

FIFTY-ONE YEARS AGO

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Visitors in Giddings: S. B. Ratliff, R. J. Sikes of Tanglewood, R. A. Goods, Tanglewood, S. B. Sproles of Dime Box, Eugene Peebles of Lexington, Watson Northrup of Eagle Lake.

Giddingsites visiting elsewhere: H. Bluman to Houston, Bud Gohlman to Houston.

Mrs. Wm. Orrel has slow fever.

Dr. Byers of Houston will hold services at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

W. W. Ratliff has sold out and moved to Coleman.

Lexington:—Miss Ella Monroe of String Prairie and Dr. McLarty of Dime Box were married Oct. 6. The doctor and his happy bride took the Santa Fe at Caldwell for Brenham where the parents of the groom reside. Good middling cotton brought

93c. Prof. Buckner Harris is writing a book but has not made the title public. Golden Wedding-flour at Mrs. L. Hester's. Died: Prof. D. W. I. Gill Friday night at his home about 10 miles from our city, of slow fever. He leaves his widow and several children.

A proposition has been made to run another railroad from Taylor to Giddings. The road would extend from Taylor to Georgetown, and from Giddings to Wallis to connect with the Santa Fe for Galveston.

Mrs. D. and S. Cabiness for millinery.

New breastpins received at Dr. W. B. Seay's.

The board of examiners will meet the last Friday of this month. All teachers desired to be examined, will do well to attend.

A number of capitalists are on their way to Giddings with the intention of operating a bank. We are satisfied Giddings will have a First National Bank in the near future.

Ledbetter. School opened Sept. 28. Mrs. Willie Kelly and mother Mrs. Moore are visiting in Alabama. Miss Lela McClellan is attending Baylor College at Belton.

Dime Box:—The Baptist Church elected A. P. Steckton, G. L. Huckaby and H. C. Sproles as delegates to the Little River Association which meets in Liberty church Oct. 24. Mr. H. C. Sproles has invented a cotton chopper which he will patent. Mr. E. E. Bryan will commence bailing hay this week. H. Karcher is running his gin to full capacity.

Deanville:—Obituary, Mr. E. W. Folkes who lost his life in a gin here Sept. 16 by getting his hand caught in a saw. He had just finished a bale of cotton and had rung the bell to stop to begin another bale. Frank Hayes, the engineer, was at his post at the ringing of the bell and immediately cut off the steam but as the machinery

was under headway it made a few revolutions. Mr. Folkes' arm was pulled into the saws up to his shoulder by a strong shirt. His arm and hand were torn completely as he was removed from the gin stand. He walked to the door and laid down. Dr. Thornton was called. An immediate amputation was necessary. Dr. Matthews assisted. The amputation caused too much shock and the patient soon died Sept 18. He was a man of deep piety and devoted to religious duties. To know him was to love him. He was a fine singer and led the choir in our church. He was a loving husband and devoted father and true in all things. He leaves a heartbroken wife and a little babe. The father and mother, seven brothers and sisters also survive. The remains were interred in the Giddings city cemetery.

Proceedings of county court: Theft, 3 cases, rambling 1, adultery 1, disturbing peace 1, carrying pistol 1 (fine \$25 and costs), killing a horse 1 (fine \$10 and costs).

German Day was celebrated last Monday and was quite a success. The parade through the streets was witnessed by many and all day our town was full of people. The Germania Rifle Club was prominent among those in the parade, and Mr. Schroeder just in front of them carrying the target attracted the attention of all. The Sand Brass Band was also prominent in the parade and made some very good music, following the Giddings band, which was in the lead. In the evening at the grounds, a very good display of fireworks was made, and everyone had a good time generally.