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RAIN AND THUNDER STORM. A DELUGE OF WATER FALLS DURING SUNDAY.

The Fannin School Building Was Struck by Lightning—A Beautiful Sunset Last Afternoon.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday night the weather looked somewhat threatening, but there did not appear to be any immediate danger of rain until after 2 o'clock Sunday morning, at which time the lightning began to flash and the thunder to roll. It didn't take long for the electric onslaught to shake the water loose from the clouds and it began to fall in torrents. It lasted for about an hour, and was accompanied by considerable wind. As far as reported to this office, no damage was done, however.

After it had passed away the clouds nearly all disappeared, and no more rain fell for several hours, thus making it possible for everybody so disposed to attend the morning services at the various churches.

Yesterday afternoon just as the people were preparing to leave Sunday afternoon on the clouds suddenly gathered again, which involved another grand electric display, accompanied by a heavy rain. In a few minutes the water began to fall in sheets and the streets were soon flooded. For more than an hour it rained hard, and then gradually less and less until at 7 o'clock in the evening it amounted to only a drizzle.

The only damage so far as known was to the Fannin school building, which has been very unfortunate of late in the way of sustaining accidents. Yesterday evening it came in for its usual share of bad luck and, at about 4:15, the cupola surrounding it and the corner of the main building were struck by lightning. The damage was not great, and can be repaired without much expense.

One of the striking features of the day's weather conditions was the west wind. From a few minutes before the rain began until the strange appearance of the clouds, the sky was very dark by reason of the overhanging clouds, and a light was necessary to those who wanted to read in a room that was not well supplied with windows. Just before the sun should have disappeared behind the horizon the clouds that food him suddenly parted and he shone in a very bright light. The people looked at him in wonder if he did not sit there, and the dark clouds that were about him were so many feet. The light thrown out reminded them of a star which had been near the horizon in a starry evening of the past.

There were many rumors of a snow at Galveston, but they were groundless. Our report was to the effect that this morning, after a heavy rain, the temperature was a few degrees below zero, but that was authoritatively denied by the radio people.

The electricity with which the atmosphere was charged in some way interfered with the electric light plant and during the early part of the evening the city was in darkness.

Joseph Lieck, aged 55 years, 3 months and 8 days, died yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at his residence, corner of Hogan and Commerce streets. He is married by three children, W. Fred Lieck, Mrs. Anita Allen and Mrs. McMillan, besides numerous other relatives in and out of the city. For three years his health has been failing and his condition was such that he has been unable to ply his trade of machinist, at which employment he had served the Southern Pacific railroad for about fifteen years. He had long been a resident of Houston, and was well known to most of the people of the city. The funeral will take place this evening at 8 o'clock from his late residence.

The remains of August Spindauer were buried yesterday evening from the Westheimer undertaking parlors. The interment taking place in the German cemetery. The pallbearers were E. W. Wiedeman, Oswald Smith, E. W. Christian, J. H. O'Brien, John Tomforde and H. E. Diebel. Rev. Mr. Blasberg conducted the ceremonies.

S. S. Rich, aged 35 years, died at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night, at the home of his brother on West Street. The remains were taken to a point near Spring Station for interment in the family burying ground.

Official Call for the Meeting to Be Held at Houston. The Square Bale Cotton Ginners' association is hereby called to hold its annual meeting in the city of Houston on Tuesday, May 6, for the purpose of electing officers and to transact such other business as may come before it. Meeting to be held at 10 o'clock at Bryan hall. All railroads will put tickets on sale May 4 and 5, limited to May 8, at convention rates. It is our desire that every person interested in the handling of cotton bale will be present, as we expect business of great importance to be done before us.

A. W. Watson, President. ROCKDALE NEWS. The Big Briquette Plant Has Been Shut. Rockdale, Texas, April 12.—The ladies of the Methodist church gave a supper here last evening which was well patronized and a net sum was realized for the benefit of their church.

In the interest of the public school library an entertainment was given at the city hall last night. The program was arranged by Mrs. J. C. Arnold, but several numbers were necessarily omitted which account of the absence and sickness of those

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THE POST'S LETTER

(This department is intended for the use of general readers in object to supply correct and curious information.)

who were to have appeared. The most interesting incident occurred in the quarrels, in which Messrs. G. M. Ryan, A. P. Perry, Sr., J. H. Burnett and H. L. Foster, equalled themselves very creditably. The entertainment consisted of speaking, reading and music, but the main object in view was to afford all who were disposed to do so an opportunity to contribute to the library fund. The attendance was fairly good.

The Baptist Sunday school will give a basket picnic at Colorado Station on the San Antonio and Avanna Falls rail way on April 25, to which they will be joined by the other Sunday schools in town.

The San Antonio Billquette and Coal company, one of the largest operators in the lignite mining industry here, has recently closed its holdings at the coal field near the company's mines, was a regular village of shanties, tenanted by miners who have been employed there since the mine was opened. It is reported that the quantities handled prior to the substitution of fuel oil.

THE STATE CAPITAL. Governor Sayers Is in Houston for a Day.

Austin, Texas, April 12.—The governor left on today for Houston to take part in the reception to General Fitzhugh Lee. State Health Officer Tabor has returned from a trip to Texas county.

In the junction of the city against the authority of the city against the association from selling lots for more than the authorized minimum price, the demonstrators at the defense were sustained and the city council has to be so amended.

The Presbyterian of central Texas will convene here Thursday at the Methodist church at 11 a. m.

The Brethren are making preparations for a big excursion to Hyde park on San Jacinto day.

A lecture on firework art, illustrated with lantern slides, will be given by Dr. B. H. Baxter in the First Street Methodist church next Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Dr. Baxter will read a sermon on "The Power of Fireworks" and will also give a lecture on the art of firework making.

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TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT RICE. Lake Charles Schools Will Have a Rice Day Celebration.

Lake Charles, La., April 13.—Superintendent McNease of this parish is arranging to have a rice day celebration in all the schools at an early date, the object being to familiarize the children with the chief product of the country. Calcasieu parish is the only locality in the country where a rice-growing population is used as a text book, one of the agricultural rice books being used as a supplementary text.

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Chapter U. D. C. at Lancaster. Lancaster, Texas, April 12.—Miss Katie DeFazio, sponsor for Texas division No. 17, organized here today Perry Ellis chapter Daughters of Confederacy, with a large number of charter members. The officers elected were Miss Laura Perry, president; Miss Pearl White, secretary; Miss Annie Corby, historian; Miss Maud White, treasurer; Miss Lela Lavender, registrar; Miss Della DeFazio, reporter; Miss Anna Stewart of Lancaster were elected honorary members. Miss DeFazio, in her usual impressive manner, made a most interesting address to the members of the organization, which will be characterized by a broad and humane character, and will be a most favorable impression on all who hear her.

Falls City Items. Falls, City, Texas, April 12.—The \$10,000 gin plant of the Falls City Ginning company is being constructed.

New Church for San Marcos. San Marcos, Texas, April 12.—A notable event in the progress of San Marcos was the laying of the corner stone of the new Episcopal church last Wednesday by Rt. Rev. Bishop Johnston of Southwest Texas diocese. Rev. Wallace Carnahan of San Antonio, who assisted at the laying of the corner stone of the old church twenty-seven years ago, delivered the principal address on this occasion. Bishop Johnston delivered short address, in a characteristic building for eternity and church unity that made a deep and lasting impression on the audience. This church will be of brick, pointed with white stone and will cost \$30,000.

Mexia Confederate Veterans. Mexia, Texas, April 10.—Joe Johnston camp, Confederate Veterans, of this county will attend the 84th reunion in a body and it is expected that about 100 members from this county will attend. They will leave here on special train Tuesday morning, April 22, and a large number of them will be in uniform. Preparations are also being made for the annual reunion to be held in this county during the summer months.

Negro Killed Near Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake, Texas, April 13.—In a difficulty at Henry Thomas' place six miles below here, in this county, last night, Willie Kyle, a negro, was shot and instantly killed. The constable of this precinct has a young negro gambler named Robert Woodruff in custody charged with the killing. Woodruff claims self-defense.

Palestine to Have a New Opera House. Palestine, Texas, April 12.—At last Palestine is about to arrange for a new opera

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GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE Will Reach the City This Morning and Lecture Tonight.

Houston will entertain one of the South's greatest heroes today, and will give him a splendid reception. General Fitzhugh Lee, famous member of a famous family, soldier, statesman and diplomat, will arrive from New Orleans at 9:45 o'clock this morning, and will be met at the Grand Central depot by the local military companies, Confederate Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic men, Texas officers of the volunteer army during the Spanish-American war, and a special reception committee of citizens.

General J. R. Watson has arranged for the Light Guard, mounted company of the Franklin avenue bridge, from Franklin, Texas, and our 25th and 26th and Light Guard armory, whose escort will be disbanded, Lewis' military band has been engaged.

All those who are to participate in the escort for General Lee are urged to meet at the Light Guard armory, mounted at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The various reception committees should be at the Grand Central depot at 9:45 a. m.

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LLANO LOCALS. Work is Progressing on Two of the Mines.

Llano, Texas, April 13.—Dr. Hartwell and G. W. Madison, capitalists of San Antonio, Texas, were in the city this week inspecting the Llano mineral belts with a view of investment.

Work on the Ogilvie Hole Mining company's shaft will be resumed in a few days. This mine is being developed by Llano capital.

Work on the Llano Mining, Milling and Smelting company's shaft is progressing slowly.

Llano will have a summer normal this year. It will be held in the Llano high school building. Prof. A. L. Stubbins has been elected principal.

Work has begun in preparation for the opening of the new \$15,000 round ball gun by the American Round Ball company, 44 W. Union is managing the affairs of the company here.

The old gun on Bridge street is being removed.

Every day a few barrels of cotton stay in the hands of the buyers. The country's buyers are making very great improvements in route, under the management of Commissioner Ross.

New Officers Installed at Yoakum. Yoakum, Texas, April 12.—The recently elected city officers were duly installed last night in the presence of quite a crowd of citizens. After the oath of office was administered to the new officers, the counting of the votes in the election of aldermen took place. Alderman J. V. Shindler was unanimously elected mayor pro tem. R. L. Blevins was elected night constable, and Sam McNeely, sanitary inspector. The election of school trustees was postponed to a called meeting to be held soon.

Salt Works Plant at Palestine. Palestine, Texas, April 13.—The machinery for the salt mines near this city has been ordered, costing \$20,000. The International and Great Northern are now building the plant. It is expected that the company will be making salt in shipping quantities by September.

A Dry Sunday at Luling. Luling, Texas, April 12.—Today is a dry Sunday in Luling, 30 saloons and places where sold drinks are sold are closed up and it is impossible to get any more of the shape of light refreshments of any kind. The proprietors on their own volition decided to close.

First May Form at Texarkana. Texarkana, Texas, April 12.—A good number struck this morning this evening. The thermometer fell from 65 to 54 and frost is imminent.

Preparing for Anniversary. The general arrangement committee of the local lodges of Odd Fellows having in preparation the arrangements for the celebration of the sixty-third anniversary of the institution of the order in America, on April 28, met yesterday afternoon in the U. O. P. hall, Mason street, and went over the various details of the program.

The entertainment will be given at the assembly room of the U. O. P. hall, Mason street, at 8 o'clock. An address, appropriate to the occasion, will be delivered by Rev. A. W. Myers, while Mrs. Wood will discuss briefly the Hebrew genesis of the order.

There will be music and other interesting features. All the U. O. P. lodges in this jurisdiction will be invited to attend.

Three Koller keeps Police Busy. It is pale and mild, delightful to look at and taste. It costs 10c. Try a case.

Claims He Was Robbed. John Schmidt, an address given, reported to the detectives yesterday morning that he had been robbed of a watch, a check for \$80 and currency, the total amounting to \$100. He states that he remembers hearing a Congress man say at midnight Saturday and three hours later wake up in a cheap hotel. His watch and money were missing.

The Power of Water. Hearne, Texas, April 13.—The National Oiltraps company has a large oil tank located near this plant here, which has a capacity of several hundred barrels. Last week the heavy rain, which fell in torrents, ran into the pit in which the tank is buried and forced it out of the ground.

The tank is now a full 100 feet high and the pressure must have been great to have forced it as high out of the pit as this. A large number of the citizens have viewed the tank this morning.

Judge Reagan Almost a Well Man. Palestine, Texas, April 13.—Judge Reagan continues to improve and sets stronger each day. He is in the buggy to town yesterday, did not seem to worry him any and last night he rested as well as usual. His physicians think that he is entirely out of danger now and that it is only a matter of his regaining his strength when he will be able to resume his duties at Austin.

Frank Farley Drowned. Hallettsville, Texas, April 12.—Bellahie Frank Farley, one of Lavaca county's most prominent farmers, was drowned today while trying to cross Brazos creek after the seven o'clock train. Farley was a brother-in-law of Burke Woods of San Antonio. Citizens are now trying to recover his body.

Cotton Seed Oil Mill for Cleburne. Cleburne, Texas, April 10.—A \$50,000 stock company has been organized in Cleburne to erect a cotton seed oil mill. Mr. E. W. Wagner, cashier of the National bank, is at the head of the move.

Weddings in Brazos County. Bryan, Texas, April 12.—The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by County Clerk McMichael: Frances Price to Maud Conroy; Peter J. Vitopl to Fannie A. Beaman; Andrew

Read Sangerford ad.

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Live Oak Portland Cement. BEST PORTLAND MADE. The Southern Pacific Terminal Co., after testing all High Grade cements has purchased Live Oak for their One Million Bushel Elevator now being erected at Galveston. Live Oak proved to be the Strongest Cement Tested. Write for prices. Address, Texas Portland Cement & Lime Co., DALLAS, TEXAS, Lutz Building, H. P. McLAUGHLIN & CO., Houston Agents

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Stricture. CURED WHILE YOU SLEEP IN 10 DAYS. Every sufferer from STRICTURE and its attendant pains in the back, kidneys, bladder, prostate, etc., should get this medicine. It is the only medicine that will cure you in 10 days. It is the only medicine that will cure you in 10 days. It is the only medicine that will cure you in 10 days.

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