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Disastrous Blaze Sweeps Town.

Friday noon when the wind was blowing a stiff gale, fire caught the roof of D. H. Stringfield's residence and being quickly fanned into roaring flames, destroyed the building and much of the contents and spread disaster far and wide. Burning cinders were carried thru the air which fired a number of other buildings, the fire-fighters being kept on a run from place to place extinguishing the various blazes. The water supply was exhausted however and the blaze on Hammond Richardson's dwelling got too quick headway to be controlled, with the result that building and nearly all contents were destroyed. From this the Moore residence caught and was greatly damaged as was the furniture which was moved out of the building when it was thought there was no chance of saving it.

Twenty buildings were ignited and the town in a panic before the flames were entirely subdued. Mr. Stringfield moved his family in with his parents on the farm one mile above town while Mr. Richardson and family are for the present located with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burris. It is hoped to see both the burned dwellings speedily replaced but building is slow at best now thru the vexing freight delays and shortage of supplies in general.

A chemical fire engine and firefighting equipment have already been purchased for the town and its arrival looked for daily, and with the installing of the new water mains and stand pipes, which is nearly completed now, our risk soon will be greatly reduced.

Help Make A "City Beautiful."

Franklinton, thru the co-operation of the civic department of the club, is to observe National Clean-up and Paint-up campaign in which it is hoped to see the town get in the list with Magnolia and other towns which are holding their heads high in pride of marked cleanliness, sanitation and beauty.

This campaign is to start with a week's well planned program, but unlike the old "clean up week" which served like the "annual bath" for a short period and left us in a worse condition than we were found; this campaign is to continue thru the year till houses can be painted, fences repaired, flowers and shrubbery planted and grown, and the whole place worthy to be put on the list of "Cities Beautiful."

Worth while prizes too, are to be offered for the most attractive premises or where the greatest improvement is shown.

It is unfair to our citizens that civic pride should be allowed to lag behind the wonderful business progress the town is enjoying now, and an appeal is made for help from every possible source, to carry out the work of our town beautiful as directed thru this national campaign. Volunteer your services.

A Vital Interest To You.

Go through the busy section of any city and you will find nine out of every ten bankers and merchants that have invested in Life Assurance; and the tenth one perhaps waited too long and could not get in. The New England Mutual Life, is the oldest Company in the U. S. A., has been in Louisiana for 50 years, has \$90,000,000 assets.

Mrs. D. E. Branch, Agent.
S. K. Cozine, Solicitor.

Much Interest Shown In Boys' Tour.

The Agricultural Bureau of the New Orleans Association of Commerce is the latest organization to offer to defray the expenses of two boys on the agricultural tour of some of the middle western states to be conducted by State Superintendent T. H. Harris and C. H. Staples and W. C. Abbott of the Extension Division, Louisiana State University. The Agricultural Bureau will pay all the expenses of this trip for the New Orleans High School boy and school boy from the state-at-large who submits the best essays on "What New Orleans can do to aid agriculture in Louisiana." Details of this contest will be announced later.

The purpose of this trip will be to get together something like one hundred country boys, interested in agriculture, and take them on a trip of two or three weeks thru the agricultural sections of the section named above. All the details of the trip will be worked out in advance—the points to be visited and the phases of agriculture to be studied. These will include the dairy industry, beef cattle, hogs, and general farming.

The universities of Wisconsin and Illinois and the Iowa State College of Agriculture will be visited, and a day or two spent in the city of Chicago.

"I am of the opinion that this trip will prove a bright spot in the life of every boy that is fortunate enough to take it," says Superintendent Harris. "It will prove not only a delightful vacation, but a liberal education in agriculture as well. The boys who shall constitute this party will see the best that this country has to show in agriculture. They will learn the reasons for the agricultural development of those prosperous sections. They will return to Louisiana enthusiastic missionaries for improved agriculture, and with a very deep respect for intelligent, wisely directed effort. The trip will be worth millions of dollars to Louisiana."

Washington Parish is going to send two of her boys on this tour and a third one will get a chance to go thru this essay contest.

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Poster Tells Dramatic Story



This picture, painted especially for the Near East Relief by M. Leon Bracker, vividly portrays what words fail to express—the horrible suffering of the women and children of Armenia and adjacent countries. Peace has blessed Europe and America for more than a year but in Western Asia conditions more frightful than any war time experiences of the martyred populations of Belgium and France still exist. Thousands of women and children escaped massacre by the Turkish soldiers only to face the terrible agonies of death by starvation. At the present time it is estimated that 1,250,000 adults and fully 250,000 orphaned children are completely destitute and in imminent danger of death by starvation and exposure.

The Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, New York, is at present the only organization giving aid to these suffering people and lack of funds still prevents the reaching of more than a small part of the stricken people.

A Family Reunion.

On Sunday, February 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Knight, a dinner was served in honor of Mrs. Knight's brother and niece, Mr. W. J. Pigott, and daughter, Miss Ruby Pigott of Florence, Texas.

The following guests were present. Mr. John Pigott of Picayune, Miss, Dr. J. F. Pigott, of No. 3 Camps near Bogalusa, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pigott, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Pigott of Bogalusa, Mrs. J. O. Mitchell of Varnado, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gorkern of Bogalusa, and Messrs. R. R. and Hamilton Pigott of Bogalusa.

After noon Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seal joined the crowd and the day was finished with music, old time jokes and reminiscences, the occasion proving most enjoyable to all.

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Sheriff Sale.—No. 3307.

Mrs. Amanda Miller

Vs.

B. E. Bagley.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the 26th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for Washington Parish, in the above entitled cause, and to me directed. I will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest bidder, on

Saturday, March 6, 1920

at the principal front door of the court house at Franklinton, La., between legal sale hours for judicial sales, the following described property, being and situated in Washington Parish, La., to-wit:

Forty-five cords of wood, more or less.

Terms of sale: Cash with benefit of appraisalment.

This the 17th day of February, 1920.
J. E. Bateman, Sheriff.

General News In Brief.

Impressive ceremonies marked the inauguration of Paul Deschanel as president of France.

President Wilson's note to the Allied Supreme Council apparently served to reopen all the negotiations on the Adriatic problem.

Gen. W. E. Mickle, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, died in Mobile after an illness of two weeks.

Consummation of a real estate deal by the Louisiana Grand Lodge of Masons assured a new temple for New Orleans.

The National Board of Farm Organizations revived plans for an international farmers' congress.

Secretary of Commerce Alexander declared the cut in estimates made in Congress endangered foreign trade at its most critical time.

A storm of protest was aroused among the women of New Orleans over the threatened closing of the army stores.

Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the State Board of Health, asked Governor Pleasant to proclaim April 25 as Health Day.

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, died in Washington.

All federal railroad offices were ordered closed March 1 on return of lines to owners.

The New Orleans Gaslight Company rejected the city's offer of \$5,250,000 for the plant and mains of the concern.

Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, took the stand and claimed that he was made a tool by German spies.

Such a note of helplessness was expressed in the Senate that hopes for ratification of the peace treaty practically expired.

President Wilson, in a communication to the Senate, denied an agreement with England over the sale of former German ships.

Sweet potatoes were reported second in value to cotton in Louisiana in 1919, as a result of the establishment of canneries.

Guarantee against reduction in pay before September 1 was given railroad workers in the revised draft of the railroad reorganization bill.

United States Senator Edward J. Gay of Louisiana announced that he would not seek a re-election for the present seat.

The first of the pact reservations was readopted by the Senate when four standpat Democrats deserted their conferees.

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