

### TEXAS WOMEN WHO HAVE ENTERED THE UNDERTAKING BUSINESS

#### Thirteen of Fair Sex Undertakers in Lone Star State.

FORT WORTH, TEX., July 22.—If you were a woman selecting some line of work would you decide to be an undertaker? Perhaps not. Maybe you would think of being a musician, an artist, a sculptor, a reporter, a seamstress, a clerk, a laundry girl, a poet, an author, a teacher, a teacher, an agent, a Y. W. C. A. secretary, or stenographer. No doubt some of these lines would be the first thing that would appeal to a person, but in Texas there are thirteen women who have chosen to be undertakers.

From interviews with all of them, they seemed delighted with their work, and say that while a woman embalmer has many obstacles to overcome, that they prefer this to any other line. Is it that they are more sympathetic than the average class of women? Is it because they are unselfish and in doing their work like a soldier, that they are helping others? Certainly it cannot be that they enjoy being the exclusive ones of their profession.

The hours of work vary. Perhaps one morning a woman undertaker can sleep late and be a regular "lady" in her hours. Can eat a late breakfast, read the morning paper and plan her day's toilet with as much care and precision as if she did not have a steady place. As if she did not have to work. Perhaps again, that in the midst of all her comfort and morning's nap a call comes in, and, indeed, she must hurry. No time can be given to the different clothes that she wears. She must be ready to take a machine or stage out to certain points many miles from the railroad.

Live in West Texas. A noticeable feature, too, of the Texas woman undertakers, is that eight of the thirteen live in west Texas. In asking about this, one of the number suggests that in the sparsely settled districts sympathetic friends cannot come as quickly as in the towns and cities, and that the woman undertaker could always add so much in the grief-stricken homes.

Sometimes these women have drivers with them; other times they do not. Many times they have to make the drives alone at night, driving forty or fifty miles. Perhaps the one woman undertaker in Texas who has had more experience in West Texas than any other in the State is Mrs. J. C. Baumgarten, of Schulenberg. For several years Mrs. Baumgarten has been in business in Big Springs. She is also one of the pioneer women undertakers of Texas, and during her early days in the work covered an area.

This being the only two in several counties, all of the calls for undertakers came from those to Mrs. Baumgarten in Big Springs. In none of these counties were there railroads, and she only made the trip by the old-fashioned stage. "Many times," said Mrs. Baumgarten, "I have been ten or sixty miles in a sand-storm. Some of the time I would have a driver, while again there was nothing left for me to do but make the trip alone."

Twelve Others. But other than Mrs. Baumgarten, there are twelve other women undertakers in Texas. These are: Mrs. A. E. Beck, of Yoakum; Miss Gertrude Ellis; Toyah; Mrs. W. B. Horner, El Paso; Mrs. B. Latner, Mineral Wells; Mrs. Lena Mahon, Marfa; Mrs. H. Schwartz, Baird; Mrs. M. Simmons, El Paso; Mrs. Josie P. Smith, Dallas; Mrs. Jack Taylor, Beaumont; Mrs. S. W. Thomas, Canyon City; Mrs. T. S. Wright, Temple; Mrs. Lucinda Wheeler, El Campo; Mrs. John Fall, Waco; M. A. Clark, colored, Clarksville.

Mrs. Baumgarten says that she believes that the woman undertaker is an essential feature of the world's progress—as is the professional nurse. To Mrs. John Fall, of Waco, belongs the distinction of being the only woman in Texas who owns and manages an undertaking establishment.

At the death of Mr. Fall, in January, Mrs. Fall decided to continue in the business which her husband had operated for twenty-two years. Mrs. Fall has surrounded herself with several competent assistants, and her son, John Herbert Fall, is in training as an embalmer. "I do not find the work very hard," said Mr. Fall, "but I do think that it is one of the most interesting in the world."

Mrs. C. M. Thomas, of Canyon City, says that the reason that she entered the business was because she realized the need of a woman undertaker in the handling of the bodies of women and children. Her husband was in the undertaking business, and since they lived so far in the western part of Texas reliable help was hard to find. She began by helping her husband, and then took a course in a training school in Dallas.

"I always liked the work," said Mrs. Jack Taylor, Beaumont. However, she did not decide to become an undertaker until she lost her four-year-old daughter. "Mr. Taylor died two years before," she said, "leaving just my baby and me. Then, when the little girl was taken I had to find some work to keep my mind from thinking of my loss. Since Mrs. Taylor had always imagined that she would like this kind of work she spent two years training, preparatory to taking her examinations for license."

For years Mrs. Lena Mahon had wanted to become a trained nurse. The family objected so strenuously until finally she gave up all thoughts of following this professionally. Finally a relative came to see them, but this visitor was indifferent in his opinion about the work that the girl-widow wanted to do, and began to encourage her. Later he suggested the study of undertaking, since there were so few in comparison with any other work that a woman could do. With this encouragement Mrs. Mahon went off to school and spent a year training to be an undertaker.

At the time that she obtained her license, 1902, Mrs. Mahon was the youngest undertaker in Texas, and also in the United States. Mrs. A. E. Beck of Yoakum is associated with her husband, A. E. Beck, in the furniture and undertaking business. Mr. Beck was among the first licensed undertakers in Texas, and has been in business ever since. She thinks that the work is one in which women are needed. That this line is being neglected with the rapid development of women's ability to handle many other business affairs. That in the care of the bodies of women and children that the ability of a woman cannot be surpassed.

Soon after Mrs. Latner was married she realized the need of a woman undertaker in the business, which her husband owned, so she immediately prepared herself for an embalmer. After attending school in Cincinnati and Chicago Mrs. Latner, with two other women, took the examination in 1904.

### Women Who Have Entered the Undertaking Business



MRS. LENA MAHON

MRS. JACK TAYLOR



MRS. B. LATNER

### MILITARY COST OF THE INSULAR ARMED FORCES

#### James H. Blount Takes Issue With President Taft's Statement.

President Taft in his message to last week on the Philippine Islands, took occasion to say that "military forces now in the islands would have to be supported at home, were they not in the Philippines."

A very timely reply to this statement appears in the "American Occupation of the Philippines," a book just from the press, by James H. Blount, officer of the United States Volunteers in the Philippines from 1899 to 1901, United States judge in the Philippines from 1901 to 1906, and now a lawyer in Washington.

The volume, which contains nearly 700 pages, treats in the most exhaustive way all the features of the Philippine occupation from the time of Admiral Dewey's taking of Manila up to the present. On pages 601 to 601 Mr. Blount devotes himself particularly to the cost of the United States troops in the islands and to the argument that the support and maintenance of this armed force should not be charged to the cost of the Philippines because of the fact that the soldiers would have to be supported at home if they were not in the Far East. This contention, he argues, is not based on facts, and regarding it he says:

"The cost per annum of the Philippine (native) Scouts, of which there are 4,000, is paid out of the United States Treasury, and amounts to \$2,000,000 per annum. The number of American troops in the islands for the last few years has been about 12,000. Those who are wedded to the present Philippine policy of indefinite retention with undeclared intention, insist that military expenses in the Philippines, in respect to the regular army out there, are not fairly chargeable as a part of the current expenses of the military occupation. This argument must be admitted to have some force as far as the navy is concerned, but as to the army it is clearly without merit."

"Under the act of Congress reorganizing the army of the United States after the Spanish war, provision was made for a skeleton army of about 60,000 men capable of expansion to something like 100,000 in time of war. This method of expansion thus contemplated was to have companies of, say, for illustration, sixty men, in time of peace, which companies could be recruited up to a war footing of 100 men, in time of war. The suggestion that the cost of the part of the regular army which we have to keep in the Philippines is not chargeable to the Philippines because those same troops would have to be somewhere in the United States if they were not where they are, is not well taken. If we did not need 12,000 men continually in the Philippines, then they could be at once reduced by that much without affecting its present organization."

"If we had no troops in the Philippines this would not mean the absolute elimination from the army of enough regiments to represent 12,000 men. It would not eliminate any existing organization. It would simply mean contraction of the number of men in the several companies of the several regiments of the army toward a peace basis to the extent of a total of 12,000 men, more or less."

"The War Department has long figured on the cost of an American soldier in the Philippines per annum, including his pay, allowances, and transportation out and back, at \$1,000 per annum. The cost of 12,000 soldiers at \$1,000 per annum is \$12,000,000 per annum. The conclusion would, therefore, seem inevitable that the extra military current expense chargeable to our occupation of the Philippines is \$12,000,000 per annum, outside the Philippine scouts, or a total of \$14,000,000."

Detroit Celebrates Anniversary of Cadillac

DETROIT, July 22.—The Cadillac, a carnival in celebration of the voyage of Cadillac and his companions to the site of Detroit, opens tonight. The celebration, which is to be an annual event, will last four days and five nights, and marine and land parades will be the special features.

There are thirty-four automobile manufacturing plants in Detroit, and their products will be seen in a parade of 10,000 motor cars which is to take place tomorrow. Motorboat races and long line of aquatic events will be features of the carnival.

Smothered to Death. W. T. Thompson, solicitor of the Treasury Department, left for Lincoln, Neb., last night on receipt of a message from his son-in-law, D. D. Price, stating his year-old son, the grandson of the solicitor, had been smothered to death.

### LOVE FOR HIS WIFE AIDS RECAPTURE OF INSANITY PATIENT

#### Her Persuasions Induced Him to Return to St. Elizabeth's.

Where all the vigilance of Washington police and insane asylum officials proved unavailing revived affection for the woman with whom he quarrelled before being sent to St. Elizabeth's served to render docile Frank Burke, who yesterday escaped from the Government Hospital for the Insane, and as a result of her handling, he is now back within the confines of the District institution, after having roamed for hours through the woods of Prince George county, Md., with an injured foot.

When Burke broke through a window screen and eluded the pursuit of the St. Elizabeth's guards yesterday morning, he made for the country north of Chesapeake Junction and toward noon presented himself at the home of Oscar Strawn, on whose place he and his wife had lived before his weakened mental condition compelled his incarceration.

Strawn's place is near Dodge Park, Md., about three miles north of the District line. Burke resisted all persuasion to return to the asylum and so Strawn telephoned to Burke's wife, who lives at 526 K street, this city. Late in the afternoon she came in search of her demoralized husband. With the aid of Deputy Sheriff Raybold, of Prince George county, Mrs. Burke succeeded in returning her husband to the asylum.

Burke comes from St. Louis, and it was his intention to return there. Mr. Strawn had given him a calf before he became insane, and he wished to sell this creature to raise money to make the trip. The weakened condition of his mind was evidenced by an incident in connection with this property. Upon reaching the Strawn farm Burke went immediately to the pasture where his calf grazed and wept uncontrollably upon discovering that the animal knew him no more.

### Coal Production of Virginia Increasing

The State of Virginia produced 256,470 tons more coal in 1911 than in the previous year, and it was worth \$877,318 more than in 1910. These statements are made in a report prepared by E. W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey. The opening of transportation from the mines to the South Atlantic seaboard has done much in the last year or two to stimulate production.

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With his wife and child, he arrived to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Goodwin, of Welland, at their summer home. The doctor, who was an expert swimmer, was seized with cramps and sank before help could be given.

### New Ministry of Turkey in Charge

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 22.—The new ministry took the helm in Constantinople today. Premier Mukhtar Pasha is considered one of Turkey's ablest men. Kiamil Pasha, new minister of foreign affairs, was the first premier after Abdul Hamid was forced to grant a constitution.

Hilmi Pasha, new minister of justice, succeeded Kiamil as premier. Ferid Pasha, minister of the interior, was also once the premier.

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