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TRACY STAATS, OF LEWISVILLE.

Principally Through His Efforts Lewisville Has Free Telephone Exchange With Independence and Monmouth.

BODY OF MAN FOUND.

Body of Man Discovered Near Sidney on Polk County Side.

DECOMPOSED AND NOT RECOGNIZABLE

Partially Identified as Armstrong Who Disappeared From Albany Several Months Ago.

Thursday evening, August 6th, an unknown man was found floating in the water at Sidney, on the Polk county side. The body was found by Harry Christian, who is working for Wm. Cooper, who lives nearby. Immediately after the ghastly find word was sent to Dallas for the coroner, and in his absence Justice Holman, of Dallas, held coroner's inquest Friday morning. The evidence submitted to the coroner's jury was of meager nature, and but one verdict could be brought in—that of drowning. After the body was taken from the water and all possible investigations as to his identity made, a box was made by J. D. Winn and C. E. Brown, while M. A. Winn and Jacob Brown prepared the grave. The body was then wrapped in a cloth and lowered in the grave.

Later a brother of Mr. Armstrong, who mysteriously disappeared from Albany several months ago, visited the grave and made an examination. He identified the body as that of his brother by the clothes on the body. He wore a pair of heavy boots, gray trousers, cotton underwear and a black striped shirt, all of which the brother said Armstrong wore on the day of his disappearance. This makes the fourth body

found in Polk county during the past two or three years. The other bodies were never identified in the least, and it is possible that this man may not be the one he is supposed to be.

The Value of True Living.

Parker Special.

Perhaps no subject is more worthy of our undivided attention and careful consideration than is the value of true living. No picture conveys more pleasing impressions upon our mental visions or appeals more forcibly to our better natures than does that most beautiful representation of an exemplary life portrayed in the optical mirror of the soul. We can imagine no more exemplary model for the youthful mind, no superior instructor or surer guide than may be derived from association with truly noble lives.

More valuable and interesting lessons may be taught by the living illustrations than by all the authorized formal admonitions. The grandest exemplars are the living executors of deeds that are noble, pure and good. And if we would impress upon the young minds the value of leading noble, pure and useful lives, our own individual lives must serve as the living instrument to effectuate these desires. Then let the lives shine brightly that fain would reflect their ameliorating influence over the dark recesses of the earth, lest the radiance they strive to reflect, for lack of purity, is absorbed within themselves, casting shadows rather than light.

As ships that pass in the night and speak one another in passing—
Only a signal shown, and a distant voice in the darkness;
So, on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another—
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and forever.

MORE ABOUT THE CHANGE.

A Lease of Five Years' Duration on Sidney Power.

As announced in last week's paper the light and water plant has secured the control of the water power at Sidney for a period of five years with a privilege of ten. From this point all power used in the local plants will be generated. Already the contract for poles has been let to McLaughlin Bros., of Bona Vista, and wire and other apparatus have been ordered. By the first of October the light plant will be operated from that point, and by the first of the year the water for the city's use will be pumped by electricity. Within a year any amount of power up to 500 horse power can be secured for any manufacturing industry. The possibilities are great, and we hope the most sanguine expectations may be realized from this proposition.

Court House Notes.

Observer.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Alex Courter et ux to C E Dill et ux tract in Block M, lot 3, Falls City \$75.

Corabel E White to Elizabeth P Starbuck, 220 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$250.

Nancy and I Claggett to G A Sperling, East one-half lots 5 and 6 block 1, Hill's Independence, \$600.

George Claggett et ux to G A Sperling, tract in lots 5 and 6, block 1, Hill's Independence, \$600.

J G VanOrsdel et ux to W C McClure, 160 acres, t 8 s, r 7 w, \$1.

W H Bancroft et ux to W C McClure 160 acres, t 8 s, r 7 w, \$2500.

Lucy L Whiteaker to Asa B Taylor, tract in Hill's Independence, \$1.

Eibert A Mann et ux to J W Hobson, 240 acres, t 6 s, r 4 w, \$3000.

W C Hembree et ux to W N Boots, part of lot 4, block 11, Monmouth, \$250.

U S Grant et ux to Thomas Elliott, 20 by 27 feet, block 14, Dallas, \$30.

Wm Elliott et ux to Thomas Elliott, lot C, block 14, Miller's La-Creole Hd add to Dallas, \$5.

Thomas Elliott et ux to J W Crider, 20 by 72 feet, block 14, Dallas; also lot C, block 14, Miller's La Creole Hd add to Dallas, \$500.

D P Stouffer et ux to H V Gates, north one-half lots B and C, block 9, Miller's La Creole Hd add to Dallas, \$150.

N I Patterson to J W Crider, 5.50 acres, t 7 s, r 6 w, \$50.

J J and F O Kau to H H and C L McSherry, 160 acres, t 9 s, r 6 w, \$1000.

O & C R R Co to Louis Gerlinger, 80 acres, t 8 s, r 7 w, \$360.

Lucy L Whiteaker, administratrix, to Asa B Taylor, tracts in Hill's Independence, \$1200.

Salem Improvement Company to C K Bentley, lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block B, West Salem, \$190.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

In the matter of appointing road supervisors—it is ordered that all persons now acting in the capacity of road supervisors be appointed to fill such positions until the January term, 1904, and that the Road Master now acting hold his posi-

tion until such time, and that new bonds be given.

Bids for the repair of the Flannery bridge were received as follows:

C F Royal & Son.....\$215.00
L E Braley..... 198.00
Ira Mehrling..... 164.00

The bid of Ira Mehrling was accepted.

CLAIMS ALLOWED.

A W Dockstader, road acct \$ 39.60
R Brunk, same..... 8.00
W E Martin, same..... 30.33

Williams & Gosser, same... 3.75
J B Nunn, jurymen..... 2.80
Glass & Prudhomme, supplies..... 84.83

T J Butler, courthouse acct 4.00
Mrs F M Collins, circuit court..... 29.55

A D Pettyjohn, bridge acct. 1.25
Western Clay Co., supplies. 19.20
L E Braley, bridge acct..... 198.00

C F Royal & Son, same..... 620.00
Fred Hedding, mdse..... 7.50
M D Ellis, electric lights... 15.00

W F Nichols, salary..... 65.00
E V Dalton, same..... 62.60
Milo Woods, same..... 40.00

C L Starr, same..... 83.33
D G Meador, pauper acct... 8.00
Mrs M A Brown, same..... 2.50

Guy Bros., mdse..... 5.15
C G Coad, postage..... 21.20
ENTERPRISE, publishing... 1.00

Craven & Sons, supplies... 2.21
F S Wilson, pauper acct... 6.00
Mrs M A Tetherow, same... 7.00

J T Ford, salary and expense..... 138.23
U S Loughary, same..... 146.44

Ivie Bros, road acct..... 4.05
Pedee Lumber Co., same... 40.33
L Ground, salary..... 11.60

F E Myer, same..... 81.00
Mrs F E Myer, same..... 67.50
A Hueston, same..... 65.00

A W Fink, same..... 75.00
Observer, printing..... 7.90
Ira Mehrling, road acct... 12.00

W E Martin, same..... 26.08
C E Huntley, pauper acct... 17.50
T J Fryer, same..... 25.90

J A Tate, road acct..... 29.75
L D Daniel, painting..... 108.60
C F Royal & Son, road acct 105.00

V O Boots, insurance..... 96.00
T B Huntley, road acct... 583.06
G A R Post, indigent soldiers..... 20.00

H L Veazie, road acct..... 2.07
R R Riggs, same..... 63.25

It must be so—Plato, thou reasonest well!

Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire, This longing after immortality?

Or whence this secret dread; an inward horror, Of falling into naught? Why shrinks the soul

Back on herself, and startles at destruction? 'Tis the divinity that stirs within us;

'Tis heaven itself that points out our hereafter, And intimates eternity to man.

Mr. Hill, of Chicago, is here on a visit to Henry Hill's family. This gentleman is enthusiastic over this valley. He says we have everything over the East except the people, and they are coming by the hundreds. He may locate in the West.

Professor Balcomb's New Office

Professor E. E. Balcomb, who formerly held the chair of science in the State Normal school at Monmouth, Or., has recently been appointed by the State University of California as inspector of fertilizers. Professor Balcomb leaves today on a tour of the state in this interest. This industry is growing in importance in California and the Agricultural Department of the university will keep a careful account of the kinds of fertilizers used and will guard the agriculturists, especially in the quality sold by the dealers. After leaving Monmouth Professor Balcomb spent a year in the East and since then has taken his degree at Stanford University and has specialized in agriculture in the University of California.

Memory's Dream.

As the dewdrops kiss the roses
Softly in the twilight gloam,
Thus my mind in fancy wanders
To my childhood's happy home.
As I join the family circle
While on wings my memory flies
I can see my angel mother
And a boy with laughing eyes.

Oh the bright-eyed baby brother
With the sunlight on his hair
Was the darling of our household
And the youngest of us there.
'Tis so sweet awhile to greet them,
As my thoughts in fancy roam,
And to meet them all together
In the sacred walls of home.

Years have passed and brought their sorrow,
Death has stripped the family tree,
And the cruel winds of winter
Waft the echoes back to me.
From my memory fades the picture
Of the home I loved so dear,
And within the sacred portals
'Tis a stranger greets me there.
MRS. R. W. SWINK.

Mrs. Plymale was a passenger to Salem Wednesday morning.

Mrs. P. R. Burnett went to McMinnville Wednesday to visit relatives.

Clarence Irland and wife returned home from Cascadia Tuesday evening.

The Misses Boothby, of Monmouth, were passengers south Wednesday morning.

Miss Wheelock, of Monmouth, who has been sick for several weeks, died Wednesday.

Eli Smith and wife, of Amarillo, Texas, are guests of V. O. Boots and wife, of Monmouth. Mrs. Anna Cain and 'son, of Evanson, Wyoming, are also visiting Mr. Boots.

The State Board of Agriculture are making a number of needed improvements at state fair grounds this year. A new water system costing \$5000 is being put in which will add much comfort to the exhibitors and campers. More new stalls are being built to better accommodate the large number of exhibitors that are preparing to come to the fair. A large amphitheater is being built, where people can be seated and witness the live stock judging under cover. Many minor improvements are being made on grounds, and everything is being done to make a visit to the fair a pleasant event and a joy forever.