TEXAS TOWN TOPICS.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY POST REPORTERS.

Father and His Infant Burned to Death on a Ranch—Mexia Newspapers Consolidated—President Petitioned for Pardon.

MEDINA CITY, January 12.—J. D. Powell, a prominent farmer and well known citizen of this village, together with an infant child, were burned to a crisp last night on the Reed farm and ranch on the edge of Medina county. The family saved nothing but their night clothes and Mrs. Powell, wife of the deceased, is prostrated.

San Marcos.

SAN MARCOS, January 12.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway is building a depot out about one mile from town. From appearances it is only a temporary concern. Siding and stock pens are also being put in.

In a few days there will be a general mass meeting of the citizens called to devise plans of action to get the Southern Pacific railway to build a line from Luling to this place. In order to get connection with said road. This line was surveyed out a few years ago and chartered. It is known as the San Marcos Valley railroad. It was from Luling up the San Marcos river. It is the finest valley in the world and will be a fine feeder for the Southern Pacific. The Post correspondent's idea is that it will suit the Missouri, Kansas and Texas if it is built, as it will be almost parallel with the Lockhart branch, in some places only about five miles apart.

San Marcos will have another election on the local option question on the 17th. It is thought that local option will be maintained by at least two-hundred majority instead of only two.

The government fish ponds will be commenced shortly.

Giddings.

GIDDINGS, January 12.—There is some talk of the third party's holding a county convention early in February. It is not now known what course they will pursue.

T. S. Scarborough's announcement for re-election for sheriff appeared in this week's issue of the Giddings News.

Messrs. M. Schorman and Chas. Williams will open up a new lumber yard soon. This makes the third lumber yard here.

There is a great deal of sickness throughout the county, mostly the grip, and diseases arising therefrom.

Mr. Pink Barnett and Miss Lona Monroe were married last night at the residence of the bride's mother near Lexington.

Wash Allen, colored, charged with burglary, escaped from the constable at Lexington last night.

District Clerk Fred W. King is sick with the grip.

Hallettsville.

HALLETTSVILLE, January 12.—Stump Ashby, the third party orator, spoke to a fair sized audience in this city here this afternoon. Many farmers came in to hear him speak. At last election the third party broke polled a little less than one-third of the votes in the county. They feelers claim that they will this year carry the county and are actively at work.

Charles Bredemyer, who, on Tuesday at Wilting, stabbed and killed Julius Schultz had an examining trial and was allowed bail in the sum of $5,000.

The Knights of Battle expect to organize here next week and it is hoped the case the county jail is filled up with material for the grand jury to work upon. There are two negro women in jail, one as a female and one held as a witness.

The Dramatic company held forth Monday night to an appreciative house and on account of the enjoyment given the audience present will be even larger.

Hallettsville needs a new new opera house very much.

Tyler.

TYLER, January 12.—John Shipp-white, was today arrested charged with larceny. The charges were preferred by Mrs. Shipp, who claims that street knife falsely in securing a marriage license for her daughter and Mr. J. N. Martin.

Federal court commenced in Tyler here today and the attendance are returning to their homes. Judge Pardee will leave tonight.

The committee to work up the Confederate fight for the erection of a big Confederate monument in Tyler has been organized and now is work. The effort is meeting with considerable favor.

It is now a settled fact that Tyler and South County will have a big fair and probably a fruit exhibit.

Yoakum.

YOAKUM, January 12.—Hon. R. S. P. Ashby, familiarly known as "Stump," chairman of the third party for Texas, spoke here yesterday evening to a fair audience. Mr. Ashby discussed the various political issues from the standpoint in an able manner.

Mr. George F. Bookwalt, late of Victoria, has taken charge of the Woodson stables and is now a citizen of Yoakum.

Mr. W. O. Woodley left yesterday for the lumber mills of East Texas preparatory to opening his large lumber yard in this city.

Richmond.

RICHMOND, January 12.—The county commissioners court was in session Monday and Tuesday and a large number of accounts were allowed and two new bridges ordered to be erected, one on the Knight and White road and another on Pittsville and Waller county road.

Several car loads of lumber have arrived for the new bridge across the Brazos river at Richmond.

The town is full of tramps and unemployed workmen. The latter are fed by the kind-hearted people.

Huntsville.

HUNTSVILLE, January 12.—The Little Trixie company held the boards at the opera house tonight to a large and well pleased audience.

The female minstrel performance booked for last night failed to put in an appearance.

Mr. H. F. Adickes came in from San Marcos this morning on a short business visit.

Miss Katie Cotton of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting the family of Editor Rothison.

Bartlett.

BARTLETT, January 11.—The continued dry weather is affecting trade, paralyzing the farmer, and merchants are very long-faced.

The grip has possession of the county, and many people are the worse from it.

A. H. Welch of Taylor, Texas, has bought the George P. Allen stock of hardware.

Mexia.

MEXIA, January 11.—Mr. J. O. Jones, editor of the Mexia Ledger, has sold his interest in the paper, excepting the job department, to Mr. A. M. Kennedy, editor the Mexia Democrat. Mr. Kennedy will consolidate the Democrat with the Ledger.

Elgin.

ELGIN, January 12.—Mrs. Sallie Moreland of Houston is a guest of Mrs. R. P. Jones this week.

Caldwell.

CALDWELL, January 12.—The Caldwell County Teachers' Institute is holding a two day's session according to the suggestion of Superintendent Carlisle on the present institute law. This being the first meeting the attendance is not as large as it should be. The exercises so far prove very interesting and of much profit to the teachers.

County court winds up a two week's session today. Business in this court is constantly increasing.

Mr. William B. Leon of Galveston is spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. O. W. Johnston and niece, Miss Ella Barton, have just returned from a month's visit to friends and relatives in Corinth, Miss., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. F. Shirbanski is erecting a neat cottage in the northeast part of town.

Mrs. T. M. Hunt is spending the week with her son, John B. Hunt and family of Bowie, Texas.

Calvert.

CALVERT, January 11.—Mr. Frank McClendon of Bryan was in the city yesterday.

The Arlington minstrels will hold the boards at the opera house tonight and tomorrow night and afternoon. "Peck's Bad Boy" company will amuse the people Thursday night they will play to a crowded house, as nearly all the seats are sold.

M. M. Pettaway of Pettaway is in the city today.

Quite a number of the young folks enjoyed themselves at a hop last night in the new Odd Fellows' hall.

"Little Trixie" will be here for the first time on the 15th.

Last Tuesday night Rev. C. M. Beckwith commenced a series of sermons at the Episcopal church in this city to last a week or more. Attendance is very large.

Refugio.

REFUGIO, January 8.—Refugio county is extremely dry. Grass is short and stock of all kinds is in bad condition. Some are dying. The stockmen fear a long cold spell. A severe spell at this time would entail great mortality among all classes of stock. So far we have had a very mild winter, only one frost worth mentioning.

Everything is at a dead standstill, waiting for something to turn up to relieve the monotony.

At the last monthly meeting of the Cyclone club of this place, last Saturday night, the regular election was held, resulting in the election of Dr. J. G. Fox, president; H. Hornbeck, vice president; O. P. Rogers, secretary and Eugene Low, treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Cuero.

CUERO, January 12.—The meeting instituted by Rev. John Miles Shelton at the Baptist church in this city continue to increase in interest. It is attracting a large number of people from surrounding towns as the result of its force at Bay City, will close the meeting about Sunday or Monday.

The murder case of Shaw, in Goliad county, resulted in a hung jury. The jury was discharged last night. The Mathis case, a contestant case in the Shaw, was passed until the 22d.

Messrs. Charles Hatfield of San Antonio, J. C. Hatfield of Kansas and Dr. Graves of Kirbyville City are expected here today to represent the Kirbyville in the Mathis contest trial to be heard this evening.

San Angelo.

SAN ANGELO, January 12.—The Mercer Dramatic Schools, changed with some accomplishments in the training of Southern ladies, closed here this evening by the Misses Tillman, after passing the evening in the parlors of the Central hotel. Three or four of the pupils, Mrs. F. H. Pulliam, wife of the Colonel, Miss Nettie, a little girl, daughter of Judge Ward, and others, gave a very pleasant entertainment for the guests.

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Victoria.

VICTORIA, January 11.—Mrs. S. A. Lefevre, a prominent lady of this city, died last night. Funeral services will be held at the residence of her son, Mr. Lefevre, on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The deceased was about 60 years of age.

Lydia has been coming in as a Texas lady for several days. The representative has a number of scalps on her belt, which she claims she took from the Indians in the early days of Texas. The Indian scalps are those of Mexicans, and she claims to have killed them in self defense.

The Dramatic company played to a good house last night. They are popular in Victoria and will always be welcomed here.

Bastrop.

BASTROP, January 12.—District court is somewhat blocked in its proceedings by grand jurors being witnesses and juror's attendance. Judge Rainey has disposed of only two of the cases set for the week, as follows: Jack Rodgers, four years, Leon Hill, one year, murder, two years.

The stockholders and directors of the First National bank of Bastrop held a meeting this morning and re-elected the following officers: R. M. Lovejoy, president; W. A. Hilliard, vice president; C. A. Hilliard, cashier; directors, R. M. Lovejoy, C. C. Powell, F. G. Hilliard, W. A. C. Richard, W. H. Hilliard.

Liberty Hill.

LIBERTY HILL, January 11.—Rev. G. W. Collins, formerly of Florida, is now in this place. The Methodists will be pleased to have him with them. The session of the Texas Conference will be held in this place beginning next October. Liberty Hill is a place to be about and some of the persons are active and actively busy and the future is bright.

The Gem of Liberty Hill, The Weekly Independent, is the name of a new paper to be published in this place, and start a week, if necessary, at this place. He formerly edited the Crockett at this place.

Manor.

MANOR, January 11.—Traveling Freight Agent Byers of the Houston and Texas Central railway is in town looking for the road. It seems that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and International and Great Northern are pushing some better away from the Central that the Central property belongs to them.

H. J. Nixon, cotton buyer for Wm. Kern, Brenham, is employed in the town with a month's use of a phone.

Mr. Morris Richmond accompanied by his bride, who he is bringing home to spend a few days with the people.

Orange.

ORANGE, January 11.—Services at the Presbyterian church have been postponed through all the week by the pastor, Dr. Fitzgerald, having occupied the pulpit at each service since Dr. Marshall returned to his home. Seven additions to the church to date, with the membership much revived.

The first regiment band has resumed regular rehearsals under the direction of Mr. Perry, a recent arrival. They play a large number of very fine selections and keep up with the latest publications.

Colmesneil.

COLMESNEIL, January 12.—Miss Falba, daughter of the late Dr. Whitehead, New Chester, eloped and was married to Mr. John Lewis of Chester at the home of Robert Pelldexter on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ella Franks, late of Houston, has been visiting her sister, Miss Rosie Fitzgibbon, here for the past two weeks and left this afternoon for her future home at Crockett.

Kountze.

KOUNTZE, January 12.—Rev. Mr. Nall of Bryan is holding a series of meetings at the Christian church.

ISLAND CITY ITEMS.

THE TRAMP QUESTION BECOMING A SERIOUS MATTER.

Employed and Unemployed Both Complaining—One Afraid the Other Will Get Too Much—The Other Don't Get Enough.

Galveston, Texas, January 12.—When the scheme to give the men who were in the city out of employment something to do and enough to eat to keep body and soul together, a great many laboring men of Galveston raised a great howl about taking the bread out of the mouths of the city's own poor.

They claimed that by giving employment to the strangers in the city it was depriving the laboring class who reside here of work and was not just.

Both is not the case, however. The work the men under the supervision of the engineering department are doing is work that would not and could not be performed and paid for by the city. There is no money in the city treasury for such a purpose. It was simply a question of feeding them without exerting any return, or give them something to do and find out by that means who were the deserving ones and who were the professional bums who did not want work.

The men were strong on, they were here without money or food. Could they be allowed to starve? Would it be humane to refuse a fellow-being shelter and food?

The city had no money to feed them and something must be done. The employment given these men has not affected the wages of Galveston. The men put in the force had not been put there. The same number of men are at work as were last year, and not one of them had been laid off to make room for the laborers employed for the temporary relief of the strangers in the city.

The city does not pay a dollar of the expense. The money raised by subscription by the Salvation Army people and given by citizens was so much more than enough to give charity in that way that the citizens then begging from house to house for the same thing to aid.

The men work and an account properly kept of their work is presented in periodical bills, which are the same as any other bill against the city.

Which is the worse of the two ways to complain of, to give a long short time of them all the city—just the point desired.

The contract allowing clam bars as grounds for complaint, is the care of the contractor, who has no effect upon it the least.

Now, either the other side and every a number agree to do so and that they are trying to do it. The contractor, who has not a warning was there a day or two ago and said he would stop work if necessary to do so, and he has done so.

The men have been working but a part of each day, half a dozen at most, and a part of the specific work is done by the men who have been employed before and those who have been employed for the first time.

The work of the commission is almost over and the men will be put off gradually, and a contract for work has been given to the mining company, who will employ a number of men.

It is stated by reputable citizens that a fully fledged is being manufactured at Fort Worth and that an attempt will be made to get the people of Galveston to take it up. The idea is that the people of Galveston will be asked to contribute money to the city and the people of Fort Worth will be asked to contribute the balance of the money to the city.

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THE CONTINUED FOG.

For the past two or three days a dense fog has prevailed that it is impossible for vessels to move about with safety in the harbor. The captains of small craft get for a great deal by reason of the fog and are compelled to remain in port until the mist has cleared away. A large number of small boats are a few steamers are in port ready to take their departure as soon as the fog lifts.

A Brave Rescue.

Baltimore, Md., January 12.—This morning a worse gale than that certainly last and perhaps the life and gear on crew of the police boat Lancaster a chance to make one of the bravest rescues in the annals of Baltimore harbor. When the white caps were running so high that the steamer could hardly break from a signal of distress was heard. A search-light revealed three men struggling in the freezing waters. They were all that were left of a party of eight who had left the foot of Broadway to cross over to Locust Point. The boat was swamped before they had gone 50 yards and five of the sailors and the ferryman sank beside the Lancaster could reach them. The other three were taken to the city hospital where the doctors spent several hours in restoring animation.

ALEXANDER INSTITUTE.

The New Location One of the Prettiest in the State.

Jacksonville, Texas, January 12.—The last annual conference of the East Texas Methodists, held in Orange in December, decided upon the removal of the college known as the Alexander Institute and located at Kilgore and a committee was appointed to select a suitable location—one more central and pleasanting better facilities. When it became known that the institute was to be moved, Rusk, Marshall, Palestine and Jacksonville at once went to work to secure it.

Yesterday the following gentlemen, composing the committee, came up from Rusk to look over the grounds at this place: T. S. Garrison of Timpson, chairman; L. R. Parks of Athens, secretary; W. D. Powell of Rusk; T. C. Chalmers of Athens; J. F. Sewell of Brushy Creek and L. H. Fowler of Crockett; trustees—A. J. Frick of Henderson, H. W. Wynn of Kilgore, Professor O. J. Nunn of Alexander Institute.

Jacksonville submitted the following written proposition:

First—To deed the brick building in Sunset addition now used as a high school and its adjacent grounds, which cost $20,000 and to build an addition to said school building to cost $10,000 a dormitory with five acres of ground, $500 $750 in cash to assist in equipping the new building, and other necessary improvements according to plan.

After considering the proposition, the committee found the grounds and building and expressed themselves as well satisfied and without more ado accepted the proposition in the city.

Professor Nunn, principal of the Alexander institute, says that the location is very pleasant to the Rusk and some of the people, and the school will be now well in a few months. It was in fourth year and with the school on the grounds of the Sunset addition.

There will be begun at once the contract for the improvements and it is expected that the school will be ready for the fall term in September.

The location is beautiful and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country for miles. This gives Jacksonville church members and support.

What Rusk Proposes.

Rusk, Texas, January 12.—Rusk citizens reached here yesterday to make the Alexander Institute out of them. The committee appointed by the Methodist conference to secure the school, the Alexander institute, have selected Jacksonville. Rusk wanted the school but if it did not get it the people of Rusk were in the same boat as those of Jacksonville, for it is needed and are glad that Jacksonville got it, as it could not be located here. When the committee was in Rusk looking after the location of the school, but a mile in Rusk and a thing against any other place that was in attendance.

Judge J. H. Theis of this place says he is going to build a school here for the Methodists and all the people that attend the school, Alexander and Jacksonville and Rusk, and the people that want to send their children to school here will be welcome to do so. The Judge says he will have a large building in operation here in six months. The management of the Methodist church here and one of the best points in the state, because of its central location. It is a fine school of music, and a good school of music, and a good school of music, and a good