

**THE - CITY**  
LOCAL  
PERSONAL  
AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. Glenn Alston, Herbert and little daughter Glenn, came down from Columbus yesterday afternoon for a few days' visit.

Mr. S. Garmon is spending a few days at the home of his sister at Emmel, near Hallettsville.

We are requested to state that there will be a dance in Frazer's opera house next Thursday night. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Prof. Henry Moebes' orchestra.

The rain of Thursday was the hardest that has fallen here in some time. All of the creeks and ditches in this neighborhood were swollen to overflowing. The creek west of town was swimming to a horse at the Aransas Pass bridge, crossing a few hours after the rain.

Mr. Herbert D. Hurd is greatly improving the looks of his home place with the addition of concrete walks through his yards. Mr. Chick Ross is doing the concrete work which insures it being well done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reister are arranging to move to San Antonio to live. Mr. Reister's headquarters being in that city. We shall miss this estimable couple from our midst, but we wish them health, happiness and prosperity in their new city home. It does seem like when people move away from Eagle Lake they are always our very best people.

On last Tuesday afternoon a delightful farewell reception was tendered Mrs. G. A. Mohle at the home of Mrs. E. A. Toliver by the ladies of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Elegant refreshments consisting of a salad course with cake and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Mohle have been residents of Eagle Lake for eight years, and in the dining room which was beautifully decorated and darkened for the occasion, eight candles (a candle for each year that Mrs. Mohle has been a worker in the Society) in golden candlesticks, gave out a soft, mellow light while luncheon was being served, and at each table sat eight guests. Mrs. Peterson rendered two recitations which were greatly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Peterson is a charming entertainer, a talented elocutionist and recites beautifully. Mrs. Yates, who is president of the W. H. M. S., on behalf of the Society, in a few well chosen words presented Mrs. Mohle with a beautiful hand painted bowl, a token of esteem from the Society. Mrs. Mohle responded with a splendid impromptu talk of acceptance. Mr. Mohle will leave Monday for Beeville, their new home, and Mrs. Mohle will leave the following day for Gonzales where she will spend the holidays with relatives after which she will join him in Beeville. It is with a feeling of deep regret that we give up these most estimable people, and Eagle Lake's loss is surely Beeville's gain. Mr. and Mrs. Mohle are faithful workers in the Methodist church and their removal will be greatly felt by the members of that congregation. The Home Mission Society's best wishes go with them.

The show, "On the Frontier," at the opera house last Saturday night was pleasing to the audience. This show carries with it a splendid band and orchestra. The show, as a whole, was among the best that has visited Eagle Lake this season.

A tent show, "Hidden Hand," is billed for our town next week. As its advance agent failed to show up at this office with any advance notices favorable to the show, we labor under the impression that he didn't have any. As a rule when a show outfit shuns a printing office, you can generally safely conclude that it is a good show to stay away from.

Mr. Sam Little, our popular young assistant postmaster, tells us that the proper papers have been received at the postoffice for the moving into another building. He tells us that the business of the Eagle Lake office has grown to such an extent that a larger and more modern postoffice building is now needed. Postmaster Ziegler is in hope that someone will become interested and erect a building for Uncle Sam.

A number of resident telephones in the western part of town were "out of commission" for a few days this week, being caused by someone shooting a hole through the cable. Manager Ragland is of the opinion that this was caused by no accident as two rifle or pistol bullet holes within an inch of each other, were found in the cable which cut a number of the telephone wires on the inside. If the guilty person should be apprehended the telephone company without loss presents him to the fullest extent of the law.

Messrs. G. W. Deaton of San Antonio and A. M. Waugh of Eagle Lake have been arrested on charges connected with the failure of the Woods National bank of San Antonio. Both claim to be able to prove innocence of the charges. The HEADLIGHT sincerely hopes they may be able to do so, and for one at least will believe nothing against them until proved. Mr. Waugh, who is a member of the firm of Vineyard, Walker & Co., reached Houston Wednesday from a trip East and immediately upon learning that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, surrendered himself.

After surrendering Mr. Waugh went to the office of his counsel, Messrs. Lane, Jackson, Kelly & Walters and his bond to the amount of \$15,000 was approved by Deputy Clerk Lee Masterson of the United States court. Those who signed his bond are W. F. B. Wicker, H. P. Hahn, G. W. Keith, W. E. Welford, J. W. Thatcher, John R. Thatcher, J. W. West, moreland, Oscar Linderholm, A. C. McClanahan, Jonathan Lane, Charles Boedeker and D. J. Hayes.

Cashier M. E. Guynn of the Eagle Lake State Bank, has this week received the following letter from the department of banking, relative to the statement of his bank which was published in this paper last week:

"Dear Sir:— I am in receipt of your favor of the 6th inst. enclosing statement of condition of the Eagle Lake State Bank at the close of business on December 31, 1907 in response to call for statement issued by this department on the 5th inst. In my judgment your statement shows that said bank is in excellent condition, and especially so in view of the existing financial conditions throughout the country, and I take pleasure in congratulating you upon the showing made. Very truly yours, THOS. B. LOVE, Commissioner."

Mr. Arthur Shade of Salida, California, is visiting his cousin, Mr. N. B. Ives. Mr. Shade is a talented musician and has been practicing with the local cornet band during his visit here.

Mrs. L. V. Hahn went up to Columbus Thursday and will spend a month at her old home in that city.

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With every Suit or Overcoat order received by me during the month of December, I will give you Absolutely FREE

**A PAIR OF TROUSERS**

Giving you the privilege of selecting the trousers from any goods in the corresponding classes of the suit or overcoat.

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The Guaranteed \$3.00 Thoroughbred Hat for - \$2.50  
John B. Stetson Hats reduced in proportion.  
Ready-made Pants and Suits at your own prices.

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John Linderholm, B. L. Vineyard, A. M. Waugh, Oscar E. Linderholm, Herbert Hurd, Wm. T. Chester, Chas. E. Mott.

**BEN. M. BAKER IS DEAD.**  
Veteran Editor of the Colorado Citizen Passes Peacefully Away At His Home in Columbus.

After a confining illness of a little more than three weeks, Ben. M. Baker died of heart trouble at his home in this city a few minutes after one o'clock p. m. Sunday, December 8, 1907, at the age of 70 years, 8 months and 26 days. He had been in failing health the past few years, and last winter had a severe attack of grip, from which he never



Colonel Benjamin Marshall Baker was born in Louisiana March 13, 1837, and was the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Baker, the father being a preacher of the Methodist faith. In his infancy the family moved to Jefferson, Texas, where deceased learned the art of printing. Later, in the years of 1855 he pursued this vocation in San Antonio, where he often spoke of Indians frequenting San Pedro Springs.

In March, 1857, he and two brothers, James and Hicks, established in this city the Colorado Citizen, which, with the exception of four years during the civil war, has been published continuously. Hicks Baker was killed in battle while bearing the Confederate colors.

Deceased was married in Columbus March 12, 1874, to Miss Jennie Cunningham. Three children—Drew C., Ada and Mrs. Bennie Baker Stine—were born unto them—all four surviving.

Ben. Baker was a good husband and father, an upright, honorable, law-abiding man. If he ever did or said anything that would have a tendency to wound the feelings of a fellowman, it was a mistake of the brain—never of the heart.

He was for several terms mayor of Columbus during the 70s. In 1861 he joined Captain J. D. Roberdeau's company, which after necessary preliminaries in drilling, equipping and getting ready, went direct to Virginia, where the band became Company B, Fifth Texas, Hood's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. No Hood's Brigadier was ever detailed for shore duty, no Fifth Texas ever disgraced its name as courageous soldiers; no member of Company B ever brought up the rear—the living ones can now be counted on the fingers of one hand. At the wilderness, when the Confederates were wavering, Gen. Hood's Fifth Texas appeared. Gen. Lee wanted to lead the charge. "No! Lee to the rear or we won't go." The horse of Gen. Lee was led aside, and the Fifth Texas swept the enemy like chaff before the wind! How they did it, only God knows.

Through the thick underbrush the enemy's bullets whistled like a horizontal hail storm, mowing down men like grass and making a river of blood. With streaming eyes Gen. Lee breathlessly witnessed this, fervently murmuring: "Ah, my noble Texans! They have never failed me." Did the Confederate States Army win? They did not win the war. Aye! but they did better—they won glory that is emblazoned in lasting memory as long as Time shall continue; a fame as fadeless and as brilliant as the stars.

After the surrender at Appomattox and resumed the publication of this paper, which was consumed by fire in 1880, but was immediately replaced.

The funeral services took place from the family residence at 3 p. m., Monday, conducted by L. O. F. Lodge No. 51, of which order he had been an honored member nearly 40 years. He was also a member of K. of H. and K. & L. of H. Lodges. Dozens of floral tributes were in evidence. Business houses were closed during the funeral hours, and the Columbus High School dismissed for the day, the pupils taking part in the obsequies. The cortege was one of the very longest known in Columbus. Interment took place in the Odd Fellows' Rest.

Benjamin Marshall Baker is dead. Only five members of immortal Company B live today. Three of them were present at the last sad rites—the other two could not come, one because of illness, the other on account of the distance. For 60 years his battle-scarred figure has been prominent on our streets. No more will his faltering footsteps be seen as he walked back and forth. A vacant desk at the printing office; the old citizen stood that survived the fire of 1880 will no longer be occupied. "Bud," as he was familiarly called by the many boys that learned the printing business in the Citizen office, will never again respond to their call. His little two-year-old grand daughter viewed the breathless form as it lay cold in Death in the coffin, and said: "Grandfather is asleep." Yes, darling, "grandfather is asleep" in that beautiful, dreamless, everlasting sleep—the sleep that knows no awakening.

Final taps have been sounded. Ben. Baker was summoned, and responded. Noble, valiant Company B has one member less. The world will never know his sufferings.

Farewell!—D. C. B. in Citizen.

The Houston dailies of Monday, through mistake published the funeral of Mr. Ben Baker, as having occurred on Sunday. Mr. T. J. Roberts and Dr. Bruce, two of Mr. Baker's war comrades, and the editor of the HEADLIGHT went up on Monday's train and reached Columbus in time for the funeral which took place at the family residence Monday at 3 o'clock. Entrance into the house was impossible, owing to the immense throng that gathered to pay the last honors to him, who for nearly half a century had been their fellow citizen. All business was suspended and houses closed. Mr. Baker was 70 years old; he was born in Louisiana, the son of a Methodist preacher. Since the close of the civil war, he has been editor of the Colorado Citizen. He was a deep thinker and a scholarly writer, and in its editorial department, his paper is today the peer of any in the state. And it is a pleasant thought that these things were said of him by the HEADLIGHT in

his life time, when he could, and did appreciate them. He married in 1874, Miss Jennie Cunningham of Columbus, an intellectual woman, who has been to him a strong help. Our deepest sympathy is hers. Drew, Ada and Bennie one son and two daughters mourn his death. The writer feels his departure as a personal loss, remembering with gratitude the many cheering words from his master pen, sorely needed by the novice entering

the way he had trod nearly forty years. Farewell brother! May sweet Peace keep watch over your last sleep!

Steps should be taken immediately against the shooting of fireworks on the streets during the holidays. Times are hard enough here as it is and Eagle Lake could not well stand a big fire at this time. The authorities should see that the fireworks ordinance is enforced before it is too late.

DIED on Sunday, the first day of December, 1907, little Fola Bernice Stoermer, aged 4 months and 24 days: "Death spreads his withering arms, And beauty smiles no more. Ah! where are now those rising charms, Which pleased our eyes before? That once loved form, now cold and dead, Each mournful thought employs. We weep, our earthly comforts fled, And withered all our joys. Thou art gone to the grave; We will not deplore thee, God gave thee, he took thee, And he will restore thee." BY A FRIEND.

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