

FIFTY YEARS AGO

June 12, 1891

Visitors in Giddings included: Miss Kate Carothers of Brenham, Tom Burns of Waco, Sheriff D. E. Teague of Brenham, Miss Annie Davis of Burleson County, Solomon Williams of Lexington, Carrol Burns of Austin, Judge J. A. Nisbet of Lexington, Luke Folkes of Deanville, Robert Burns of Knox Point, La., Misses Mattie Renick and Irene Doak of Lexington, Nelson Williams of La Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bacon of Austin, Miss Sallie Parkhill and child of Burleson County, Ed. Scurry, Wichita Falls, Dr. J. D. Fields and daughter Miss Ella and Ed. Rainey of Manor.

Giddings visitors elsewhere: Dr. J. A. Fields in Houston, Richard Folkes in Deanville, Oscar Gorman in Palge, Rev. Q. T. Simpson filled his regular appointment in Lexington, Mesdames Levinson and Hirschberg were in San Antonio. Geo. Cox and lady returned from a

tour over the state, Miss Annie Patton returned from Deanville, Rev. Morris closed an interesting meeting in Lexington, Thos. Cox attended commencement at A. and M. and visited his brother Wm. D. Cox, popular editor of the Bryan Eagle.

J. M. Renick has a position as check clerk on the Aransas Pass at West Point.

Died: Joseph Humbrecht at his home in Giddings Monday. He came to this country from France some three or four years ago and was an employee of the H. & T. C. Railway. He was a faithful employee and was interred in the city cemetery by the Knights of Honor.

Adam Thomas of Elm Creek reports corn blown down from a recent storm. It was ready for tassel.

A foot of a wildcat was picked up from the track by the section hands on Section 9, one mile west of town. It was a hind foot and is supposed to have been cut off when trying to cross the track ahead of a train.

Misses Cora Banker, Irene Doak, Lillie and Minnie Green called at the News office.

The Grange Store will be closed July 1 for taking stock.

Lightning last Friday knocked several telegraph poles into kindling wood.

Something should be done about filling up the pool of water under the union depot.

Beaukiss. - A sociable was given at the home of Mrs. J. S. Arnold. The amusement opened with a few characteristic childhood plays after which a nice lot of candy was placed in a box with an aperture in the lid just large enough to admit the hand. The word "ready" was given when big, little, old and young made haste to seize a partner and then to proceed to the center of attraction to draw either mached or mis-

draw either mached or mismatched sticks of sweets. Everyone seemed to catch the inspiration and joined the throng of happy faces. (For the information of the younger generation, and for bringing happy memories to the older, the editor will state that the young lady and her partner would each draw a piece of stick candy from the box. If the sticks matched in color, both parties kept their sticks; if the sticks did not match, the man had to put his stick back into the box and he got no candy to eat, unless his partner took pity on him and gave him a part of her stick. The candy was stick candy in several colors and were broken into small pieces.) Some of the gentlemen as well as little boys waxed very loquacious and by the time the contents of the box were diversely distributed the excitement had grown to a high tide. At 11 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Arnold served the multitude cake and lemonade. Mr. Dan Browder and his pretty wife of Lexington attended the party. Woman's Rights were discussed at Siloam by Messers G. W. Duey, J. C. Lawhon, F. S. Wade, W. J. Lawhon; wise men, they are thinking more of the women than the Third Party move. The front piazza of the house of Mrs. Jordan was almost totally wrecked by a falling tree during the storm last week.

Darden Springs. - Rains have been fine and crops are splendid. Most farmers have laid by their corn. They will lay by some of their cotton as soon as the ground settles from the

rain. Cotton chopping is a thing of the past. Oat harvesting has been delayed on account of the rains.

Markets. Middling cotton 8 5-8c; eggs, 10 c; bacon 7c; chickens 12 1-2c.

Dime Box. - Crops are fine after the rain except where lice are in the cotton. There was a big picnic at the Knox Lake. Prof. Buckner Harris' school is out and we are sorry to have to give him up as he is such a good teacher and a perfect gentleman. He will teach at Lexington next year. A sociable was given at his school at the close by Mr. L. N. Sample. Hm. Karcher has sold his gin on the Middle Yegua and will move to Dime Box to take charge of his gin here.

Ledbetter. - A fine rain fell. Mr. McClellan and Uncle Dan Killen are visiting in Gatesville. Mr. J. F. McQuire who formerly lived here. - Mr. McClellan will return with his daughter Miss Lella who is attending school in Belton. Mr. Seals and Miss Maggie Baker visited in Deanville. Uncle Tommis Ratliff visited in Giddings. There is to be a barbecue at the gravel pit Friday. Everybody is invited to come and bring their baskets along. Mrs. James Doyle who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, returned to Houston, accompanied by her sister Miss Enla. A

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A concert was given for the benefit of the school. Those taking part were Misses Alice Knox, Mamie Williams, Esther Pampell, Minnie Green, Messrs. T. O. Gorman, J. M. Johnson, Louis Knox. Mason Williams was the director. The entertainment concluded with a grand ball. Out-of-town guests were: Misses Lula Hart, Lula and Emily Haschke, Mamie Verdere, Mattie Wilkes, Kate Walker, Sallie Murphy, Mary Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Little, Messers Price Murphy, Tom and Will Hart, G. W. Southerland, Emil Zills, Wallace Ramsey, Sam Drake, Joe Roensch, Walter Willard, E. Burke, and Ben Kessel, all of Winchester; Miss Adelia Damon of Eagle Lake. The receipts were about \$50.

Deanville. - L. J. Folkes went to Brenham to get an engine for his gin. Prof. W. O. Bowers is in the city. He has been attending the normal school at Huntsville.

Everybody attended the nite social at Mrs. Hiram Brown's tonight. The following program will be of songs and recitations by Misses Alice Knox, Dot McRee, Effie Perkins, Evelyn Simpson; Allen and Wat. Nisbet, J. M. Williams, Annie Johnson, Esther Pampell, Mamie Williams, Nellie Caldwell, Prof. Rethfeld, Miss Mamie Burns.