## My dear Wrs Cather:

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband. I regret that I had not heard about his death. I would not have burdened you with such a request so soon.

In reality, it was the letter from the Mrs. Cather in Asnasa that brought up the possibility we might obtain facts about St. Clair local history through your branch of the family.

We plan a trip to Montgovery and will do our best to get photostatic copies of naterial for our own library.

If in the future you find you can rake any further contribution to the information about St. Clair County-it will be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Sa ah B. Holland Regional Librarian



## A. H. CATHER PUBLISHING COMPANY

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BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA

July 24, 1959

Coosa Valley Regional Library
Mrs. Sarah B. Holland, Regional Librarian
Pell City, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Holland;

I am sorry I have been this long answering your letter in regard to information of the Cather family. As you no doubt know, Mr. Cather passed away on June 2nd after a long illness. I did not realize how near I was to complete exhaustion until the end, and have not felt well enough to do anything except the things that were absolutely necessary.

Mr. Cather was very much interested in his family history and had worked dilligently at his family tree and has quite a lot of information on his ancestors, all compiled and in order. I am not too familiar with it and it will take some time for me to get into it and try to find the information you asked for. Sometime later when I feel equal to it my som and I will go over all this and try to be of some help to you. Right now I do not feel like I can get into it.

A few years back Mr. Cather turned over to the Dept. of State Archives and History at Montgomery a lot of papers and information on the Cather family and I understand they have a display of them there. A Miss Maude Kelly was then connected with the department and came to see Mr. Cather several times and made photostat copies MACK of a lot of material.

Mr. Cather's people came from Maryland I believe. His father was the only one of a large family that sided with the south when in the war between the states, all of his brothers fought in the union army, so it is just possible the Mrs. L. A. Cather of Belle Paline, Kansas is a descendant of one of his brothers.

I am sorry I cannot be of any more help to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. H. Cather

ms. a. N. Cather

Belle Plaine, Kansas June 2, 1959

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City Librarian Pell City St. Clair County Alabama

Dear Madam:

In looking for references in my research on the Cather-Cather's famalies I found a reference which Wichita Library does not have. As I do not know where it is published, I thought I would write to you.

The book is "History of St. Clair County", Alabama by William Cather.

I shall be glad to pay you-or some one whom you may be able to secure- for sending me a sketch on Mr, Cather, himself, or if he is living, will you give me his address?

If there is anything about the Cather's in America, Scotland, England, Ireland, I would like to have a copy of those items.

We know of a Robert Cather and wife Sarah, from Scotland and their son, William Cather born there in 1737. Our own colonial Ancestor is Jasper Cather and he hasd a brother Robert. We suspect they came to America from Northern Ireland, but we do not know whether they were born there or went to Ireland during some of the religious troubles.

This is a hobby in our family, so the gathering of Cather Data is nor commercial project.

Will you kindly tell us what you can do to help us?

Sincerely

(Mrs.) L. A. Cather

Mrs. L. A. Cather Belle Plaine, Kansas

Dear Trs. Cather:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June S, 1959 in regards to the book "Mistory of St. Clair County, Alabama "by William Cather.

At the present time we are making every effort to obtain all books relating to the history of St. Glair County. We are very sorry we do not have the book you mentioned, and have not heard of the book.

The Cather's have never lived in Pell City, but Belton Cather had the first newspaper in the County and was an old timer in Ashville, Alabama where he published the paper. We have located his daughter, Fiss Neva Cather, Route 2, Box 401, Sylacauga, Alabama. We believe she might be able to help you. We are forwarding your letter to her.

If you write any articles pertaining to the Cather family we would appreciate a carbon copy for our files in the library.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Sarah B. Holland Regional Librarian

SBH/sme

Miss Neva Cather Route 2, Box 401 Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Miss Cather:

Enclosed is a letter we received last week, which is self explanatory.

We thought you might be able to give Mrs. Cather some information about the Cather family. and where she might be able to obtain such information.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Sarah B. Holland Regional Librarian

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## Typed Version of the Documents in this Folder

# (this document is in the process of being translated. The pages are not in order)

(Heading) WM. Cather - Attorney At Law

Ashville, Alabama Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897

Hon. Thomas Owen

Washington D. C.

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My dear Owen:

Permit me to thank you most heartily for your esteemed letter of 7/12, 97, containing valuable suggestions, etc., and acknowledging receipt of papers containing first sketches of my articles on St. Clair history. The suggestions you are kind enough to offer me are exactly what I should have followed in the preparation of these sketches. But I found it next to impossible to interest our people, even those who aught properly to be deeply interested, in the idea of preserving the county's history before the old settlers shuffled off this mortal coil. Then during most of the time within the last 12 years (having commenced this work in 1885) I have been out of the state.

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and for the more important purpose of preserving them. I find that St. Clair's public records have been much mutilated and little regard seems to have been (?) for her future by her early officials. In fat my pathway through the domain of history seems to be beset with a labyrinth of difficulties. Rest assured, however, I will follow your suggestions as much as I can, for I would like to help you in your great work of compiling a history of the state. It is an evidence of your patriotic spirit which I am happy to point to worthy of emulation among the young manhood of our state. Success to your undertaking, and I desire you to command me where I can serve you. Now I should like so much to give a full acc't of the Jackson

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Campaign in the county and of the (?) here in his army. The battle of Littlep, Ft. St, his march to Talledega, and his exploits in this neighborhood - Blount, St.Clair, Calhoun, and Talladega. Also my (\_?\_) Indian history.

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P. and Elizabeth McCurdy; 10. Elizabeth Rebecca, b. July 27, 1837, d. February 17, 1912, m. August 12, 1857, St. John Louis Tavel; 11. Richard Bohun b. February 18, 1840, d. May 4, 1912. Last residence: Selma.

CATHER, E. C., journalist and weather observer of St. Clair County. Deceased. Last residence: Center.

CATHER, GEORGE ROBERTS, editor, publisher and meteorologist, was born November 10, 1836, in Baltimore, Kent Co., Md.; son of William and Rachel (Plummer) Cather. The father, who became an architect and contracfather, who became an architect and contractor of Baltimore, was born April 3, 1811, in Port Deposit, Md., son of Robert Roberts and Hannah (McCullough) Cather, who lived in Rising Sun, Cecil County, Md. The family was of Irish and English origin and was founded in Maryland after the Revolutionary War. George Roberts Cather began his edu-cation in the schools of Baltimore and later attended Washington College, Chestertown (Old Baltimore), Md. At the age of twentyone years he was admitted to the Baltimore bar and practiced his profession until he entered the army; later practiced at Hillsville; Va.; taught school at Centre, Ala.; and in 1873 established a newspaper at Ashville, Ala. He was a member of the Press Association and was state orator when it convened at Mobile in 1877. At one time he served as mayor of Ashville and was a member of the state board of convicts during the administration of Governor Jones; was a member of the county Democratic executive committee; and his name was proposed as a candidate for the state legislature but he withdrew in favor of another. During the War of Secession he enlisted September 20, 1862, and was made cornstea September 20, 1002, and was made con-poral of Co. D, First Maryland Cavalry bat-talion under Major Brown. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; served as steward and superintendent of the Sunday school; and was ordained a minister of the gospel but his doctrine was unfavorable to this element and he retired from preaching. At one time he was a Mason; was one of the first advocates of prohibition in the country, also of white supremacy in state and politics; was devoted to the cause of science, religion and education; believed in the divine origin of man and preached it; devoted a great deal of study to translation and explanation of Bible meanings and mythology, of hiero-glyphics, and published many articles on these subjects in the Southern Aegis, which paper he founded and edited; made many interesting he founded and edited; made many interesting observations and some discoveries in weather phenomena and astronomy; and was the author of "Dora's Device" and many manuscripts not published in book form. Married: September 18, 1867, in Lovingston, Va., to Harriet Hart Heath, daughter of Dr. Harlow William and Julia Beckley (Hart) Heath, of Lovingston, Nelson County, Va. Her father was elected president of Newton University. Baltielected president of Newton University, Baltimore, 1847, and at one time was a member of the Maryland legislature. The Hart family

came from England with the Pilgrim fathers and settled at Berlin, near Hartford, Conn.; the Heaths settled at Hennegar, N. H. Among Mrs. Cather's ancestors were Gen. Beckley, a Revolutionary officer, and Josiah Bartlett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Children: 1 W. H., lawyer of Centre, Ala., m. Cora Webb; 2. B. B., editor of Ashville Aegis, m. Rhoda Bowlin; 3. Bays D., of Pell City, Ala., m. Daisy Kilgroe; 4. A. Heath, of Birmingham, m. Pearl Johnson; 5. Marcis Ney and 6. Ancel Lyle, both of Birmingham. Last residence: Ashville, Ala.

CATO, LEWIS L., lawyer, was born in Hancock County, Ga., and died December 4, 1868, in Barbour County, Ala., where he spent the greater part of his life, successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He was prominent in public affairs and represented Earbour County in the state senate from 1861 to 1865. He was a brother of Sterling G. Cato, who was also a native of Georgia and became an attorney of Barbour County, Ala., but removed to Kansas during the slavery agitation there, being appointed United States judge in that state; subsequently practiced in St. Louis, Mo., where he died about 1867. Last residence: Barbour County, Ala.

CATTERLIN, S. E., member of the constitutional convention of 1861, from Choctaw County.

CAULK, JACOB, soldier of the American Revolution, aged 85, resided in Madison County, June 1, 1840, with John H. Webster.—Census of Pensioners, 1841, p. 148.

CAWTHON, ALEXANDER W., druggist, was born January 2, 1841, in Eutaw, Greene County, Ala., a son of W. T. and Sarah (Camp) Cawthon, natives of Georgia and North Carolina, respectively; and accompanied his parents on their removal to Whistler, Ala., where the father engaged in business as an architect and merchant for some years, but later lived retired at Stonewall, Miss. Alexander W. Cawthon was educated at Barton Academy, Mobile, and when sixteen years of age began clerking in his brother's drug store in that city, remaining there until he entered the C. S. Army. In 1861 he enlisted in Woodruff's Rifles—the Twenty-first Alabama regiment, but owing to his superior knowledge of the drug business he was soon afterward appointed hospital steward and served as such until the close of the In 1865 he became identified with the drug business in Selma, as a member of the firm of Cawthon & McVoy, and later as a member of the firm of Cawthon & Coleman, conducting one of the largest drug stores in the state. He was also a director of the Selma Land, Improvement & Furnace Company and a very public spirited and progressive business man. Married: in April, 1867, to Laura J. Keith, daughter of Thomas A. and Adelaide Keith, of Winchester, Tenn. Children: 1. Marshall O.; 2. Carrie L.; 3. Alexander K.;

Emma Hart Gannaway was from ASHVILLE, daughter of the well-known Belton B. Cather, printer and editor of THE SOUTHERN AEGIS, ST. CLAIR COUNTY newspaper

for 50 years.

When I saw Mrs. P. D. Chisolm, we both began to laugh, for we have happy memories of her Eleanor and my Dixie growing up together in Girl Scout camp, and recalled their antics. Brought up in ALBERTVILLE, Zola Hall Chisolm's folks were teachers and preachers for

several generations.

For years I lived in BIR-MINGHAM'S EAST LAKE, cat-a-corner across from Mrs. George Williams' big white house. Her father, J. D. Truss, born at FERRYVILLE in ST. CLAIR COUNTY, was a civil engineer in BIRMING-HAM, a City Commissioner, and legislator. When he married Annie Jones from CROP-WELL in 1887, the same year that Howard College moved from MARION to BIRMING-HAM, he built that handsome house where Saura Truss Williams was born and still lives.

Her mother died at the age of 100 years only a short while ago. All of his life, Laura's brother, Tom Truss, stopped by to see her every night on his way home from his tire store to his home in ROE-BUCK, and he still keeps it up

to look after his sister.
I told Mrs. Williams that
the Trusses' son, Tom Jr., married a girl I had known when she was a child in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Her stepfather was my sister's Episco-pal minister. Mrs. Tom Truss taught my Dixie music for

years.

Mrs. C. E. Ramsey (Gladys Martin) serving at the foot of the table, is the granddaughter of the late Major Richard Henry Lee Whorton, Civil War hero. A merchant of OLD ELYTON in 1870, he owned property ad-joining Arlington, which he exchanged for a farm in BLOUNT COUNTY to protect his family during the BIR-MINGHAM cholera epidemic of 1872.

So you see what fine memories can be stirred up by an old-time Christmas dinner, prepared by loving hands and hearts inherited from gentle folk of Alabama's Long Ago.

Birmingham, Ala January 27, 1965

Dear Mrs. Holland; Our family dole not have a copy of the History of St. Clair County. Paper gave all his papers to Mrs Marie Bankhead Cours and they are now in the archive Building in Montgomery. I hope I Can go to Montgomery and read the papers. I house I I hope you succeed in Svealing Them. Emma Hart Gammanay

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The death rate at New Orleans from rellow fever reached the 100 mark on the 18th.

The Health board of Montgomery 'ormally decided Oct 18th that here were two cases of vollow fever in he capital city and it was believed stners existed.

That was an unfortunate happenng for Baylor College, Texas. The nob made it worse, and, perhaps, ras the bad feature about it. Mobs mre no evils of any kind. They alrays make things worse.

Charles A Danna, of the New York Sun, is dead. Several years ago the Sun was the most popular paper in he coutry; but its venerable editor ost grip on the people when he itook ides against Cleveland and never egnined it.

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There are still others yet who need o become wiser if sauder, thatiway; east they think so; and nothing but xperience will cure there. So it is erhaps, best to let them try it.

### JUDGE GEO. E. BREWER.

We learn from Judge Geo. E. Brewer's friends that he will be a candidate for the nomination before the judicial convention for the office which he now holds. The judge went on the bench a comparative ly young man, at once coming in contact with the influence of able. skilled and shrewd lawyers-some of years of experience and many years his senior in the practice-yet he has comported himself with dignity in bls profession and to the character of the responsible position i e now holds

During the brief time he has presided, perhaps, he has given as little cause for complaint as others of more advanced age and greater experience when suddenly brought in contact with a new position, involving duties of weighty concern, requiring skill and tamiliarity with them in their discharge.

While the Æois advocates no man's aspirations for office and takes reserves its right as the exponent of a healthy public sentiment to commend the faithful, and it believes Judge Brewer is a conscientious man who seeks to do right on the bench. in the discharge of a public trust.

The Jefferson county bimetallie league is five weeks old and has 800 members. This shows that the public mind in Jesserson is not much afflicted with the silver dogma. The truth is that there is no issue on bimetalism. The question is only whether the privilege shall be granted mine owners to have the product of their mines minted at 16 to 1.

In other words the issue is; Shall the silver mine owners be permitted to coin their product at a value of 59 and circulate it at 100 cents on an equality with a gold dollar the metal of which is worth 100 cents, and at the same time make it a legal tender in the transaction of business? Don't the people know if such a policy were once inaugurated into law it would be ruinous to them in the end?-that it would also be ruinous to the credit of both the general government and state govern mentishat it would finally paralize investments of every sort? Don't the people know to day that it is the outery for the policy-so dangerous and threatening to the life of great enterprises—which is stagnating business and alarming to capital? If they don't know these things they should speedily learn them; for his not likely there will be any great sign of improvement in the south and west except such as the natural outcome of the two sections in their production, as long as this silver heresy seems to predominate public sentiment in the two sections Limited bimetalism is a good thing perhaps; but the wholesale dectrine set as let a middle ground of free coinage at a ratio of 16; to 1

## HISTORY OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

By Wm. H. Cather.

THE COUNTY SEAT.

St. Clair county, "including thirty acres, agreeably to the plan of said town." On first Monday in Feb 1823 an election is to be held at the house of John Cunningham, in the town, and on the same day every year thereafter, for the purpose of electing by ballot four councillors, to serve for one year. An in to be chosen by them. An intendant is to be chosen by them. They are given general corporate powers, and may hold property to the amount of \$10,006. The intendant and council \$10,000. The intendant and council are clothed with the same powers. and subject to same restriction, as in the act governing Montgomery, passed Dec 3, 1819. (Toulmin's Digest, p. 846.)

Dec 31, 1822. An act was passed authorizing the judge of the county court and the commissioners of roads no stock in partizan politics, it still and revenues of the county, "to levy an extra tax on all persons and property in the county subject to taxa-tion", not to exceed one-half of amount of the state tax, to be collected by the tax collector and paid out by him "to the commissioners appointed to superintend the public buildings for said county. It further provides "that all acts already, or hereafter to be performed by the commissioners to superintend the public buildings in St. Clair county, shall be considered lawful and con-clusive." They are to be paid out of They are to be paid out of the county treasury \$100 per day while officially engaged. (Toulmin's

Digest p 160.) Dec 15, 1824 Act passed appointing John Massey. Amos Roling and Moses Leister, agents for St. Clair county, "to select one quarter section of land [in St. Clair county, in pursuance to an act of congress, passed May the 26th, 1824 granting to the counties and parisnes in each state and territory, in the United States, where the public lands are situated, pre-emption rights to one quarter section of land in trust for the said counties at parishes, respectively for the establishment of seats of justice therein." In case the agents or any of them die, remove resign or refuse to act, the judge of the county court to fill the vacancy. It is made the duty of the agents to select and obtain titles to said quarter section, and that as soon as they obtain legal titles, they are to proceed to offer same for sale, in such manner as they may think advisable," and best calculated to promote the true interests of the said county." giving title to purchasers. They are empowed to borrow money to secure the said quarter section, and to repay same out of proceeds of the sale thereof. They are to receive five per cent of the amount of the sales. (Acts, 1924-25, p 65-68.)

Jan 15, 1828. Act passed authorizing judge of county court and commissioners of roads and revenues "to levy a county tax on the same objects that are now taxable by law not

to exceed 25 per cent on the state tax Dec 12, 1822, an act was passed incorporating the town of Ashville, in collected as county taxes. When collected the tax-collector is "to pay said tax into the hands of the commissioners of the public buildings for said county", whose duty shall be to apply same for purposes directed. (Acts, 1827-28, p.63.)

Jan 9, 1836. Act incorporating Asn ville including thirty actes agreea-ble to the plan of said town." Elections to be held at the court house 1st Monday in Feb in each and every!year for five councillors, an intendant to be chosen by them. term of office for one year. To have general corporate powers, and to hold property to the amount of \$10,-000 —Acts. 1835-36, p 100.

Feb 1 3839. Act passed providing that the judge and county commis-rioners be authorized to levy and have assessed and collected in St. Chair county" a tax, by four annual installments, sufficient to erect a court house and jail in said county." They were given power "to appoint first commissioners to contract for, and superintend the building of a court house and jail." But the act is not to go into effect until. "by election at the general election, the sense of the people to be favorable to the provisions of this act."—Acts 1838—39, p 81.

Jan 23, 1840. Act passed authorizing and requiring the index of the

ing and requiring the judge of the county court and the commissioners of roads and revenues "to levy a special tax upon the persons and property of the citizens of 3t. Chir county, of one hundred per cent upon the county levy every year for five succeeding years, for the pur-pose of building a jail in said coun-Alem eth Byers, Littleton Yurbrough, William Little, Jesse A Collins, and John F. Dill are appointed commissioners to carry out the act for the erection of the jail.—Acts

1839-40, p 93. Nov 21, 1840. Act passed empowering the commissioners of roads and revenues to appropriate "of the surplus fund" in the county treasury not less than \$1000 and as much more as they deem proper, "to the erecting of a jail in said county.

The commissioners appointed t superintend the erection of a jail to he paid this money for use in paying the contractor, then no mere taxes shall be imposed, etc.—1840—41, p.96.

Dec 26, 1843. Act passed providing special tax to build a court house in

St. Clair county.

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James, John F Dill, and Jehn Edards are appointed commissioners to execute the act, with full discretionary power as to the building of said court house. If the amount raised the first year be not sufficient to defray the expenses, the commissioners of ronds and revenues are required to levy a tax from year to year until a sufficient sum is raised. etc.-Acts 1848-44, p 30.

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About the Boys' Crops.

No. 2--Fred Watson's.

Some farmers not only young ones, but of all ages-are almost invariably, at planfing season, picking out the softest piece of ground-that which doesn't require much preparan be no tion for planting-and turning out id suf- the "sticky" land, which is subject to big clods and which requires some labor to prepare it, for a pasture or to grow up in rag weeds, etc., doing

This is almost universally the case with the average renter. If he can-not get land-drowned bottom, or 'self-pulverizing" soil he will take none. But though this be the rule, to pa- there are a few exceptions, and these exceptions consist of nervy boys and men who are willing to go about the work set before them without mutter-

> I say there are few exceptions and among these exceptions are Fred and Clifton Watson. That they were assisted to some degree by their "big brother". Marvin, is true, but this does not alter the fact that, in undertaking and succeeding in accomplishing a task which has baffled many before them, they certainly display a character of true "stickability", and of living for a purpose.

Beginning in the early spring on a piece of ground, so tough and cloudy tisfied that it could hardly be broken up ducing with a two horse plow, these boys I than tugged and toiled with all the enerof its gy available in their young muscles. until after two or three plowings and th less a liberal use of a disc harrow, they had the land spoken of in a moderately fair shape for planting, but eyen when the corn was planted there was no lack of big clods which prevented a stand after several replantings.

But to go through the field of which ild he we speak, now, and which is on the northwest side of Ashville, if you are an admirer of anything good accomplished by hard work you will see just ressed what the ÆGIS has always contendother; ed. that the harder and more difficult some of our land is to cultivate, if given proper care and strict attent the tion, the better will be its yield.

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## HISTORY OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

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CHAPTER V.

FORMATION OF THE COUNTY; ITS BOUNDARIES.

The Creek war closed with the splendid victory of Gen. Jackson over the Indians at Ft. Jackson in March 1814. In the fall of the year. Ang. 9, 1814, the formal treaty of capitulation was signed. On the part of the United States this war was justly regarded as "unprovoked, inhuman and sanguinary," and the government demanded an equivalent in land for all expenses incurred in its prosecution. Gen. Jackson and Col Benjamin Hawkins represented the United States, and it was not until after a months tiresome negotiation that the treaty was signed. The land ceeded included all of the country claimed by the Creeks west of the Coosa river, and south of a line running southeast from about Wetumpka to the Chattahoocha river a little below Eufaula. The northern and western limits of the cession being undefined, treatles were concluded with the other Indian tribes On Sept 44, 1816 the Cherokees ceeded all their claims to lands south of the Tennessee, and west of a small tract north of the Coosa river. On Sept. 20, 1819, a cession was made by the Chickasaws of all their lands north of the Tennessee river and also all south of that river, east of Canoe creek, and also east of a line from the source of this creek due south to Gaines road, thence along this road to Cotton Gin Port, and from the west branch of the Tombiguee to the Choctaw boundary.

On Oct. 24, 1816 the Choctaws relinquished all of their claims to thence along the boundary of said lands east of the Tombiguee. It will be seen at a glance that these cessions included practically all of the country south of the Tennessee and lying between the Coosa and Tombigbee rivers.

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Fort Williams to the beginning. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That all that tract of country included in the following boundary lines, viz: Beginning at the northwest corner of the county of Shelby, and from thence running along the nidge dividing the waters of the Black Warrior from those of the Cabawba and Coosa rivers to the Cherokee boundary line, thence along said line to the Coosa river, thence down said river to the coun y of Shelby, and county to the beginning, shall form one county to be called and known by the name of St. Clair.

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Fred has a big cotton patch also and is having it picked now. carried the the Junior the patch and gave us all the watmetons we could eat. While this cotton has not ater might tained a full height yet it is full of bolls and will make a good yield

These boys have a good crop and the Junior congratulates them upon ty of gold their success.

### No 3. - Forney Turner's.

Forney is another hard working boy who spends most of his time doing profitable work in the field and a great deal of what is left in acquiring ki owledge-mostly through the justructive columns of the ÆGIS. Forney, like many other boys who have earned their clothing, good etc. by sweat and muscle, though having farmed before this year can look back upon 1897 as the first year s which he made a crop all his own With the help of his little brother. Burt, and the instruction derived through reading the ÆGIS, also the portive to advice received from his father together with the natural energy he stands out as a thorough business serve-10 boy, knowing that all the pleasure he takes with his playmates he has justly earned and can spend his past time with a clear conscience and a iglad heart.

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bigbee rivers.

Anticipating early efforts at set-Mississippi territory, by proclamation, created all of the lands ceded Aug 9, 1814 into the county of Monroe. On Dec. 9, 1815, the territorial legislature provided for its organization. At this time the settled parts of this almost limitless county lay along the east side of the Alabama river, the settlers having principally entered from the adjoining counties on the west and south. A large influx of settlers, coming in mostly from Ga., and settling on the Alabama and Coosa rivers, in the vicinity of Ft. Jackson, necessitated the creation, by the territorial legislature, of the new county of Montgomery, Dec 6, 1816, with Ft. Jackson as the place for holding courts.

In the northern part of the cession. now comprising the countles lying south of the Tennessee river, permanent settlements were first made just across that river about 18.5. In the previous year various adventurous explorers had probably prospected over the whole of the upper re-gion; and it is not unlikely that the soldiers from Tennessee in the Creek wars had treasured up in their memory beautiful localities to which they expected to return. No evidence exists of earlier permanent settlements than in 1815. By the end of this year and the spring of 1816, settle- and mark the boundary lines be-ments had been made in "Bear tween their respective counties, and Yeat Cabin" (now Blountsville,) that the expense of running and Cahaba Valley in St Clair and Shet- marking said lines be paid equally by counties, Jones and Roupe's valleys in Jefferson county and "the Falls of the Warrior," now Tuscaloosa. From Madison county the immigrants went down the old Indian trace, now the Huntsville road in part, leading from Ditto's Landing to Mud Town on the Cahaba. Large numbers came down the Tennessee river on flat boats and landed at Deposit or Gunter's Landing. The road from North Georgia, by which those from that state and also from South Carolina reached this section, crossed the Chattabooches river at the upper Shallow Ford, passed through Rome, Ga., crossed Will'screek near Bennettsville (now near Attalla), and thence along the east side of the mountains.

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SEC. 3 And be it further enacted That there shall be holden in and for the said county of St. Clair, in each year, a superior court of law tlement, Gov. David Holmes of the and equity, on the second Monday's in March and September, and there shall be holden in and for the said county of St. Clair in each year, a county court on the third Monday's in March and Sentember, and an intermediate court, on the fourth mondays in December and June.

SEC 4 And be it further enacted. That for the time being, the said courts for the said county of St. Chair, shall be holden at the house of Alexander Brown, and that the said courts in and for the said county of Shelby, shall hereafter be lolden at the bouse of Benjamin May. But the said courts may respectively for want of necessary buildings at the several places herein designated for holding the same, adjourn to such other places contiguous thereto, as may seem most proper.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted. That the superior, county and intermediate courts herein required to be holden, may respectively continue their sessions six judicial days, and

no longer.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted. That the county courts of said county of Shelby and St. Clair, and of the counties adjoining them, as far as their boundaries are the same respectively, shall appoint one or more commissioners each, to run by the counties appointing said commissioners.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That all suits, actions and plaints, now pending and undetermined in the superior or county courts in the said counties of Shelby, Cahawba and St. Clair shall and may be tried and determined in the superior or county court (as the case may be) of the county wherin the original process therein may have been returned.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted. That the said county of St. Clair shall be entitled to one representative, and the said county of Shelby; two, and no more, any taw to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. V. WALKER, (Signed) Speaker of House of Representatives.

JAMES LITUS, President of the Legislative Council. Approved 20th November, 1818.

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We are convinced that so far as energy, industry, intelligence etc., are concerned Forney is there; aor did he acquire his knowledge of things in reader of the Æ::is ' nd of the leading f rm journals of the country he is fully able to converse on all crop subjects You would be surprised to find out now much this boy knows.

We will give you No 4 next week.

The formal visit of President Mc-Kinley to the grave of old John Brown, of Kansas infamy, was another of his cool insults to southern republicans, and emphasizes his act in turning white men out of office in Georgia and appointing negroes in their stead. John Brown was a thief and a murderer, and as such. was apprehended, tried and execured under the laws or the United States, as history shows, before the war. Special honor and respect shown the memory of such a man by the chief executive of the nation makes an unnecessary display of bitter, petty partisanship. Oneonta News-Dispatch.

It does more in encouraging ruscality, villainy and crime; and we Lula doubt not has much to do with such displays as have disgraced the fair thment name of our country, as the Coxev movement on Washington, and the Debs parade of anarchists and revolutionizers than any other incentive Court, known to riot,

grent in the three jonowing verts that the first Territorial Legislature of Alabama, which met at St. Stephens, Washington Co., in Feb. 1818. found one of its first duties in forming county government for the new communities. Only seven counties existed at the formation of the territory in 1817. The first legislature created thirteen new ones, and among them, formed Feb. 7, 1818, was Shelby, so named in honor of Gov. Isaac Shelby, of Ky. As its upper part comprises the present St. Clair, the boundaries contained in Sec. 1 of the act are given in full:

"I hat hereafter all that tract of country lying west of the Cherokee boundary line; south and east of the county of Blount, and north of a line to be drawn from west to east through the southern extremity of the Cahaba Valley, from the eastern boundthe school room, but, being a constant ary of said county of Blount to C osa river, and thence up said river to where it is intersected by the said Cherokee boundary, to be called and known by the name of Shelby.

> Provision was made for holding courts for the county of Shelby at the house of William S. Wallace

On Feb. 6, the day previous, Blount county had been formed.

The second session of the territoritorial legislature which convened in November 1818 created St. Clair county out of the upper part of Shelby. and from its importance the act is printed in full. 'It will appear from the foregoing that the present limits of St. Clair have successively been a part of Montgomery and Shelby counties, but it may be said that no governmental functions appear have been exercised ever its people by the first two counties.

The act from which the county of St. Clair dates its origin is as follows:

An act to alter and ascertain more particularly the boundaries of the county of Sheiby and to lay off a new county in the northeast part there f, to be called and known by the name

of St. Clair county.

SECTION 1 Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Alabama Territory in General Assembly convened, That Shelby county shall hereafPresident of the Legislative Council. Approved 20th November, 1818.

WM. W. BIBB. Governor of the Alabama Territory, (Acts of the General Assembly of the Alabama Territory, 2nd session, 1818, page 18.)

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Ashville, Alabama.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

The State of Alabama, St Clair County.

In Chancery at Ashville, Ala., 14th District, Northeastern Chancery Division.

New England Mortgage Security Company, vs.

David Ginn, et als.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. R. Dixon, one of the solicitors of record for the complainant in the foregoing entitled cause that the defendant, David Ginn, is a non-resident of the state of Alabama; that he resides in the state of Mississippi but his particular place of residence in said state is unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said afflant, the defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Reg. ister, that publication be made in the Southern Ægis, a newspaper published in the town of Ashville, said county, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said David Ging to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 27th day of September, 1897, and failing so to do, a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office, Ashville, this 23rd day of August, 1897.

JAMES A. EMBRY, aug. 26 -4w. Register.

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This enterprise will be of great value to the people of St Cleir who have beretofore bud very little means of fapid communication with the out ad less money side world. It will also be of benefit to Gad-den by bringing trade here.

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CHAPTER V.

PORMATION OF THE COUNTY; ITS BOUNDARIES.

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Act passed providing Jan. 1828. withat the civil and crimbal jurisdiction of the circuit court of St. Clair and Shelby counties, be, and the same is hereby extended sons to be concurrent in the Creek Nution. with the jurisdiction given to the eizenit court of Antanga county, by un net, entitled an act, to extend the civil and criminal jurisdiction of this state over so much of the Creek Nation, as was ceeded under the treaty of the Indian Springs of 1825. within the chartered limits of the state of Alabama, approved Jan. 12th, 1827; and that powers equal to those given by said act to the circuit court of Autauga, and hereby in all Pelmerite respects extended to the circuit court of St. Clair and Shethy coun-'... Acts., 1827-28, p30.

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Jan. 9, 1886. An county of St. Cleue; An act to divide be

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heroken. Septeat all that tract of Sec. 2 country, bound das follows, viz., bevisiting at the aforesald ford on Big Will's creek, mear William Holloway's (thence running up said creek to the mouth of time creek to the Raccoon mountain near Edward Cox's, so as to beeve said Cox in Plount county, thence running as practicable on the top of said moundin in a northeastern direction to the Georgia line, in a southeastern ofreetlan to the ridge of mountains specified in the preceeding section. thence along said ridge as bear the top of said rutge as may be practicaon Big he, to the aforesald ford Will's creek, near said Holloway's, shall form one separate and distinct county to be known and called by the name of DeKalb." -- Acts 1825-6.

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Of course Daniels has the plank to stand on for himself and a constructo the time of of it for those who don't stand on it. s been proven. Everybody who can read and has gin in 2. shall be added to and form a of office.-Cane- examined the lissue knows that the governor has Daniels in a hole.

> The socialists who are denouncing and detying the federal judges are working for reform in the right way. Age-Hernid.

By no means; but they are consistently carrying out their object. The court, and of the orphan's court and i is going to be, Chicago platform gives a countenance at least to their trade.

## About the Boys' Crops.

No. 4.- arl Cox.

Earl and Conty Cox have twenty thering their agree in corn and sixteen in cotton, ich to them just and are two of the hardest working aramount import boys in the county. I don't think they have spent one day idling during the year, but if this be a mictake been started at gold fields, with cerned all the holiday they have received; but they have done more than this in being great factors in place. The pa- keeping their father's business on has comfortable to t during the panic season which i, and has reduc- has recently ended, by toiling under scriptions from Sol's warm rays and amidst "Old not yet climbed Borens' "furious sweeps. Unlike a great many boys of his age Bari loves werk and without something to d 19cls almost lost. He has a larger crop in them most boys could work, thence to James Givins, in Cahawba secreticzzy leeks and from the looks of it, it appears valley, so as to include the Robertince another man to pave end pretty good attention

Eart is one of our best friends and ertain parties are we take pleasure letting the world know, through the columns of the Hais, that when he is not employed an stage. If so in doing the work on the farm, etc., he is busy doing the chores about to make a draw- the house, or waiting on the rush in this act, shall be added to and consverage American his lather's store. In fact he is sel-Com, if ever found unemployed, and all south of said line shall be added if three-fourths of the boys in the south were of his kind there would county, except as hereafter provided.

Polmerite respects extended to the circuit; court of St. Clair and Sherby counties." - Acts., 1827-28, p30.

Jan. 29, 1829. Act passed providner "That all the territory within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning on the bank of Coesa river at the month of Kiamulga creek, and running thence with McIntosh's road to the Georgia line; thence with the said line northwardly to the boundary line between the Creek and Cheroke nations; thence westwardly with the said last named boundary to the mouth of Will's creek on Coose; thence down Coose to the bepart of the county of St. Chir." The limits of Shelby, Montgomery and Pike were in like manner extended eastward to include the lands of the Creek Nation, the whole wet being entitled: "An act to extend the jurisdietion of the state or Alabama over the Creek Nation.

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the countries.

It is made the duty of the court of roads and revenue in the countres on the 1st Monday in July, 1829, or shortly thereafter, to appoint a suituble person "to make an accurate census of the Indian population residing in his county, XXX noting the log in his county, XXX noting the Division, number of mixed blood, and also the New England Mortgage Security number of slaves owned by the lu-dimpopulation," and to make return to the clerk of the county court. and a so to secretary of state. He is to be paid \$3.00 per day. Nothing in the act is to be construed "as to the Indians", until same is specially fendant, David Ginn, is a non-resi-1828-29 pp 59-60.

Act passed rearrang-Jan. 15, 831. ing, deduing and belonging the lines between the countles of Shelby, Jefferson and St Clair, It declares: Shelby, ! That hereafter, the line di-Sec. L. viding the counties of Shelby and St Chir, shall be as follows, to-witbeginning on the Coosa river, at the mouth of Kellie's creek; thence up said creek to Castleberries old mill: sons on Kellies creek, in Shelly county; thence northwest to Cahawhariver, so as to include suld Clyins in St. Chir county; thence up said river to the line of Jefferson county.

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The State of Alabama, St Clair County.

In Chancery at Ashville, Ala., 14th District, Northeastern Chancery -Division.

Company, vs.

David Ginn, et ais.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. R. Dixon, one of the solicitors of record for the complainant in the impose taxation or militia duty on loregoing entitled cause that the deauthorized by the legislature .- Acts | dom of the state of Alabama; that he resides in the state of Mississippi but his particular piace of residence in said state is unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said ufflant, the defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in the SOUTHERN AGIS, a newspaper published in the town of Ashville, said county, once a week for four consecurive weeks, requiring him, the said David Clint to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 27th day of September, 1897, and failing so to do, a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said

seastlaste.

Done at office, Ashville, this 23rd day of August, 1897.

JAMES A. EMBRY. Register. avg. 26-4w.

NON-RESIDENT'S NOTICE. H. N. Jamey vs Lada Wills.

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Jan. 21, 1832. Act passed designat- tate. ing county boundaries. This was consequent upon the extension of incisdiction over the Indian lands. Bount, Jackson, Franklin and St.

Section 5 provides "That all the territory included in the following boundaries, viz: Begginning at the source of Line creek, upon the top of Rackmon mountain, thence north westwardly to the ilas dividing Al bama from the state of Georgia. thence southeastwardly plong said ine to the line dividing the Cheroken from the Creek nation of Indians. thence westwardly along said line to the Cousa river, the new up said river to the north of Will's creek, thence said. Ill's creek to the mouth of Give us more hard working boys Line creek, thence up said Line and men who are willing to creek to the aforesaid beginning. do honest hard work and fewer of shall be added to, and compose a those who will take nothing but an part of the county of St. Clair."-Acts 1831-32, p 33.

Dec. 18, 1832. The countles of Calboun (then Benton), and Talladega were formed thus restricting the jurisdiction of the county of St. Chair to the Coosa river as its east-

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Jan. 14, 1821. Act passed provid-That heren ter all that part of ing: county, beginning due St. Clair south of William Davis', at the presout boundary line of Jackson and St. Cair counties, and running a straight direction to Raizen Rowling's, so as to include said Raizen itawing's in Jackson county, thence due east to the state line of Georgia; thence along said line until it strikes the present boundary line of Jackson county, shall be and compose a part D. of the county of Jackson. - Acts 1885-

31. 34 p 14. 1. Dec. 30, 1834. Act providing: "That all that section of the country east of the Cooss river, commencing at the mouth of Will's creek, running said river to Childer's terry and from thence following the Georgie road from the said fer y to the Georgla line, he, and the same is hereby attached to Benton county, and the said Coosa river on one side and the Georgia road on the other, are here-

Circuit court attachment of real es-

Whereas H. N. Laney, as plaintiff in said cause has obtained an attachment out of this court, issued on The countles effected are Morgan, the 7th day of Sept. 1897, returnable on the 11th day of Oct. 1897, against the estate of said Lula Willis, defendant, which attachment has been layled on the following described real estate of the said defendant to-wit:

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Now, therefore, the said Luia Wills, wherever she may reside, is herebs notified of said attacthment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 8th day of NOAH A. HOOD, Sept., 1897. Cierk Circuit Court. # 9, 90 - 4w.

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# Former News Editor Writes Of City's Early History

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A Mr. Cather's letter tells briefly of the early history of this city, secongusees the vital part played " Mayor Samter Cogswell and Wirs. Cogswell.

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# Early Life Of Pell City As Told By A Pioneer

BY BAYS D. CATHER, SR.

IF liter's Explanation . The following is a fine description and historical sketch of the early life of Pell City. It was written by Bays D. Cather, Sr., a real pioneer of our town. Mr. Cather is at present publisher of The Dania Press, Dania, Florida. He married here during the early part of the century, his entire family was born here and most of them lived out their early lives here. He was for many years publisher of The Pell City Nows, was postmaster for two terms, was in the mercan- pany were Boston brokers and help out the wounded. tile business and at one time owned and operated the local shippers of cotton goods to most

thearte.

The editors of this paper are indeed grateful to Mr. Cather for this sery interesting sketch and we feel sure that hundreds of people, both old and young, will read it with a great deal of interest.

We invite such historical sketches from any of our readers. The story follows:)

Editor The Pell City News:

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interested in an item of history of ville and later again was taken over Pell City written by our mutual by the Southern Railroad. friend, Tom Coleman, and published in your splendid paper.

I have been a very busy man, ing you a little more history.

City about the same time-January gotten that idea of the "Hub" from 1902, and in January Pell City was the remains of the old boom of the parly 1890's.

was established near the big spring south of the railroad. It was called the Hercules Foundry Company.

During the late 1880's the Geordon and remembers seeing the first present 20th Century. locomotive engine when the rail. It was during this period that several engines and shovels.

Some months ago I became quite division of the Richmond & Dan-

Then the old East & West was built from Carlersville, Georgia to two court houses necessary in St. side back in the ninetles and was Pell City and the short line B & A Clair County in those days. what with asthmatic and bronchial from Talladega to Pell City. The ailments and a print shop and week-, first newspaper in Pell City was charge of different sections of the ly newspaper to reckon with and the Pell City Echo, started by W. S. new railroad, but the John Blair for that reason have delayed writ- Griffith. I think the old Pell City Macaiee Company, of Philadelphia, Land Company must have had some had the contract for the tunnel Anything that has to do with interest in the Echo because it ran They shipped much of their ma-Pell City interests me very much a few page advertisements in which terial to Cook Springs and had it even if I have no further financial it referred to Pell City as the "Hub hauled in wagons across the Bald interests in the fine community, of the South." The three rallroads Rock Mountain and other hills to Mrs. Cather and I moved to Pell were here then and they must have the site of the tunnel. I remember 'that fact.

Then came the crash known as the reaction from the great coun-The land boom was started in try-wide railroad boom of the early the early nineties. A pipe foundry 1880's. Pell City with many other promoted towns and cities bit the dust, so to speak. Among those that went down in that crash were Tracy City, Tennessee; South Pittsgia Pacific Railroad from Atlanta burg, Tennessee; Fort Payne, Alato Birmingham was built. Mrs. Ca. bama. Some of these, like Pell City, ther was quite a young girl at Sed-came back in the beginning of the of the moving machines. Thus this

1902 was a dry year . . . Farmers

them sold out and moved to Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Pell City Court House and the Cotton Mill were built during that year.

Spending nearly a million dollars for labor and material such a dry time as 1902 seemed like Crump was out on a case and could ference in Tusca manna falling from heaven to many not be reached. However, Dr. J. T. From those whe people. The main slockhelders in Brown of Riverside, Dr. Turner of the mill originally built were C. E. Cropwell, Dr. Laney of Eden and a what goes on the Riley & Co., of Boston and the few others whose names I cannot I hear, the maj Drapers of Boston and Pawtyckett. now recall, were soon on the is planning to a Draper looms were installed in the grounds and later the railroad docweave room. C. E. Riley & Com- lors came up from Birmingham to hanging from all parts of the world.

But in the late summer of 1902 having purchased the Earl & West up to Seddon to get her father. The comes Under Railroad, tied it into Atlanta and Crump girls were schoolmates and they think if Coal City and Ragland it was experients of my wife when they date, everybod tended into Birmingham. It pierced the Black Creek Coal fields near Margaret and Acmar, and some the Empire Luinber Company was pre?? where between Coal City and Odenville a tunnel was being drilled through the mountain that made Hatton Lumber Co., built at River- writing to her

There were many contractors in watching them move several "dinkey" engines across those mountains. There were also some drag lines. All these were too heavy for the roads of that day, so the dinkeys and other heavy rolling machinery were tracked over. That is, small sections of track with steel rails were laid and when the machinery reached the end of the laid track men were taking up the back end of the track and relaying it in front slow method was being used on

Flying burning timbers were falling all over the town and several were very much worried. Some of houses caught fire on their roofs. These were quickly extinguished, however.

One of the railroad engines backed up to Seddon depot and the crew tried to get Dr. Crump to come down and treat the wounded. Dr. Alabama High !

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The Comer interests bought over the Riley interests in the cotton mill and it is now one of the Avandale Mills units and I feel proud to see Pell City making so much this ? ? headway in various lines of endeavor.

Dr. R. A. Martin came to Pell City in 1902 or 1903. He was the For the benef family doctor for each of my four children. Hello. Doc!

With regards and good wishes for you, The Pell City News and to all the people of St. Clair County, I am

Yours sincerely. Bays D. Cather, Sr. My family also soule He ...... Campus

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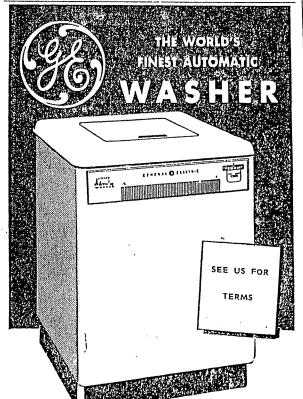
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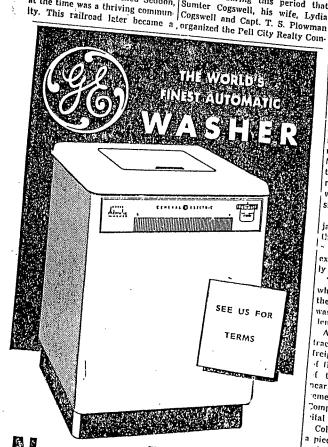
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There was a hole big enough to hide the court house in, on the depot site after this explosion.

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