Little 'Diddle Vickers, six years of age, burned to death at her parents' home near Paris Thursday. Her clothes caught from the fire while her mother was doing the family washing.
Alex Walker, the negro shot Thursday in an attempt to hold up a Longview bank, died Friday. He named two other negroes, who were parties to the affair but who made their escape when the shooting commenced.
Two Killed in Fire Panic.

Scranton, Pa.: The Imperial Underwear Factory, employing more than one hundred girls, was burned early Friday. The factory was a four-story building in a largely built section of the city. There was a panic when the alarm of fire was sounded. Florence Waitmore was caught in the burning building and met a terrible death in the flames. Mary Buckley, who, with a number of other girls, jumped from the fire escape, broke her neck.

Florence Waitmore
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The Irving Index
21 Mar 1908
Two negroes were legally hanged at Tunica, Miss., Friday. They were Will Washington and Faint Hopkins, both of whom had killed other negroes.

Will Washington
Faint Hopkins
The Evening Ledger

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Col. G. W. T. Waldon

Died at his home in Lodi, July 29, 1908, aged 67 years. Col. Waldon had been ill for several weeks. He was a well-known and respected citizen of the city.
Dropped Dead in Pulpit.

San Francisco, Cal.: Nathan Frank Whipple, a Christian Science reader, dropped dead in the pulpit of the Christian Science Church in Oakland Thursday during the service. The meeting was crowded, and Whipple was reading from Mrs. Eddy's book, "Science and Health." When his voice faltered, the book dropped from his hands and he sank to the floor. Prayer was immediately called for, during which time the body was removed.
Natchez, MS Gas Explosion, Mar 1908

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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 employee of the road. Adam Michel, engineer of the train, was fatally injured. Another man is missing.

Adam Wilson
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A Texas Ranger Is Killed.

Weatherford: Homer White, a member of Company A of the State Ranger force, was shot and killed in a pistol duel on the Texas & Pacific Depot platform Tuesday night as the train from Fort Worth was pulling in. A man named Clark who says his home is in Fort Worth, sustained flesh wounds in the leg just below the knee and in the hip. Clark was arrested by Night Policeman George Henry and placed in jail.
J. T. Whitley, a prominent merchant of Pilot Point, shot himself Friday. He died almost instantly. He leaves a wife and a large family of children.
J. C. Williams, a pioneer citizen of Sherman, died there Tuesday. He was for many years deputy county clerk and afterwards head bookkeeper in the City Bank.

The Spring Index

18 Apr 1908
Demented Negro Kill's Daughter.

Waxahachie: Lucy Williams, a negroess, is in the county jail charged with the murder of her twelve-year-old daughter. The crime was committed near Sardis Tuesday evening. The child was choked to death with a leather strap. The woman fled and spent the night in the woods near where she was captured by Sheriff Forbes. The woman has all the appearances of being crazy.

William (Child)
1240
At Saratoga, Tuesday afternoon, Tomi Williams was killed and R. Wilson and Blaze Latchas wounded by a single discharge fired from a shotgun in the hands of Albert Clampitt, who surrendered.
After exchanging several shots with Constable McCalpin and Deputy Sheriff Rush Hickman Saturday afternoon ten miles northeast of Waxachie, Willie Williams, a negro, shot and killed Mary Williams, a negress, and then killed himself.

Williams, Mary
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BURNED TO DEATH.

Distressing Accident to a Lady in Comanche.

Comanche, Texas, May 7. — While Mrs. Nellie Witt was refilling the reservoir of the tank of a gasoline smoothing iron which she was using, the oil in some way became ignited and the burning fluid was thrown over her.

Enveloped in flames, she rushed to the street, where a blanket was thrown around her and the fire extinguished, but not until she was so badly burned that death ended her suffering at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the fatal burns having been received at 8 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Witt was survived by her husband, Prof. M. K. Witt, who is principal of the Comanche High School. Deceased was a distant relative of Adlai E. Stevenson, and formerly lived at Boyllia, Ill., where her parents reside, but since her marriage to Prof. Witt, nearly two years ago, she has lived in Comanche.
Engineer D. B. Ralston and Conductor John Wolfenberger of Lawton were killed Saturday night when their freight train ran into a derailment and went into a bridge near Cement, Okla., thirty miles northeast of Lawton on the Frisco.

DB Ralston
John Wolfenberger
William Woods, a negro, aged fifty-six years, died suddenly while sitting in a chair in his room in a cottage near the cement works in West Dallas. He was employed at the works, and appeared to be in excellent health.
Miss Wooten, a young lady of high accomplishments, is supposed to have drowned herself in the lake at the Oak Cliff park. She left a note as to the cause of the act, but by request of her father it was not given out for publication.
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Luling: Two men were killed in a shotgun- pistol duel that occurred in a saloon here Wednesday. One of the deceased, H. J. Wyatt, was a bystander; the other, James C. Duke, was a participant in the affray. Ed Reedy, a bartender, was placed under arrest. The town is manifestly agitated. Wyatt and L. W. Boyd, the owner of the saloon, were the only witnesses to the affair.

S. J. Wyatt
James C. Duke
An unknown man, about thirty years old, registering as James Young, was found dead in bed at the Rock Island Hotel in McAlester, Ok. A morphine bottle was found under his pillow.

James Young
Major George B. Zimpleman, postmaster of Austin, died Wednesday night, after a few weeks' illness. Major Zimpleman was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland, and was reappointed by President McKinley and again by President Roosevelt.
Kendall County Sheriff Shot.
San Antonio: George Zoeller, sheriff and tax collector of Kendall County for fourteen years, was found shot in the head at the jail at Boerne Wednesday morning, dying five hours later without regaining consciousness. Early that morning, as was his custom, he went to the jail before breakfast. There was only one prisoner in the jail, and he was on the second floor. The prisoner heard a shot on the floor below about 7 o'clock. There was no way for him to communicate with the outside. About an hour later Mrs. Zoeller sent her son to the jail. He found his father lying on the floor, blood flowing from a wound in his head and unconscious. A pistol was found near by.