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Meteorological Report.

The following observations were taken at the South Texas Garden for the 24 hours ending at eight o'clock today:

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 19.
Barometer 7 p. m. yesterday, 29.91
Barometer at 7 a. m. today, 29.94
Temperature at 7 a. m. today, 75.0
Maximum temp. yesterday, 88.1
Minimum temp. this morning, 72.4
Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 20.
Barometer 7 p. m. yesterday, 29.87
Barometer at 7 a. m. today, 29.81
Temperature at 7 a. m. today, 74.5
Maximum temp. yesterday, 89.2
Minimum temp. this morning, 72.1

Official Forecast.

Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy weather; showers tonight or Tuesday; moderate to brisk northerly winds.

LOCAL ITEMS

For Civic Improvement—As a result of the entertainment given at the Celford Theater on last Friday night for the benefit of the proposed civic improvement organization, the sum of \$90 was cleared and is now being held in trust by Miss Ida McDavitt, under whose direction the entertainment was given, in the Merchants' National Bank. As soon as the organization of the league is perfected, it will be turned over to the proper authorities.

First Lieutenant of Rifles—At the meeting of the Brownsville Rifles Saturday night at the Federal court room, J. C. Wreford was elected first lieutenant of the company. Several propositions for raising funds for an armory were discussed, but no definite action has as yet been taken.

Comes for Treatment—F. H. Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Williams and little child and his brother-in-law, Mr. Julian, was brought down from Lyford Saturday night to this city for medical treatment, suffering from a very severe attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Williams, whose home is in New York, arrived at Lyford about fifteen days ago and purchased land at that place. He had only been there about five days when he was stricken with typhoid fever, having undoubtedly had the fever in his system when he arrived there. On account of the high water, he was unable to obtain the proper medical attention and was brought here to enter the Works Sanitarium. On account of the sanitarium not being quite completed, Mr. Williams was taken to what is known as the Roosevelt house on Levee Street, where a specially fitted up room had been prepared for him. He was also accompanied by his nurse, Miss Bentley of Houston.

Fell Into River—Last night about seven thirty o'clock, while returning from Matamoros a Mexican woman whose name could not be learned, tripped in some manner on the chalan at the boat landing on this side and fell headlong into the waters of the Rio Grande, between the chalan and the river bank. Julian Espinosa, who happened to be near and saw the woman fall in the river, at once ran to her assistance and, seizing her by one arm, pulled her out of the water, doubtless saving her from being drowned.

New County Physician—On last Saturday afternoon, at the session of the county commissioners' court, Dr. F. W. Kirkham was appointed county physician to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Dr. L. P. Layton. At present Dr. Kirkham is living at Cuero, but he expects to return to Brownsville where he formerly practiced medicine for several years, and resume his practice here. Dr. Kirkham will have his office in the new addition to the Putegnat building on Elizabeth St.

Sanitation Work—Chief of Police Conner has a force at work this morning on Elizabeth, filling up the mud holes on that street caused by the recent rains, and also filling them with quick lime.

Woman's Home Mission Society will meet tomorrow afternoon at four at the Methodist church. A full attendance is requested.

Another New Machine—Chas. M. Armstrong, who is making his headquarters in Brownsville now, had his new 50-horse power Stoddard-Dayton roadster out yesterday for the first time. He made several excursions to the suburbs and reports that the Alice road in particular is in sorry condition. Some of the county commissioners will doubtless be invited soon to take a jaunting trip with him over our pikes.

Nearly half a Mile of Freight—Assistant Superintendent Chas. J. Lorimer made another round-up of freight cars Saturday and Sunday and pulled in from the range last night with a herd of 54 nice fat steers ready for the local market. These, with the engine and tender now in, stretched over 2,269 feet of track, just 280 feet less than half a mile. There are about twenty units of the delayed cars on the sidings between Kingsville and Brownsville still to be brought in. These will probably come in tonight. It is announced today at the local freight office that a freight train will probably go out tomorrow morning.

Branch Train Resumed—For the first time since Friday, Sept. 3rd, the branch train has made the trip up to Fortyce and return in less than two weeks. Yesterday was the lucky day and, though no records were broken, the train did manage to crawl back before midnight of the same day that witnessed the start. The road bed is still in pretty bad condition and consequently the train was obliged to make haste slowly, not getting back until 10 o'clock.

PERSONALS

Justice Pat Haley returned to Harlingen this morning, after a stay of a week in town. Mrs. Haley and children will remain some time longer.

Little journeys up the branch were taken today by Jack Porter and J. R. Assom, to San Benito, Geo. McGonigle to San Benito and Harlingen and W. C. Craig to Mercedes.

Hy. Verhelle and family visited Harlingen today.

B. H. Frazier, L. H. Romig and Fred Kowalski, week end visitors, went out on the branch train this morning for various points up the line.

Visitors to town over Sunday from the Hidalgo branch included, F. E. Marchbanks and wife, J. S. Moody and daughter and F. B. Chambers of Harlingen; E. S. Haggard, G. B. Kallfant, C. L. Cruppy and wife of San Benito; H. H. Runkler, F. R. Kingdon, W. W. Vann, W. H. McGrath, C. H. Harwell, and W. A. McNeil of Le Feria; W. C. Sempke, H. Turner, R. E. Lee, R. W. Blain of Mercedes, Mrs. N. H. Williams and S. M. and C. C. Juliard of Lyford.

Miss M. Boyd of Gatesville, Texas, who has taken a position as teacher in the Mercedes school, arrived in town Saturday night and went up to Mercedes yesterday morning.

D. L. Speto left for New York yesterday morning to be gone about two months. It is said that he will not return alone.

S. S. Beard, with Mrs. Beard and little daughter after being delayed for more than half a month managed to get started for Mission yesterday morning. Mr. Beard will hereafter be in charge of the Mission hotel.

Mrs. S. B. Sorenson, Jr., and Miss Lee McCoughen of San Antonio, came in Saturday from the Box ranch, where they have been visiting for the past two weeks and left for home yesterday morning.

Crisanto Villareal, one of San Benito's merchants who was formerly of Brownsville, came down Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Juanita Villareal, who is very ill at her home here. Mr. Villareal returned to San Benito today.

Geo. B. Falligant of San Benito was one of the delighted audience at the military band concert in Matamoros last evening, como siempre.

Editor Moritz of the Mercedes Enterprise, accompanied by Mrs. Moritz, came down on last night's branch train to the great joy of Pierre Bollack, who has been in a constant state of perturbation over their safety since the water came.

C. C. W. Skinner of Troy, O., inventor of a system of irrigation which bears his name, was at the San Carlos yesterday. He went up to Mercedes this morning to make arrangements for installing an experimental outfit there to show the workings of his system.

J. F. Valle, one of the Mercedes colony of planters, returned Saturday night from a visit to his home at St. Louis. He went up to his place yesterday.

K. Oshima was in town Saturday night en route from San Antonio to Mission, to visit A. Miyamoto, the nurseman of Mission.

J. L. McKinley and wife of Memphis, Tenn., on a prospecting tour, are registered at the San Carlos.

L. C. Hill, senior and junior, were Sunday visitors to Brownsville, returning to Harlingen today.

F. K. Ferrell of Corpus Christi was in Brownsville yesterday.

Miss Ernestine Perkins, who has been for several weeks the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Young at their ranch home near Delfina, returned home Saturday night.

Geo. L. Kowalski left yesterday for Austin, Texas, where he goes to enter the law school of the University of Texas.

N. E. Rendall went up to Mission today to take charge of the installation of the pumping plant at the second lift station of the La Lomita canal.

Realty Transfers.
The Lon C. Hill Town and Improvement Company to Mrs. J. F. Kimball, lot 7 block 67, Harlingen. Consideration, \$250.

Thos. I. Aiken to E. B. Raymond, 2 acres in Raymondville. Consideration, \$300.

William H. Petty to Edward Box, all of blocks 29, 30, 44 and 46, in Olmito. Consideration, \$1,200.

John McMurray to the McMurray Lumber Company, lot 5, block 35, San Benito. Consideration, \$275.

John McMurray and T. C. Spencer to the McMurray Lumber Company, lots 2 and 3, block 20, San Benito. Consideration, \$500.

David Quinlan to Archibald B. Mitchell, farm lots 15 and 16, block 12-3, sub-division of the San Benito Land and Water Company. Consideration, \$1,150.

San Benito Sugar Company to Ray S. Watt, 27.99 out of the concession de Carrizosa grant. Consideration, \$1,257.

DEATH OF MRS. E. E. MORGAN.

Wife of Friends Missionary of Matamoros—Sent to Northern Home.

Mrs. Clare R. Morgan, wife of the Rev. E. E. Morgan of the Friends Mission of Matamoros, Mexico, died at her home in that city yesterday morning at 5:15. While not unexpected, Mrs. Morgan's death came rather suddenly and was a great shock to her numerous friends in both Matamoros and Brownsville. Twice within the past year and a half she has been compelled to go north to be operated upon for cancer. The operations were unsuccessful. Since returning in August from her last trip she had been failing gradually living just long enough to see her sister Miss Rambo, who arrived here from Indianapolis late Saturday night.

The body was brought across the river to Brownsville yesterday afternoon and taken to the Hinkey undertaking establishment to be embalmed, being forwarded to Indianapolis this morning for burial.

Funeral services were held at five o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Foster, and Rev. C. L. Jessup of the local Friends organization of which Mrs. Morgan was a member. Part of the services were also conducted in Spanish by Rev. D. G. Cavazos, pastor of the Mexican Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Morgan had been engaged in mission work since her marriage to the Rev. E. E. Morgan in 1895. They were sent to Mexico in 1897 and have lived there continuously since that time coming in 1907 to Matamoros where Mr. Morgan is employed as a teacher at the Hussey Institute. Mrs. Morgan had endeared herself greatly to her co-workers in the mission field and will be sadly missed by them as well as by the many to whom she has ministered during her missionary career.

DRY FARMING LESSON.

This Is the Experience of Three Farmers in Erath County.

In Erath county three men planted cotton in the same field. When extreme dry weather came Mr. Geo. Lydia and Mr. Miller decided not to work their cotton. Mr. T. J. Lydia cultivated his without waiting for rain, and made a dust mulch about it. Later, the first two lost their crops. T. J. Lydia's crop is fine and growing rapidly. Now the question should be asked by every man interested: What made the difference? The soils were the same. The dust mulch preserved moisture and let in moisture from the atmosphere. Cultivation percolated air to reach the soils and roots of the plants without drying them out. There are few stronger instances of the advantages of cultivation in dry weather. George Lydia and Mr. Miller have learned by failure, T. J. Lydia by success, and tens of thousands should learn from their experiences.—Farm 20 Ranch.

Busy Day in Justice's Court.

This morning was about the busiest that Justice of the Peace Gavito has experienced for sometime, there being more cases of intoxication before his honor than usual.

These included the following: Guadalupe Duenes, Jose Lever, Bartolo Torres and Rafael Soza, composed one party who on Saturday night absorbed all of the mescal which their systems were capable of containing, after which they started out on a tour to decorate the town with a coat of paint of a very brilliant hue. They ran amuck against Constable Faustino Lopez, however, and as a result were furnished free beds, with meals included at the Hotel de Garza yesterday. The quartet were fined one dollar and trimmings each by Judge Gavito and, not having the wherewithal to pay their fine are now "laying it out" in the county jail.

Jose Pena, who for a few minutes on Saturday night essayed the role of terrorizer, parading Elizabeth Street with a Winchester rifle, threatening to shoot those with whom he came in contact, but whose warlike career was cut short by the timely arrival of a policeman, was also assessed one dollar and in lieu of which he was sent to the county jail.

Rafael Guerrero was fined the customary one dollar and trimmings and not being able to pay the fine, was also sent to jail with the rest of the party.

Married.

Yesterday afternoon, at the home of D. Denman in West Brownsville, Miss Alta Billingsly and Fred A. Jones were united in marriage, Justice of the Peace Pat Haley of Harlingen officiating. Only a very few of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. Immediately after the ceremony, the newly married couple returned to the city to the home of J. C. Assom, where they will reside for the present. The arrangement of the wedding came as a surprise to the many friends of the couple as none were aware of the fact that they had any such intentions. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Billingsly who reside near this city.

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