

Local Intelligence.

RIPE pears have made their appearance in this market.

COTTON.—Receipts continue very light and the market is dull at quotations.

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CORN.—New corn was selling for fifty cents per bushel on the streets on Monday.

ALEX SIMON says he has a fine stock of furniture, and as for goods he is just about giving them away.

PRODUCERS of watermelons hold their finest back till Saturday's when they bring them in by the wagon load.

HEPPELE, the fruiterer, at McFarland's corner, is holding his own by selling fruits, watermelons, etc., at living prices.

PERSONAL.—Col. Nat Q. Henderson, of the Georgetown Record was in the city yesterday and gave the BANNER a call.

THE BANNER returns thanks for an invitation to the entertainment by the Chappell Hill U. F. T. council this evening.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES issued by H. M. Lewis, county clerk, for week ending July 24:

Nathan Johnson and Lucy A. Voss. Jos. Ventzek and Rozalie Vokona. Ed. Riley and Sarah Sellers. Morris Mead and Charity Sheperl. John T. Nelson and Rebecca Johnson. Frank Marak and Anna Jakes. R. L. Hallum and Rebecca R. Willie.

OIL WAREHOUSE.—The BANNER learns that parties representing a large St. Louis oil firm have been here prospecting, with a view to the establishment of a coal oil warehouse. The oil will be brought here in tanks. Such an arrangement would materially reduce the price of coal oil in this market.

THE BANNER deems it wholly unnecessary to reiterate its assertion that the machine shops of the Santa Fe railroad have not been located at Bellville or elsewhere. Hereafter the BANNER will pay no attention to any reports emanating from the source this came from, deeming them unworthy of notice.

MUNSWELL TAYLOR, colored, and account of whose arrest appeared in Saturday's BANNER, had a preliminary examination before Justice McClung on Monday, and was held in a bond of \$250 on the charge of theft of a bull. Munswell's chances of a trip to Huntsville are quite brilliant.

A SIMON pure Yankee tramp, a very hard case, who claimed to have come here from Dallas, was arrested on Sunday evening and locked up in the bastille. He showed fight but a small taste of the officer's four-year-old hickory brought him to terms. He was given a "tic pass" and "hoofed" it eastward on Monday afternoon.

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Complimentary Party.

Ye senior was among the happy throng who partook of bountiful of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simon on Wednesday evening, it being the occasion of a complimentary party tendered by Mr. Simon's family to our esteemed young friend, Mr. ALFRED JEFFRIES, of the United States Navy, who is now enjoying a brief furlough with his many friends in this city. There were some twenty couple present, among whom were some of the prettiest girls in all Christendom. The evening's amusement consisted in dancing and social conversation, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Misses Mollie and Rosa, assisted by their brother, James Simon, were untiring in their attention to their guests and in the dispensation of their hospitality.

At 11 o'clock refreshments were spread in the greatest abundance; and, we presume, all kept "cool" as there were seven gallons of ice cream consumed.

When we left at 12 o'clock the young people seemed to be in the height of their glory.

For cleverness and sociability we left the young people of Brenham against that of any other town in the state.

Weekly Cotton Statement.

Mr. W. K. Lewis, furnishes the BANNER with the following statement for the week ending Thursday, July 17, 1879.

Net receipts, bales..... 15 Shipments..... 75 Stock on hand..... 173 Total receipts this season..... 378

Freight to New York, all rail, \$1.38 per 100; freight to New York, rail and water, 90cts per 100.

Weather report by Mr. H. E. Lockett:

Total rainfall in inches..... 8.4 Highest temperature..... 84 Lowest temperature..... 62 Average temperature..... 88 1/2

SCHOOL ELECTION.—The city council has ordered an election on Saturday, August 9, to test the sense of the qualified voters on the school tax.

Those in favor of maintaining the schools will vote for the tax and those against the schools will vote against it. In the election last year the opponents of the school tax were defeated by a vote of 100 to 10.

GRADING.—A BANNER reporter learns from Mr. Roche, of the firm of Roche & Tierney, contractors for grading the first twelve miles of the Santa Fe road south of the Central, that the work is being pushed as fast as men and money can do it.

MAYOR'S COURT.—Thursday—Jov Billings, a colored rooster about 14 years old; cursing, etc.; fined \$1 and trimmings. He proposed working it out and was given the position of "striker" for the engineer of the city cart.

Demas Hopes, colored, fighting Ed. Riley. Fine and commitments \$1. Paid.

Ed Riley, colored, fighting Demas Hopes. Fine and commitments \$10. Remanded to bastille.

MARRIED.—An enterprising couple from a neighboring county called on our accommodating justice of the peace, Capt. McClung, on Monday morning; presenting the proper documents asked that the matrimonial noose be legally tied. The captain, who by the way, always has an eye to business, married them with neatness and dispatch, as he conducted the interesting ceremony visions of a \$V or an \$X bill passed through his vivid imagination with the speed of the lightning's flash. The couple, having been duly spliced, made their handsomest bow and departed, leaving the squire the most astonished man in or out of Brenham.

SANTA FE RIGHT OF WAY.—The committee appointed to secure the right of way through the labor and agreed upon the damage to property owners. The total cost will be about \$15,000, to meet which the city has on hand in bonds the amount of \$10,000. The city council held a special meeting yesterday and adopted a resolution asking the company to advance the deficiency; the city to pay the same in municipal taxes from year to year until the amount is discharged. This proposition will be submitted to the board of directors of the company for their approval.

Local Jottings.

A light shower Friday evening. Duane's pistol has been returned. Two warm for jinks or fish-fries. Jewellians, ain't it hot, though? But few peaches remain to be shipped. The Cornell building is nearly finished. There is not an ice cream saloon in the city.

A good rain would prove quite beneficial just now. The city "swine-savagers" present a thifty appearance. The County Court convened Wednesday for civil business. The prospect for cheap pork next fall is not very promising.

Loafers are plentiful; enforce the vagrant law and clean them out. Cotton-picking is becoming general in all parts of the county. Mustard grapes are selling from wagon at one dollar per barrel. Weather, distressingly warm and dry, with no prospect of rain.

Judge J. D. McAdoo returned home on Wednesday from Georgia. Texas bacon is plentiful in this market, and sells at 7 cents a pound. The continued dry weather is literally parching vegetation to a crisp.

Woolly Johnson, of Brown county, is in the city on a visit to his parents. But little activity manifested in real estate transactions during the past week.

Dr. J. T. Norris, Burch's attending physician, thinks he is about out of danger. Several colored persons left town Monday in search of work in the cotton fields. Several spring branches in this county have done dry for the first time in ten years. One hole to five acres is the estimate put upon the cotton crop by some of our farmers.

Large quantities of fire wood is being hauled and stored at the wood-yards for winter use.

Brenham is said to have more colored wash-women than any town of its size in the state.

Our energetic city marshal ought to stir up some of our citizens on the sanitary question.

A forty-six pound watermelon, raised by Shack Mann, colored, was brought to town Saturday.

Hon. Seth Shepard left by Wednesday evening's train for Louisville, Ky., thence to Canada.

A large number of colored people were in town Saturday, very orderly and seemingly happy.

Mr. C. R. Breelove and family have gone to Lumberton Springs, via Maj. Penn's camp meeting in Saturday.

J. H. Burch, who was shot by Jo Hardin last Saturday, is recovering rapidly and will soon be able to go home.

Several wagon loads of watermelons were brought to town Saturday, which were sold at more liberal prices than heretofore.

The city presented a lively and business like appearance Saturday. The streets being well filled with people from the country.

A liberal application of lime about the premises of our citizens is recommended by the Board of Health as a precautionary measure.

Mrs. Madeline Simon and Zekind have returned from Galveston and report having had a pleasant and interesting time; bathing in the Gulf was delightful.

The celebration on the 4th of August by our colored friends, will take place at the Fair Grounds, instead of Hutchinson's grove, as heretofore announced.

A white man and a colored gentleman had "some words" in the streets being in the city on Saturday.

Mayor Kerr and Marshal Swain will start out on a sanitary inspection of the city this morning, and hope to find everybody's premises clean and in good condition.

The Sunday law took effect on the 24th, and the first refreshments will be heretofore under the necessity of laying in their Sunday's supply on Saturday evening.

Mr. J. K. Lee, of Travis, Austin county, was in town Monday. He says cotton is opening rapidly, but that the plant is small, and but few bolls. Cause, dry weather.

Frank McKee, of Goldings, has a contract for the grading of two miles of the Santa Fe railway, and has about 35 men at work on the same 3 miles south of town.

H. Fisher received a car load of ice on Wednesday, which is being utilized by our citizens in their efforts to keep cool. Fisher says "it can't be beat, to keep down heat."

Quite a number of hands pass through town daily from the Santa Fe railroad camp on route for home, being white men who are unable to stand hard work in the hot sun.

Reuben, Henry and Wilford Loggins, charged with the murder of Reuben Morris, near Hempstead, have been committed to jail, but having been visited by Justice Harvey, before whom the examination was held.

Our young friend, Mr. Henry Haynes, of Independence, was in town on Friday. He is a talented, studious, energetic young man, and if we mistake not will, ere long, occupy a prominent position among the leading men of our State.

Our young friend, Master R. A. Mason, of this county, left on Monday evening for Lexington, Ky., where he proposes placing himself under the tutelage of Prof. A. Drake, an experienced educator, for two or three years. We wish him success.

REAL ESTATE transfers for the week ending July 24th, reported by C. F. Herbst, of the county clerk's office: E. M. Campbell to J. C. Justice, lot in Cappell Hill, \$105. J. B. Applewhite et als to J. R. Pennington, 53 acres, J. W. Cole league, \$800.

Wm. Hammer and wife to Charlotte Ramsel, tract No. 12, Gail Borden league, \$650. Chas. J. Randle, by attorney, to Christian Cramer, lot in Brenham, \$125. J. H. Blue and wife to David Levi, 62 1-2 acres, S. Campbell league, \$320.

Chester Jackson's best Sweet Navy Tobacco

THE CEMETERY.

The grounds of the new Cemetery comprise about 28 acres of land, purchased in 1871. The ground is divided by two avenues 90 feet in width, and by four streets 30 feet in width, into 16 sections. The sections are divided into lots and alleys, so that each lot abuts upon an avenue, street or alley. Of the lots, 280 have been sold; 84 are reserved for the burial of strangers and 778 lots remain unsold. The ground and improvements cost about \$2500, which has been paid from the sale of lots. The land has been paid for and a deed executed. The association owes a small debt of about \$120, which will be paid out of the proceeds of the first lots sold.

There is now a necessity for an immediate outlay of a large sum of money; the cutting ants are established in several large beds within and near the Cemetery and destroy the trees and shrubbery as fast as they are planted; the fence is decayed and is insufficient to protect the grounds; rank weeds and grass cover the streets and lots, and give an air of utter desolation to the entire surroundings.

The Cemetery is beautifully situated and is susceptible of the very highest improvement. It can be made an ornament to our city—a place to which those whose loved ones are sleeping within its bosom, will love to resort.

Heretofore, the large debt incurred for the purchase of the grounds, &c., has prevented the expenditure of any money for the ornamentation or improvement of the grounds. The debt now being paid, the Trustees have agreed upon a plan of improvement, which will be carried out as rapidly as the means at their disposal will permit.

The ants will be destroyed, with a guaranty that they shall never again render useless the labor of adorning the graves of our loved ones. A new, substantial fence will be erected; the grass and weeds will be removed, and our native forest trees will be planted, so as to give a permanent and substantial shade.

After this is done, the ladies will be invited to take charge of the sections in which are the graves of their relatives and friends, and co-operate in beautifying the entire grounds.

For the purpose of raising funds for these needed improvements an agent of the Association will canvass the city for the sale of lots. Undoubtedly every one who considers himself a permanent citizen of Brenham will promptly avail himself of the opportunity now offered of securing a lot for the burial of his dead. Sooner or later we must all become tenants of this city of the dead. Possibly we may have some choice as to our resting place. At any rate it is better that we should secure it, before a sharp necessity compels its selection at a time less convenient than the present.

CUTTING SCRAPE.—Jo. Jackson married a sister-in-law of Tom Lewis, and is the step-father of a little girl, all the parties being colored. The girl, contrary to Jackson's orders, went to Lewis' house to see her cousin. Jackson went after her and took her home; he then proceeded to give her an unmerciful whipping, when her uncle Tom Lewis walked to the fence and remonstrated; this enraged Jackson, who followed Lewis with a razor, Lewis seeing him, Jackson, advancing broke a picket off a fence and struck him over the head, breaking the picket—the head wasn't hurt. Jackson closed in on Lewis and worked on him with his razor, inflicting seven wounds as follows: one back of head; one in left arm; one in right arm; one on each cheek; nose cut and one cut on left fore finger. Dr. J. R. Williams dressed these many wounds, none of which are serious. All of this at Campdown on Saturday.

WORKING HIS WAY.—A very large negro mounted on an infatigable donkey created much amusement on Sandy street on Saturday. There was a difference of opinion between the man and the donkey; the man wanted to go one way and the donkey another. A Mississippi river tow boat with a big tow of coal barges could be steered with greater ease than this donkey.

SERIOUS SHOOTING SCRAPE.

Saturday morning about ten and a half o'clock the whole business part of town was thrown into a feverish state of excitement by the rapid discharge of a pistol on the public square. The cause of all this commotion was the shooting of Mr. J. H. Burch, a farmer living about six miles east of town in the Morgan settlement, by Mr. Jos. Hardin, his brother-in-law, who lives with his father, R. E. Hardin, two miles southeast of the city.

It appears that Jos. Hardin was standing in front of the Graber building, on the west side of the square talking to some friends, when Burch passed by him scrutinizing him very closely, but saying nothing. A few minutes afterwards Jos. Hardin was on the side of the square, and Burch, who had been engaged in conversation with a few minutes Burch approached from the north with his eyes intently fixed on Jos. Hardin, and his hand in the vicinity of his trousers pocket, whether the hip or front pocket eyewitnesses differ.

When Burch was within a few feet of him Hardin drew his pistol and opened fire, shooting four times in rapid succession. Two of the balls took effect, the first entering the neck just to the left of the wind-pipe and immediately above the chest, the other took effect in arm near the wrist breaking the bone. The first intimation of any difficulty was the report of the pistol, several parties rushed up and discovered Mr. Hardin's father trying to prevent him from shooting any more. The wounded man was taken to the Pennington house where he was attended by Dr. J. T. Norris. The ball entered the chest; the doctor regards the wound as very serious, but not necessarily fatal. By time the shooting was over a large crowd had gathered, Hardin made his way through it and around the square pursued by Doran, of the police force, whose statement is appended. Arriving at the south side of the square and a short distance east of the gate some one had unhitched a horse and had it ready, Hardin mounted and pistol in hand galloped out Sandy street east going through Campdown and making good his escape. As Hardin rode off people stood amazed and wondering why somebody didn't stop him. Ineffectual pursuit was made. The cause of the difficulty grew out of family troubles. Mr. R. E. Hardin says that Burch had mistreated his daughter, who is Burch's wife, and sister to Joseph Hardin. That he had been remonstrated with on several occasions, and that one or more times his wife had left him and he had made derogatory remarks concerning her in the neighborhood. That he had said he didn't care for the whole Hardin family. He had sent word to Joseph Hardin that he wasn't afraid of him, as he, Burch, was "heeled." Mr. Hardin says his son will come back and surrender when the excitement cools down a little. The determined look of Burch and the threatening messages communicated to Hardin lead him to believe that Burch was bent on mischief. Such occurrences are much to be regretted as they are calculated to give our town and county a very bad name abroad. The BANNER simply gives the particulars of the affair as near as they can be learned with no disposition to influence the case one way or the other.

DORAN'S STATEMENT.—Was standing in vicinity of Wood's drug store about 10:30 o'clock and heard two pistol shots in quick succession; looked east towards Abbott's building and saw a man with silver mounted pistol in hand making from sidewalk to middle of street; did not know who the man was; I took my pistol from pocket and holding it in my hand gave chase for the man who ran at a rapid rate around the corner to Main street, thence west on Main street and when about opposite Healy's store he stumbled and fell; I then made a rush forward when some one caught me by the arm and said "hold on, I'll catch him, let me have your pistol." I looked around and saw it was John Hardin, formerly deputy sheriff, and gave him the pistol; I was really out of breath and told John to catch him. He then rushed forward, and I did not know the fugitive was brother until after they had left town. My pistol, a valuable one, is gone, but will probably be returned to me.

Burch's Statement.

The following is Mr. J. H. Burch's statement in regard to the shooting of himself on Saturday last. The language is his own:

I came to town about 9 to 10 o'clock on Saturday morning the 19th inst.; was doing some trading; starting from Luhn's drug store to McFarland's bookstore, when arriving in front of Couch's store Mr. R. E. Hardin, Joe Hardin, John Hardin and William Morgan were there. Joe Hardin and William Morgan were squatting down on the walkway and R. E. and John Hardin were standing up. I hadn't met John in eighteen months before, he looked up, and I said "good morning John." He said "you d— of a b— I don't speak to such men." I said "John what's the matter?" Old man Bob Hardin drew his stick and said "don't you put your hand in your pocket." I said, "Mr. Har-

er, I have got nothing in my pocket but a barlow knife." At that time John and Joe both drew pistols. Joe presented his pistol to my face, I ward it off with my left arm, he firing wounding my wrist; my foot slipped and I fell to the sidewalk, John firing as soon as I was down, the ball taking effect in my neck. Joe fired again, then stepped off and came back putting the pistol right over my head and firing, but never touched me. I had no hard feeling towards either of the boys or the old man. I had had a family difficulty but thought it was satisfied and settled. When I came to town I had no idea in the world that I was going to have any difficulty with any one and was getting ready to leave town. I have been in the county for ten years and have in all that time never had a pistol in the corporation of Brenham.

Chappell Hill Locals.

July 21st, 1879.

Editors Banner: Some "fiend" in human shape attempted to assassinate Rev. H. Garrett Saturday night about 8 o'clock by firing at the old man with a shot gun, while he and his wife were sitting on the front gallery. Five buckshot passing over his wife's shoulder and penetrating the wall in close proximity to the old man's head. The whole affair is a mystery and conjecture cannot assign a reason for the deed.

The temperance council will give an entertainment Friday night, July 25th.

There was a meeting of the white people of this precinct Saturday last, to take into consideration the exodus question. Resolutions were passed favoring the move, &c. L. E. C.

R. L. RUSSELL.—This party seeks newspaper notoriety by a personal explanation in the Galveston News. The BANNER accepts Russell's explanation so far as his trip to Austin county is concerned, but as to the remainder of its account of his doings, it sticks to the text. Mr. T. L. Swain, city marshal, says he invited Russell to walk to the bastille with him, as he was a public nuisance on the streets, and locked him up. Mr. Swain did not consult Russell's convenience in the matter at all. For several days Russell had been round town begging every body he knew and a good many that he didn't know for a dime to get a drink of whiskey. The balance of his explanation requires no notice. Bye, bye, "majah."

NOT A MURDER.—Early Wednesday morning a quantity of b'l'ud, was discovered on the sidewalk on Ant street extending from Main to Sandy. There was rumors of a b'l'ud murder, a free fight, a knock-down and drag-out, and other horrible conjectures. No one seemed to know or have any idea when or how the b'l'ud got on the sidewalk, or whether it was the b'l'ud of a human or a feathery biped, though there was almost too much of the crimson fluid to have come from the body of a chicken so inexperienced in the ways of the world as to roost low enough to be gobbled up by a marauding darkey. A member of the metropolitan police force, who was out betimes, soon discovered the b'l'ud and set his wits to work unravelling the bloody mystery. Three hours of very shrewd detective work was devoted to the subject and it was finally discovered that a negro man had cut his foot by stepping on a broken black bottle, supposed to have at one time contained whiskey. Thus ingloriously ended the investigation, and at the same time ruined the prospects of a first-class local item.

The Labor Question.

CHAPPELL HILL, July 19, '79. Proceedings of a mass meeting of the citizens of Chappell Hill and vicinity.

Pursuant to a previous notice the meeting was called to order and Dr. J. M. Nelson, was elected chairman, Col. J. M. Nicholson secretary.

The object of the meeting was explained to be to take into consideration the labor question and adopt such measures as the "agricultural" interests may demand.

The following Preamble and resolutions was offered by M. M. Felder and unanimously adopted by "sections."

Whereas at a conference of colored people in the city of Houston on the 1st of July there were resolutions adopted strongly denouncing the white people of Texas, and expressing a desire to "emigrate" to some other state, where their race would receive more generous treatment.

Whereas there is a general excitement on the subject of emigration; agents traveling to and fro, circulating the most absurd reports about Kansas, which are accepted as facts by a large number of negroes, producing great excitement and general dissatisfaction in their minds.

Whereas we recognize the colored people as freemen and their rights fully to pursue the subject of immigration in their own way, and desiring to throw no impediment in their way, but to continue as we have done in the past to do all in our power for their advancement and elevation.

Resolved 1st, That we the people and planters of Chappell Hill and vicinity do heartily approve of the emigration of the colored people, and pledge ourselves that we will in all reasonable ways assist them in their enterprise. The feasibility of which we have not been consulted, and of which we give no opinion.

Resolved 2d, That we have a rich and fertile country, fanned by the balmy breezes from the sea, free as any southern climate from miasmatic influences, which only needs intelligent and efficient laborers to develop its full resources and make it blossom as the rose. A country in which the thermometer preserves a happy medium; a climate and soil susceptible of great diversity of crops.

Resolved 3d, That we throw open wide our doors to immigration and give a hearty welcome to all good and honest people, who come to make their homes among us, whether from the north, south, east or west.

Resolved 4th, That a committee be appointed to consider the subject of immigration and to devise some practical plan to encourage immigration of good and bonafide citizens to our county, and to call a meeting of the people whenever their plans are sufficiently matured to report.

Resolved 5th, That these proceedings be sent to the Galveston News, and Brenham BANNER with a request to publish the same.

The chairman appointed a committee of 15 in accordance with the above resolutions. J. M. NELSON, Chm. J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec'y.

From Long Point.

July 23d, 1879.

Several of our citizens who visited a campmeeting in Burlington county last Friday, returned Monday on account of the heat and dust; that and another campmeeting in the same region still progressing. Mr. Geo. Gentry's family left yesterday for a visit to Gavville to remain a month. Our friend Mr. F. M. Griffin has just returned from a short visit to his parents in West Tennessee. A heavy rain fell last Thursday night of us, extending within a mile of this place, filling the branches and sloughs; being called out that way yesterday we observed the refreshing effects upon the hitherto dried and thirsty land. We have been catching many fine fish since the rain. On the Nims farm, we saw the finest cotton of the season, stalks 4 and 5 feet high with long and heavily loaded branches—beats the prairie this season. Corn on the same farm is splendid. Cotton picking has commenced with us, but we fear the crop will be short. Mr. Harry Barnett sent us a sample of fine oats, which were highly appreciated and of the very best. Mr. Alex. Shepard, has very fine flax products than any other planter in this vicinity. Our skillful blacksmith, Mr. Sebastian will leave us this fall for Bell county; he with several other of his countrymen are now in that county gathering provender for their stock next year. We will meet another blacksmith, Mr. Estes lost his eldest daughter, near Berlin, last week. She was buried at Long Point grave yard. Thermometer 98 in the shade.

VOLENTINE.

Just received a new and complete stock of staple and fancy groceries. I sell at bottom prices and deliver in any part of the city free. E. J. FRANKEL, North side square.

MARKET REPORT.

PAWNEE OFFICE, July 24 1879. COTTON

Good Middling..... 11 1/2 Low Middling..... 10 1/2 Good Ordinary..... 9 1/2 Ordinary..... 9

HIDES. Dry Flint..... 30 1/2 Hips..... 20 1/2 Damaged..... 19 1/2 Wool..... 15 1/2