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The Wells Case.

Owing to the many reports, spoken and published, giving reasons for the acquittal of E. W. Wells for the killing of Dr. N. W. Swords on the evening of December 23, 1896, and because of my loyalty to one who was my kinsman and friend, and to transmit to his children a true statement of the occurence as sworn to by the principal witnesses, I write this article. I give below the statements made under oath before Dr. O. P. Daly, coroner of the parish of St. Landry, with other testimony that I aver was made at the trial of Wells. I also give the statement made by Ernest Morrow, Sr., to the court after the jury was withdrawn. I shall also comment on such portions of the testimony as was given before the coroner's jury, and upon the action of those individuals who took part in a transaction that speaks for itself:

Copy of the proceedings of the Coroner's jury, upon view of the body of N. W. Swords, at Morrow, St. Landry parish, La:

An inquisition taken at Morrow, on the 24th day of December, 1896, before O. P. Daly, the Coroner of the Parish of St. Landry, upon view of the body of N. W. Swords, whose body there lying dead. The jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed having been sworn to inquire on behalf of the State, when and by what means said Dr. N. W. Swords came to his death upon their oath, do say: That death was caused from gunshot wounds inflicted by a Winchester in the hands of E. W. Wells, three bullets entering the body, two of which would be positively fatal and perhaps the third. One wound in front, under collar-bone, one in right side under arm going through body, one from left side under left arm remaining in body.

In testimony whereof, the coroner and jurors of this inquest have hereunto subscribed their names, the day and year above stated.

Signed: O. P. Daly, Coroner;
W. F. Clopton,
E. J. Morrow,
A. M. Merritt,
K. P. Miller,
J. A. Boyd,
Jurors.

Testimony of witnesses taken on oath, at an inquest held over the body of N. W. Swords, on the 24th day of December, 1896, at Morrow, before me, Dr. O. P. Daly, the Coroner of said parish, and the jury in said inquest impannelled.

Mr. P. G. Callihan, being duly sworn, testifies that: I was at the saloon of L. R. Hanks, sitting between the counters reading on the south side of saloon, between 2 and 3 o'clock p. m., Dec. 23d. Dr. Swords was in room walking about talking to Mr. Wells about ten or fifteen minutes before the shooting took place. A few minutes after that Dr. Callihan walked off from where he had been sitting near me. I heard Dr. Callihan say, don't do that, Dr. Swords, in a positive way that drew my attention to Swords, and saw Dr. Swords with his coat off leaning against the counter that I was sitting behind. I saw Dr. Swords looking past me at the window of the office in the back of the saloon with an angry look upon his face; that caused me to look towards the office window to see what Swords was looking at. I saw no one. I then looked back at Dr. Swords. I understood Dr. Swords to say, you need not hide in your office. He immediately put on his coat and advanced one or two steps towards the office, going diagonally across the store. I then looked back to the office and saw E. W. Wells with a Winchester rifle pointed through the window towards Dr. Swords. He then shot Dr. Swords. Swords fell back to the counter. Swords straightened up and advancing one step farther in the same direction as before, when E. W. Wells fired again. Swords threw his hand to his breast and partly fell. He then partly straightened up again and advanced in the same direction as at first. Wells then shot him the third time. Dr. Swords then fell on the floor. I then went to the office door, he was then breaking his gun, I told him to stop shooting for God's sake, the man is already dead. He, Wells, said, I can't stand everything. I did not see Dr. Swords make any movement as if to draw any weapon at any time. Dr. Swords fell about twelve feet from where he was first shot.

Signed: P. G. CALLIHAN.

George McClarin, being duly sworn, testified that: I was present at Mr. Hanks' saloon about 3 p. m. Dec. 23d. I was behind the counter drawing some liquor. Dr. Swords was sitting on the counter. Dr. Swords got off the counter and pulled off his spectacles. Did not hear him, Swords, say anything. He, Swords, pulled off his coat. When Swords got off the counter Wells went in his office. A few moments later I heard the report of a gun and on looking up, I was stooping down to get sugar out of a barrel behind counter, did not see anyone shoot. Immediately I heard another shot. I then looked towards the office and saw Wells standing in office door with Winchester in his hand. I jumped on counter to take Wells' gun but before I got to him he fired again, and Dr. Callihan then stopped the shooting. Did not see Swords make any attempt to draw a weapon of any kind. When Wells fired the last shot Swords was facing the office behind a crate of cabbage on top of some barrels, which obstacles were not sufficient for protection.

Signed: G. C. McCLARIN.

James Foote, being duly sworn, testifies that: I was at Mr. Hanks' saloon yesterday afternoon, Dec. 23d, about 3 o'clock. I was talking to Dr. Swords. Dr. Swords called Mr. Wells to where Dr. Swords and me were talking, and asked me if he, Wells, had not agreed to take out of orders that Dr. Swords was to give me for supplies, $8.15. I said, yes. Mr. Wells then said, you are a damn liar, Jim. Dr. Swords then said to Wells, I can whip you, taking off his coats and laying them on the counter. While Dr. Swords was pulling off his coats Mr. Wells went into his office. Dr. Swords stood a few seconds waiting for Mr. Wells, and then picked up his coat and started to put it on, saying, oh, he won't fight, he is a damn coward. I looked towards the office where I heard a gun cocked, and through the window I saw Mr. Wells in the act of shooting Dr. Swords. As I was standing behind Dr. Swords not more than two or three feet I jumped out of the way, and as I did so the gun fired and Dr. Swords fell against the counter. I heard Mr. Wells work his gun and I run out of the saloon. I had only run a few feet when I heard two more shots. Did not see Dr. Swords attempt to draw a weapon at time. I saw Dr. Swords with both coats off. I looked good over Dr. Swords—he did not have a pistol on him.

Signed: J. S. FOOTE.

Gilbert Blalock, being duly sworn, testifies that: I was at Hanks' saloon yesterday afternoon, Dec. 23d, between 2 and 3 o'clock, when Dr. Swords was killed. I saw Swords take his spectacles and overcoat off and put them on the counter, then leaned against the counter. He remained leaning against the counter for some time, saying nothing at that time. He then said don't go off without the hide. I don't know what he meant. A few seconds before this remark was made Wells and Swords had been talking together, apparently friendly, sitting on the counter. While sitting there I heard the clerk in the saloon say to Wells, stay there, don't come out, he, Wells, at the time being in his office. Then I got off of the counter and walked toward the front door of the saloon. When I reached the door I turned. As I turned I saw Wells through the office window shoot Swords twice through the window. He, Wells, then stepped out of the office door into the store, and shot Swords the third time. Did not see Swords attempt to use any weapon at any time. I examined Swords body but not thoroughly—found no weapons on his person.

Signed: GILBERT BLALOCK.

Dr. M. Callihan, being duly sworn, testifies that: I was present at L. R. Hanks' saloon about 3 p. m., yesterday, 23d. Shortly after I got there Dr. Swords came in. He, Swords, called Jim Foote. After having talked some minutes Dr. Swords calls E. W. Wells from near his office, saying something to Wells that I did not understand. Wells replied by saying that Jim Foote was a damn liar. Swords referring to Foote said something which I did not understand. Swords then remarked to Wells that, I believe that I can take off my spectacles and overcoat and give you a whipping. Swords then begun to get off the counter. E. W. Wells remarked, no doubt you can, Doctor. Swords then said, I be damned if I don't intend to do it. Wells turned and walked back to his office, when Swords had gotten off his overcoat and spectacles, Wells still remaining in the office. Swords called to him to come on, he was ready for him. Wells not replying. Swords then begun to curse and abuse Wells for a coward, continuing to curse and abuse Wells, when putting on his overcoat. Wells then fired at Swords through the window of the office. Swords was about thirty feet from the office when shot first time. Swords fell against the counter and after straightening up, Wells fired the second shot. Whether the second shot came from the window or whether he, Wells, was on the outside of the office or not, I am unable to say. I then went to Wells. Just as I reached Wells, he, Wells, fired the third shot. I then took the gun from his hands sitting it down, and went to Swords. On reaching Swords I found him dying. Wells then left the saloon. Did not see Swords make any attempt to draw any weapon. Swords fell on the opposite side of the store from where he was first shot, about six feet nearer Wells' office. Swords was shot 24 feet from Wells' office door—Wells standing just outside the office door. The window through which Wells fired was about 3½ feet high from floor. I did not hear Wells make any remarks after the shooting about the difficulty. I did not see any weapon on Swords' person.

Signed: DR. M. CALLIHAN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

Signed: DR. O. P. DALY,
Coroner.

Copy of a note of evidence upon laying of a basis for the introduction of the testimony of the witness, Edmes Morrow, during the trial of E. W. Wells, charged with manslaughter for the killing of Dr. N. W. Swords at Morrow, La., December 23, 1896.

By defendant's counsel:

State what the conversation was and where it was between you and Dr. Swords in the room in the rear of the store adjoining Wells' office?

A. As near as I can say it was about 6:30 or 7 o'clock in the morning. I was standing on Wells' gallery looking at a negro drawing water for my mules which were in the lot. I did not know that Dr. Swords was in the village. I heard foot-steps on the steps back of me, I looked around and saw it was the doctor. I said, hello doc, when did you come in? He came up and shook hands with me. I turned around and he threw my arm over his shoulder and turned around and went to the counter. He took me in the back room and told me he wanted to see me. He told me in the back room that Wells was a d—thieving s— of a b—; that he had robbed Jim Foote out of $9, and he said if you don't believe I can tell him so walk in there, that I will show you that I can tell him so, that I will clean him up or he will clean me up. I told him that Wells was a friend of mine, that Wells and Reynolds had a difficulty the day before, that I did not want to see any more difficulties.

Q. How far was this conversation being held from Wells' office?

A. It was about ten or twelve feet, probably not so far.

By the Court:

Q. You say this was about 6:30 or 7 a. m?

A. Yes, about 6:30 or 7 o'clock.

Q. Were you present at the time Dr. Swords returned from Big Cane?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know what hour he returned from Big Cane?

A. I do not know. I loaned him my horse to drive to Big Cane—him and my son, Ernest Morrow.

Q. Do you know at what time the shooting occurred?

A. As near as I can come at it it was about 3 o'clock in the evening.

Cross examination:

Q. Were you present when Doctor Swords left for Big Cane?

A. I was. I walked up to the buggy with him. I invited him as he went to get in the buggy to stop and get breakfast with me.

Q. This was after the statement had been made to you by Dr. Swords?

A. Yes, it was fully an hour after.

Q. Did Dr. Swords and Mr. Wells have any unpleasant words or any fuss before Dr. Swords left for Big Cane?

A. No. He only made some remarks at the counter. I thought they were for Mr. Wells.

Q. After this conversation with you, did not Dr. Swords and Mr. Wells drink together?

A. No. We walked out and took a drink and he took me by the arm and says I want to go to Scott's and I want to talk to you.

Mr. Morrow recalled for further cross examination, says:

Q. When you and Dr. Swords returned into the main building of the store, was Mr. Wells in there?

A. I think he was in his office. I do not remember exactly where he was, but I am satisfied he was in his office.

Q. Did Dr. Swords tell Mr. Wells that which he told to you and which he said if you would go in there he would repeat?

A. No, sir. I asked him not to bother Mr. Wells, and of course he did not do it.

Q. Was not this statement made to you out of the presence and hearing of Mr. Wells?

A. I do not know if it was made out of his hearing, if he was listening he certainly could hear it. The back door leading into the room was open and if he was listening of course he could have heard it.

Q. Was it of a confidential nature?

A. I could not say if it was. He was speaking to me just as he always spoke.

Q. Did you communicate this to Mr. Wells?

A. No, sir.

Q. You and Dr. Swords were brother Masons?

A. He was, that is, I do not remember of ever having met him in the lodge, but he claimed to have been one and I always took him to be one.

Note by the Court:

Before the taking of this testimony, at the suggestion of defendant's counsel, the jury were withdrawn from the court room, and were not returned till after the taking of the same.

I pass over the first witness, Mr. P. G. Calliham, as his testimony at the trial was virtually the same as before the coroner's jury.

George McClarin, the second witness, had a very fertile memory, and remembered many things at the trial that had not occurred to him before the coroner's jury. Christ turned water into wine and fed the multitude on seven loaves and a few little fishes and took up twelve basketsful afterward, but it remained for this modern Ananias to perform the feat of drawing liquor out of a sugar barrel. "I was behind the counter drawing some liquor," and almost in the same breath he swears that he "was stooping down to get sugar out of a barrel behind the counter." His testimony shows that he only saw one shot fired, but afterward at the trial he saw all three. He further swore at the trial that the window through Dr. Swords was shot was an ordinary size one, and described the sash as containing nine lights. As a matter of fact the sash runs along the inner portion of the little office or hole in the wall, but the hole itself (through which Doctor Swords was shot) lacked a very small faction of being a foot perpendicularly. Mr. Ernest Morrow, Jr., and myself measured the office and found it to be near 5x6½ feet, and the hole through which the doctor was shot to be about four feet five inches from the floor. We also found a small desk and a Mosely iron safe in the office. Behind this safe Wells was standing when he fired the two first shots; the last shot was fired when the doctor was falling. The iron safe was between Wells and the wall, and the wall and the safe were between Wells and his victim.

The testimony of Dr. M. Callihan, Jim Foote and Gilbert Blalock was substantially the same at trial as before the coroner's jury.

I now come to that sweet geranium, Ernest Morrow, Sr., the Dr. Jeykl and Mr. Hyde of St. Landry, this man reeking all over with infamy; for out of his own mouth shall he be judged. When I was informed by Sheriff Deshotels of the killing I was at supper at the Perrault House in Opelousas. The train being 2 hours late I reached it in time to go to Dubuisson station, from where I went in a buggy to Morrow station. After I had been there for some time I asked Mr. Morrow where he was when the shooting took place, and he answered: "I was a sitting on them steps," and pointed to the saloon steps of his son Clip Morrow. I then said: "Mr. Morrow, you will then not be a witness;" to which he replied: "No, I left thar to keep from a seeing it." Mr. B. F. Vannoy and several others heard this.

I afterward heard that Mr. Morrow had said he heard Dr. Swords threaten Mr. Wells, and I took Mr. C. D. Cappel, of Evergreen, and Jas. M. Jackson and B. F. Vannoy, to the residence of Mr. Morrow and called him on his gallery. It was nearly one o'clock at night. I told him what I had heard, and asked him if he had communicated anything the doctor told him to Wells, and his reply was that he had not, as what Dr. Swords told him was on the "square." I said "Masonically?" and he answered "Yes," and that no living soul should know it. He then proceeded to tell us what the doctor had said, but I told him if he had not communicated it to Wells it was all we wished to know. This conversation, as already stated, was between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock on the night of December 23, 1896, and in the presence of C. D. Cappel and B. F. Vannoy, Master Masons, and J. M. Jackson and myself, who are not Masons. Mr. Morrow also told several of us that night, among whom the gentlemen already named were present, that the conversation that took place between Dr. Swords and himself was near Scott & Scott's store. He also stated the same at the preliminary hearing, and up to the time of the trial never said that it was anywhere else, in the statement here he says it was it the back room of Hanks' store. On cross-examination in answer to the question: "Was not this statement made to you out of the presence of Mr. Wells?" he answered: "I do not know if it was made out of his hearing; if he was listening he certainly could hear it." He then ventures the statement (and those that know the build of the store will mark the statement) "The back door leading into the room was open and if he was listening of course he could have heard it." Now, as a matter of fact, the back door leading to that room goes into the yard, and there is no door, window, or other opening from the hole in the wall through which the doctor was shot and that back door; on the contrary, it is a wall such as is used in all frame building. The next question was: "Was it of a confidential nature?" Ye Gods! hear the answer: "I could not say if it was. He was speaking to me as he always spoke."

How can this man, E. Morrow, Sr., reconcile the statements he made at Morrow station on Dec. 23 to the parties I have named, and which he himself substantiated on Wells' preliminary, with his sworn statements before the court when the jury was withdrawn?

He could have saved a brother Mason by simply putting forth his hand, and in a few minutes Dr. Swords would have been aboard the train and on his way to his wife and three little ones.

I append here the certificates of Messrs. Jackson, Vannoy and Cappel:

Big Cane, La., March 28, 1897.

This is to certify that I was with Mr. M. L. Swords on the night of the 23rd of December, 1896, when he (Swords) went to the residence of Mr. E. Morrow, Sr., and asked Morrow if he told Wells what Dr. Swords had said to him that morning about Wells. Morrow replied that he had not told Wells, as Dr. Swords had told him on the square, and then immediately told the secrets of a brother Mason in the presence of two men that he knew were not Masons.

B. F. VANNOY.

Big Cane, March 28, 1897.

I hereby certify that I was with M. L. Swords on the night of Dec. 23, 1896, and affirm that which B. F. Vannoy has certified to above. I am not a Mason.

J. M. JACKSON.

I hereby certify that I was with M. L. Swords at Morrow station on the night of Dec 23d, 1896, when he called on Mr. E. Morrow at his residence between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, and in answer to M. L. Swords' question "Did Dr. Swords threaten Mr. Wells," he stated that what Dr. Swords told him he told him on the square—that is masonically. He stated that he had never communicated what Dr. Swords said to anyone for that reason, and then proceeded to tell us what he did say. He further stated that the conversation he had with Dr. Swords was near the store of Scott & Scott. This was in the presence of J. M. Jackson, B. F. Vannoy and M. L. Swords. C. D. CAPPEL.

I have given some of the cold facts in the case that laid between the commonwealth and the accused. I now give you according to statements made by the partisans of the jury before whom the case was tried, the following Opelousas special to the Item, dated Feb. 27, which I would not quote under ordinary circumstances:

"The jury after being out about one half hour returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of E. W. Wells for killing Dr. Swords. Many good people deplore the finding, but Wells' friends justify the verdict upon the grounds that when a Fosterite is found guilty in this parish he is pardoned, therefore, no anti-Fosterite must be made to suffer for punishment of crime however atrocious. This is all wrong—aye it is worse than this; it savors of anarchy and communism. For such conduct no one, however, is more to blame than Foster and the Fosterites in this parish. They encouraged lawlessness for such a length of time that they brought the court and its officers into disrepute, and although the newly elected officials are endeavoring to maintain the majesty of the law and have no guilty man escape, they are confronted with just such difficulties as are herein enumerated. As your correspondent wired you yesterday politics is being dragged into court. The fact that Dr. Swords was a cousin to M. L. Swords was of great benefit to him. Many of the men selected as jurors could not be induced to believe that Dr. Swords was a good man, simply because of his relationship to our ex-assessor, M. L. Swords prosecuting an accused party furnished a shield to the defendant that was simply impenetrable. And whilst your correspondent repeats here what he said at the outset that "two wrongs never made a right," yet he cannot shut our eyes to the motives which prompted the jury to set at liberty a man who, according to the evidence, was guilty of the offense charged against him. For such occurrences we are indebted to Foster and Foster's methods."

Mr. Editor, if this published statement is correct (and I doubt it not) perjury has been distanced in the race, infamy shelved, and the cold fact remains that the commonwealth itself is threatened by a conspiracy born of brutal minds, nourished by villainous savagery, and a keen relish that their hellish work spites either Gov. Foster or me.

I will say before closing, that the officers of the court did their full duty, for which they have my heartfelt thanks. When the verdict was read in court District Attorney Garland arose and made a motion to discharge the witnesses in homicide cases fixed for trial until further notice, which was done. He explained that he could not do the State justice with such juries.

It may seem strange, Mr. Editor, that after so many days have passed that I should throw this case to the public after a jury had pronounced on it, but sitting here in the sunlight of the beautiful countenance of my dead cousin's baby boy, with the dark curls seeming to sport with the wind, and holding in his tiny hand sweet flowers of Peace and Love, how can the hot blood of a true friend fail to surge at an outrage perpetrated on one of his family, and that too when the reason is given, that "he was a cousin of M. L. Swords."

M. L. SWORDS.

Boreta Exhibition.

The beautiful village home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, at Boreta, La., on Friday, May 14th, was the scene of festivity, the occasion being the closing exercises of their private school. Situated not far from the depot, in a perfect bower of vines and roses, this old home, the center of culture and refinement, never appeared to better advantage. Gathered there to witness the trial flights of those young aspirants were the elite of Garland, Boreta and Whiteville, making in all a most recherche assemblage. The minature stage occupied one end of the rather small hall, and this was decorated with flowers of every hue—from the brilliant rose to the creamy lily—ferns and our own beloved Palmetto, forming the back ground to this bower of loveliness and perfume. The program for the evening, arranged by Miss Emma Johnson, the young teacher, consisted of recitations and music, in which comedy and tragedy both held sway, was perfect in its entirety, and the manner in which each young participant rendered their several parts, was conclusive evidence of the teacher and combined efforts of both teacher and pupil. I shall not attempt here the entire program, but in admiration of these earnest young workers, can not withhold the meed of praise which is their just due. A duette, by Misses Johnson and Young, reminded us that the evening's pleasure had begun. This was perfectly executed and overflowed with sweetest melody. Then came a recitation by Miss Beulah Young, "The first quarrel," in which she certainly excelled herself. I almost forgot in listening, that the tones of mock anger and final despair, were not the heart cries of some poor soul in mortal agony, and gladly came back to a happy present, when the "doomed vessel sank beneath the waves." Miss Inez excels in comedy. Her execution of "The Drummer" was perfect and received loud applause from the large audience, she being dressed in the regulation style of these "Knights of the Gripp," and seemingly versed in the arts by which an admiring public is forced to yield its best at all times for their delectation. Little Rosebud sang very sweetly—"My Love." She is such a tiny tot to assume even in song the joys and sorrows of "Love's young dream." Master William Young gave in a most original manner "The Major's Courtship," which I think was enjoyed by all. But by far the most enjoyable part of the program was the reading of an essay by Miss Beulah Young. "Character" was the subject of this sketch, and to say that it is one of the very best I have ever seen from the pen of so young a writer, is but half praise. This gift of composition is a rare possession, and to those who have it may prove some day a hidden treasure, should your wanderings lead through the field of Literature. "Hagar" was not on the program, but by request, Miss Belle Leake gave the exquisite production from the pen of our own "Pearl Rivers," in a most admirable manner.

After the exercises over, dancing was indulged in to a late hour Refreshments were served, both dainty and delicious—for who does not know Mrs. Young's reputation for generous hospitality?

Miss Johnson is a young stranger in our midst. In embracing teaching as her life's work may she have chosen wisely and well. Certainly she gives promise of reaching the first rung of the ladder some day, for her labors at Boreta, characterized by rigid discipline, have brought forth the fruits of perfect success. May you gather only roses, little friend, is the heartfelt wish of MARAH.

Sunday School Picnic.

Editor Clarion.—Please allow a small space in your good paper to say a few words about our Sunday School picnic on Saturday, May 8. I will give you the names of parties that composed the happy band: Mr. I. M. Eves at the head with family, Rev. Robert Harry and family, Rev. Hughs, the Methodist minister of Washington, Mr. Doc Eves' children, Mrs. Robinson and little son, Mr. Oscar Lacombe's little son and daughter, Mrs. Curtis' little daughter, T. S. Adams and wife, Mr. Jas. Nicholson's daughter, Mr. Charlie Snider, Mesdames Smith and Chatman's children. The party left Washington for Cataro with your humble scribe in the front. By travelling through a cloud of dust we reached the Cataro pasture, about four miles from town. Ropes were soon hung up in trees for swings; but about the time the children got well started to swinging it began to thunder.

The picnic people decided it would be better to pull up stakes and go for the Cataro building, where your humble servant and wife, children and grand-children, joined the merry crowd. A bountiful picnic dinner was spread on the long front gallery, and when all had fully satisfied the "inner man" here come some of Sam Jones trash movers, and I must say I have never seen a happier people in my life. Finally, the Washington people said we must go home, and off we started. When we reached the big road we found the water up to the hubs of the hacks and buggies. The next dry spell we will have a picnic.

T. R. CARROLL, SR.

Grand Coteau Notes.

May 19—Quite a number of our young men have been attending the mission in Opelousas. That's right.

Miss Pearl Guerniere, of St. Martinville, is the guest of Miss Julie Polingue.

A ball was given at the school building Saturday night, for the benefit of the school. Miss Noemie Richard deserves much credit for the interest taken to improve the school. She will give another entertainment on the 28th instant, and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Boys, don't forget your best girl.

Messrs. Clement Smith and Olivier Couvillion, of Carencro, attended the ball Saturday night.

Messrs. J. L. and Frank L. Guilbeau, visited Arnaudville Sunday.

Our old friend, Maurice Polingue, Jr., of St. Martinville, came down Sunday, and had a pleasant time with relatives and friends. He left Monday morning. Nix has grown a pretty little black mustache.

Mr. Mentor Andrus took the train Tuesday for New Orleans, where he expects to remain for seval weeks.

Mr. Bagnal, of Lafayette, is the guest of John M. Oge.

Miss Edna Gardiner is spending a few days in Opelousas with her brother, W. S. Gardiner and family.

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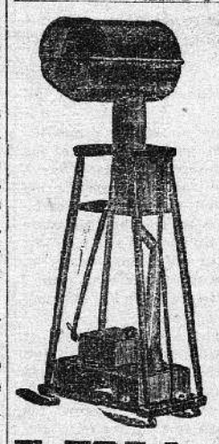
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