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"MACK" SMITH DROWNED SUNDAY EVENING IN THE COLORADO RIVER.

Body Was Found By Searching Parties About Twelve Hours Later In About Eighteen Feet of Water. Funeral Held Monday Afternoon.

William McKinley Smith (Mack) the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, was drowned in the Colorado River at the old Harbert place, about five miles from Eagle Lake, at about half past one o'clock last Sunday afternoon. The body being recovered at two o'clock the next morning. He, with his two brothers, Tracy and Reed, and John Sterrett were in a boat in the river. The boat was in shallow water and the boys were playing in the water, the boat getting full of water sank in the shallow waters. The boys were already wet, and "Mack" swam out into the river about ten feet from the boat and stood up in the water, the water coming up to about his shoulders. He said to his companions, "Watch me dive", and dived under the water, coming ten feet further out in a whirl pool or eddy. He came up splashing with his hands, and went under three times. His brother Tracy swam out to him, but before he reached him he sank under for the third time. He arose in the

water, about ten feet further down the stream almost to waist high and quickly sank for the fourth time. The river was dragged with hooks and was recovered the next morning when the body was found in about eighteen feet of water and about twenty feet from where he last sank. The body was brought to town and prepared for burial by Undertaker McMahon, the funeral services being held at the Baptist church Monday afternoon with interment in the Lakeside cemetery, Rev. J. A. Steven, the Baptist pastor, conducting the services. William McKinley Smith was born June 2nd, 1896, in Breckenridge County, Kansas. He professed faith in Christ about four years ago and was a member of the Methodist church at the time of his death. He leaves a father and mother, seven brothers and four sisters and a number of other relatives and many friends to mourn his loss, to whom the HEADLIGHT extends its sincerest sympathy. With his family he moved to Eagle Lake about one year ago.

A POOR YIELD OF POTATOES UNLESS GOOD RAIN FALLS VERY SOON, SAYS MR. JOHN HELMER.

Spud Crop Is At a Standstill From Drouth and Planters Are Hoping For Rain, Which Will Have to Come Very Soon to Make a Good Crop.

Mr. John Helmer, one of the large potato growers of the Bonus section, was a visitor in the city Monday. Mr. Helmer is not looking for a good crop of potatoes this season. He says the planters have overestimated the amount of rainfall of a week ago, that the rain fall was not sufficient to be of any great advantage to the crop. He says the rain only moistened the surface of the ground and after digging down to the potatoes it is

found that the moisture has not reached the potatoes. Mr. Helmer says the season has been so unfavorable to potatoes that if the potato men come out even this season they are going to do remarkably well. He is looking for better prices than the farmers have heretofore been expecting, and says he don't see what will keep the spuds from bringing a good price this season, which will, to a great extent, help out the returns on the short crop.

MONEY IN POULTRY RAISING IN COLORADO COUNTY

Interesting Article Concerning Poultry Business of Colorado County by Commercial Secretaries.

The poultry industry of Colorado County is assuming large proportions and the hen is contributing her share towards lifting the mortgages and swelling the bank accounts of the farmers of this county. The Federal Census Reports, which contain data gathered in the spring of 1910, shows a total of 115,897 fowls, valued at \$40,321 on the farms of this county. The annual poultry production of 1909 was 131,718 head of fowls and 473,271 dozen eggs which had a combined value of \$116,565, according to the report. Poultry raising in Colorado

county, when properly conducted can be made a most profitable investment. The conditions are ideal for breeding and raising chickens, ducks, turkeys and other species of domestic fowls, and our climate makes expensive poultry houses unnecessary. There are 13,670,000 head of fowls on the farms of Texas, and the annual poultry and egg production which is largely consumed at home is valued at \$23,000,000. Probably twenty-five percent of our products find its way to northern and eastern markets. Commercial Secretaries.

Band Concert Next Monday.

It was stated in this paper last week that the opening concert by the Eagle Lake band would be given on the second Monday night in May, but instead the first concert will be given on next Monday night, May 5th. After that time the regular weekly concerts will be given on Tuesday night of each week. The Presbyterian ladies will serve ice cream in the park on the night of the opening concert.

The Methodist Philathea Class

last Saturday at three o'clock, eight being present. The Bible lesson was conducted by Mrs. Yates and enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be with Miss Beckham at Mrs. Doole's home. Refreshments of frozen peaches and cake were served.

Dr. T. P. Doole has purchased the home of Mr. W. M. Blakey in the Dobbins addition, which is now occupied by Mr. W. J. McMahon and family. Dr. and Mrs. Doole will not occupy the place before fall.

Mr. Claude Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cooke of this city, who has been in the employ of the Western Union office at Dallas for some time past, returned to Eagle Lake last week, and will be in charge of the Western Union office here at night during the potato season.

Mr. J. V. House of El Campo has purchased the pool hall of Mr. H. W. Estill and has moved same to the Brosig building on Main Street, where he will continue the business.

Mr. D. Gustafson, a practical printer of Red Wing, Minnesota, arrived in the city Monday for a visit to Messrs. Kolberg and Anderson. Mr. Gustafson owns some land in the Satsuma Ridge section.

The Stafford will case which was set for trial in San Antonio last week, was continued until May 28th, at which time it will be called for a hearing.

The funeral of Mr. Joe Renshaw took place from the Methodist church last Saturday morning at ten o'clock, with interment in the Lakeside cemetery. Rev. J. E. Lovett, the Methodist pastor, conducting the services.

Mrs. Charlie White of Brady was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker last Saturday while en route home from San Antonio where she had been to attend the Stafford will case set for trial in that city. She left Sunday afternoon for her home in Brady.

Mr. O. Green who has been postmaster at Bonus and also connected with the store there for a long time, has resigned his postmaster position there and returned to Eagle Lake. He will engage in the business of raising fine chickens here. Mr. W. A. Baar succeeds Mr. Green as postmaster at the Bonus office.

Mr. G. B. Shelton has moved his meat market into the new Franz building on Main Street, which has just been completed and fitted up especially for his market business, giving him an up-to-date and inviting looking market establishment.

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