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PERKINS GIN WAS DESTROYED

Fire Early Wednesday Morning
Destroyed the Gin and
Grist Mill.

The gin and grist mill belonging to Messrs. H. J. Perkins and W. A. Wright, and located on Jones street, between the Court House and the Louisiana and Arkansas depot, was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. The plant was worth about \$2000 and was insured for \$1500 with the Commercial Union through Mr. B. L. Anderson. How the fire originated is unknown, but when discovered it appeared to have started in the lint room in the rear end of the building. The gin was run during Tuesday and closed down that evening with a fire still burning in the furnace. It could have started from this source, but it is possible that some tramp stopped there for the night and carelessly dropped a lighted cigarette or pipe into the lint.

Dr. A. P. Collins, of Smith postoffice, was among the visitors to town Monday. In regard to the road tax he said that the people in his community will vote it next Tuesday. He considers it an important step in the right direction and a proposition we cannot afford to ignore or treat with indifference. Something must be done to improve our public highways and right now is the time to begin. Dr. Collins thinks the tax will be voted next Tuesday by a good majority.

Nothing so thoroughly removes disease germs from the system as Prickly Ash Bitters. It gives life and action to the torpid liver, strengthens and assists the kidneys to properly cleanse the blood, gives tone to the stomach, purifies the bowels, and promotes good appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Smith & Grisham Drug Co., special agents.

Miss Pearl Wright, who is visiting relatives and friends in New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss., writes that she and Miss Nettie are having a most enjoyable time, so much so that we can look for her home when we see her coming. This will be a sore disappointment to some of her special friends who keep watch on all incoming trains.

Mr. J. H. Ragsdale of Pulaski, Tenn., spent several days in Winnfield this week looking after property interests in this parish. Mr. Ragsdale is one of the many non-residents who have invested capital in Winn parish property and he is pleased with the rapid development of both the town and surrounding country.

Sour stomach, fulness after eating, flatulence are all caused by imperfect digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disorder once, drives out badly digested food and tones the stomach, liver and bowels. Smith & Grisham Drug Co., special agents.

A number of citizens from different parts of the parish have been in town this week and all who we have been able to talk with, are of the opinion that the road tax will be carried next Tuesday.

Major Strong visited his family at Monroe Sunday, returning to the city Monday.

A Brick Hotel.

The new two-story brick building being erected by Mr. L. D. Jones at the corner of Beville and Court streets, is to be used for a restaurant and lodging house instead of for mercantile and office purposes. The building is planned for a lodging house or hotel and it will be splendidly arranged for that purpose.

Mr. Wilham McIntosh, architect for the water works and city hall, came up on Wednesday from New Orleans and brought plans and specifications for the town hall, which were adopted by the committee and bids are being advertised for in this issue of The Sentinel.

Major Poindexter Dunn, attorney for the Louisiana Railway & Navigation Company, spent yesterday in this city and was greatly surprised at the development the town has undergone since he made his headquarters here seven years ago.

Messrs. C. W. Thompson and Tom Maddox of the second ward were business visitors to town yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Walker spent Wednesday at Jonesboro.

CONCERNING THE ROAD TAX

Secretary Pace of the Progressive League Urges Voting of the Tax.

To the Voters of Winn Parish:

Knowing that there is to be an election next Tuesday, March 5, to vote a three mill tax for the purpose of putting good roads through our parish, and being secretary of the Progressive League, and wishing to see the time when our farmers will have good roads so they can go and come when they choose; I thought it nothing amiss to say something on this subject and see if we can not get together on this line and do great good towards bringing our parish to the front.

It is true we have a lot of railroads that we can travel on, but if we had a good system of public roads through our parish, it would stimulate our farmers so they would raise better stock, have nice rigs for their families instead of patronizing the railroads. A good system of roads through this parish will be worth more than any other one thing in the way of getting our people to mix up and know more of each other; think more of and love each other better. And considering the cost, the same amount of money could not be spent in any other way that would do as much good.

I believe that Winn parish is coming to the front faster than any other parish in the state and a good system of public roads through our parish will cause the outside world to invest its money with us and make each citizen think more of himself and his home.

My desire is to see Winn Parish filled with bright and happy homes, good schools and churches and every convenience that will make life worth living. Good roads will do more on this line than any other one thing that is within the reach of the voters just now. Vote for the tax and build up your country.

Yours truly,
J. D. Pace,
Sec. Progressive League.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Entertained at a Washington
Reception Last Friday
Evening.

Friday evening, February 22, the B. Y. P. U. entertained at a Washington Reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mathews.

Upon their arrival the guests were received by a special committee and each was given a pretty souvenir of the occasion. They then entered the parlors which were artistically decorated in festoons of the national colors. Large pictures of Martha and George made the decorations complete. While waiting for all to assemble delightful music was rendered by several skilled musicians.

The games of the evening were distinctly characteristic of the great gala day. The first sport indulged in was a "hatchet hunt". A large number of small cardboard hatchets were hidden all about the parlors. The hatchets were numbered, and a prize was given for the lucky number. In the next game the contestants were blindfolded and told to write the name of "George Washington" upon a sheet pinned against the wall, the best writing calling for the prize. The next contests were also very interesting and furnished much amusement.

As the evening was fast drawing to a close the guests were invited into the dining room, which was fittingly decorated, where they partook of the delicious refreshments.

As a fitting climax to the pleasant evening "America" and "The Red, White and Blue" were sung in chorus.

The B. Y. P. U. and each guest appreciate the hospitality extended by Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and the pleasure of the evening.

A party of young people, consisting of Misses Beulah Gwin, Lena Ewing and Jessie Nelson, and Messrs. W. E. and J. Heard and J. B. Polk, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fordyce, went to Hodge last Sunday to eat turkey with Misses Bessie Dale and Laura Whitlow.

Mrs. Will A. Strong reached Winnfield last Thursday to visit the Major. She remained until Sunday morning when she returned to her home in West Monroe. She was surprised at the many improvements in Winnfield since her last visit in November.

Their many friends will regret to learn that Mr. J. M. Belcher had become so seriously ill that Mrs. Belcher had to accompany him to the sanitarium at Shreveport. It is sincerely hoped that he will soon be himself again.

District Attorney O. M. Grisham, E. E. Kidd, Esq., and President Pye of the Bank of Winnfield spent last Thursday and Friday at Jonesboro, the guests of Mr. J. F. Hawthorn, and enjoyed a quail hunt on their host's farm near Weston.

Mrs. G. A. Payne and little son left last Sunday for Simsboro, La., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

Mr. J. H. Gentry of Royal was in town this week attending to business matters and seeing the

ANOTHER NEW PLANING MILL

St. Louis and Winnfield Capital Will Soon Put in a
New Plant.

The fact that Winnfield is soon to have another large planing mill has just become definitely known through the leasing of a site for the plant.

The new plant will be located on the site originally purchased and prepared for the plant of the Winnfield Planing Mill Company, but which was never used. The site belongs to W. R. Guess at Quitman and it is said he has leased it for a number of years to some parties in Winnfield and St. Louis, who are organizing a company to put in a large planing mill. Contracts have been made with several mills in this territory for their entire cut of lumber to be finished in the new plant.

The information concerning this new enterprise, while authoritative, is given with the assurance that no names will be given out until some pending deals are completed and the company is organized and ready to begin active building operations. A representative of the parties who will compose the new company is now selecting the necessary machinery for the plant and it is thought the plant can be put into operation within the next few weeks.

Miss Nettie Bernstein returned last Thursday night from a visit to Monroe. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Kaliski and their little daughter Rosalia. Mr. Kaliski remained over until Monday.

Hon. J. J. Carter, formerly of Minden but late of New Orleans, died at the latter place last Saturday night. His remains were carried to Minden and interred by the Knights of Pythias brotherhood, of which he was a member.

Mr. Ed B. Tricket, of Little Rock, Ark., representing the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Co., spent Wednesday in Winnfield visiting the printing offices.

It is with regret that we announce that Hon. H. P. Gamble and little Maude Elsie are still on the sick list. It is hoped they will soon be about again.

Mr. N. D. Meyers of Whitford called at The Sentinel office Saturday to have his address changed to New Verda, to which place he has moved.

Mr. Charlie Whitehead, who has been quite sick at the residence of Mr. H. J. Perkins, is much improved.

Among the prominent business visitors to the city last Saturday was Mr. W. N. Dunn, ward two's popular police juror.

Mr. E. M. Thornton of Hickory Valley was one of the numerous visitors to this city last Saturday.

Mrs. L. Siess made a trip to Ruston this week to see her sister, who has some sickness in her family.

Mr. J. W. Boyett, Jr., of Tannehill has purchased a lot in East Winnfield and will build a residence thereon and move to town.

While in town this week Dr. A. P. Collins of Smith postoffice purchased property on Center street in East Winnfield and will have a residence built thereon for himself and family.

The Sentinel is in receipt of news of the death in Dallas, Tex., on February 23 of Mr. James C. Cammack, a former resident of this parish. A more extended notice will appear next week.

It has been nearly a week now since a new brick building was started in Winnfield. But the town will take a hand and help some by building a city hall, etc.

Mr. J. N. Whitehead of Urania has spent several days here this week with his son, Charlie, who is ill at the residence of Mr. H. J. Perkins.

Mr. L. H. Waters, of Atlanta, was among the visitors to the city yesterday. He gave this office a call.

Two and three different shows in town in one day is putting it on a little heavy.

Mr. G. M. Wyatt, of Couley, was among the business visitors to town yesterday.

TENNESSEE FOR GOOD ROADS

State Legislature Authorizes
the Issuing of Bonds
by Counties.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 27.—The Tennessee Legislature at the present session will authorize the issuance of county and city bonds in this state aggregating more than \$8,050,000, most of which will be for the improvement of public highways. Tennessee has never seen such interest manifested in road improvements, and almost every county in the state has asked for authority to issue bonds for good roads. In some counties the request is for as high as \$250,000, and in most of them more than \$50,000 is wanted. For many years the public roads of Tennessee have been kept up by labor tax, where citizens work a given number of days on the roads each year. This plan has been a bad one and the counties want to issue bonds, and get the roads at once.

For the most part the bonds will bear 5 per cent interest, and for terms of from ten to twenty-five years.

Marriage License.

The clerk of court has issued marriage license during this week to the following couples:

Laurance Aycock and Miss Lucy Weaver.

Why sleep crowded, like Moses did with his forefathers, since the Winnfield Hardware & Furniture Co. has received a straight car load of iron beds, cribs and springs. No "clams or book talk" necessary to sell them. The styles and prices will talk enough.

New residences are going up in Winnfield on the wholesale order, no less than a dozen under construction at the same time.

Dr. B. H. Talbot of Dodson was a visitor to this city Tuesday.

Spring seems to be with us in earnest now.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY NEAR ALOHA

Aged Couple's Dead Bodies
Found Several Days
After Death.

Colfax, La., Feb. 27.—One of the most horrible tragedies that ever occurred in Grant parish was discovered at noon yesterday, when the dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billis were found at their home at Aloha, nine miles north of this city. The crimes are believed to have been committed by robbers last Saturday.

A gentleman passing the Billis home saw the dead body of Mrs. Billis in the front yard. It was riddled with bullets.

The parish authorities were immediately notified and Sheriff Swafford and Acting Coroner Dr. Good hurried to the scene. They began an investigation and from one of the windows of the house they saw Mr. Billis' body in bed, partly covered. They entered the room and found two bullet holes in the man's head and two gashes in the neck. A pistol and a knife, both bloody, were found on the floor. Footprints of a man who had walked in blood were seen all over the floor. The house had not been ransacked.

Mr. Billis was one of the wealthy men of Grant parish. He is said to have been worth about \$50,000. It is the general belief that the house was visited by robbers who learned that a few days ago Billis collected several hundred dollars from a lumber company to which he sold a large quantity of timber. If this money was found by robbers they left no trace of their search as the house was in good order. No money was found by the officers.

Billis was 66 years of age. He was a native of France and has many relatives in that country. He is also related to several residents of this parish. Mrs. Billis was widely known in this section. The family had no children.

The reason the officers believe the murders were committed last Saturday is because several neighbors have been found who heard shooting in the vicinity of the Billis home Saturday night. No one who saw Mr. or Mrs. Billis alive since Saturday has been found.

The officers admit that they are without the slightest clew as to the guilty parties.

The coroner has begun an inquest.

Bloating after eating, indigestion, flatulence or water brash, may be quickly corrected through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It strengthens digestion, cleanses and regulates the bowels. Smith & Grisham Drug Co., special agents.

A car load of Red R and Beacon Flour and corn meal just received and an making prices that will move it. Call and get yours.
J. N. HUFFMAN, Phone 125.

All around blacksmith wanted at Winnfield. Apply to C. S. Yost, back of Sentinel office.

Nearly everybody attended the carnival and seemed to enjoy it.

For Sale.
An improved place with 40 acres of land, on the Rock Island Railroad between Dugdeemonia and Tannehill, no timber. Apply to J. T. Warner, Hudson, La. 2-1-1m