent, Marshal, Mrs. Alice Scott, Warder, and Judge C. Ellis Ott, Sentinel.

Miss Dorothy Mullings who is teaching school in Angie spent the week end with homefolks.

VARNADO SCENE OF ANOTHER KILLING

Well Known Young Man Was Waylaid And Shot Sunday Evening

John McMillan, aged about 25 and the son of L. McMillan, one of the best known citizens of Varnado was killed Sunday night near the depot in that town and the body was not discovered until early Monday morning when B. Donald, station agent of the N. O. G. N. found the body when he went to work about 5 o'clock. Mystery surrounds the killing but Mason Magee, son of Rosco Magee also a prominent citizen of Varnado, was arrested and is being held at Franklinton charged with the crime.

Following the ghastly find of Mr. Donald news was spread over the city and according to the evidence secured by the officials young McMillan and a companion named Warren went to the Varnado depot about 9:30 Sunday evening. On reaching the station someone began firing from the corner of the building and both young men started to run. Warren is reported as to have not given the matter much thought, thinking McMillan had gone home. Investigation showed that of the five shots fired, one had pierced the heart of McMillan causing instant death. His body was found just across the railroad track. The shooting occurred just a short time before the time of arrival of the evening passenger train.

Sheriff Bateman and Coroner Brock arrived at the scene early Monday and started an investigation and inquest which resulted in the arrest of Mason Magee. Young Magee is reported as stating that he is innocent of the crime. So far as the officers were able to learn there had been no previous trouble between the two young men but the victim and a younger brother of the arrested youth had had trouble but which was not considered in the case.

Lemeul McMillian, an employe of the N. O. G. N. auditors' office of this city is a brother of the unfortunate youth.

Dance

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ledoux entertained a large number of their friends on last Tuesday night at their home on Pleasant Hill. The home was decorated with holly and pine. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour and delicious refreshments were served.

Special Services

On next Sunday evening at the First M. E. Church a most interesting programme will be rendered that will be in keeping with the Christmas spirit. Mrs. H. L. Krieger, director, has arranged a musical program which will be one of the most enjoyable ever rendered in this city. A cordial invitation is extended to attend the services.

A. Driskell, who was called to the bedside of his father in Kentucky several days ago has returned to Bogalusa and reports that his father is now out of danger.

NOTICE CHILDREN

Gifts of every kind and all that goes with a Christmas Celebration will be given at the Y. M. C. A., next Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. You are especially invited to come and see that your little friends and neighbors are present. Santa Claus will have presents for every little boy and girl so he wants every child in Bogalusa to be at the Y. M. C. A., on next Sunday. Your papa and mama are invited to come and see you have a big time.

DON'T FORGET!

NOTICE TO MEN!

Only a few more days remain in which to pay your poll tax. If it is not paid you cannot vote at the several important elections next year and the year following. For your convenience arrangements have been made so that you can pay your poll tax at the Washington Bank and Trust Company or the First State Bank. You will be helping yourself, your city, your parish and state if you pay your poll tax.

DO IT NOW