DAY AMONG THE COURTS

Big Damage Suit Against the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe.

MISTRIAL ENTERED IN THE LINCOLN CASE

Eleventh District Court Will Adjourn For the Term Today—Business Disposed Of.

Locris A. Pace, by his mother and next friend, Mrs. Mary A. Pace, filed suit for $50,000 damages against the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad company yesterday. The plaintiff, who is 19 years of age, alleges that he was injured on the night of November 19, 1898, while in the employment of the defendant company, by being crushed between two cars. He was standing on the ladder of one of the cars at the time and was assisting in making a transfer.

The jury in the case of Cora Allen et al vs. A. F. Lincoln et al, which has been on trial before Judge Wilson since Saturday, reported yesterday that it was unable to agree and a mistrial was entered. The hearing of the case of Ida Fitzgerald vs. J. B. Wygal was then taken up.

Only a few cases of minor importance were disposed of before Judge Tod during the day. This court will adjourn for the term today.

Fifty-fifth Civil District Court.

Cora Allen et al vs. A. F. Lincoln et al; jury failing to agree are discharged and a mistrial entered.

Ida Fitzgerald vs. J. B. Wygal et al; on trial.

Following is the jury for the week in this court: S. M. Rushmore, John Bauer, Paul Blasche, W. E. Kendall, Jr., C. Kearstein, Joe Hill, J. T. Boyles, Wm. Sauer, Sam Fowler, Henry Kalbe, Wm. Freckman, J. E. Lester, Harry Johnson, Frank Jones, F. S. Smith, Richard Jones, D. A. McGilver, Jonas Levy, A. L. Anderson, Fred Ebden, T. C. Copping, Dave Perkins, Theo. Pereira, Jr., John B. Jennings, Joe Gargano, Theo. Werner, Joe House, C. W. Hurd, Wm. Vallus, J. B. Huey, W. D. Cleveland, Jr., Henry Albrecht, J. W. Best.

Eleventh Civil District Court.

Smallwood et al vs. Simondon et al; motion for conclusions of law and fact granted.

J. M. Blair vs. C. T. Holmes et al; plaintiff excepts to overruling of motion for new trial and gives notice of appeal.

Henry Wallace vs. Southern Cotton Oil Company; motion for new trial overruled, to which defendant excepts and gives notice of appeal.

County Court.

American Brewing Association vs. John Loeffler et al; judgment by default against J. Loeffler for $306.57 and interest.

Same vs. F. Minster; judgment for plaintiff by default for $319.05 and interest.

Mrs. J. M. Burton vs. E. A. Hudson et al; E. A. Hudson enters his appearance.

C. H. Brown vs. The Thuringen Insurance Company of Germany; judgment for defendant, to which plaintiff excepts and gives notice of appeal.

Toney Readler vs. Singer Manufacturing Company; on trial.

E. M. Scrogham vs. L. E. Mitchell; dismissed for want of prosecution.

J. J. Cahill, trustee, vs. W. W. Glass et al; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Henry Gilbert vs. City of Houston; dismissed for want of prosecution.

P. B. Hurst vs. J. C. Matthews; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Houston City Street Railway Company vs. Wm. Mellott et al; death of defendant, Wm. Mellott, suggested and cause continued to make his legal representatives parties.

C. O. Brainard, administrator, vs. John Bute et al; judgment for plaintiff for $500 against John Bute and A. W. Young and in favor of J. H. Bute; defendant John Bute excepts and gives notice of appeal.

Suits for Civil District Courts.

Houston Ice and Brewing Company vs. W. P. Siebert et al; debt and foreclosure.

Walter A. Huff vs. Lena Maroney, executrix; trespass to try title and damages.

Locris A. Pace, by next friend, vs. Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company; damages.

Laurena Harris vs. Robert Harris; divorce.

William Stinde vs. J. C. Sutties; trespass to try title part of 186 7-10 acres of land, S. O. Hawkins (school land) survey, certificate 777.

Emma Whitaker vs. Cornelius Whitaker; divorce.

Real Estate Transfers.

T. U. Lubbock to Laura C. Lubbock, one-half of the C. V. Uglow survey, containing 640 acres..... $350

Job Vandusen and wife, Julia B., to Joseph LaGrange, 78 acres of land, part of I. E. Wade survey 1,200

Delia Costello to Rev. Mother Mechtilde Superioress Sister of Charity, St. Mary's infirmary, Galveston, and St. Joseph's infirmary, Houston, lots 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, block 1; lots 3, 4, 7, 8, block 2, in Clinton, part of the D. W. C. Harris survey; other considerations and 1

J. C. Jensen and wife, Elaine, to W. E. Humphreville, lots 6, 7, 9 and 10, block 61, Bakers addition to Houston, south side Buffalo bayou 2,650

Houston Electric Street Railway Company to Cooper Kinney, lots 7 and 8, block 29, Houston City Street Railway addition No. 1.... 250

Galveston and Houston Investment Company to A. L. Taylor, lot 9, block 4, Fair Grounds addition to Houston, south side Buffalo bayou 1,255

A. L. Taylor and wife to A. M. Autrey, lots 8 and 9, block 4, Fair Grounds addition to Houston, south side Buffalo bayou; other considerations and 10

A. M. Autrey to Galveston and Houston Investment Company, lot 9, block 4, Fair Grounds addition to Houston, south side Buffalo bayou; other considerations and.. 1

R. P. Grainger and wife, Maggie, by trustee, to Galveston and Houston Investment Company, lot 2, block 4, Fair Grounds addition.... 350

Frank Ball and wife, Annie, to Henry Kuhlman, 2½ acres of land in H. M. J. S. Holman survey 1,000

Anna Rocher, heir at law of William Rocher, deceased; Dena Luick and husband, George A.; Eda Meathers and husband, James, to Gus Rocher, all interest in 20 acres of land, part of John Callahan survey, on Hall's bayou, 50 acres of land, part of John Waugh survey, and [illegible] acres in same survey..... 75

[illegible] Rocher and wife, Marie K., heir of William Rocher, to Gus Rocher, 50 acres, part of John Callahan survey; also 34 acres and [illegible] acres in John Waugh survey..... 75

[illegible] R. Rocher and wife, Elizabeth, to Frank Luick, lots 4, 7, 8, [illegible] block 371, south side Buffalo bayou 800

A. J. Travis to Timothy H. Nunerry, 10 acres lot 34, J. S. Holman survey 200

Carroll M. Carter to Joe Cekot, lot 7, block 23, Houston Heights 250

James A. Newlon and wife, Martha F., to Junius Brown, 40 acres of land in the William Hilbus one-third league 175

Marriage Licenses.

Harvey Oliver and Arizona Shaw.
Joe Schiff and Mrs. Katy Goldburg.

THE LOCAL STAGE.

A Magnificent Production of "The Prisoner of Zenda."

The thanks of the theater-going public are due to Mr. Anthony Hope for his novel, "The Prisoner of Zenda," and to Mr. Edward Rose for his dramatization of it. There are few plays of the character as good as this same one, which tells of the struggle of the Red Elphberga and the Black Elphbergs for the throne of mythical Ruritania, and there are none of the same class superior to it. As presented at Sweeney & Coombs' opera house last night by Mr. Daniel Frohman's company, headed by Howard Gould and Margaret Fuller, it left little or nothing to be desired. The play has been seen here on a previous occasion and the book has been widely read, so there is really no necessity for a further comment on it at this time. It may be said, however, that in but few of the plays ever written is there a more powerful blending of love and hate, a more original theme, a more delicate vein of comedy, or a more thoroughly unconventional ending to it all. People shrug their shoulders and say they do not like this same ending, yet none of them have an answer when asked how they would change it. In this very feature lies one of the strongest points of this most charming play.

The cast which presented the piece last night was as follows:

Rudolph V, the Red Elphberg, king of Ruritania ....Howard Gould
Rudolph Rassendyll, a young Englishman ....Howard Gould
Michael, Duke of Strelsau, the Black Elphberg, the king's cousin..... ....Albert Perry
Colonel Sapt, an old soldier ....R. F. McClannin
Fritz Von Tarlenheim.....Vaughan Glaser
Captain Hentzau, follower of Duke Michael..... ... .Robert Conness
Detchard, follower of Duke Michael.. ....Charles C. Brandt
Bertram Bertrand, a young English artist ....Benjamin Monteith
Lord Topham, the English ambassador ....George Friend
Marshal Strakencz .....Willis Page
Lorenz Teppich, chancellor of Ruritania ....Fred Summerfield
Franz Teppich, mayor of Strelsau, his brother ....Duncan Harris
Toni, retainer at Tarlenheim ....Edgar MacGregor
Ludwig, retainer at Tarlenheim..... ....George Friend
Josef, retainer at Tarlenheim ....Willis Page
Princess Flavia .....Margaret Fuller
Antoinette de Mauban ..Helen Strickland
Frau Teppich, wife of Franz..Carrie Prince
Countess Von Storofzin .....Miss Huyler
Countess Von Riesberg .....Miss Welles

Some one might be able to improve on Mr. Gould as the two Rudolphs, but, really, it would be difficult to tell how. His conception of the trying dual role is an artistic one from every point of view and his interpretation of it stamps him with the mark of undeniable genius. This statement may appear a trifle superfluous in view of Mr. Gould's metropolitan success in the part, but there is really no reason why it should not be made. His acting is perfectly easy and natural and there is a noticeable absence of that ungainly and inartistic straining after effect which is the rock on which so many players are wrecked. Mr. Gould acts as a man in real life might act under similar circumstances and, surely, no one could do more than that. His work last night was pleasing at all times, but he appeared to especially good advantage during the first act and in his two duel scenes, the one with Mr. Perry as Wolfgang in the prologue and the other with Mr. Conness as Hentzau in the last act. He deserves all the complimentary things that can be said concerning him.

Miss Fuller's work as Princess Flavia was, on the whole, of an extremely satisfactory nature, although in one or two instances she may be said to have laid herself liable to the charge of overacting. The part is, however, one of the most difficult ones that can be imagined and it is no easy matter to draw the line properly. Miss Fuller is undoubtedly an artist of no ordinary ability and she throws her whole heart and soul into her work. She participates in nearly all of the strongest scenes in the play and in every instance she wins warm applause and golden opinions from her auditors.

The supporting company is a powerful one and the several strong characters are all well handled. Mr. Perry plays the part of Black Michael very acceptably and yet he suffers somewhat in comparison with Mr. Robert Eliot, who appeared in the role last season. Mr. Perry is undoubtedly the possessor of a large amount of artistic talent, but he appears to be somewhat out of his line as the Black Elphberg. Neither his voice nor his personal appearance are exactly suited to the part. Mr. Vaughan Glaser, too, may be criticised. The part of Fritz calls for a certain amount of affectation and kittenishness, it is true, but hardly so much as Mr. Glaser put into it. Mr. McClannin's work as Sapt could not be improved upon. Mr. Conness gives a more than pleasing portrayal of the role of Rupert of Hentzau. Miss Strickland as Antoinette, whose varying passions perform no small part in the working out of the plot, plays her part extremely well and in several instances proves herself entirely capable of disposing of the trying demands made on her. She is an actress of no little ability. The remaining members of the cast are all up to the standard.

The play is put on with that careful attention to detail which invariably marks the finished production, and the scenery used, all of which is carried by the company, is not only extremely handsome, but is absolutely accurate. The costumes worn are handsome and costly throughout, and, in short, as has been previously stated, the production leaves but little to be desired. It is a pity that more like it do not come to Houston.

The company goes from here to Galveston. The Klimt-Hearn company will open here Thursday, appearing at three night and two matinee performances at popular prices. "Under the Red Robe" is the next standard attraction booked.

Parker-Duke.

Tenaha, Texas, January 22.—Today at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Mr. Oswald S. Parker of Houston, Texas, was married to Miss Maud Duke of Center. Mr. Parker is a prominent attorney-at-law, representing the Houston East and West Texas railway, and Miss Duke is one of Center's fairest maidens. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Turrentine. The happy couple will make Timpson their home for the present. The marriage was a quiet affair.

A CARD.

Having retired from the office of district attorney of Harris and Galveston counties, I desire to inform my friends that I have resumed the general practice of law in all the courts and have opened an office at 1015½ Preston avenue, Houston, Texas.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

A Change in the Original Schedule for Street Paving.

TO BE ENTERTAINED BY THE LYCEUM

Committee to Visit New Orleans—A New Sewer System—Bids for Remodeling Council Chamber.

The city council met yesterday afternoon in regular session with Mayor Brashear presiding and all the aldermen present.

After the adoption of the minutes the following petitions were read and disposed of:

PETITIONS.

From citizens of the Third and Fourth wards, asking that order of street improvements be fixed as follows: McGowan avenue third, Congress avenue second, Houston avenue fifth and Preston avenue sixth; the others to remain unchanged.

Aldermen Heiser, Cortes and Dickson favored the change as a matter of necessity to the proper service of the new fire house recently placed on Milam and McIlhenny.

Alderman Halverton objected to putting Houston avenue so far down on the list. It was second on the original list and he did not favor putting it fifth, as this would throw the work there into next year. He favored advancing McGowan avenue to third place, but objected to placing Houston avenue fifth.

Alderman Sonnen also opposed dropping Houston avenue to fifth place.

A motion to reconsider the original schedule and grant the petition was carried by a vote of 10 to 2.

From John R. Hooper, complaining of damage to the sidewalk around his property on Providence and Chapman streets, owing to work done by the street force, and asking to be reimbursed in the sum of $500 as a credit on his taxes. Referred to the street and bridge committee.

From H. Hartman for separation of assessment on property in block 400, north side Buffalo bayou. Referred to finance committee with power to act.

From J. P. Galbraith et al for extension of Bell avenue sewer from intersection of St. Emanuel one block east on Bell and one block south on Hutchins to intersection of Leeland, to one block south on St. Emanuel and one block east on Leeland, to the intersection of Hutchins. Referred to sewer committee with power to act.

From property owners on block 386, asking for extension of sewer now being laid on Pierce avenue, one block further to Hamilton street. Referred to sewer committee.

From W. T. Dawson, for separation of assessment on property in Gregg's addition. Referred to finance committee.

From Miss Lillie Hanson, for separation of assessment on lots 1, 2 and 12, block 261. Referred to finance committee.

From Mrs. A. Buckingham, for separation of assessment on lot 3, block 261. Referred to finance committee.

From Mrs. R. F. Goodnight, proposing to remove her fence and stable to open Grove street, in consideration of the allowance on her taxes. Referred to street and bridge committee and mayor and finance committee.

From J. W. Lockett, administrator, to be paid $190 for property taken for street purposes on Liberty avenue. Referred to street and bridge committee.

From the Louisiana Improvement company, a communication suggesting that the city appoint a committee to visit New Orleans at their expense and inspect asphalt pavement work now being done there by that company.

Alderman Aubertin suggested to appoint the street and bridge committee, the finance committee and as many others as want to go.

Alderman Dickson did not object to sending a committee, but would not favor the committee going at the expense of the Improvement company.

Alderman Aubertin saw no impropriety in the committee going at the expense of the Improvement company.

Alderman Halverton and Alderman Rosenthal saw no objection to accepting the invitation. It was simply a business proposition.

On motion of Alderman Aubertin the invitation was accepted with the finance and street and bridge committees and engineer to be named on the committee.

From J. P. Schosser, for correction of assessment on parts of lots 3 and 4, block 148, south side Buffalo bayou. Ruled out of order.

From C. Panicio, for correction of error in assessment. Out of order.

From E. Kiam, proposing to sell to the city his ownership in the Preston street sewer from Main to Louisiana streets at its actual cost of construction, to be paid in cash or allowed on his taxes. Referred to sewer committee.

From F. Chimene, application for a permit to build a corrugated iron covered shed on lot 5, block 30, south side Buffalo bayou. Referred to fire committee.

From residents on Rusk, Live Oak and Rice streets, for a sewer to be laid on Rusk street, from St. Charles to Rice and for an electric light corner of Rusk and Rice and another at McKinney and Rice and to have water mains extended on McKinney to Rice, and for a fire alarm box corner of Rusk and Live Oak. Referred to the Third ward aldermen.

From Tim Daly, for correction of assessment on property in block 25, south side Buffalo bayou. Referred to finance committee.

From Lords Cycle club, for the laying of a Trinidad asphalt pavement on Main street. Received and filed.

From Mrs. R. A. Traeo, for correction of error in assessment. Referred to finance committee.

REPORTS.

The street and bridge committee reported favorably upon the petition of the Water Works company to use the dead ends of certain streets for the sinking of additional artesian wells. Adopted.

The street and bridge committee reported favorably on the proposition to gravel Chartres street from German to Franklin. Referred to engineer to prepare plans, specifications and estimate of cost.

At this juncture of the proceedings City Attorney Stewart introduced to the council Mrs. Presley K. Ewing and Mrs. Cora Bacon Foster, representing the Lyceum and the Ladies' Reading club. Mrs. Ewing, acting as spokesman, made a very pretty little speech to the council, inviting them to a reception to be tendered them this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Lyceum.

Alderman Tuffly moved to accept the invitation and Alderman Woolford amended, that the council attend in a body. The motion as amended was carried.

The street and bridge committee reported favorably upon the motion of Alderman Bennett to open up Conti street and that the engineer make a survey. Adopted.

The street and bridge committee reported recommending that the engineer prepare plans and specifications for a sewer on Smith street to Rusk. Adopted.

The same committee recommended that the street commissioner put in a box drain on Gano street. Adopted.

Report of the street commissioner for December was returned approved by the street and bridge committee. Adopted.

The finance committee reported favorably upon the petition of Mr. Loock, that the error in his assessment be corrected. Referred to the mayor and attorney with power to act.

The finance committee returned with unfavorable report the petition of Minnie Rachet for relief on tax account. Adopted.

The same committee on the petition of Mr. Peacock recommended that his improvements be assessed at $200. Adopted.

The same committee reported favorably upon petition of W. A. Long for separation of assessment and that the assessment of Joseph Wycart be fixed at $1700. Adopted.

The sewer committee, to whom was referred the proposition to submit a plan for diverting the sewerage from the bayou, recommended the appointment of a competent engineer to prepare plans for a new system and submitted the name of Alex Potter of New York, fixing the price to be paid for such service at $400. Referred to mayor and finance committee with power to act.

The chief of police reported that he had removed the obstructions from the sidewalk on Third street. Adopted.

Upon the petition of the Houston Infirmary and Sanitarium company the city attorney reported that if the allegations in the petition were true the company should be allowed the amount claimed on its taxes. Adopted.

The aldermen of the Second and Fifth wards reported upon the petition of M. W. Meyer claiming damage to his property from the Hill street bridge swinging over it, that the property was worth about $2500, and they recommended that petitioner be allowed $1500 for whatever damage the property might sustain and that this amount be offered for the perpetual privilege of the bridge swinging over it. Referred to mayor and finance committee with power to act.

The treasurer's report for December was referred to the finance committee.

Bids for altering the council chamber were opened and read as follows:

N. C. Jansen	$1,102
D. A. Crawford	1,032
C. H. Bering	900

Referred to finance committee and board of public works.

NEW BUSINESS.

By Alderman Bennett, an ordinance revoking all the franchises now enjoyed by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company on the north side of the bayou for failure to make improvements as requested by the council. Referred to ordinance committee.

By Alderman Rosenthal, a motion that a site be purchased for No. 10 engine house in the Second ward. Referred to fire committee to select site.

By Alderman Robinson, a motion that the engineer make a survey for straightening and extending Houston avenue. Carried.

By Alderman Heinze, a motion that the street commissioner put in a drain box on Engelke street. Carried.

By the sewer committee—A motion that the engineer furnish the committee with a diagram of all sewers now located in the city. Carried.

By Alderman Robinson—A motion that the city relieve lots 23 and 24, in Burns addition, from taxes, as the city is now using that property for a street, and it belongs to orphan children. Referred to the city attorney and street and bridge committee.

By Alderman Sonnen—A motion that a larger sewer be placed on Franklin street from Main west to the bayou. Referred to the sewer committee.

The school committee reported favorably upon the proposition to place seats in the school yards. Adopted.

By Alderman Aubertin—A motion that Liberty street be graveled from McKee to the site of the proposed new engine house. Referred to the street and bridge committee.

By Alderman Aubertin—A motion that plans and specifications be prepared for the new Fifth ward fire engine house, to be built on lot 4, block 38. Carried.

By Alderman Aubertin—A motion that Williams street be placed in first-class condition. Referred to the street and bridge committee.

By Alderman Rosenthal—A motion that the city attorney and mayor take steps to condemn property for opening up Franklin street from Broadway to Buffalo street. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

THE FAITH HOME.

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Reading matter—Mrs. J. A. Archer, Houston Post, Texas World, Houston Daily Herald.

Toys—Schosser, Racket store.

Mrs. Eugene Blake,
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His Proud Position in the Profession Merited by Hard Work, Indisputable Skill and Unvarying Satisfaction.

Dr. Seymour, who is in our city, at the Capitol hotel, stands indorsed by the leading medical, optical, scientific men of his day, presidents of colleges, judges of supreme courts, doctors and professional men in all walks of life. You can buy paintings for $5 and also for $5000, and so far as the paint and canvas goes the material may be of equal quality in either work, but you are not looking for the paint and canvas. It is the skill of the artist you desire, and you can't get it in the five-dollar article. The real artist and self-styled artist may purchase paint and canvas at the same store, for the supply houses care not who buy their goods, but it stands to reason that the so-called artist, without special talent, lacking skill and experience, given the best materials, is capable of nothing better than a five-dollar painting, while the real artist, gifted with natural genius, trained by special study in the greatest schools of the world and experienced in every shade, color, touch and harmony of his profession, with similar materials, produces a picture commanding thousands of dollars, between which and the work of the dauber there is no comparison. To those who are incapable of perceiving the difference, one is as good as the other, and each occupy a certain space on the wall, but to the trained and intelligent sense one is only an eyesore, while the other is a thing of art and beauty and a work of skill reflecting the genius, the taste and the intrinsic merit of the master.

If all you desire is a nice pair of spectacles, go to the spectacle dealer. But if, in addition to the choicest of materials, you want to preserve the priceless treasure of sight; if you wish to repair the wrongs and injuries perpetrated upon your eyes by ignorance and inexperience; if you want science and skill and wish to prevent your sight from growing permanently aged and irretrievably complicated, go to a master of optical science. Such a man is Dr. W. J. Seymour, the Omaha specialist, who desires to extend his acquaintance to our city. But his visit has proven that he is already well known, as the reputation of his skill has preceded him.

On being asked by a reporter to relate some of the interesting cases he has met with in his long experience, Dr. Seymour has the following to say: "Yes, it seems almost an incredible fact that so many people injure their eyes almost beyond relief and in some cases barely escape losing their sight by intrusting their eyes to the care of an incompetent optician. It is not later than last week that a lady came to my office and told me that she thought there was no hope for her and that she would eventually go blind. Here was indeed a pitiful case, as the sight of one eye was almost gone and the other eye was in a dreadfully strained condition. Having discovered that her sight was imperfect she had gone to opticians who did not understand her case and had worn glasses that not only failed to give her any relief, but had almost completely ruined her eyes. This is only one of many cases I have met in my experience where people have intrusted the most precious of their senses to incompetent hands and barely escaped that most dreadful of afflictions, blindness.

"It is not only necessary that an optician should possess natural ability and have all the modern inventions that are now attainable for the perfecting of his art, but it is also essential that he have years of experience in order to determine the proper course to pursue in the treatment of complicated cases."

In speaking further on the subject the doctor says: "It is of course always advisable to consider the old proverb, 'an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure,' and to be very careful not to abuse our eyes so as to hasten the time when glasses are needed, but when they become an absolute necessity it is imperative that one should be exceptionally careful as to whom they consult in regard to this invaluable sense of sight. The fitting of glasses is a science and a great many men have taken it up who have neither the natural ability nor the ambition to reach the highest degree of proficiency in their profession, but who follow this line of work merely for money consideration. This is the cause of so many gross errors being made in the fitting of lenses. It is impossible to estimate the injury that can be done by wearing glasses that are not suited to the eyes."

In accordance with his promise last week Dr. Seymour will give tomorrow to school children: hours 10 to 4; rooms 7, 8, 9, Capitol hotel annex.

HILLE-LEWIS.

Marriage of Two Well Known Beaumonters Celebrated Yesterday.

Mr. O. J. Hille and Miss Mary Altona Lewis, both of Beaumont, were married yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the residence of the groom's mother, Mrs. M. J. Hille, in this city. The bride, who is a sister of Mrs. S. B. Cooper, wife of Congressman Cooper of the Second Texas district, is a popular and accomplished young lady, and on her visits to Houston she has made many friends.

Mr. Hille who was for a long time a resident of this city and is well known here, is manager of the Crescent News company at Beaumont.

Mrs. M. J. Hille will in future reside in Beaumont with her son and daughter.

The business office of The Post was pleasantly remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Hille. The remembrance in question was thoroughly enjoyed by its recipients.

A BIG RICE FARM.

Soon to Be Established Near Liberty in Liberty County.

Mr. William Miller of Des Moines, Iowa, who is now in the city, is here in the interest of closing the deal for a large tract of land in Liberty county, some 15,000 acres, upon which will be established a rice farm by the Raywood Irrigating and Milling company, the capital stock of which is $300,000.

A canal will be built through the property for the purpose of thorough irrigation. The farm is to be equipped with the most complete and up-to-date plant for irrigating the property and harvesting and preparing the rice for market.

New League Organized.

At Brunner Sunday night Organizer Beach of the District Epworth league met a large assemblage of Brunnerites and put on a splendid footing a league composed of thirty members. There were present also Vice President Bering of Houston, ex-Vice President Wade, Rev. W. B. Phillips and others, who gave their valuable assistance to perfecting the new league. Short addresses were made by each and considerable enthusiasm was aroused.

The election of officers resulted: Mr. H. W. Tuffly, president; Miss Tillie Barttinger, secretary; Mr. A. Post, first vice president; Miss Mae Forbes, second vice president; Mrs. Alexander Necco, third vice president.

The new officers will enter at once upon the discharge of their respective duties. The league affords a means for furnishing the citizens a diversity of religious entertainment.

Next Sunday Rev. Phillips will deliver a sermon at the close of the league services.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Eugene T. Heiner has gone on a business trip to Bryan.

C. W. Mensing was among yesterday's visitors from Galveston.

Mr. Herman Brown left last night for New York and Eastern markets.

Constable George Waters of Galveston was among yesterday's visitors.

The many friends of Phil Holmes are glad to see him up again from his sickness of several days.

Hon. L. L. Foster, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, was in the city yesterday.

Colonel W. B. Wortham, ex-State treasurer, now editor of the Austin Statesman, was in the city yesterday.

S. J. Winson is in the city from Richmond.

Street Commissioner Jack Kennedy is wrestling with the grippe.

Colonel G. Inslee Jones of Philadelphia, who has numerous friends in the city, is here on his regular annual visit.

Hon. C. E. Stewart, representative from Tarrant county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. G. House, 2802 Jackson street.

Mr. Henry Brown and bride arrived yesterday from New York and are at present pleasantly located at the Pizzini hotel.

W. L. Foley left last night for New York City to purchase his spring stock of goods. He will be absent about sixty days.

E. K. Baker, division superintendent of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company, was in the city yesterday from Austin.

Mr. J. T. W. Loe arrived in the city yesterday. He comes on business for the Texas Trade Review relative to a descriptive write-up of Houston.

Miss Alpha Pettis, who has been quite ill the past few days, is now able to be out again.

H. A. Spencer, proprietor of the Velasco hotel, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. C. Perry, representing the Uri & Co. distillery of Louisville has removed his family to Houston and will in future make his headquarters here, covering his territory from this point.

Mr. William Miller, president of the Raywood Rice company at Raywood, Texas, paid The Post a pleasant call yesterday. He comes from Des Moines, Iowa, to Texas in the interest of developing the rice industry.

Mr. P. C. McKee and family have removed from Anderson, Grimes county, and taken up their residence at Brunner. Mr. McKee is an ex-county official of his county and will prove a valuable adjunct to Brunner's citizenship.

Mr. Tom M. Bowers, editor of the Texas Cannon, published at Austin, was in the city yesterday. In speaking of his journal, he says he proposes to shoot at everything that gets in front of it, and use solid shot, at eagles as well as kildees.

CITY BREVITIES.

The Houston Lyceum will be closed to the general public today.

Trinity Hill will have a meeting at the church in the Fair Grounds on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Third Baptist church, corner of White and Decatur street, will give a musical and literary entertainment Tuesday, January 24.

There are undelivered telegrams at the offices of the Western Union Telegraph company for C. C. Barnes, F. M. Yost, George F. Burgess and J. D. Shimf.

O. C. Barnes, whose home is near Alvin, but who died in this city at St. Joseph's infirmary, was buried yesterday afternoon by Ross & Wright in Glenwood cemetery.

The Ladies' Parish association will hold a reception on Thursday, January 26, from 4 to 7 in the parish rooms of Christ church, to which all the congregation and strangers are cordially invited.

The members of the Ladies' Reading club are requested to meet this afternoon in the rooms of the Houston Lyceum at 3:30 o'clock, at which time they are to confer with the mayor and city council.

There will be a meeting at Turner hall Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock of the ladies of the Turnverein, who have been appointed a committee on supper for the children's masked ball on February 3.

There were three alarms of fire yesterday, but they were all flue fires and no damage sustained in either case. The locations were 814 Main street, 1101 Dallas avenue and corner of Louisiana street and Pease avenue.

Justice Maisch on Sunday held an inquest upon the body of Beatrice Martin, the 9-months-old colored baby of Josephine Martin, at 814 Paige street, whose death resulted from being accidentally smothered during the night.

There will be a meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the rooms of the Business League of the committee to probe public sentiment upon the subject of securing for Houston the establishment of a permanent South Texas fair.

Died at the Infirmary.

F. D. Lillard of Tyler, aged about 28 years, brother of Dr. Z. F. Lillard of this city, died last night at St. Joseph's infirmary. The deceased came from Tyler [illegible] days ago suffering from [illegible]. The funeral will occur at 10 o'clock this morning from the Church of the Association, with interment in Glenwood cemetery. The father and [illegible] with the deceased at the time of death.

To Select a New [illegible].

Mrs. Maud Woodson, the [illegible] Prairie View public school, [illegible] having tendered her [illegible] trustees of the Twenty-[illegible] appoint another teacher, [illegible] of the community in which [illegible] located will be without the [illegible] few days. The board will [illegible] to select Mrs. Woodson's [illegible].

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Sherman Courier.

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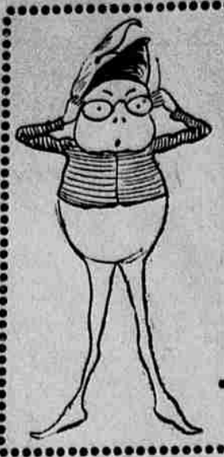
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