

## WHEN ROARING RIVER SPRING WENT DRY.

Roaring River Spring was located by a man by the name of Lane, who built a small water mill just below where the spring comes out of the mountain in 1840, it was sold by Lane to a man by the name of Clements who later sold it to William McClure who operated it until burned by the Union soldiers during the civil war. Mr. McClure stood on the mountain and saw it fired. After the war McClure and Wm. Trim rebuilt the mill below the original site, constructing the dam. It was during the time that Clements owned the mill that for some unknown reason the spring went dry for twenty four hours, something must have fallen from the bluffs or cliffs and shut off the water until it filled up some basin, ~~xxx~~ for in about twenty four hours it began to flow again and has since kept up a continuous flow of water.

During the time Preston owned the mill he went to Kansas and purchased some machinery and put in the mill and for some time run in connection with the flouring mill a woolen factory making blankets and material for clothing.

Roaring River Springs and several thousand acres now belongs to the state, given to them by Dr. Sayman who purchased it, and is being improved as a State Park, already a state highway is being built to the resortmaking it much easier to get there than the old road which was almost impassable at times.

The burning of the mill left only one other mill in the county that at Corsicana, for the people of ~~wh~~ the whole country and for miles in Ark. to get their grinding done.