

# The Shiner Gazette.

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## ALL OVER TEXAS.

The rush at the guns in McLennan County has caused a regular jam.

Twenty decrees of divorce were granted in the district court at Waxahatchie Tuesday.

News is received from Eagle Pass of a jail delivery there Thursday night. Four federal prisoners escaped.

Thirteen deer were killed by one hunting party last week in Liberty County. Prosecutions may follow.

Near McCravens, in the northeastern part of Washington County, Si Potter was shot and killed Wednesday night.

Aunt Rosa McClellan, a negress aged 194 years is dead at her home near Terrell. Her youngest son is seventy-four.

Hon. W. R. Hearst will be renominated to succeed himself in Congress, Judge Parker having suppressed Tammany's opposition to him.

Col. W. C. Jones of Greenville has received his commission as aid on the staff of Gen. Stephen D. Lee. The appointment carries with it the rank of Colonel.

A wagon factory will soon be built at Lindsay, a small town six miles west of Gainesville on the Katy Railroad. The factory will be put in by home capital.

The election held at Gainesville Thursday to determine whether the city should issue bonds to amount of \$25,000 to build a new city hall carried by 175 votes.

The Democratic executive committee of Dallas County has accepted the challenge of the Republican candidates of that county to discuss state issues on the stump.

Capt. George W. Eddy of the Weather Bureau at Abilene has been transferred to the New York weather bureau, and will leave for his new post in the next few days.

A deal has been closed at Fort Worth by five business men for the purchase of the Hunter group of gold mines near Prescott, Ariz. The consideration was \$15,000.

Preparations are already being made by the members of the New York Yacht Club for the defense of the America's cup against a possible fourth challenge from Sir Thomas Lipton.

G. L. Terrell, living twenty miles south of Victoria, reported that lightning struck a pecan tree on his ranch and killed two Mexicans who were camped beneath it and paralyzed two others.

The cornerstone of Motley County's new courthouse, now under construction, was laid by the Masonic fraternity. Dinner on the ground and public speaking were a part of the day's program.

In the recent attack by Indians on the camps of chewing gum gatherers in Southern Mexico, seventeen persons were killed, eighteen wounded and fifty-seven more either murdered or carried into captivity.

The apportionment of Confederate pensions made by the Controller for the quarters beginning Oct. 1, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905, has been fixed at \$9 for each quarter. There are now \$,325 pensioners on the rolls.

C. W. Davies, one of Brownwood's oldest citizens, died suddenly Wednesday morning while dressing. Mr. Davies had been in feeble health for two weeks or more and is supposed to have died from heart failure.

The German residents of Dallas have selected October 13th, Dallas day, as their day at the Festival and have sent out invitations to all German societies within 100 miles of Dallas, inviting them to attend the Festival on that date.

The 14-month-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farr of Granger was operated on Monday afternoon for appendicitis by local physicians, and was doing well forty-eight hours after the operation.

Judge W. Van Sickle of Alpine says Brewster County has been blessed with more rain since the 1st of September last, than for the last five years all told, and is therefore in the very pink of condition, morally.

## PUZZLE PICTURE.



"Well Played, Friend!" Who Speaks?

### ASTIR AT MUKDEN.

Foreign Attaches and Correspondents Are Hurrying There.

St. Petersburg: During the last several days there has been the greatest animation at Mukden. Foreign attaches and correspondents have hurried there from Tie Lung, it being evident that action was expected. Gen. Kuropatkin, largely reinforced, was reported about to advance to take advantage of the weakness of the Japanese army to the southward. The Japanese, aware of this, are hurrying up all possible reinforcements, including even a contingent taken from the army around Port Arthur, showing how serious they consider the matter. Russian officers and soldiers are described as highly elated, believing the time has arrived to avenge the defeat of Liao Yang.

### Was Killed by a Negro.

Memphis, Tenn.: Rowland C. Hill, an insurance agent, has been shot and killed by Bill Gilliam, a negro. The latter immediately surrendered to the police. He said he shot Hill while protecting Mrs. Emma Leonard, a white woman. Hill, it is alleged, has persistently forced his attentions upon Mrs. Leonard, who keeps a grocery store. The woman, in order to avoid Hill, left the store and sought refuge in the yard of Gilliam. Hill appeared and, it is said, threatened Gilliam. He entered the yard with the avowed intention of taking Mrs. Leonard back to her store. The negro stepped into his house, secured a shot gun and killed Hill.

### New Corporations.

Austin, Texas: The charters of the following corporations were filed Friday in the secretary of state's office: Yoakum Land and Irrigation Company of Fordyce, Hidalgo county; capital stock \$200,000. Purpose: To construct and maintain a system of irrigation, etc. Incorporated by John Clooner, W. S. Dougherty of Hidalgo, Texas; Charles Schuler of Havana, Texas; Uriah Lott of Brownville, and John T. Boddie of Chicago, Ill. Glenor Townsite Company of Clooner, Hidalgo county; capital stock \$20,000. Incorporated by John Clooner, W. S. Dougherty, and Uriah Lott.

### Summary of War News.

Continuance of the gale which developed on the China Sea and adjacent waters on Oct. 4 produced active operations by the Japanese fleet blockading Port Arthur. The British steamer Elishan, with a cargo of cattle and flour from Shanghai for Port Arthur, has been seized by the Japanese off New Chwang. A detachment of the Finland Guards has been ordered to leave St. Petersburg for the Far East.

### Alleged Lynchers Free.

Nashville, Tenn.: The jury in the case of the state vs. Lee Cobb, Dock Hastick, Joseph Tournay and James F. Hastick, charged with the lynching of Allen Small, colored, at Lynchburg, Tenn., several months ago, has returned a verdict of not guilty.

### Fatally Stabbed.

Paris, Texas: In a difficulty five miles south of Garvin, I. T. John Hays was probably fatally stabbed with a pocket knife. Frank Shilling, his half brother, went to Garvin and surrendered.

### ANOTHER NEW SHIP.

The Latest and Largest, the Nebraska, Successfully Launched.

Seattle, Wash.: In the presence of a teeming multitude of onlookers and christened by a daughter of the governor of the state for which she is named, Uncle Sam's latest and largest battleship, Nebraska, was successfully launched from the ways at 2:50 Friday afternoon. Governor Jno. H. Meeker of Nebraska and his party, including prominent state officials and their wives, participated in the ceremonies.

The Nebraska is the first battleship constructed on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco. The Nebraska has a displacement of 15,000 tons. Her contract price is \$2,725,000. Her length is 441 feet 8 inches, beam 76 feet 2 1/2 inches, speed 19 knots, indicated horsepower 19,000. Her main battery consists of four 12-inch guns, her secondary battery consists of fourteen 5-inch guns, twelve 3-pounders, sixteen small guns and four 11-inch torpedo tubes.

### Weevil Poisoning Machines.

Brenham, Texas: Messrs. Swearingen & Schultz and several others went up to Clay Friday to see a cotton field where boll weevils have been successfully poisoned. The Richter poison and machine were used in this field and a strip in the middle of a large field was selected for the experiment and it is said that while all the cotton on three sides of this is dead and long since stopped bearing on account of boll weevils, the rows poisoned are green with foliage, full of squares, blooms and bolls, and that it will make a good top crop, something that has not been made on any cotton in the boll weevil district.

### Houston Man Buys a Mansion.

Denver, Colo.: John L. Shearn of Houston, Texas, has completed negotiations for the purchase of the mansion of former Governor Grant of the Smelter combine. The structure is one of the finest and most costly in the city. Mr. Shearn has also purchased the great stock farm of M. B. Porter, near Denver.

### Carrie Nation Persists.

Wichita, Kan.: Mrs. Nation and Mrs. McHenry, immediately after having been released on an appeal bond Friday afternoon, went down the street knocking signs out of the mouths of the men they met. They have been again arrested and are in the city jail on the charge of disturbing the city peace and obstructing the sidewalk.

### The Vote Was Light.

Atlanta, Ga.: The Constitution estimates the total vote in the state Tuesday at about 25,000. There was a light vote throughout the state, except in those counties where there was opposition to the Democratic candidates for the legislature and county offices.

### Separated 45 Years.

Brownwood, Texas: After being separated 45 years, Betty Marles met her sister, Mary Kelley. Each supposed the other dead many years ago until they accidentally met here one day a short while ago. Mrs. Marles is 78 years old and Mrs. Kelley is 75 years old.

## TWO FATAL TRAGEDIES IN HOUSTON.

### C. W. Jones Killed by H. S. Swain--The Two Others Killed at a Farm House Near Town.

Houston, Texas, Oct. 10.—Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock a most appalling killing occurred on the fourth floor of the Mason building, on the corner of Main street and Ruak avenue. The victim was C. W. Jones, secretary of the Houston Fire and Marine Insurance Company, who was just leaving his office on that floor at the time. He was accompanied by A. LeVilloux, a young man who had been in his office with him. Later in the afternoon Hugh N. Swain, an attorney of Polk avenue, was placed under arrest charged with the killing. The shooting was done at an hour when there were perhaps fewer people on the street than at any other time of the day, and hence the news spread slowly and only a few people gathered up stairs where the shooting was done. Those who arrived at first found Jones on the floor of the hall on his back, arms stretched out, and his head in a pool of blood that spread out upon the floor.

Justice of the Peace Matthews was notified and was soon on the scene to ascertain the cause of death. After viewing the body he made an examination and found that deceased had been shot in the back of the head, the bullet passing through the black derby hat just above the band and lodging behind the nose, where it was later found. It either entered the back of the head and passed out at the top or entered the top and passed out behind, using the holes in the hat to show.

Judge Matthews took the following testimony of the only witness, A. LeVilloux, who said:

"C. W. Jones and I left the office of the Houston Fire and Marine Insurance Company, room 35, Mason building, at 3 o'clock p. m. I went into the hall first, waiting outside for Mr. Jones, who was closing the door. After it was locked we started to go downstairs, and upon reaching the front end of the hall I was a little ahead, when I heard a shot, turned around, and saw Mr. Jones on the floor, and also saw H. N. Swain standing at the door of his office, room No. 429. I noticed some smoke coming from the direction of the office where Swain stood. I didn't see a pistol in Swain's hand. He remained in his office a short while, then came out with his pistol in his hand, going downstairs. Didn't know of any prior trouble nor hear any words before the shot."

The deceased came here from Nacogdoches and was a member of Nacogdoches chapter of Masons. He had lived for a time in Victoria, where he was identified with a rice irrigation plant. He was one of the organizing workers of the Houston Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of which he was secretary at the time of his death. He came here a few years ago.

Major Swain, who is charged with the killing, is a son of Col. W. J. Swain, who at one time was controller of the state of Texas, and later a strong candidate for governor of Texas, and who is now president of this insurance company. It is learned that the trouble grew out of their business relations in their respective positions. The truth of this could not be verified.

But friends of both parties are of this belief, where they are well enough acquainted. The accused man is a native of Texas, being born in Henrietta, Texas. His early education was received in this state. He entered West Point in the '90s and was graduated from that military institution. He was a colonel in the Texas militia at one time and went with a Texas regiment to Cuba, where he served as a major in the First Texas Regiment during the war. He remained there several months after the war, being among the last of the volunteers who were mustered out. Both he and his father came to this city about two years ago in connection with the establishment of the former's headquarters in this city as president of the Houston Fire and Marine Insurance Company, from Austin, where they had lived many years. He has many friends throughout the state and is regarded as a chivalrous man and excellent citizen, with the highest regard for the properties of social and civil life. He is perhaps 40 years of age and has a wife and child.

### TWO KILLED IN A DUEL.

Herman Ottman and Henry Schilling Fought with Pistols Near Houston.

Houston, Texas: Sunday night the particulars of a fatal pistol duel were received here. It took place about four miles south of town, on Bray's bayou, near its crossing of the telephone road, the parties to it being Henry Ottman on one side and Henry Schilling on the other. Ottman was shot three times and died almost immediately. Old man Schilling, father of Henry Schilling, was also killed. It is believed that he was killed by accident, as he was trying to stop the shooting when he received the fatal shot. Fred Schilling was wounded in the thigh, the bone being grazed, and Ernest Schilling was wounded in the head. Both wounded men were brought into the city for treatment. The body of Herman Ottman showed that he was shot in the arm, another ball going into the right side of the thorax, and another into the abdomen, from right to left. He staggered a few seconds trying to continue the use of his pistol.

From one of the Schillings it is learned that the two men were a few feet apart when the shooting was started, and old man Schilling rushed between them, when he received a fatal ball in his back. It passed through the body and lodged just under the skin on the opposite side.

Henry Schilling was arrested and brought here and lodged in jail.

From all that could be learned the trouble originated in domestic infidelity in Ottman's family. It seems that one of the Schillings, who worked for the express company in town, had got a day off and went out to spend it at the old home. He had asked Ottman to come out and spend the day with him, as they were old friends. He accepted, and had been at the house sometime playing dominoes, when Henry came upon the scene. A few hot words, it seems, passed between them, and they immediately drew their pistols and the duel began. It ended in two deaths.

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