

JUDGE WELLS THOMPSON PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

Long Identified With Public Affairs, Jurist Had Large Acquaintance and Friendship

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parched prairies, and across unbridged rivers and streams. Some days he was oppressed with heat and sometimes chilled with rain and cold. The mere failure, however, to receive the office, with its emoluments, made but little difference with Judge Thompson, because in making the race he had been moved by a sense of duty and patriotism rather than by motives of personal consideration.

This political campaign was made in 1871, and while the office was given to another, his object was in the end accomplished. Through his terrible argument of the "reconstruction regime" in control at Austin he succeeded in rallying and organizing the democrats, and in the election which followed two years later the opposing forces received its Waterloo, from which it never recovered.

Judge Thompson was nominated and elected lieutenant governor of the state during the administration of Governor O. M. Roberts.

He has filled many positions in Texas with honor and fidelity to himself and fellow citizens, and for his patriotic life the plaudits due a good and faithful servant should be pronounced upon him.

Several years ago Judge Thompson was elected district judge of this district, and served continuously until the last election.

His political life was not less than that of three road bosses and three cooks, for culverts would be properly located the first time; the work would be permanent and the roads would not require nearly complete rebuilding every spring, as is now the case.

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Decedent came to Matagorda county in 1845, was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1859, graduated from the law department of the University of Georgia in 1861. He entered the confederate army as private in 1861; served in all the battles of the army of Tennessee and was paroled as captain of Company I, Thirty-sixth Alabama Infantry, May 10, 1865.

Returning to Texas, he became a member of the constitutional convention of Texas in 1866; was elected district attorney for the first judicial district of Texas in 1867, but was removed by the Edmund J. Davis military authorities; he was then elected lieutenant governor in 1869, state senator in 1870, president of the senate in 1872, lieutenant governor again in 1878.

He was a member of the board of regents of the A. & M. College, codifier of Texas laws in 1865. Judge Thompson was a member of the Historical Society of Texas.

CITIZEN WANTS COUNTY GANGS CONSOLIDATED

O. A. Zumwalt Writing in Colorado Citizen Makes Suggestions For Better Road Work.

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The principal one is that only one team will be on the road to town for feed, food and repairs instead of four, leaving three more teams for continuous work on the road. A saving of three road bosses at, on an average, \$50.00 per month or \$1,500 per year would be effected. A saving of three cooks at, on an average, \$35.00 per month or \$1,200 per year would be effected, a total of \$3,000 per year. The amount appropriated to each commissioner yearly is first set at \$1,000 and is increased as the county finds it can afford it up to as much as \$2,000 in 1914. We will save then on an average the sum is \$10,000 per year for the four commissioners. This saving in road bosses and cooks of \$3,000 would add nearly one-third more work on the roads. That saving would grade, ditch and gravel the road from Weimar to Oakland in short time.

If one of our county's young men who has been taught road-making at the A. & M., who knows how to drop a ditch four inches in a hundred yards, knows how to make a concrete culvert, knows how to determine the area of a water shed and the size ditch and culvert necessary to drain that watershed, would be appointed Superintendent of County Roads, we would soon have a highway that would be passable for heavy loads in bad weather. The appointment of a man with these qualifications

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as, Historical Society of North Carolina, of Delta Phi Fraternity, member of the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution, E. S. Rogers Camp, U. C. V. of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Bay City, judge of the twenty-third judicial district of Texas and a member of the Episcopal church. His occupation was that of cotton planter, lawyer and jurist.

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ENTERTAINED LADIES OF PRESBYTERIAN AID

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. W. E. McRee on last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, with a good attendance and a splendid meeting. Ways to make money were under discussion. At the close of the meeting the hostess, assisted by her charming sister, Mrs. A. R. Autrey, served dainty refreshments. The next meeting will be on January 20th.

WANTED—Three or four able bodied men to work in Nurseries and plant orchards. Apply at once Eagle Lake Nurseries. (47)

FOR RENT—Lower floor of my house, good boarding house proposition. **MRS. BELE NAIL.**

FOR RENT—I have some good farm lands one mile from town for rent. **DR. J. S. BRUCE.**

Mrs. James Newsom came over from Youkum and spent Sunday in the city with relatives and friends, returning to Youkum Sunday night.

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ROUNDS OF COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR ARE DELAYED

Mr. Henry J. Lass, Colorado county's popular tax assessor, was a business visitor in the city from Columbus Tuesday. Mr. Lass says that on account of the bridges being washed out at various places in the county, he is unable to make his usual assessing rounds at this time, but that he will start out on his assessing rounds over the county about January 1st.

FARM FOR RENT—20 acres, fenced with hog proof fence, small stable, and good well, with adjoining acreage from 10 to 60 acres for rent, shares or cash. Eagle Lake Nurseries, Kolberg & Anderson. (48)

FOR RENT—Rice land on canal. For particulars see. (47-48) **C. R. BARRE.**

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BRIDGE WORKMAN IS KILLED BY SAP TRAIN

Young Man Killed By Sap Work Train at Slutter Switch About Noon Last Monday.

Odie Flippin, a young man working with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass pile driving crew, under Foreman Harris, which crew is working at the Colorado river bridge between here and Altair, was run over and killed by the work train at Slutter Switch, a short distance this side of the river, about 12 o'clock Monday. There is said to have been but one eye witness to the accident, the brakeman on the train, who states that Flippin got his foot caught in the switch as he was crossing the track in front of the backing train. The brakeman immediately threw the derail, but the train was too close on the man to prevent the accident. The body was horribly cut and mangled. Immediately after the accident he was placed on the work train and a hurried run made to Eagle Lake, but death came just as the train reached the depot here. Although horribly cut, bruised and mangled, the unfortunate young man was perfectly rational after the accident, and did not lose consciousness until the train was almost in town, and he lay to those about him to within almost a few minutes of his death. He asked for the foreman, Mr. Harris, and other of fellow workmen. He told them among other things where he had his money and asked that his twin brother, working with another bridge gang at Simonton, be notified. Flippin was signal man to the pile driving engineer. His home is at Cheatham, this county, where he has a father and step-mother living. The body was prepared for burial by Undertaker De Bord and shipped to his home at Cheatham for burial.

BRENHAM HUNTERS KILL MANY DUCKS

A party of hunters from Brenham, consisting of Judge W. R. Ewing, Judge John M. Mathis, Mayor Alex Griffin, Chas. Lemm, J. R. Routh and Green Morgan, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here hunting ducks on the lake. They had very good luck, the party bagging about one hundred ducks each day.

OFFERS TREES FREE FOR THE CITY PARK

Home Nursery Offers To Furnish Stock Free of Charge For Planting in City Park.

The following communication from Messrs. Kolberg and Anderson, proprietors of the Eagle Lake Nurseries, has been received by this paper:

A few issues back you had a notice in the Headlight for the improvement of the "city square." We have been watching to see if anything would come to it, whether the "city dads" would recognize their opportunity and order an improvement that the people could appreciate and find some pleasure in. A year ago, at the suggestion of one of the aldermen, we offered a few ideas for the improvement of the "park" and accompanied those suggestions with an offer to furnish free of cost \$20 worth of nursery stock and our personal supervision of the planting of same, provided the city council would furnish hands to dig and plant. Evidently no agreement could be reached as to what improvements should be made, until the season had advanced too far for such transplanting trees. Desiring only to help in the progress of Eagle Lake, especially in the improvement of the city park, we again repeat our offer, this time directly to the public through your columns. The limit of the offer is hereby increased to \$25 worth of nursery stock selected from our catalogue. We will, if desired, personally supervise planting, provided helpers are furnished, and provided the authorities agree to give trees and plants proper care. While considering the big possibilities for improvement that can be made at the park, it has often struck the writer as a bit of poor economics to have so little a park and so much street ways to the east, south and west sides of the park. It would seem a matter of economy for the city to cut off ten or twenty feet from the street on those sides of the park and add it to the "square," and while we mention square, why not let it be square? Some time in the (let us hope) very near future, it will be found expedient to pave the streets in

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ROADS TO EAGLE LAKE ARE BEING WORKED

Citizens Subscribe Seven Hundred Dollars to Work Roads and Build a Ferry Boat.

A rousing meeting of the citizens and business men of the town was held in the city council rooms on last Friday night, for the purpose of seeing what could be done relative to working the Garwood, Chas. Lemm and Altair roads. There were a large number of the representative business men present, at the meeting and donations were solicited to carry out this work. The sum of \$555 was raised by the citizens at the meeting. A committee composed of Messrs. R. T. Westmoreland, H. Nussbaum and Hayes Stephens was appointed to further solicit donations. These gentlemen succeeded in running the total amount up to \$700. Those subscribing to the list are as follows: H. Nussbaum, \$25; The Frank Stephens Co., \$50; Farmers Supply Co., \$25; McClanahan Lumber Co., \$10; Eagle Lake State Bank, \$50; G. W. Keith, \$10; A. H. Koennecke, \$25; Eagle Lake Furniture Co., \$10; G. E. Boothie, \$15; E. W. Davis, \$10; R. E. Simmons, \$25; G. R. Abney, \$10; P. T. Gordon, \$10; Eagle Lake Headlight, \$10; W. S. Strickland, \$10; A. L. Basing, \$10; John Matthews, \$10; E. A. Tolley, \$10; Dr. T. P. Doole, \$10; Burtisshell & Kotzebue, \$25; T. J. Balhorn, \$25; Henry Beckman, \$25; E. L. Mooney, \$10; Eagle Lake Insurance Agency, \$10; Crystal Bar, \$25; Dr. H. Fitzgerald, \$10; B. H. Daily, \$10; W. E. Welford, \$10; C. H. Brosig, \$10; J. Nathan & Sons, \$10; W. B. Weihausen, \$5; N. W. Callison, \$5; Max Conner, \$5; W. E. Lenhart, \$5; J. C. Westmoreland, \$5; City Garage, \$5; P. A. Hoenninghaus, \$5; W. E. Lasater, \$5; G. A. Stoermer, \$5; A. Townley, \$5; Southern Rice Growers' Association, \$25; G. B. Skelton, \$5; O. W. Westmoreland, \$5; The Eagle Lake Racket Store, \$5; Hamburger & Waldvogel, \$5; Drummers' Home Hotel, \$5; Eagle Lake Drug Co., \$5; Brown & Schleicher, \$5; R. E. Walker, \$5; Max M. Landa, \$5; F. S. Ulery & Son, \$10; City Drug Store, \$5; P. P. Putney, \$5; Pierce Hardware Co., \$5; McMurry Lumber Co., \$5; E. A. Dreeben, \$5; H. S. Vineyard, \$5; M. G. Calvert, \$10; J. F. Beard, \$2.50; H. Landa, \$2.00; F. Wagner, \$2.50; H. C. Harris, \$2.50; W. A. Moore, \$2.50; W. A. Dallas, \$2.50.

The county teams reached here Tuesday and work was begun that day on the road between here and Garwood. This is the first road being worked. After all the bad places are fixed up in this road, and the road put in good shape for travel, the teams will be taken to the Chas. Lemm road, which is also in very bad shape. The last road to be worked will be the Altair road. This road is left until last, as a ferry boat will have to be built for use at the river on this road, and some time will be required in constructing this boat. The teams used in this road work and the feed for same, Continued on last page.

FARM LITERATURE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

Farm Demonstration Agent Kolberg Has Valuable Literature For Interested Farmers.

A letter to the Headlight from O. G. Kolberg, United States Demonstration Agent for Colorado county, says:

I have a number of selected farm bulletins on the following subjects, which will be sent free to any one requesting same:

Replanting a Farm for Profit, Building up a Run-Down Cotton Plantation, An Example of Intensive Farming in the Cotton Belt, A Profitable Cotton Farm, Insects Affecting the Cotton Plant, Cotton Wilt, Cotton Anthracnose and How to Control It, Diversified Farming Under the Planting System, A System of Tenant Farming and Its Results, Renovation of Commercial Fertilizers, Leguminous Crops for Green Manuring, A Profitable Tenant Dairy Farm, Breeds of Dairy Cattle, The Dairy Herd, The Dairy Industry in the South, The Dairy Industry in Texas, Cost of Filling Soils, A Successful Southern Hay Farm, Forage Crops for Cotton Regions, Cowpeas, Water Outs for the South, Lespedeza of Japan Clover, Millets, The Rearing of Farm Animals, Farm Crops and Animals, Hog Cholera, Hog Houses,

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DRUMMERS ARE GOOD BADGER FIGHT PULLERS

Two Badger Fights Staged Here This Week With Drummers in the Leading Roles.

A sensational badger fight was staged at the Drummers' Home in the sample room, on last Sunday night. There was a large crowd present to witness the fight. A C. & S. bull dog having been secured for the occasion, a traveling man by the name of Julian A. Hess, selling jewelry out of Cincinnati, was the victim. He stood with one foot on the counter and the other foot on the end of a barrel, so as to be out of all danger of the fighters, and with a terrific jerk, pulled the badger. How any man in this day and time, can be "goat" enough to be the sucker at a badger fight is more than we can tell.

A lively "badger fight" was pulled off in the rear of the Elmo Bar on Monday morning, the "sucker" being Mr. Frank Bonner of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a traveling man selling neckwear, representing the M. M. Barnstein Co. of Baltimore. Bonner was a good one, in fact the boys say he was "feeling to go." He wanted to give both badger and dog a fair deal, and he gave a good hard struggle. The badger, which was born, but it does look like they would get wise some time to the old, stale gag of a badger fight.

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