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No. 6 (Flyer) leaves.....7:20 a.m.  
No. 202 leaves.....9:51 a.m.  
No. 204 leaves.....7:43 p.m.

**South Bound.**

No. 203 leaves.....9:27 a.m.  
No. 201 leaves.....6:27 p.m.  
No. 5 (Flyer) leaves.....8:21 p.m.

**H & T. C. West Bound.**

No. 85 leaves.....6:30 a.m.  
No. 83 leaves.....6:57 p.m.  
No. 87 arrives 4:05 p.m.—Does not run west of Waxahachie.  
No. 89 arrives.....11:15 a.m.

**East Bound.**

No. 82 leaves 9:30 a.m.—Connects at Ennis for Houston.  
No. 84 leaves 3:00 p.m.—Starts from Waxahachie.  
No. 86 leaves.....9:06 p.m.  
No. 88 leaves 9:20 a.m.—Connects at Garrett for the North.

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After all, Joe Bailey, the senator from Texas, is but a man.

So long as a man is willing to confess to mistakes made there is hope for him. It is the "we make no mistakes" fellow that is hopelessly lost.

Fort Worth gets the general offices of the Trinity and Brazos Valley railway. Well, next to Waxahachie that's the best selection the road could have made.

In suggesting a thought for the day the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "The world owes every man a living, but it has been looted by its officers, and may not pay one cent on the dollar."

"What wanderer was ever loath to come home?" asks Colonel Waterston. Well, says the Washington Post, there's former Statistician Hyde, Jimmie Hyde, some of the McCurdy family, and others.

An exchange truthfully says: "When a man is robbing the public you can rest assured that he is abusing the local newspaper. He dreads publicity and he therefore hates an honestly conducted newspaper."

Because a man may be opposed to your political views it is wrong to assume that he also personally dislikes you. You claim the right to believe according to your understanding, then accord to your fellowman the same privilege.

According to a republican paper Senator Bailey's method of fighting the octopus seems to be in paying a leg off the beast and beating it to death with it. To see the beast that would be a winning way, in as much as it would get the beast going and coming.

The total vote in the state convention will be 715, according to a statement just issued by the democratic executive committee. According to a ruling of the attorney general of the unorganized counties, nine in number, will have no vote in the convention.

**RETURNS TO THE FIELD**

**Milfin Quits Politics to Resume His Work for The Enterprise.**

The Borens have been here a long time, in fact, came very near getting here first. There is quite a host of them in this county and I have never met one of them but he is proud of old Ellis county, the land of their fathers and the country they have had so prominent a part in shaping. A little ways east of Ray G. R. Boren, "Uncle Riley" as we all know him, lives. His house is a large one and if I mistake not is an ideal place for family reunions. There is plenty of room in the big house and massive oaks around give shade for the little grand children to play, have their swings, etc. I stopped there this time and these good people, Uncle Riley and his wife, were in the front yard to greet you as a true Texan always does, and soon we are talking of the Texas and Ellis county of long ago. Uncle Riley is 72 years old was born in Burleson county, and came here in 1860. If space allowed I'd tell more of him and his good wife, for such folks are the pioneers of our county. Mrs. Boren is quite an enthusiast on flowers and fruits and she gave me a fig from her orchard that measured 9 1/2 inches around. It was delicious and shows what can be done here. She loves flowers and will be on hand at our flower show later on. Noble people are these, and when their long days work is done and the sun has gone over the hills, may they enter into that rest prepared for the faithful.

W. A. Davidson and his brother I found at their home taking a little blow for it was so terrible hot. J. M. Brookshire and his son I held up in their cotton field. They always take the Enterprise. He had four fine mules and they were steppers from law. There are several of these Brookshires and they are all workers and make big crops every year.

J. W. Foster has 80 acres of fine land close to Bardwell and since the railroad has come he has been offered a big price for it, but he likes his neighborhood and his location and will hold on. Jess Sills used to live close to Ennis but he is now close to Bardwell and has a fine crop. I walked out to where he was hoeing and he subscribed of course. J. S. Cheek has a fine crop too for I found him in the middle of it. He is an old timer with us and has renewed with us again.

E. P. Geron owns some fine farms over there, lives in a new house, and from the looks of his crops I should judge he is a mover of things. He brags on our paper and always takes it. He has two sons that I met on one of my former trips over there and they are gentlemanly, well posted young men and interesting to talk to. They read several magazines, are up on passing events and the men of the hour, and take an interest in politics. Such young men are of the proper stuff and the future can depend upon them. D. M. Gillespie told me that he had taken our paper for years and we got him back. Last year he went to Oklahoma but that country did not suit him as he expected, and he is with us again and we are glad to have him back. He has fine cotton and his corn is ahead of any I have seen. I spent a night with him and he and his family know how to make a fellow feel at home. Next morning I went over on the Mizell farm and found them just nearing the end with their cotton chopping and with fine crops. W. M. Wood said: "Send it sure, I need it." J. W. Pilgrim said: "I'll soon be up, so send me the Enterprise and Dallas News too." I used to know his wife's people in Navarro county and they were good people and remembered me. His wife was a Miss Cash whose father used to live on Pilegah's Ridge down there.

J. W. Larkin, G. T. Carroll, M. S. Cogburn and G. B. Shelton were all in their fields busy as they could be but each gave me time enough to put him on our list. They all know of our paper and take it for they say we give the news. We do our best to deserve their patronage and thank them for their substantial encouragement. J. A. McCrory and another man were putting a field of cotton in shape. He took my paper and another one from me and got the advantage of the club rates. Jim Barnett was laid up with a chill but I got a fine dinner there, a big dish of fried chicken. He is O. K. as his neighbors say and a friend to us. From his place I went to the home of S. H. Shultz, saw his son and daughter and they told me the father was down in the field with a gang of hands hoeing. I went down there and we were soon good friends. When I left he says, "I'll again, for I want us to get acquainted. I like to know people."

J. C. Sheets is another man who has been here for a long time. He came from Kentucky 42 years ago and is now 68 years old. He is well fixed and owns 210 acres of land. I met his son and only child, J. H. Sheets, and he asked about Mr. Hudson and said he used to stay all night with him on his rounds. "And" he says, "I had been wondering why he had quit coming." He is on our list again and we will keep him there too. J. C. Williams is one of my stopping places over there for it is a good place to stop. He superintends the Jones farm and makes big crops. He owns a farm near Maypearl and

will move to it some time. He is fixing it up to suit him, has planted out a big orchard and when he moves to it says he will be at home. His mother, Mrs. McKee, lives with him and is a pleasant old lady and still talks tenderly of her friends back in Tennessee. His son was a student at Mansfield college last year and will return this fall. Another son is bookkeeper for the Armour's at Ft. Worth and draws a handsome salary. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have an excellent family of children and are successful. While here Mr. Williams told me of the death of J. B. Williams whom I met on another trip and had quite a long talk with. He was an excellent gentleman and our friend, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Next morning I crossed Waxahachie creek and got into the Ensign or Old Burnham country. I found J. S. Fowler chopping cotton at the rate of seven acres a day. There was not much grass in his crop but he is a worker and about the quickest motioned man I know of. J. M. Dixon, another young fellow with a fine team of mares that he is proud of, took my paper. He was hurrying to get off to the W. O. W. camp that was to have a meeting at Ennis. G. H. VanMeter, who used to live near Plum Grove was another who knew lots of people that I knew. I hurried into Ensign and found W. A. Maleidon doing a general merchandise business there. Alex Champion has a shop and does all kinds of blacksmithing and woodwork. He is a pleasant man to meet and would succeed anywhere. They have a Baptist church with Rev. Vines as pastor. The gin is a fine plant and is owned by Pete Freeman of Ennis. I drove down to A. A. Roberts and ate dinner, while his son, Burt fed my horse. He is a polite boy and knows how to be nice. While I was there Mr. Roberts went to visit Dr. Stephenson who is very sick with dropsy and not expected to live. The Doctor is well known over this country and his many friends will regret to learn of his illness.

J. F. Suggs said he knew our paper and loved to keep up, so he subscribed. S. C. Denny lives on the old Burnham square and is with us too. W. T. Mounts has a big crop and told me he had spent over a hundred dollars this year for choppers, but he has about caught up and will finish up by himself. W. R. Lambert is a young man and is working early and late to make a lot of money and I'll bet he makes it too. Mrs. G. G. Austin said she wanted her county paper above all others. Said she liked to read of people and places she knew. That is the kind of reading that suits me best and I'll bet you are that way too. T. A. Brown and his father, W. B. Brown, both came back. They said they used to take the paper all the time under the regime of Innocence Abroad. They have big crops on the Joe Boren place and have them in good condition. Charlie Page said he could not read much on account of his eyes, but that his wife read to him and he would take the paper for her. He has granulated lids in a stubborn form. He will have them treated by a skilled oculist in a few days and we are hopeful that he may be speedily cured.

W. D. Morrow lives at Old Burnham, and works the Cerf farm. He has raised a large family—seven girls and four boys. Three of his daughters have married in the last seven months. He is proud of his family and showed me a picture of his daughters in a group. His daughters are all happily married and he says he is expecting some pretty girls to rope his two remaining sons at any time. These young men are many fellows and are polite and respectful to their parents. They treated me royally while I was there and I shall remember their kindness. The night I was at their home I was sick and they poured medicine down me like I was their own son and next morning I was well. They used to live near Waxahachie and inquired after their many friends.

Old Burnham is a "has been" town. It was started before the Civil war but when the railroad came to Ennis it moved to that place. T. H. Marcia and J. L. Day told me some of its history. The town used to have four saloons, two dry goods houses and a blacksmith shop. The old square is still there and they tell you where the stores used to stand. The school house built in 1871, is still standing in a very good state of preservation and still doing duty. Old Burnham was once a famous place but its glory has departed.

J. N. Harvey, H. T. Dennis, N. T. Mitchell and many others of these good people I met and nearly all of them took my paper. I met L. A. Ellison in the road and told my business he capitulated at once. I drove down the east side of Waxahachie creek to the home of G. H. Smith. He and his wife were at home with their boys. I talked to them for some time, then found my young friend, J. S. Atkin, fixing a cultivator. He was in a good humor for he was nearly up with his crop. He has a good crop and is a fine young man and takes care of his mother. I met two of the Morrises close by. They are good friends to us for you know they are kin to Uncle Pete Merritt, one of the best men alive. H. L. Hightower has 250 acres in this year and was working a gang of hands for all they were worth. He did live in Navarro county on E. O. Call's farm (III) he made enough money to go to Louisiana to get into the saw mill business. He made money there till he burnt out. He then came to Ellis county and is

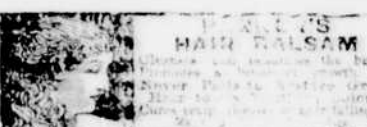
farming again on a big scale. He will succeed, you couldn't keep him down, reverses are nothing to him, he wouldn't know when he was defeated. The last night out I staid at the home of Rev. F. M. Vines, a Baptist minister of 40 year's work in the Master's vineyard. His work has been blessed beyond measure and his peaceful face shows that he has not lived for himself alone. He came from Alabama in 1881. His good wife is still with him and their union has been blessed with 12 children. His sons, T. S. and A. L. Vines reside with him with their little motherless children. One of the little boys, Lois, is a deaf mute and a student at the deaf and dumb asylum at Austin. He is a bright little boy and can easily read writing and thereby communicate with you. They have 200 acres in a crop and are nearly up with their work. Mrs. Vines from Alabama was there visiting them, and expressed herself as greatly pleased with Texas and said she had gained 12 pounds in weight since her arrival here a few weeks ago. Next morning Rev. Vines and I talked of many prominent Baptist ministers known to us both, and I left his home reluctantly, and with the hope that he may yet be spared to do many more years work in the field of his choice, and where he can do so much good.

**MILFIN.**  
**PARSONS' BRIGADE RE-UNION.**  
Annual Meeting of Association Will Be Held at Hillsboro.  
Reunion Parsons' Texas Cavalry Association, grand order No. 1:  
At the request of our host Parsons' Texas Cavalry Brigade Association will hold its annual reunion at Hillsboro, Texas, on Tuesday, July 31, 1906. August 1, 2 and 3 will be given respectively to the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, Old Soldiers' Day and U. C. V. Camp No. 166, and Hillsboro and Old Settlers' Day.  
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