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Dec 10, 1910

**Prominent Dentist Dies After Fight.**  
Grand Prairie: Dr. O. B. Nicholson, aged about 57 years, died here about three hours after engaging in a difficulty. He came in from Dallas Monday, and soon after arriving here was in an affray. Hugh Foster, about 20 years of age, was arrested. Dr. Nicholson was a dentist and relatives reside here and in Dallas.

Nicholson, Dr. O. B.

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Grand Prairie.

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Obaldia, President of Panama, Dead  
Panama. Jose Domingo de Obaldia,  
President of Panama, is dead from  
heart disease. He had been sick only  
since last Friday. President Obaldia  
was elected on July 12, 1908. He had  
before acted as the Chief Executive  
during the absence of President Ama-  
dor. He was formerly Minister to the  
United States. He was born sixty-  
three years ago and was a son of for-  
mer President Obaldia of Colombia.  
The new President of Panama will be  
Dr. C. A. Mendoza. Three Vice Presi-  
dents were elected in 1908.

Obaldia, Jose Domingo de  
heart disease  
President of Panama  
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**REMOVE CYNTHIA ANN PARKER**  
Mother of Chief of Comanches to be  
Reinterred

Washington: The body of Cynthia Ann Parker, the mother of Chief Quannah Parker, of the Comanches, will be removed from its resting place near Athens, in Henderson County, Texas, and reinterred at Cache, Ok., the home of Chief Parker, if Congress adopts the item of \$100 in the general deficiency bill which Representative Stephens had put in the measure. At the last session of Congress Judge Stephens obtained an appropriation of \$1,000 for a monument to mark Cynthia Ann Parker's resting place. The monument will be erected at Cache after the body has been removed to that place.

Parker, Cynthia Ann  
Chief  
mother of Quannah Parker

Cache Ok.

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Mar. 12, 1910

**FORMER SENATOR PLATT DEAD**

**Was Many Years Figure In National Politics.**

New York: Thomas Collier Platt, formerly United States Senator from New York and for many years a national figure in Republican politics, is dead. His physician gave the cause of his death as Bright's disease.

Platt, Thomas Collier  
N.Y.

Bright's Disease

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20BITS

Italy, Ellis Co. <sup>OK</sup>  
July 19

Mr Poerch  
+ son of Mr Poerch

Killed in Cyclone

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Frederick Ok  
July 19  
windstorm  
T.O. Clay

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**WINDSTORM IN ELLIS COUNTY**

**MR. POERCH AND SON AT ITALY  
LOSE LIVES—ANOTHER SON  
TAKES INJURY.**

**OKLAHOMA HAS CYCLONE**

**One Man Killed and Considerable  
Damage Done in Town of  
Frederick.**

Italy, Ellis County, July 19.—As a result of a storm which swept this place at 6:45 o'clock Monday night two people were killed and one seriously injured. The dead are Mr. Poerch and the son of Mr. Poerch, and the son of Mr. Gillian was injured.

The storm came after a day of intense heat.

The schoolhouse was badly damaged, many trees were blown down, the tower and tank at the compress were blown away and a number of structures caught fire after they had been demolished by the wind. One residence was reduced to ashes after it had been blown down, and a number of outhouses also burned.

Mr. Gillian's son was injured by a shed being blown upon him.

Reports have not been received from surrounding communities as to the extent of the damage there. Wire service at a number of points near here has been badly interfered with.

**Storm Kills Oklahoma Man.**  
Frederick, Ok., July 19.—During a windstorm here Monday T. O. Clay, an employe of the cotton oil mill, was killed by a falling telephone pole. A wall of a brick building was demolished, and a frame building was badly damaged.

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**YOUTH MEETS DEATH  
GOING AFTER DOCTOR**

**Father Finds Boy and Horse Both Dead.**

Gainesville: Soon after dark Wednesday night, B. F. Porter, a farmer living seven miles northeast of this city, put his 16-year-old son on a horse with instructions to hurry to Gainesville for a physician to attend Mrs. Porter, who was dangerously ill. The father waited three or four hours for the return of the son and family physician, when he grew anxious about the illness of his wife, and saddled a horse to come to town, thinking he might meet his son returning, but when he had gone three or four miles he found both son and horse in the road dead. The horse's neck was broken, and it is supposed it stumbled and fell and crushed the life out of the boy.

Gainsville, Tx

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A. B. Puckett  
Warren Williams

Shot

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Hillsboro, Tx

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## SOLDIER SHOTS HIS COMRADES

A. B. Puckett and Warren Williams, Privates, Texas National Guards, Were Shot to Death.

Hillsboro. A. B. Puckett and Warren Williams, privates of the hospital corps of the Texas National Guard of Dallas, were shot and instantly killed at about 10:15 o'clock Saturday morning on the special train bearing the North Texas contingent of the Texas National Guard en route from Leon Springs, where the companies have been in camp the last two weeks, to their respective home communities, the shooting occurring some two or three miles this side of Abbott. When the train arrived at the south yards, information was telephoned of the tragedy to the Sheriff's office and Deputy Sheriffs Ford, Marshal and officers at once went to the yards in an automobiles and received Phillip M. Firman of Battery A, Artillery service, from the military authorities, who had already placed him under arrest.

The officers brought him to town and turned him over to the jailer who placed him in the county jail.

Firman refused to make any statement concerning the origin or cause of the shooting. When the train reached the Katy depot here with the bodies of the dead men Justice T. H. Jackson went aboard of the car in which they were lying and proceeded to hold an inquest. After he had heard some of the testimony the Justice of the Peace issued a warrant commanding the arrest of Bert Firmin, a brother of the one who did the shooting and a member of the same command. By agreement of counsel Bert Firmin this afternoon was granted bail in the sum of \$1,000 and was released on bond for that amount. Justice Jackson rendered a decision in the inquest to the effect that A. B. Puckett and O. L. Williams came to their deaths from pistol shot wounds inflicted by P. M. Firmin.

It has been impossible to ascertain the cause of the tragedy, the officers and men on the train refusing to give any information, if they have any. Puckett and Williams were sitting together on a seat in one of the coaches and it is said were engaged in singing when P. M. Firmin walked from his coach, accompanied by his brother, and the firing followed. It was stated by those who witnessed the tragedy that three shots were fired. Puckett was shot through the body from side the bullet passing through on a level

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T. B. Queener, brakeman on the Texas & Pacific train which was wrecked south of Texarkana Friday by an explosion of a locomotive, died at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Queener, T B  
d. Nov 25, 1910  
Explosion

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Texarkana,

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Sept 10, 1910.

**Justice Ranft's Brother  
Killed in Wreck**

Justice E. J. Ranft was much shocked Monday on receipt of information that his brother, Louie Ranft, was killed on Friday before in a railroad accident at Mingus, Palo Pinto county, on the T. and P. Ry. Mr. Ranft was a car inspector, and had been in the service of the company for 5 or 6 years. Justice Ranft did not learn any details of the accident. His brother leaves a wife and five children.

Louie Ranft

Railroad Accident

Mingus, Palo Pinto Co. Tx

wife

5 children

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J.A. Range  
DOD  
May 5 1910

Illness  
Sowers Cem.

B. 1863  
Washington Co

TN. (w)

Ellen Patterson  
(deceased)

2 daughters  
& 1 deceased  
Mrs. H. Stewart  
w #2

Maggie  
Mouser

Children - 8  
1 deceased

Boyd  
Carl  
Clarence

Shirley  
Lillian  
Ruth  
Hester Lee

Bro's  
N.A. Range  
I.N. Range

### Death Claims J. A. Range

Mr. James A. Range died at his home just west of Irving, Thursday afternoon, May 5th, 1910 after a serious illness of some weeks. He had been in failing health for ten years, but not serious until recently.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Murdock, Baptist minister of Dallas, at Sowers cemetery, where interment followed, at 4 p. m. yesterday (Friday). Many friends followed to the grave.

James A. Range was born in Washington county, Tennessee, in 1863. He grew up there, and at the age of eighteen became a member of the Baptist church, and has steadfastly remained in that faith and fold. In 1885 he was married to Miss Ellen Patterson; and to this union were born two children, one of whom survives—Mrs. H. Stewart of this vicinity. After the death of this wife, he came to Texas in 1888, and located in Dallas county, at Reinhart. In 1889 he was married to Miss Maggie Mouser, and to this union came eight children, seven of whom are left with the mother—Boyd, Carl, Clarence, Shirley, Lillian, Ruth, and Hester Lee (baby).

Deceased is also survived by two brothers at Mesquite—N. A. and I. N. Range; one at Carland—J. N. Range; two in Tennessee, one in Illinois and one in Oregon. One sister lives in Illinois, and two in Texas, at Grand Prairie—Mrs. Kittie Bodine and Mrs. Eliza Sikes. The Texas brothers and sisters were present at the funeral.

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J.N. Range & Sisters  
2 in TN Illinois

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Mr. Range had resided at his home near Irving for about six years, and was one of the foremost farmer citizens. He was an esteemed and worthy man and neighbor. To his family is extended much sympathy.

Sowers Cem

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Dec 17, 1910

**Mother an Son Found Dead.**

Boerne: Oscar Ransan was found dead about 12 o'clock Friday sitting in a chair with his throat cut and his razor lying in his lap. His mother about 80 years old, was at the same time found dead in bed a few feet away. A glass of fluid was found on a table near his mother, but cause of her death is only conjecture.

Oscar Ransan - son  
December 16, 1910

? Ransan 80 mother

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June 25, 1910

## NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE

Charged With Terrible Crime, Citizens  
Take Brute From Officers.

Rusk, Tex.: Sheriff Norwood received a phone message from Lone Star, a village about fifteen miles east of here, that Miss Maudie Redden, the 17-year-old daughter of W. H. Redden, Constable of the Lone Star precinct, was found on the roadside dead with her throat cut from ear to ear. A negro man, arrested by the Sheriff and charged with the crime, was taken by a mob of citizens and tied to a stake and burned to death.

Maudie Redden

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father W H Redden

Homicide

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Sergeant J. D. Manley is to be put on trial for his life Thursday. He killed Louis Richtenstein on Taft day, near the Fair grounds, by thrusting through him a bayonet. Manly claims he did what he did under orders of his superiors, and the National Guards, and many business men, are going to put up money in his defense.

A continuance was granted in this case.

~~J. D. Manley~~

Louis Richtenstein  
Feb 5 1910  
Homicide

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Trainman Crushed to Death.  
Amarillo: After four hours' work  
the dead body of James W. Rigsley,  
brakeman for the Fort Worth and Den-  
ver, was extricated from between an  
engine and tender at Cliff Side, a few  
miles north of this city, Monday. The  
body was crushed its full length and  
horribly torn.

James W. Rigsley  
A Jan 3, 1910 DOD  
Amarillo, Tx

Train accident

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**Ended Life Together.**

Two aged sisters, Frances and Isabel Ritchie, who had lived alone in Newark, New Jersey, for a quarter of a century, have committed suicide under extraordinary circumstances. When their landlord entered their house he found the dead body of the elder woman, Frances, lying on a couch in the kitchen. Her sister Isabel had strangled herself with a rope fastened around a door knob, and her body was found in a kneeling position behind the door. A scrap of paper ly-

ing on the floor bore these words: "Frances hanged herself at half-past two. Me, too." The elder woman had first strangled herself. Then her sister had laid her body on the couch, closed her eyes, driven a hatpin into her heart to make death certain, and then hanged herself in the same way.

The girl who marries in haste and repents at leisure shows a true Christian spirit when she realizes that she has probably saved some other girl from repentance.

Frances Richie  
Isabel + Richie

Suicide

Newark, New Jersey

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Mrs. John W. Robbins, wife of former State Treasurer Robbins, died suddenly of heart trouble at the family home in Austin.

Mrs. John Robbins

Heart trouble

Austin, Texas

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Aug 27, 1910

**Woman Killed by Train.**  
Taylor. Mrs. Fannie Robinet of Elgin was killed by Southbound Katy passenger train No. 5, the Flyer, at Coupland station, eight miles south of Taylor. The pilot of the engine struck the woman's left temple, tearing a hole in the left side of her head, laying it open. Death was instantaneous. Two ribs were broken, and the body was thrown twenty feet from the track. The accident occurred when her pet dog ran onto the track in front of the fast approaching train and she attempted to rescue it.

Fannie Robinet (Mrs),  
Train Accident  
Aug 1910  
Taylor,

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Thomas Robinson  
Feb 2, 1910  
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son - Amos G. Robinson

### Death of Mr. Thomas Robinson

At the Robinson home in West Irving, after a day's work, a hearty supper, and retiring in apparently full vigor Monday night, Mr. Thomas Robinson died suddenly about 4:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. At that hour he awoke his wife and advised her of a pain near his heart, and told her he felt that he was about done. She hurriedly applied stimulants, and then, being alone, she went several hundred yards to a neighbor's for assistance and to summon physician. But on their hurried return it was seen that the husband had peacefully passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson came here from Michigan, in the fall, to spend the winter at the home of their son, Mr. Amos G. Robinson, who, with his wife, was in Elk City, Oklahoma, where he is employed in civil engineering.

Deceased was nearing 67 years in age, but was active in mind and body. He was a civil engineer of high standing, having been in the employ of the United States Government during his later years, until he recently retired to seek a more quiet life. He was a man of interesting personality, a trained mind and a wide experience. He knew Admiral Schley, and many of the arctic explorers, and was tendered an important post on the Peary Relief Expedition headed by Schley some years ago. His library is valued at several thousand dollars.

marks the passing of one of Nature's noblemen. And the greatest consolation to the bereaved in this hour is the knowledge that his life was truly a well rounded one, filled with an

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**Runs for Ball; Drowns.**

New York, April 25.—Louis Rose, a ten-year-old boy of Jersey City, running valiantly to catch a foul tip in a baseball game, fell head foremost into a shallow pond and stuck in the mud bottom. He was dead when pulled out.

Louis Rose

1040

Drowned

April 1910

New York

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July 9, 1910

**Grandpa Rucker Dead**

Mr. Alfred Rucker, known in the community as Father Rucker, aged 76 years, died at the Rucker home about three miles west of Irving on Wednesday, July 6. His remains were shipped to Cedar Hill for interment in their old family cemetery. An aged and good citizen has gone to his reward. Lengthy eulogy by a friend will be given in next week's Index.

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our Lord and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Long Branch, Ellis County, Texas, having removed to this state prior to this time. He has lived in Cedar Hill, Dallas County, in Ellis County, and several years ago was welcomed to this, and Grand Prairie, Sowers and Irving. He has had to claim himself as a citizen of their adjacent community—living a few miles from each place.

*In Memoriam*

A peaceful sunset that merged into a glorious dawn, the sunset of this life, the dawn of the life to come, has just been awarded to a noble patriarch, whom Kentucky and Texas might delight to honor.

Brother Alfred Rucker, better known as Father Rucker, has just finished the course, the noble race is run, and while there is a vacant chair at the table, there is a new mansion occupied in the skies, and the fatherly hand that was wont to love and caress is bearing palms of victory into the presence of Him who first rose from the grave.

This much honored and widely loved man was born March 13, 1834 in Shelby County, Kentucky. Was married to Miss Sabelle Baggett July 1, 1866, and this faithful and loved wife, Mother Rucker, to whom he was always the model husband, still survives, though broken hearted. They had lived together 44 years. Thirty-five years ago, in 1875, he took upon himself the yoke of

The snows of 76 winters had whitened his hair, dimmed his eye, and dulled his hearing, but as many summers had worn a halo of glory around his head, and the beam of his loving eye, the serenity of his countenance, the strength of his 35 years of consecrated Christian life influenced all who came within the pale of his aura, and lent strength to every Christian character with whom he came in contact.

His son Eddie and his wife Alice, than whom no daughter could have been more kind and attentive, loving and dutiful, always remained with this appreciative and affectionate father, and their children, dutiful and loving to grandfather, were an ever increasing joy to his declining years that never knew the fretfulness of a second childhood. One daughter, Mrs. Mariah Tunnel, of Cedar Hill, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Annie Henderson, of Harold, Texas, (who could not be present at the funeral), and Jesse Tunnel, a grand son, also of Harold, are left to mourn the loss of the best of fathers.

Two years ago Father Rucker had a severe illness after which he never regained his former strength and his death has long been expected, as his attacks of illness were frequent, sudden and often severe, but he never lost patience and bore his suffering so quiet.

Death had lost its intimidating power—he was supported by the strength of an ever present Savior.

Two brothers, George and Tom Rucker, both living in Kentucky, survive this noble patriarch who was pleased to make his home in the Lone Star State.

The end came, the dawn was heralded, July 6, 1910. He was conscious to the last—talked with those around him and, while crossing the Peaceful River, bade goodbye to the faithful companion of 44 years.

We, his friends as well as children and grandchildren and the church are the losers. What a

We, his friends as well as children and grandchildren and the church are the losers. What a grand and noble example for the youth of our land to emulate! The soldierly life that brought as its reward the peaceful sunset to merge into the glorious dawn! The funeral services were well and ably conducted at the home of his son, Eddie, by Rev. W. L. Gregory, after which the remains were taken to Pleasant Valley near Cedar Hill for interment.

God giveth his beloved sleep.

MRS. EUGENIA FOSTER,

Associate friend

W. L. GREGORY.

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July 9, 1910

Bro. George Rucker  
Tom Rucker  
Pleasant Valley/Cedar Hill

Alfred Rucker  
March 13, 1834  
July 6, 1910  
Shelby Co. Ky  
w/ Sabelle Baggett  
Tayo  
Eddie  
mariah Tunnel