

June 20, 1913

Gin Plant Burned.

Winchester, Jude 18, 1913.

Last Sunday night at 2:30 o'clock, a boarding car of the S. A. & A. P. construction crew was discovered on fire. The boarding cars were stationed on the gin spur right at the seed house and gin plant of Mr. Ben Moerbe. In a short time the fire spread from the burning car to the seed house and the next boarding car, the balance of the cars were pushed out of the way, but from the seed house the fire caught the gin plant, it being very close to the seed house and the whole plant was destroyed. It was an up-to-date, large plant, only partly covered by insurance. The whole town was shocked by this calamity and Mr. Moerbe has our sympathy. He bought the plant and moved here just two years ago.

We are informed Mr. Moerbe will re-build the plant as soon as possible.

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