Mr. R. L. Taylor Dead

Mr. R. L. Taylor, one of the prominent farmer citizens of the Irving area, and one of the school trustees for the Irving school, died at his home one mile west of Irving at 2 o'clock last Tuesday morning, May 19, 1908, after a lingering illness of 38 days with typhoid fever.

Mr. Taylor was 44 years of age. He came from Tennessee here with his parents when but six years old, and was raised in this vicinity. When in young manhood he was married to Miss Drusilla Foster, at Sowers, who survives him. To this union has been born 10 children—5 boys and 5 girls. The two oldest children (boys) are dead. The oldest living is Miss Laura, 17 years, who is now employed in the Irving Telephone Exchange. The other children range down to two years old.

Being one of the old residents of the community, Mr. Taylor had many friends and acquaintances who mourn his absence and will miss his influence. The Index joins in condolence to the bereaved family.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the Fraternal Union, which lodge took charge of and buried the remains. Interment was at Kit Cemetery, Tuesday evening, and there was a very large concourse of followers to the grave to pay last respects.
Henry Thaxton, the negro who was convicted for the murder of W. E. Hunsucker, a white man, two years ago, after being thrice-respited by the Governor, once while on the gallows, was hanged in the jail yard at Birmingham, Ala., Monday.
Dennis Headley and Alex Thomas, Negroes, who were employed by S. Bremond, in hauling logs from the country near Minden, La., were assassinated by unknown parties.
Rev. George W. Thompson, pastor of the Woodbury, YL, Presbyterian church, committed suicide last week by shooting himself through the head.

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Sudden Death of Alderman.

Fort Worth: T. M. Thompson, who less than one week ago, on April 7, was elected Alderman for the Third Ward of North Fort Worth, died suddenly as a result of heart failure at 5 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Thompson, who was about 40 years of age, had been a sufferer from what is termed valvular heart trouble for some time. Monday morning he woke up about 5 o'clock and began talking to his wife. A few minutes later he was dead.
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A FATAL AUTO TEST

JOHN TRENTHAM MEETS DEATH AT POST OF DUTY.

NECK IS BROKEN BY FALL

Machine Without Tire Skids Into Street Car—Another Machine Turns Over.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 13.—In the automobile endurance test held here yesterday under the auspices of the Houston Automobile Club, one man was killed and three others wounded. Two cars were involved in the accidents, one collided with a street car and the other skidded into a ditch while rounding a curve at terrific speed late in the afternoon, turning completely over in the air and landing at right angles to the road in an upright position.

The schedule set by the club provided for a speed of not more than eighteen miles an hour, but no penalties were charged for arriving at destinations ahead of time.

The test became one of speed instead of endurance between Cypress and Houston, a distance of twenty-six miles. The average speed made was forty miles per hour. One car covered the distance in thirty-six minutes.

The casualties are:

Dead: John Trentham, sporting editor of the Houston Post, neck broken. Wounded: Ray Weiss, cut on face and neck and badly bruised; Brown Boys, seriously wounded internally; B. D. Kemp, badly bruised.
Jim and Tom Trimm, aged 15 and 22 years, were killed by lightning at their home at Annona Wednesday morning. They were standing at the window watching the rain when the bolt struck.

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Charles R. Turner, a timber dealer, aged 54 years, fell dead at his late home on Rose Hill, Texarkana, Saturday. He was in apparently good health up to the time of his death.
Frank L. Twombly, aged 60 years, was found dead Sunday afternoon in his apartments at the Gray Flats, Beaumont. The body was found hanging to the bed post about 11 o'clock. A book strap had been placed about his neck and attached to the bed post.

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Editor Commits Suicide.

Rising Star: Thursday at 1:30 p.m., Albert Tyson, editor of the X-Ray Record of this place, was found dead at his father's farm, two miles north of town. In his right temple was a .41-caliber bullet. Mr. Tyson had been illing two weeks from neuritis, and an hour before the tragic event a friend that he was suffering much misery. He was unmarried and about 40 years of age.