

prison against one hundred on the outside. The fifth floor of the tower is the execution room, with the latest model steel gallows. It is simple in construction, so that any ordinary man can operate it. It is sprung with a throttle that is confined to the wall. The doors set instantly upon the touch of this throttle, when they are caught by strong latches that hold them in their clasp without a quiver. There can be but one mishap in hanging a man on this scaffold, and that is in the rope or the knots, for the gallows is complete in every detail. The drop can be regulated to a distance of eight feet, six feet being ample to break any neck.

It is second to none in the State when it comes to strength and modern improvements.

Newport has one cotton oil mill, two compresses, one slave mill, one cotton gin, two wholesale houses, three department stores, three hardware and furniture stores, two lumber yards, six dry goods and clothing stores, one shoe store, one clothing and men's furnishing goods store, four drug stores, one book store, two tailoring establishments, three implement houses, two millinery and harness establishments, one caterer, five restaurants, two millinery stores, fourteen grocery stores, three meat markets, four barber shops, one bowling alley, two pool halls, one commission office, five hotels, three newspapers, three undertaking rooms, two plumbers, one marble yard, two bakeries, two photograph galleries, three blacksmith shops, three jewelry stores, five saloons, one shoemaker, two paint firms, three abstractors, four fire insurance firms, six real estate firms, nine cotton buyers, thirteen lawyers, twelve doctors, three dentists and four contractors.

In the colored section there are numerous small stores, barber shops, restaurants, etc., and there are also three colored doctors practicing among their race.

Much satisfaction is derived in looking backwards over the past thirty-four years of Newport history, the untiring business energy displayed by its citizens, the healthful growth of its industries, and its large increase in area and population. Modest abodes and business places of thirty years ago have been supplanted by elegant and stately residences and modern business blocks, equipped with all conveniences and improvements. The push and energy that has always been characteristic of our business men has made Newport the fifth city of the State in population and commercial importance.



GENERAL INFORMATION



STATE OFFICIALS LOCATED IN JACKSON COUNTY.

Joseph W. Phillips, Railroad Commissioner, postoffice, Newport.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS LOCATED IN JACKSON COUNTY.

B. P. Whittaker, Deputy United States Internal Revenue Collector, postoffice, Newport.

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

S. Brundidge, Jr., Representative. This district is composed of the following counties: Fulton, Randolph, Lard, Sharp, Lawrence, Stone, Independence, Jackson, Cleburne, White, Prairie and Monroe.

THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Hon. F. D. Fulkerson, Judge; W. A. Oldfield, Prosecuting Attorney. The district is composed of the following counties: Stone, Lawrence, Jackson and Independence.

TWENTY-NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

W. F. Harrison, Senator, embraces the counties of Jackson, Poinsett and Mississippi.

ROSTER OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

R. L. Boyce, County and Probate Judge; G. A. Lockard, County and Probate Clerk; J. D. Neal, Clerk Circuit Court and ex-officio Recorder; H. S. Simmons, Sheriff and Collector; F. G. Smith, Treasurer; K. L. Condit, Assessor; W. A. Bowman, Surveyor; Frank J. Harrison, Coroner.

TIME OF HOLDING COURT IN JACKSON COUNTY.

Jackson Circuit Court—Second Monday after the third Monday in January, and the second Monday after the fourth Monday in August.

County Court—First Monday in January, April, July and October.

Probate Court—Second Monday in January, April, July and October.

Chancery Court—Fourth Monday in May and November.