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UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Miss Mary Wells is Drowned at Colfax.

Colfax, La., Aug. 13.—Miss Mary Wells, second daughter of Colonel T. Monk Wells, postmaster of Colfax, La., was drowned in Red River, about four miles below Colfax, at 8:30 o'clock last night. Captain Sam Wells, brother of the deceased, owns a gasoline launch and took a run down to Boyce and spent Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife, two sisters, Misses Mary and Clara Wells, and two brothers, Frank and Howard Wells, and a friend Ben Ferrier. They all spent the day pleasantly at Boyce and started back home yesterday afternoon, and when within four miles of Colfax, opposite the plantation of H. G. Goodwyn, some gasoline that was in the launch exploded. This caused a panic and in the excitement the launch was overturned and caught Miss Mary Wells beneath and she was drowned. All of the rest of the party swam to the shore. Her body has not been recovered up to this afternoon. The deceased was a native of Grant's Point, opposite Colfax, and was 20 years old. Her father was one of the best known cane river pilots, and she was a granddaughter of Ex-Governor J. Madison Wells.

Gretna Green Affair.

On Tuesday night there arrived on the L. R. & N. railroad a young couple from Verda, who soon made their wishes known to Mr. Wade Long, conductor on the Long & Black transfer busses, who told them that he was an expert in helping young couples in or out of trouble, so he carried the party to the court house and by the use of messengers and the telephone, in an incredibly short time Mr. S. M. Abel, the prompt and efficient deputy clerk, and Rev. E. A. Holloway arrived. Mr. Abel issued license to Mr. M. A. Fisher and Miss Alice Smith, and Rev. Holloway soon made them one. While the preliminaries were being arranged quite a crowd assembled. A representative of The Sentinel attempted to interview the groom who informed him that at the present time he was not seeking publicity; that he and his bride would remain in Winnfield to await developments.

L. & A. Superintendent.

F. W. Green, superintendent of the Memphis division of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad, has been appointed General Superintendent of the Louisiana and Arkansas, with headquarters at Stamps, Ark. He succeeds J. H. White, resigned.

Clearing Side Walks.

Street Commissioner White has notified all property holders whose galleries extend over the sidewalks to remove them, and they are complying with the provisions of the ordinance. By the end of the week all of the galleries will be removed.

The feed store of W. F. Cooper at the old Hardware store corner, will fill a long felt want. Teamsters can get feed in any quantity, and get it right now. Mr. Cooper has been in business in Winnfield long enough to know just what the trade needs and backed by ample capital he will keep a full supply. He has ten car loads here and in transit now and other shipments are to follow.

FOR RURAL MAIL ROUTE

Petition Has Now Been Signed and Forwarded.

Mr. J. T. Porter, the efficient police juror of ward one, was in town Wednesday, having come to bring the petition of citizens for a rural mail route through his section.

The proposed route runs out the upper Winnfield and Alexandria road as far as the Levi Spikes place, thence on the Atlanta and Harrisonburg road to Sardis church, thence on the Montgomery and Winnfield road back to Winnfield. The petition was signed by more than the required one hundred and it has been forwarded to Congressman Watkins with a request to push the matter of having the route established.

The Sentinel is pleased at the interest the people are taking in this modern convenience which the department gives where it is desired and asked for, and we hope to soon see three or more routes leading out from Winnfield.

Another Rural Route.

Mr. J. D. Gentry paid our office an appreciated visit, leaving orders for several papers to be sent to relatives in Georgia and Alabama, and incidentally paying us a very high compliment by saying that his relatives could learn more about this country by reading The Sentinel than they could from his letters. He also took out with him a petition for rural free delivery route No. 2, going out on the lower Alexandria road southeast to a point nine or ten miles from Winnfield, thence north and east to the Winnfield and Georgetown road, thence to Winnfield via Packton and Moore.

A Dead Negro.

A negro called Choctaw is dead because he held up and robbed Lee Kennedy, another negro, at Winona. The negroes had a dispute over a game and later Choctaw held up Kennedy and relieved him of some of his winnings. Kennedy hunted up a winchester and sought Choctaw. Finding him at his shack he took a shot at him, with the result that Choctaw is now a good negro while Kennedy is in jail.

Special Rate

For the Louisiana Baptist State Convention at New Orleans, Sept. 4 to 9, the Louisiana and Arkansas will sell tickets via Alexandria and return at one and one-third fare plus 25 cents for the round trip. Selling dates September 3 and 4; return limit September 10.

B. S. ATKINSON,
G. P. A.

Resident Lots for Sale.

Mr. R. E. Milling is here from his home in Franklin, La., and is having his property north of town subdivided into lots of convenient size, laying out and grading the streets. Any one desiring resident property in Winnfield would do well to see Mr. Milling and examine his property.

More Parish Bridges.

Mr. J. J. Burk, the well known bridge builder, secured the contracts last week for two or three bridges on the Dugdemonia and smaller creeks on the Monroe and Natchitoches road. Mr. Burk has the contract for the bridges of the Tremont and Gulf Railroad and is now at work on that road.

HICKORY VALLEY A BRIGHT FUTURE

News Items By Special Correspondence.

SOME NEW BUILDINGS HE BOUGHT OIL STOCK

Going Up in that Section—A Residence and a Church—Personal Items.

Hickory Valley, La., Aug. 8.—A light shower yesterday cooled the temperature sufficiently to give me energy enough to scribble a few local items.

The protracted meeting (Baptist) closed at Hebron church after seven days' service, much good being done. There were twelve conversions.

A twelve days' singing school closed today at the Boles school house, taught by Prof. Allen McCarty. The class showed much improvement and all voted Prof. McCarty "The" singing school teacher.

I had the pleasure of attending at Beech Creek church, the unveiling of the monument of Mr. Hill, a member of Urania camp No. 806, W. O. W.

At 11 o'clock we had a sermon by Rev. J. M. Peters, and then ye scribe was much pleased to see baskets, boxes, etc., carried from wagons, buggies and surries to a table made for the occasion. There were so many people we thought there would be some left hungry, but thanks to the good people of Beech Creek, all had plenty and there was something left on the table.

At one o'clock we had a talk by Mr. Wolf, an organizer of the W. O. W., who explained the objects and purposes of the order and told why all good men should be members of the W. O. W.

After the speech the members of the camp finished the ceremonies and every one left for home well pleased with what they had seen and heard.

Mr. Wolf said he was going to organize a camp at Beech Creek Academy Monday, several expressing a wish to become members of the order.

Messrs. Pace and Kirkland have the Shady Grove Baptist church nearly completed, the church building being removed from the old church ground to a more suitable place near the Boles school house.

Messrs. Bill and Joe McKaskle have returned to their farms in Franklin parish, after visiting their friends in this section for a few days. They report good crops.

Mr. W. H. Wheelus has just begun the erection of a new residence on the Hickory Valley and Pace road and says he will complete the building as soon as Thornton gets the boards to cover it. Judging from the progress Thornton made on that cypress yesterday the house is finished today.

Messrs. H. J. Thornton and I. J. King, two stave and timber men from Michigan, left these parts for Northwest Texas and Southern Oklahoma on the 6th inst.

Mr. E. M. Thornton says he is enjoying himself immensely but says the cause is known only to the few.

Messrs. Frank Taylor and R. A. McKaskle of Winnfield are over at Hickory Valley on business today.

J. Henry Shepherd Talks About Winnfield.

Notes Past Development and Sees a Bright Future for the Good Old Town.

Hon. J. Henry Shepherd, a well known lawyer and capitalist formerly of Shreveport but now of South McAlistier, Indian Territory, was here this week for a few days looking after investments, having come here from Shreveport, Ruston and Monroe where he has interests. After spending a couple of days here and looking over the oil fields Mr. Shepherd decided to invest in the proposition and purchased \$10,000 worth of the stock of the Page Oil Company, Limited.

Mr. Shepherd was interviewed by a Sentinel representative in regard to his impression of the town's future prospects. He has visited Winnfield before and replying to questions, said:

"The improvements of Winnfield since my last visit here certainly have been great. A stave factory employing a hundred men, the Sulphur Timber & Lumber Company's large saw mill, which employs more than two hundred men, one of the best equipped machine shops in the State, established by the owners of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad and by them patronized, with its steam hammer, lathes and other machinery and a force of skilled mechanics able to do all kinds of repair work, two locomotives now in the shops being practically rebuilt; all of these enterprises producing a weekly payroll which furnishes a splendid cash trade for your merchants and gives an air of prosperity to your well built brick stores and your two very handsome banks, all impresses the stranger that here is a place where there is no room for the croaker."

Continuing, Mr. Shepherd said: "Such men as Hodge, Hunt, Musgrave, Fletcher, Pace and others, who have developed your mill, your machine shops, one of the largest bottling works in the State, and are now building a street car line, will make Winnfield a leading center, one that will furnish the capitalist and energetic developer great opportunities for years to come."

"The railroad facilities," continued Mr. Shepherd, "of your city are due to the inducements offered by your immense pine forests, which are mines of wealth and produce sure and ready returns on capital and labor, and are not subject to the many disasters which come to strictly agricultural sections. There are but few towns that have the railroad facilities possessed by Winnfield. Railroads in six different directions, with the Tremont & Gulf and the Monroe & Southwestern rapidly building to this place, Winnfield will soon be the most accessible city in the State and it should soon become a 'convention city.' I find your hotels and restaurants taxed to their limits."

Mr. Shepherd is now in South Louisiana looking after investments in that section.

Try the City Ice Cream Parlor for cream and all kinds of cold drinks, fancy candies, cigars and groceries. L. R. GINN, Prop.

"Your great home enterprise, the street railway, which I understand is to run to the oil field, will be a great developer of your city. Street railways everywhere

from the great city of New York to the smallest town, have always enhanced the value of property in the town where they are located. The artesian salt and sulphur wells in the oil field will draw thousands of visitors winter and summer for its healing properties in skin diseases. Hot Springs has become a great winter resort. Winnfield can easily become attractive. It, however, will need the active push of every property owner, every merchant, and every one who claims Winnfield as his home.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men when taken at the flood leads on to fortune, said the poet. The gods help those who help themselves has been demonstrated in every age and in every land. The capitalist, the energetic man who is looking for a location, measures your town by the value your people set on it. Even the splendid prospects which will yield a golden harvest can be lost by stinginess, by petty jealousy, by indifference. Fort Worth, Shreveport, Ruston and Monroe have never depended solely upon their natural resources. They have been successful and are prosperous because they sent the knockers to the rear and made them so uncomfortable that they got out. Those hustling, thriving cities have been ever ready to go down into their pockets and help advertise, help bring factories and railroads, and the few dollars thus spent have returned thousands. If your people cannot put up dollars they at least should encourage those who are doing it. You should not be jealous of your neighbors; say a good word for your sister towns, and be sure to stand by your own people when they are working to help you."

"Winnfield should have a large auditorium; the parish should build at once a modern courthouse, and a high school building of brick or stone. The parish is one of the richest in the State and it would be no hardship to do these things and the investment would pay well. With a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether, even your older men will see a large city here, but with indifference and knocking you will remain a little town which the traveler will point out as the Station of Lost Opportunity."

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CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Pace Writes The Sentinel a Few Words.

Editor Sentinel:

I wish to thank you for the assistance and co-operation you have given me through your valuable columns in advocating the new enterprises I am so much interested in, and I hope that Winnfield will reap great benefit as a result of these enterprises and your liberal advocacy of progress and modern improvement all along the line.

Of course, you know that I believe in printers' ink, and know that there is great power in the press, and always appreciate anything you do for me.

I desire to thank the city council for granting me a franchise to build and operate a car line through the streets of Winnfield and to the oil field, and I hope to build a road that all Winnfield will be proud of and never regret saying a good word for the enterprise.

Yours to serve,
J. D. PACE.

Free Entertainment.

Mrs. J. T. Wood, chairman of the committee on entertainment of the Epworth League, gives notice that the League will have a free entertainment on August 31, 1906. The place and program will be given next week.

Attention is called to the card and statement of Mr. J. S. Bloch in this issue of The Sentinel. Mr. Bloch and his predecessor, the late Sam Kuhn, are the pioneers in the liquor business in Monroe, and their standing and reputation for fair dealing has never been questioned. You can rely on what they tell you.

The five days' special sale of the Siess-Belcher Co., Ltd., proved to be a complete success. The company announces that new goods are being received every day to take the place of those sold. Keep an eye on the Siess-Belcher Co.'s store for bargains.

Mr. S. J. Harper has had his new store wired and electric lights put in, which shows the store up to great advantage. He now has one of the up-to-date stores of Winnfield.

Sheriff Shaw has a splendid collection of artillery in his office now, pistols ranging in size from 22 caliber to 45 caliber, taken from off those now in jail on various charges.

M. M. FISHER, Pres. H. MCINTY, Vice-Pres. P. C. MOSELEY, Cashier

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