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YOUNG MAN DROWNED

Albert Cousins Loses His Life While Trying to Save Sweetheart.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 19.—Albert S. Cousins, aged 25, a prominent young man here, first lieutenant in the Texas National Guard, and quartermaster of the First Texas Infantry, met his death Saturday by drowning in rather a sensational way at the mouth of Bull creek, 7 miles northwest of Austin.

Cousins, accompanied by a party of young people, chaperoned by Mrs. J. B. Oatman of Oatmanville, this county, were in the creek where the current is swift. Miss Evelyn Oatman, daughter of Mrs. Oatman, and young Cousins were out further than the rest of the party. Suddenly Miss Oatman disappeared under the water. Cousins rushed after her and succeeded in saving her life and placing her on the ground, when he suddenly slipped, his head striking a rock which stunned him, and he went under, and before assistance reached him he was carried swiftly away with the current and drowned before he could be saved.

Miss Oatman mounted a horse and rode hurriedly to the city and broke the news to the young man's parents.

Miss Oatman is also prostrated with grief, as she was engaged to be married to Cousins in October. She is a young lady who came near losing her life in a runaway at Camp Mabry during the state encampment by her horse running away, her life being saved by Lieut. Charles Raines who, himself was seriously injured. Young Cousins was also business manager of Ben C. Jones & Co., of Austin, and a son of R. H. Cousins, publisher of the Texas Court Reporter.

Cousins' body was brought to Austin and taken to the home of his parents on Rio Grande street.

Heat Drives Man Insane.

Corning, Ark., Aug. 19.—Crazed by heat, John Schnack, aged 39, killed himself in jail here by butting out his brains against the bars of his cell. He was arrested Thursday evening at a lumber camp on Black river, about three miles from here, being taken into custody for safe keeping because of alleged strange actions.

New York City in a Pinch.

New York, Aug. 19.—Admission was made Saturday that the city of New York is hard pressed to pay its bills, due to the present tight money market. It is stated here that about one million dollars is on hand to pay nearly four millions of pressing obligations.

Shock in Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 19.—A perceptible earthquake shock was noticed here at 7 o'clock Friday night and at 4 o'clock this morning a heavy shock was felt. Many people were awakened, but no damage is reported in Porto Rico.

For Colonists From Russia.

City of Mexico, Aug. 19.—Negotiations are pending here for the purchase of 150,000 acres of land to be colonized by Russians. Twenty thousand Russians will leave Western Russia shortly for Northern Mexico.

Death of Robert Pinkerton.

New York, Aug. 19.—Robert Pinkerton, head of the detective agency, died on board the steamship Bremen Aug. 12 at sea. He was en route to Germany for his health.

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BIG BLAZE IN DALLAS

Former Waxahachie Man Forced to Leap From a Second Story Window.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19.—At 1:20 o'clock this morning the old Floyd Street Methodist church property, later known as the Diamond Flats, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss on building and contents is estimated at about \$40,000. There was no insurance.

The place was occupied as a rooming house, with rooms reserved at the corner of Floyd and Gaston avenues for the work of the College of Physicians.

Seven families lived in the place. There were fifteen grown persons and ten children. All were saved, though from the immense headway of the fire before it was discovered it was feared for a time that some had been lost.

Mrs. John Burroughs, aged about 45 years, jumped from a window of the second story. She had her infant boy in her arms.

The child was unhurt, but the mother suffered a bad wrench of the right lower limb, with possible dislocation, and it is feared that some internal injuries were received.

Dr. Charles A. Schwab, in attempting to rouse some of the inmates of the second floor, was himself compelled to leap from a front window to the street below.

His back was sprained and it was feared that his left arm was broken.

Where the fire started is not known. When aroused by the roar of the flames Dr. W. L. V. Dreeseen, manager of the place, found that the entire roof and half story mansard were aflame. He barely had time to rouse the people. The house was doomed before the fire alarm was turned in.

In the house were the following: On the second floor, Dr. W. L. V. Dreeseen with four furnished rooms, John Williams and wife and family of five children.

John Burroughs and wife and family of two children, with two visitors from the northern part of the county, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Arndwind, T. D. Davis and wife.

On the first floor: Dr. Charles A. Schwab and wife, and daughter, formerly of Waxahachie.

J. Smith and wife and one child, and the housekeeper, Mrs. J. A. Shotwell, and her child. Parks Bray, his wife and three children.

The property owned by these persons is estimated to have had a value of about \$19,000.

The building, leased by Dr. F. J. Bell for the College of Physicians and Surgeons, was owned by W. L. Diamond. It was said to have a value of about \$20,000. The college property and other holdings were worth about \$7,500 more.

Next to the flats the cottage of M. F. James and family, a five-room frame, was destroyed. It was valued at about \$2,000, with furnishings of \$1,200. All was lost. It was owned by M. S. Gard.

The fire was a hot one, as the dry wooden structure burned fiercely.

It required hard fighting by all of the firemen brought out by a second alarm to save the property around.

FRISCO'S AFFLICTION.

Stricken With Bubonic Plague. Five Cases Exist—Four Deaths Announced.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 19.—San Francisco is stricken with bubonic plague. Five cases are known to exist and four deaths have resulted. With one exception the victims are foreigners. They resided in the neighborhood of old Chinatown. A sailor from a coastwise steamer was the exception.

The local, state and federal authorities have taken prompt measures for relief. The infected steamer from which the plague was spread was put in quarantine. The bodies of two Mexicans, an Italian and a Russian Pole, who succumbed, were destroyed in quick time.

Fulton Steamboat Centennial. New York, Aug. 19.—The first centennial of the trip of Robert Fulton's steamboat up the Hudson river was celebrated with fitting ceremonies Saturday.

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A GOLD-FIND ROMANCE.

An Abandoned Mine Near McAlester Being Worked With Profit.

McAlester, I. T., Aug. 19.—Gold, assaying a high percentage per ton of ore, is being mined within twenty-five miles of McAlester. This fact has developed within the past few days, despite the efforts of interested parties to keep their find a secret.

O. J. Bicking, a building contractor, and P. F. Sutton, capitalist, both of this city, are the men who are backing the enterprise. At a depth of forty-one feet they struck good color, and the mine has shown constantly better results as they have gone deeper. They are now at a depth of more than sixty feet, working with a windlass, and are in a gold-bearing porphyritic quartz.

That the mine is a valuable one is indicated by the fact that the owners have bought and leased all the land they could get in the immediate vicinity of their shaft. They now control several hundred acres. Mr. Bicking has given up his business and is devoting his entire attention to the workings at the mine. Many different assays have been made, none showing less than a profitable run of gold.

The story of the discovery of the mine reads like a romance. Forty years ago, shortly after the civil war when the statutes and customs of the Choctaws were the only law of the land and white men were few, a prospector drifted into the country from Arkansas. A limestone ridge extends across the Choctaw nation from northeast to southwest, and the conformation south from this ridge looked promising to the traveler. He pitched his camp and proceeded to sink a prospect hole. Unknown to him, the Indians were watching. Soon he struck pay dirt and his hopes rose high. That night he was attacked, beaten into insensibility, and when he recovered consciousness was ordered to leave the nation immediately on penalty of death. A few years ago he told this story to a miner named Jacob Oswald, with whom he was working in Colorado, and furnished him with a rough map with which to locate the prospect. Oswald came here last June, and, keeping his own counsel, went to the spot indicated on his map. Here he found an abandoned shaft, partly filled with water, the mouth overgrown with weeds and undergrowth. Coming back to town he enlisted Sutton, under pledge of secrecy, and after a short delay and investigation Sutton bought 100 acres where the shaft was located. Bicking was taken in to superintend the work, and it has moved steadily forward since. Meanwhile, they have been quietly gathering all the land in the vicinity they could procure.

The prospect is located near the banks of Elm Creek in Section 19, Township 3 north, Range 16 east, about two miles northeast of the little town of TI. It is a well-known fact that certain of the heavy shale in the vicinity of McAlester bears gold, but it has never been supposed that it would be found in paying quantities.

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PROGRAM FOR PIONEERS

Addresses Will Be Delivered by Cone Johnson and Alvin Owsley.

The busy season in Ellis county will open September 1, and the last opportunity the people of the county will have to enjoy a holiday will be the occasion of the old settler's reunion in Waxahachie, on Saturday, August 31. According to the designs of those in charge of the affair it is to be a *roast* basket picnic to which everybody is cordially invited. The picnic will take place at West End park where there is plenty of shade, and ice water will be provided by the arrangement committee. It is desired that as many as possible of the pioneers of the county be in attendance. Those who have not yet joined the Ellis County Pioneers' Association will be given an opportunity to do so. The oldest living white settler in the county is president of the association and he will be on hand to preside over the business session to be held during the reunion. A number of addresses will be delivered and the pioneers will be given an opportunity to indulge in reminiscent remarks. The speakers selected for that day are Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler, and Hon. Alvin C. Owsley of Denton. It is expected that Judge J. E. Dillard of Kaufman, Governor George C. Pendleton of Temple, Rev. J. S. Davis, Capt. J. Em. Hawkins and others will be present and favor the audience with short addresses.

The program announced for the day is as follows:

- 9:30 a. m. Music by Wise Orchestra.
- Roll Call.
- Prayer.
- Address of welcome by Col. B. F. Marchbanks.
- Short Talks.
- 10:30 a. m. Address by Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler, Texas.
- Dinner.
- Music by Wise Orchestra.
- 2:00 p. m. Address by Hon. A. C. Owsley, of Denton, Texas.
- Pioneer Talks.
- 4:30 p. m. Baseball Game.

Katy's New Departure. The Katy railroad has instituted a departure in its mechanical arrangement of engines which will, it is thought, be of great service to engineers. Many of the engines on passenger trains especially have been provided with electric lights around the rim of the wheels, and these lights are turned on when the train stops at the stations, so that it is easy to examine the wheels, oil them, etc. The arrangement is said to be a great time saver for the road also.

FOR STATE SANITATION.

State Health Officer Brumby Sends Letter to City and County Health Officers.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 19.—State Health Officer Brumby is sending the following letter to all county and city health officers: "Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my recently promulgated rules and regulations governing the sanitation of public buildings, railway coaches, etc., which becomes effective Sept. 1, 1907. I hope you, occupying the position that you do and realizing the importance of the work, will cooperate with this department in the enforcement of these laws. I would call your attention most especially to that clause relating to the screening of hospitals, boarding houses, etc. Dengue prevailing in epidemic form in Southwest Texas and North-eastern Mexico would warrant our urging owners and proprietors of such buildings not to wait until Sept. 1 for such action on their part. We know that the traveling public in a large measure is responsible for the conveyance of infection of this character and as they usually stop in the hotels and larger boarding houses, the danger of infection is minimized when the buildings are properly screened against mosquitoes. I solicit your hearty co-operation. This work can only be accomplished in that way."

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