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STATE SHOWED NO DIRECT EVIDENCE IN CASE OF MR. HAMS

Testimony Failed To Show Any Damaging Evidence Against Man Held In Arnett Case.

Mr. G. M. Hams of Beaumont, a well known machinery man, who was arrested in Beaumont last Saturday as a warrant sworn out in the justice court here charging him with connection in the death of J. D. Arnett, who was found dead here during the trial.

Court was scheduled to be held in the law office of Attorney Emanuel Room. Owing to the small quarters in the room and the large crowd that had gathered to hear the testimony, the doors of the room were closed and all spectators asked to go outside. As court began, H. A. Townsend, attorney for Mr. Hams, asked that the doors be opened and the public be allowed to hear all testimony, stating that the defendant had nothing to hide and requested an open hearing. Justice of the Peace W. M. Conner explained that closing the doors was for no other reason than to give sufficient room in the crowded quarters for conducting the hearing. Granting Attorney Townsend's request for an open hearing, court was removed to the opera house, where a large crowd sat in the cold room during the course of the hearing.

The State was represented by County Attorney E. R. Spencer, who read the charges, to which Attorney Townsend entered a plea of not guilty for the defendant.

Introducing all the testimony, Attorney Spencer admitted that there was no evidence of a connection between Hams and the death of Arnett, but that the defendant was the last person known to have been seen with Mr. Arnett prior to the finding of his dead body, asked that the court hold him under a nominal bond for a further investigation by the grand jury.

Attorney Townsend addressing the court stated that the State, in all of the witnesses placed on the stand, had not shown even a semblance of evidence in any way connecting the defendant directly or indirectly with the death of Mr. Arnett, and asked that the court hold him under a nominal bond for a further investigation by the grand jury.

Mr. Hams is representative of a well known machinery house and for the past seven years has spent much of his time in Eagle Lake and this community. In all of this time we have never heard a word ill spoken of him. During all of this time he has conducted himself as a gentleman in all that the word implies, and when the fact became known that a warrant had been issued for his arrest in connection with Mr. Arnett's death, the case attracted unusual attention.

"Absolutely no evidence was brought out against him" seemed to be the general opinion among the large crowd of spectators as they left the court room, and after hearing all of the State's testimony introduced at the hearing, the public's verdict—freely expressed—seemed to be wholly in favor of the defendant, and the further fact that the charges in connection with the case, had been brought against him merely as a victim of circumstances.

CHAS. STRUNK DIED AT OAKLAND SATURDAY NIGHT

Mr. Chas. H. Strunk, a well known citizen of Oakland, this county, died at his home on last Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The funeral was held from his late residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the City Cemetery at Weimar. Mr. Strunk is survived by his wife, one son, Eric, and a daughter, Mrs. E. B. Oberholser of Columbus; two brothers, F. A. Strunk of Yoakum and Ernest Strunk of Oakland, and one sister, Mrs. Robert Miller of Sublime.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Branch are rejoicing over the arrival of a beautiful little daughter, Thelma Shirley Branch, born on last Friday afternoon.

MANY CATTLE DIE DURING PERIOD OF RECENT BLIZZARD

Eighty-Five Head Of Dead Stock Found In One Pile In Section Near Garwood.

Cattlemen everywhere through this section suffered a heavy loss of stock during the recent blizzard, and cold, wet, disagreeable weather which has followed.

Few if any of the cattlemen of the Eagle Lake section escape loss to their herds and "skinning" dead stock was the program for several days following the blizzard.

The death rate to stock was also heavy throughout the Garwood section. Eighty-five were found dead in one bunch in the Dorner pen, near the H. Lee Johnson ranch in the Garwood section. The dead cattle in this bunch belonged to various stockmen, they having drifted during the blizzard to this open pen.

Dave Lundquist of the Garwood community lost 47 head, and 34 dead cows were counted in the short space from the Shaw place to the Reese place, where they had perished during the bitter cold weather.

Many of the stockmen rounded up as much of their herds as they could during the blizzard and drove their stock to timber. In the timber, most of the stock which sought a shelter to some extent to stock, they suffered less and the death rate was considerably lower than where cattle were on the open prairie.

MRS. JULIA GAREY DIED AT VICKSBURG IN DECEMBER

News has just been received by friends here of the death in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on December 10th, of Mrs. Julia Garey, formerly of Eagle Lake. Mrs. Garey was the mother of Mrs. Margaret Heuck, the family having made their home here during the time Mr. F. S. Sorrels conducted a drug store, he having purchased the drug business of M. G. Calvert, later disposing of the same to E. L. Beckman, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Sorrels moved to Arkansas and Mrs. Garey and Mrs. Heuck to Mississippi. Mrs. Garey made many friends in Eagle Lake during her stay here who sincerely regret to learn of her death.

NEW GARAGE OPENS FOR BUSINESS TODAY

Having completed the work of remodeling the building which he recently moved to, the former K.T. Garage site, Mr. C. K. Brodhage opened his new garage, to be known as the Eagle Lake Garage, today for general repair work and a general business. Mr. Brodhage has had considerable experience in the business and is said to be a competent and thorough mechanic.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Schleicher, who have been making their home in San Antonio since closing out their business at Uvalde, will make their home at Crystal City, where he will have charge of the plant for the Texas Light & Power Company, which company also operates the light and power plant in Eagle Lake. Besides Crystal City, Mr. Schleicher is also in charge of the plants at Asherton and Carizozo Springs.

The Headlight returns thanks to both of its business neighbors, Mr. J. P.illery, on the right, for a box of fine Travis Club cigars, and to Mr. Harry Landis, on the left, for a bountiful remembrance of fruits, at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Alderson and a friend, Miss Clara Ifford, returned to their home in Galveston Sunday evening after a pleasant Christmas visit here at the home of Mrs. Alderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brodie.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Engelhard left Saturday for Port Lavaca for a holiday visit to relatives. Owing to the freezing weather Christmas eve, they were prevented from reaching Port Lavaca for Christmas, as they had anticipated.

Mrs. S. S. Robinson of Garwood and daughter, Miss Lorena Baker of San Antonio, spent the holidays here with relatives.

Miss Lillian Wood, one of the teachers in the schools at Yoakum, spent the Christmas holidays here at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Felen.

ANOTHER MODERN BRICK BUILDING IN CITY'S PROGRAM

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Damon Will Begin Erection Of Building On Main Street Soon.

Many improvements, several new homes and at least one new Main Street brick business house are included in Eagle Lake's program for the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Damon of Richmond, former citizens of Eagle Lake, and of whom our people have heard so much, other than still our citizens, only temporarily away from the old home town, contemplate the erection of a modern business building in the early spring.

The new Damon building will be erected on the site now occupied by the old "Blue Store," the R. R. Ney grocery store. This is one of Eagle Lake's oldest business houses, and is the only wooden building now remaining on the Main Street business block.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon, while fully decided to replace the old building with a new and modern building, they have not at this time fully decided whether the new building will be constructed of the interlocking hollow-tile building material or of brick. Tentative plans have called for tile, but they are just a little partial to brick. Mr. Damon stated to a Headlight reporter this week.

The lot on which this building is to be erected is a very valuable Main Street business site, and while location has not been made at this time, it is quite probable that the building will extend far back on the lot in the direction of the Sap railroad, giving space sufficient for smaller business rooms, facing on the short avenue that intersects Main Street at this point.

DR. GRIFFIN, HOUSTON DENTIST, DIED MONDAY

Dr. W. B. Griffin, 61, of Houston, known as "Griff" to hundreds of friends, died at 3 a. m. at his home, 2414 Hamilton Street, in that city on Monday.

Dr. Griffin lived in Eagle Lake many years ago, moving from here to Houston. He lived here at the time when there was much open water in the lake, and during his stay here owned a sailboat, the "Aloha," which he kept in the lake. Another sailboat, the "Perkins," (named for Mrs. E. Faber of this city) was among the boats on the lake at that time, there being much rivalry between the crews that manned the two sailboats, and numerous hotly-contested races were had by the two boats. Many of our old-time citizens will remember Dr. Griffin in connection with the events of these days.

UNEASINESS IS FELT OVER RESULT OF DEAD CATTLE

Since there are so many dead cattle in almost every section of the livestock communities of the county, much uneasiness is being felt over the result to health conditions, especially should the weather turn warm.

In some communities, where the carcasses are more numerous than others, means are being discussed for disposing of them before they become a menace to the health conditions in those sections.

Burning of the stock, where there are so many to be burned, is said to be a slow undertaking, but as burning appears to be the only means at hand of coping with the situation, this program will no doubt likely be carried out.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, NOT IN NEW BUILDING

Supt. J. H. Morgan of the Eagle Lake Schools, stated to the Headlight yesterday that school will open Monday as scheduled—but not in the new building, which had been planned. Mr. Morgan stated that the building contractors were not ready at this time to turn over the new building. School will be resumed here Monday in the same quarters that were used before the Christmas holidays.

The members of the Christ Episcopal church choir enjoyed last Sunday afternoon by making a journey through the town and singing Christmas carols to the shut-ins.

"NORTH OF 36" AT REX THEATRE HERE MONDAY-TUESDAY

Big Feature Picture Made In Ft. Bend County Recently Will Show Here At 35 And 50c.

"North of 36," the big feature recently made on the Basset Blakely ranch in Fort Bend county, will be shown at the Rex Theatre in Eagle Lake on next Monday and Tuesday nights, January 5th, and 6th. The price of admission will be 35 and 50c.

"North of 36" is all that its producers promised. In many places the picture rivals "The Covered Wagon" in color and action. Jack Holt, Lola Wilson, Ernest Torrence and Beery, out-do themselves in their portrayals of the pioneer characters.

One of the striking features of the production is the photography. In this feature of the picture the true splendor of the Texas sky is reproduced with almost unbelievable fidelity. At times where the cameramen "shot" upward from the slopes to catch some distant scene, scudding gulf clouds hold the full camera eye for a moment.

The cattle scenes play a big part and do not look as though they were "staged" for the picture.

"North of 36" rivals anything dealing with the spirit of the pioneers which has yet been attempted for the screen. It is a vigorous, colorful and swift moving drama with a cast of players which it would be difficult to improve on. It is easily one of the biggest productions of the year.

This picture was made on the Basset Blakely ranch in Fort Bend county, about 40 miles from Eagle Lake. Basset gave the Hollywood folks, all the assistance in the world. He built some rough houses all their guns—they had all the outfit there for a while—and they had all the farmers, cowboys and everybody they needed to fill out.

The picture is a romance of the pioneers and the ferocious and brassy of the Texas cattle trail. There is a glorious girl—a girl of vivid spirit that marks Texas—who is the first to lead her ranchers and cattle from Texas to "North of 36," a boundary never traversed.

You recall the story, Emerson Hough pictured a country wild and almost lawless; a country just then ravaged and disheartened by the recent Civil War.

With an amazing preparation, effort the Texas cattlemen sought their market all the way to Kansas where the railroads from the east reached. In a gigantic production Irvin Willat depicts what came about when Talise Lockhart (Lola Wilson) owner and manager of her own vast ranch in Texas, decided to better conditions in being kind and cattle poor. With no means of disposing of her herd, the future looked as terrible.

When word came that way up "North of 36" a market beckoned, the Texas girl instantly decided to blaze the trail to make a start with all the terrors of the wild, uncharted way ahead.

It is with this adventure that "North of 36" deals. And through this great panorama one sees the group of rugged, sinewy men, the glorious girl at their head, the excursions and the sea of cattle accomplishing one of the greatest deeds of pioneer bravery and daring.

Lola Wilson admirably plays the part of Talise Lockhart. Ernest Torrence lives the role of Jim Nabors, foreman of the ranch and protector of the orphaned girl. Jack Holt is cast in the role of Dan McManera, a ranchman who always had been a puzzle to everyone. Noah Beery is the villain—so clever you actually smile at his hard luck. These are the featured players; others in the cast are David Dasher, Stephen Carr, Guy Oliver, William Carroll, Clarence Geldert, George Irving and Ella Miller.

You follow the terrific struggle of the cattlemen to find a market for their stock and the hardships endured by them. After weary months the herd reaches Red River to flood time. The cattle by miracle swim across.

On push the drivers into the dangerous Comanche lands of Indian territory. Follow harrowing days and nights; and thrills in the saving of the handful of pioneers by a troop of United States cavalry stationed at Fort Smith.

Be sure to see the picture when it comes to Eagle Lake next Monday and Tuesday.

SISTER OF MR. WM. DEWITT DIED LAST FRIDAY AT LISSIE

Remains Shipped To Her Former Home In Iroquois County, Illinois, For Burial.

Mrs. Mary A. DeWitt, 44 years of age, who has been making her home with her brother, Mr. Wm. DeWitt and wife, near Lissie, for the past two years, died at the DeWitt home on last Friday evening at 7:20. While she had been in ill health for two years, her death came as a shock to her family. Mrs. DeWitt had not been feeling as well as usual for about two days, but went to bed at the request of members of the family on Thursday afternoon. After partaking of nourishment she conversed with members of the family, stating that she was feeling better, not more than twenty minutes before she passed away.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. J. W. King at the DeWitt home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, following which the remains were shipped to the old home in Iroquois County, Illinois, for interment.

Mary A. DeWitt Tothoroh, daughter of Andrew and Charlotte DeWitt, was born on December 20th, 1833, at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, and died at the home of her brother, W. D. DeWitt, near Lissie, Texas, on December 26th, 1924, making her 71 years and 6 days of age.

She was one of five children, John and Elizabeth dying in infancy, James of Lafayette, Ind.; and Will of Lissie, Texas.

Her father was killed on July 3rd, 1863, in the Battle of Gettysburg. She was married to Samuel Hazzard, to which union were born three children, two girls and a boy, Marie, Oliver and Esther.

In 1870, at the age of 17 years, she moved with her parents to Benton County, Indiana. At the age of 22, she was united in marriage to Martin Tothoroh, they moving to Iroquois County, Illinois. To this union were born 2 children, Ed, Anna, Charley, Martha, Cora, Lottie, Ben, Alice and Ruth, all of them surviving. Her husband preceded her in death in July, 1905.

When quite a young woman, Mrs. Tothoroh united with the Christian church and was ever afterwards a faithful member. She leaves to mourn her loss, two brothers, two half sisters and one half brother, nine children and a host of relatives and friends, who mourn, but not without hope, looking forward to the time when they shall meet her in the "Sweet Bye and Bye" and spend a glorious eternity together.

DELIGHTFUL BRIDGE PARTY GIVEN MONDAY AFTERNOON

One of the charming hospitalities arranged for the holidays was the bridge party Monday afternoon given at the Parish House by Mrs. L. D. Allen, in honor of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Williams of Bay City, and Mrs. S. M. Schleicher of San Antonio. Mrs. Geo. Herder, Jr., of Weimar was named as one of the honorees but was unable to be present owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Holiday evergreens, bells, candles and other yuletide emblems were artistically arranged about the room. Appetizing refreshments were served on trays. Little red poinsettia baskets held the nuts, an added festive touch being the center adornment of holly wreaths with red candles, which cast a soft glow over the pretty scene.

At the close of the game a beautiful Mrs. dish was awarded to Mrs. Waldo Terrell for high score; a hand-painted candy jar to Mrs. W. A. Dallas for second high score and dainty doorknobs to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Schleicher.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lee returned Friday from Rosenberg where they spent Christmas day with their daughters, Mesdames Toby Meyer and Roy Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Settle left Friday afternoon for their home in Houston after a brief Christmas visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCarty.

Look up the Rex advertisement on another page for nation's hours and prices.

POPHANKEN STORE NEAR FRELSBURG TOTALLY BURNED

Building With \$10,000 Stock Destroyed By Fire On Monday Night With No Insurance.

The T. A. Pophanken general store at Post Oak Point, four or five miles from Frelsburg, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. The building and stock of merchandise valued at from \$10,000 to \$12,000 was totally destroyed, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the general belief is that the store was burglarized and set on fire. Mr. Pophanken, who had been in business there about 37 years, having been opened as a store just 37 years ago the day it was burned.

OUR FIRST ISSUE IN THE NEW YEAR

As this is the Headlight's first issue in the new year of 1925, we take this occasion to again express thanks to patrons and friends for patronage and kind words. Since it has fallen to our lot to give the toll of hand and mind to newspaper-making, we are very thankful that we are in such a pleasant field of labor, for we know of no people we would as soon labor for and with as the people of the Eagle Lake country. For nearly twenty-two years we have guided the destinies of this humble sheet and from it we have received our living. It has the paper, we would like to make, by any means, but we are consoled by the thought that under the circumstances we have done our best. We are indeed proud of the fact that nearly all the people of this section read the Headlight and speak kindly of it. Our hope is that as a newspaper it has been worth something to its country and the people with whom it labors.

As we send you this, our first issue in the new year, we thank you from the depths of our heart, for the business which has enabled us to eat bread, and for the words of cheer which have made life and toil endurable. May the new year bring you health and happiness and empty the horn of plenty in your laps.

ROCK ISLAND CITIZEN DIED DURING HOLIDAYS

Mr. Emanuel M. Dorner died at Rock Island on December 23rd. He was born in Iowa in 1856, moving to Texas some years ago and located on a farm at Rock Island, where he engaged in stock raising.

Mr. Dorner was a good man and attended strictly to his own affairs and was always ready to help in any way, whose people needed help.

His wife preceded him in death several years ago, and since her death his health has been failing. Just before his death, Mr. Dorner went to be with his brother and sister, who live nearby, living only a few days after being taken to his brother's home. He died suddenly while sitting in a chair.

The remains were laid away in the Rock Island cemetery on Christmas Eve to await the resurrection morn, Rev. E. R. McLaughlin conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Louis Gordon, after spending the holidays here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Gordon, left Monday to resume his school duties at the Southwestern University at Georgetown. He was accompanied by his brother, Tulane, who has entered the same school. On account of eye trouble, Tulane has remained out of school for several years, but his eyes having improved, he has re-entered school.

Mr. and Mrs. Beth Cooper of Winslow, Arizona, were with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper, and sister, Miss Cora Cooper, for Christmas. They came in on Christmas eve and left for their Arizona home early last Saturday morning.

Mr. A. M. Smith of Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, and Mrs. J. W. Collins of Austin, sister to Mrs. Smith, were guests at the Smith home Christmas. Mr. Smith returned home Monday morning but Mrs. Collins will remain for a longer visit.