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TRACEY BEAKES WOUNDS A MAN AT HOUSTON.

Tracey Beakes of Houston, formerly of Eagle Lake, in a difficulty on Main Street in Houston last Friday morning fires two bullets into Houston man. Neither of the wounds was serious. The following account of the affair is taken from the Houston Chronicle:

Within sight of hundreds of persons, Tracey Beakes, night engineer for the Bender Hotel, attempted to kill Frank Barefield, a local man, in front of the Main street entrance of the Bender at 11 o'clock Friday morning by firing five shots at him from a 38 calibre revolver.

Two of the shots took effect, one entering Barefield's left wrist and the other ploughing its way through the fleshy part of his hip. Neither of the wounds is dangerous and Barefield was able to leave a local hospital an hour after the shooting. Beakes was arrested and is being held at police headquarters under a charge of assault to murder.

The trouble between the two young men began early in the morning when it is said Beakes, who had been drinking, slapped a messenger boy in front of the hotel. It is Beakes' contention that he was merely playing with the lad, was an old friend, but Barefield took up for the youth and a quarrel ensued. Some claim that Barefield drew a knife during the altercation and Beakes white with anger, retreated down the street.

A few minutes later he returned to the hotel and entered from the Walker avenue side. He went to the basement, secured a revolver from a locker in his room, and started upstairs. Here Beakes met H. Murray, chauffeur for the Yellow Auto Line and a friend of Barefield. Murray contends that Beakes, upon seeing him, uttered an oath and reached toward his hip pocket and attempted to draw his revolver. Murray says that the revolver caught in his pocket and he struck Beakes, flooring him. Murray states that he then ran upstairs and into the street, where he stopped to talk with Barefield, who was standing near a taxicab immediately in front of the hotel, near the Main street entrance. They were discussing the trouble when Beakes came out of the hotel and approached them. Again they quarreled and hot words followed.

Beakes claims that Barefield reached for an auto wrench. They were only a few feet away when Beakes drew his weapon and began firing. Murray ran down the street and Barefield started around the front of his auto in an effort to escape, but fell into the street with a bullet in his hip.

Beakes is said to have followed him up and while bystanders were bending over the fallen man they say he placed the revolver close to Barefield's face and snapped it five times. But the bullets had been spent.

J. H. Bright, a real estate man, wrested the gun away from Beakes, while a crowd surrounded Beakes and held him until the arrival of Claude Tucker, mount-

OPENING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 302

The Eagle Lake schools opened on last Monday with an attendance of 302. On the opening day last year there were 270. Many more are expected to enter the school yet. Miss Ruby-Durham of Sanco, who was elected as fifth grade teacher, has been given the high school work of Miss Jane Cross, resigned, and Miss Florence Smith of Seguin has been elected as fifth grade teacher. Miss Smith arrived on Tuesday, beginning her school work the following morning.

THE FIRST BIG SALE OF THIS SEASON'S RICE.

Bay City, Tex., Sept. 25.—The first largest quantity of rice sold in this section this season was sold yesterday to the Bay City Mills by John W. Gainer, representing his interests in the Lake Austin Plantation. The lot consisted of 3500 bags and brought \$3.43 a bag, or an equivalent of \$4 per barrel. Mr. Gainer states that his Lake Austin farms will net 50,000 bags this year.

BUFFINGTON WINS SUIT AGAINST IRRIGATION CO.

In the case of J. B. Buffington vs. the Lakeside Irrigation Company, a suit for damages for failure to furnish water for his rice crop in 1910, was tried in the district court at Columbus this week. Mr. Buffington being given a verdict for \$1200.

W. C. GUYNN MAKES FIRST RICE SALE AT LOUISE.

Louise, Tex., Sept. 28.—The first sale of rice from this season's crop was made when a lot of 1,500 bags belonging to Thomas & Payne was sold to the Lakeside Milling Company of Eagle Lake. The sale was made through the Southern Rice Growers' Association by Cleveland Guynn, manager of the Louise and Ganado office. The rice brought \$3.75 a barrel. On account of the bad weather, thrashing has been suspended throughout this section.

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Duncan and little son, Gardiner, left Sunday afternoon for a few days' visit to Houston.

ed officer, who took him to the station.

Dr. P. R. Denman, with offices in the Beatty building across the street from the Bender Hotel, gave emergency treatment to Barefield, who was later hurried to the Baptist Sanitarium in Westheimer's ambulance. After his wounds were dressed he left the hospital.

Beakes stated at police headquarters that he tried to kill Barefield and was sorry he didn't succeed in his purpose. "He called me every name he could think of and then started after me with a heavy wrench," Beakes stated. "I had been drinking, but wasn't drunk. The trouble I had with the boy amounted to nothing. I feel that I shot in self defense."

Barefield is the son of Samuel Barefield, passenger conductor for the International and Great Northern Railway, and resides at 1410 Commerce avenue. Beakes is 28 years old and has been in the employ of the Bender Hotel for nine months.

THAT RICE MILLING SCHEME CALLED OFF.

Beaumont, Texas, Sept. 25.—A letter issued today by E. A. Egnus, general manager of the Southern Rice Growers' Association, shows conclusively that the proposed \$2,000,000 rice milling scheme outlined by the board of directors some time ago has been abandoned and the association from now on will devote its efforts entirely to the marketing of rough rice and to maintaining the highest possible market prices for the direct benefit of its members, which include rice growers throughout Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The letter was addressed to every member of the association and reads as follows:

"In assuming the duties of general manager of the Southern Rice Growers' Association, it is only proper that I should write you defining my conception of the future policy of the association.

"The growth of the association has been remarkable and we are now big enough and strong enough so that we may with the co-operation of our members, establish market conditions as long as we confine our efforts to the solution of problems that pertain to the production and sale of growers' rice.

"Some few weeks ago the board of directors took under consideration a proposition submitted for the formation of an association to buy and mill the rice of its members. This plan met with hearty support in some sections of the rice belt, while others the planters refused to affiliate with the movement. Lack of encouragement in the earient sections, together with the unsettled weather conditions, but the short time allowed for ointed, as ganization of the new coad on amakes it obvious that means, and ships necessary to controlces. required percentage of the e. Baptis crop can not be secured.

"The Southern Rice Growers' Association is simply a farmers' rough rice marketing organization and will devote its best efforts towards maintaining its established prices and looking after the delivery of the rice of its members.

"It will be the purpose of the new management to give you at all times the best possible service and we want you to realize that this is your organization and that its employees are your employees, and that any suggestion or complaint you may make will receive prompt attention.

"The directors of your association for the past three years have devoted a great deal of their time and given their best thought to the development of this organization.

"They have labored unselfishly to stabilize the rice market, and in so doing have been compelled to neglect their own business affairs. For this service they receive no compensation whatever, aside from the thought that in helping their neighbors, they are helping themselves. They deserve your appreciation and hearty co-operation.

"It shall be our aim to give you an economical and conservative management and to be aggressive and progressive in the task of upbuilding and developing this great organization."

YOUR DAY OF OPPORTUNITY IS AT HAND

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