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John Mahac, a Boheinian farmer residing on the Dickey place, about six miles east of Hallettsville, hanged himself to the limb of a tree in his yard early Monday morning.
Selected His Coffin and Shroud.

Piano: John W. Martin, a retired merchant of this city, died at his residence in this city at 10 o'clock Saturday. He was seventy-two years old.

About three years ago he had a local carpenter construct for him a coffin made according to his own ideas and had it stored away in the upper story of his residence. About two years ago he celebrated his golden wedding with his wife, who survives him.
The bodies of Peter Caplett and Miss Annie Marier, who were drowned while skating at Worcester, Mass., Saturday, were found Sunday. It is thought they skated into the open water in the dark.

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Winchester, a well-dressed stranger, was run down in the Isabel yards. Eagle-Pass, by cars being shoved around by the switch engine. A leg and arm were cut off and he died from his injuries.

2 May, 1908
Matthews dead

Matthews died of pneumonia Tuesday night, and was buried in the Sowers cemetery Wednesday evening. Deceased was about 24 years of age, the step-son of Mr. John Irby and was born and raised in this community. He leaves a young wife to mourn with his friends his death.
O. H. Mattison was killed in the gin machinery at Thalia a few days since. He was comparatively a stranger there.
Shreveport, La.; After a trifling dispute Sunday, Charles McDaniels, a negro, shot and killed George Mayfield, another negro, and was later shot to death by a posse. After killing Mayfield, McDaniels, armed with a shotgun and revolver, snapped the revolver at his sister, tried to shoot into a passenger train and snapped the weapon several times in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot members of the officers' party.

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Charles McDaniels
George Mayfield
Congressman Meyer Dead.
New Orleans, La.: Congressman Adolph Meyer, formerly an Assistant Adjutant General in the Confederate Army, died at his residence here Sunday. Mr. Meyer had been too ill to attend Congress for several months. Heart failure was the cause of his death. He had served in Congress continuously since the fifty-second session, to which he was elected from the First District of Louisiana. Mr. Meyer was sixty-five years old.
Man Killed in Railway Wreck.

Orange: A disastrous wreck occurred early Thursday morning on the Gulf, Sabine and Red River Railroad, near Fields, La., in which one man was killed, another is dying, and another is unaccounted for. The name of the dead man is Adam Wilson. He was not an employe of the road. Adam Michel, engineer of the train, was fatally injured. Another man is missing.

Adam Wilson
Adam Michel
Daughter of Revolution Dead.

New York: Mrs. Rheus Miller, said to be the only actual Daughter of the Revolution in this State, is dead at the home of her daughter in Mount Vernon. She was born at Stamford, Conn., on April 12, 1807, and her father was Colonel Seth Webb, who served as Lieutenaut of coast guards. The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of Mrs. Miller number seventy-five.
Wall Known Confederate Dead.

New Orleans, La.: Judge Ernest Miltenberger, who was one of the two Confederate Commissioners who appeared before Napoleon III in behalf of the Southern States, died here Wednesday, aged 74 years. The other Commissioner was to obtain French aid, if possible, for the Confederacy. He had an audience with the Emperor, but Lee's surrender cut short his mission.
Gored to Death by Cow.

Rockdale: Mrs. Pinkie Mitchell for a number of years past identified with the restaurant business here, was gored to death by a cow late Thursday afternoon and almost instantly killed. The cow was being driven by Mrs. Mitchell into the pen where its young calf was, and turning on Mrs. Mitchell and struck her with her horn under the breast bone. The deceased leaves two grown children.

Mitchell, Mrs. Pinkie
Blood Flows in North Fort Worth.

Fort Worth: In a gun fight in which about thirty shots were fired late Saturday afternoon in North Fort Worth, Ed Larmo, an electrician, aged 25 years, was shot to death. Chief of Police Montgomery fatally wounded, and ex-Marshall Dick Howell probably fatally shot. Ike Knight, aged 45, Larmo's father-in-law, surrendered, after a running fight at a creamery plant.

Montgomery.
Dick Howell

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Two Hangings in Palmetto State.

Columbia, S. C.: Ned and Tad Toland, two young negroes, who murdered Mrs. Paul Ellison, an aged white woman at Cayce, Lexington County, two months ago, were hanged at the Lexington jail Friday. Gaddy Graham, a negro aged about 35 years, was hanged at Darlington for the murder of Furman Moody, a white man, the manager of a plantation in Darlington County; on November 18, 1907.

Ned Toland
Tad Toland
Mrs. Paul Ellison
Furman Moody
Gaddy Graham
Jim Jones, a white farmer charged with killing Charles Smith, Everett Reed, and Mart Moore, three negro cotton pickers, on his place near Sanger Friday afternoon, was released on bail in the sum of $9,000, $7,000 in each case.

Charles Smith
Everett Reed
Mart Moore
Squire W. F. Moss, aged 86, a Confederate veteran, died at his home near Frankston last Friday.
Mrs. Cora B. Mulholland was found dead in her bed at her residence in San Antonio Sunday morning, when a servant went to call her to breakfast. Heart disease was the cause. Mrs. Mulholland was principal of a school for girls.
Walter D. Munson, president of the Munsen Steamship line, died suddenly Friday. Heart disease was the cause of death. In addition to the Munson Steamship line, Mr. Munson was interested in the Atlantic and Mexican Gulf Steamship Company.
Natchez, MS Gas Explosion, Mar 1908

Posted July 21st, 2008 by Stu Beitel

EIGHT KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

GAS WRECKS NATCHez STORE AND BURES VICTIMS IN DEBRIS.

Eight persons are dead, another is badly injured and property valued at many thousands of dollars is a mass of wreckage as the result in the basement in the five-story building occupied by the Natchez Drug company, and located at the corner of Main and North Union streets, near the business portion of Natchez, Miss.

The dead:
CLEVE LAUBET.
MR. KETTERLINGHAM.
MISS LUELLA BOOTH.
LIZZIE WORTHY.
CARRIE MURRAY.
INEZ NETTerville.
ADA WHITE.
ELIAS HOTCHKISS.

The injured:

JOHN KARKETT, 70 years old, both legs broken; not expected to live.
The explosion tore away the rear wall of the building, which in falling crushed an adjoining tenement building. Immediately following the explosion the wreckage caught fire, a stiff wind which was blowing carrying huge sparks to the north and west, setting fire to eighteen residences, ten of which were destroyed. All business has been suspended and the city has been placed under martial law, with local companies of militia on duty.

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Natchez Drug Company Disaster, March 14, 1908

On February 15th, 2009 Sam B. Burns, Jr. (not verified) says:

Your post above does not mention that the explosion was caused by a plumber looking for a gas leak - with a lit candle. The plumber's name was Sam Burns (my great uncle). He had been doing some work at my grandmother's house on Pearl Street that Saturday morning when, as she recalled many years later, he was called to the Natchez Drug Company project to fix a persistent gas leak. This grandmother was my mother's mother, Uncle Sam was my father's uncle. My father was born June 28, 1908. My father's mother (my paternal grandmother) was at the Natchez Cemetery that morning and could see the smoke from the Natchez Drug Company fire in town. She named her son born about two months later "Sam B. Burns" in honor of her husband's brother who was killed that day. My paternal grandfather's name was Joseph S. Burns. He was a Lt. in the Mississippi National Guard, Company B, and was called up when martial law was declared for a few days following the explosion. He was also a member of the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company of the Natchez Volunteer Fire Department and participated in fighting the fire that day. Witnesses at the inquiry conducted later that week stated that Sam Burns said that the "only way he could find a gas leak was to test it with fire", meaning to run a lighted candle along the pipe joints until it flared up. Young Sam Burns was buried with full military honors since he was a member of the guard, and the fire house bells tolled during the procession to the cemetery since he was also a member of the Natchez Volunteer Fire Department.
Instantly Killed by Engine.

Marshall: Charles Myers, a young white man employed on a Texas and Pacific bridge gang, met death Thursday night at Woodlawn, seven miles north of this city, by being struck by an engine. He had been on a hand car, but an engine was heard coming and in the act of taking the car off the track Myers attempted to cross over the track just as the engine hit the car. He was instantly killed.
John McCarty, of Fort Worth, Tex., was shot and killed at Claremore, Ok., Saturday night and William Howell is held charged with the crime. The shooting took place at the Oxford hotel and no one seems to know anything about the events that led up to the tragedy.
Shreveport Negro Runs Amuck.
Shreveport, La.: After a trifling dispute Sunday Charles Mc Daniels, a negro, shot and killed George Mayfield, another negro, and was later shot to death by a posse. After killing Mayfield Mc Daniels, armed with a shotgun and revolver, snapped the revolver at his sister, tried to shoot into a passenger train and snapped the weapon several times in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot members of the officers' party.

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Charles Mc Daniels
George Mayfield
Josiah Wood's McHenry, who was perhaps the oldest man in Southwest Texas, being ninety-two years and seven months old at the time of his death, has passed away at San Angelo.
“BILL JONES” KILLS MAN.

Former Caused Sensation by Shooting at Charles J. Guiteau.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Noted for having attempted to avenge the death of President Garfield by shooting at Guiteau, the assassin, William Jones, locally known as “Bill Jones, the avenger,” a farmer, shot and killed John McPherson of Detroit, Mich., at Bates’ farm near Brookland, on the outskirts of this city.

The weapon used was a shotgun, and McPherson’s breast was riddled with buckshot, several of which penetrated his heart. An unloaded Winchester rifle was found lying beside the body. The shotgun was found on the porch of Jones’ house.

Jones was arraigned shortly after the crime was committed while he was on his way to Baltimore, where he owns property. He was brought to this city and lodged in jail.

The police are able to advance but one theory in regard to the matter. It is that the crime was committed in that McPherson, who is a farmer, shot Jones.

Jones was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death.

McPherson, John-

DD Oct 12, 1908 -

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