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## CAREER OF D. T. FORBES

San Antonio Express.  
D. T. Forbes, retiring superintendent of the Colorado Southern & New Orleans Railroad, arrived in this city yesterday from his headquarters at Beaumont. He will remain here for the next few days as the guest of his brother, William Forbes.

Until last year Mr. Forbes was connected with the Southern Pacific as general superintendent of the Victoria division, to which position he was promoted from this city.

Prior to 1895 he was superintendent of the El Paso division of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad, with headquarters here, but after winning the prize offered by the road for the best kept division that year he was promoted to the general superintendency of the Victoria division, in which capacity he was connected with the road until 1906 when he accepted the general superintendency of the Colorado Southern & New Orleans Railroad.

He was connected with the Southern Pacific Company twenty-seven years.

## A VISION OF CHRISTMAS DAWN

(Of an Old Mother in Israel.)

The following beautiful and truthful article entitled as above appeared in the Memphis (Tenn.) Schaitar of December 22, and was written by Mrs. Amanda Hexter, of Memphis, mother of J. K. Hexter of this city, who is 65 years old, and evidently possesses no mean literary ability:

Again the Christmas dawn has come, the Angel of Peace stands at the portals of heaven ready to descend and bring the message to the sons of man—good will to all and peace on earth. Beside him stands a white-robed figure, whose benign countenance wears a sad expression.

"Why doth thou linger, Peace?" said He.

"Master," replied the angel, "for nineteen centuries have I brought this same message upon your natal day; behold, they heed not. Strife, hatred, war, jealousy run riot upon earth; even those of Thine own people are persecuted. They, from whom Thou descended—Thou whom the Almighty gave as a teacher to mankind through His chosen people. See, their blood flows like a mighty river through the centuries because of steadfast faith in Alohnum.

"My white-winged dove returns each year, but brings not the olive branch; they, who claim to follow Thy teachings heed not the cry of the helpless; churches are built to glorify Thy name, but Thy spirit is not among them. 'Good will' is only among their own. Give me, I pray Thee, Master, another message that will arouse mankind to follow Thy footsteps whilst Thou wert on earth."

The Master's eyes wore a sad expression as He contemplated the truth expressed. Then spake He: "Be not afraid, descend again and proclaim an additional doctrine; old as my teachings, yet developing so slowly that after all these centuries thy flowers are just beginning to bud. Proclaim, Love ye one another; not Jew to Jew, nor Christian to Christian, nor yet those that do not see my light, but let love extend from pole to pole, broad as the earth, deep as the seas; let it fill every human heart, then will the people of the earth 'do unto others as they would be done by;' then would the liberty of conscience be established among the nations.

"Let love spread her protecting wings over the weak, the oppressed, uplift those that have fallen by the wayside through temptations, luring arts; take with thee 'Charity,' whose mantle covereth a multitude of sins; let her deeds flourish in the bosom of all, not to magnify, but to diminish the shortcomings of others; not death, but life to those who wait. Wait not until Mother Earth receives the weary wanderer to have his frailties forgiven, but in life that they may take renewed courage, to grasp love by the hand and be led by her to 'peace and good will.'"

So speaking, the Great Teacher bade the messenger depart. Extending His hand as if in benediction over all the Earth. The whole countenance beamed with a ray of light, His lips murmuring:

"Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do, and give them grace to see the better way; led by peace, love bearing the torch to error's eyes, to see truth."

Thus prayed our Master Christian; thus the vision passed away, and may Peace on earth and good will to men extend to all humanity in the brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God.

## BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington, Texas, Dec. 31.—Dr. Shields, of Victoria, was called here today by the illness of Mrs. E. T. Marten.

Mrs. H. E. Adair has made a number of improvements on her residence property, having moved the house back from the street, and built a porch.

John Page has purchased six lots in block No. 89 and has commenced the erection of sheds for the storing of his stock of lumber.

W. T. Walker and Harry Oyler spent Sunday in Victoria, returning Monday.

Mr. E. A. Dixon caught the prize fish of the season Saturday, hooking a catfish that was 5 feet 4 inches in length. The fish was caught on a trout line a few miles below the Brownsville Railway bridge over the Guadalupe.

A number of hunting parties have been in the river bottoms the past week making good the last few days of the hunting season.

Wm. Palmore has commenced work on the construction of a residence on his farm south of town.

W. W. Brian has moved to Refugio, where he has taken a building contract for the Grant Lumber Company.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

From Tuesday Daily.

J. D. Mitchell went to Goliad today.

Mrs. J. M. Brownson returned from Cuero this morning.

Dr. F. B. Shields went to Bloomington today on a sick call.

Miss Maggie Koenig, of Cuero, is visiting Mrs. Adolph Braun.

Mrs. C. A. McClanahan, of Cuero, is the guest of Mrs. W. J. Craig.

Jane Davenport, an aged colored woman, was buried here yesterday.

Mrs. H. J. O'Reilly, of Beeville, died yesterday in San Antonio of typhoid pneumonia.

Mrs. F. J. Altmoch and children, of Houston, are the guests of Mrs. Altmoch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

Miss Annie Wagner returned to Houston today after a pleasant sojourn in Victoria as the guest of Miss Rose Levi.

Pat Heffernan, brother of Rev. Father Heffernan, of Yoakum, and of Sister St. Louis, of this city, died in Houston Saturday of lock jaw.

A part of the material for the Guadalupe dredge and snag boat has arrived, and is being unloaded by the Victoria Manufacturing Company.

At its meeting last night, the City Council increased the salaries of the Secretary and Deputy Marshals five dollars and of the Superintendent of the Water Works and Sewer and his two assistants ten dollars, effective after the next election. The assessor was instructed to assess property at its full value, and the tax levy will be reduced accordingly.

## MEMORIAL WIDOWS.

Two new memorial windows have been placed in St. Mary's Catholic Church. One is to the memory of the late Very Rev. Father Lawrence Wyer, for many years pastor of the church, and was presented by the congregation. The other is to the memory of Father Abram Ryan, the poet priest, and is the gift of the W. P. Rogers Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The windows are very beautiful and costly, and the designs are of the Immaculate Conception and the Annunciation, respectively.

These make four memorial windows for the church, and there are spaces for twenty more. The other two are to the memory of Patrick Hughes (St. Patrick) and Ed Pickering, Sr., and Hugh Burk (the Madonna). Three others have been ordered and will arrive in February.

A new main altar, donated by Mrs. F. R. Pridham, and a new set of stations, given by the Pickering family, and of European manufacture, will be received in January and, with the new windows, will be dedicated about the latter part of the month. The dedication exercises of the windows were to have been held December 15, but were postponed by the illness of Bishop Forest.

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Victoria was recently completed at a cost of \$70,000, and is considered one of the most beautiful houses of worship in the State. Rev. Father P. X. Heck is pastor of the church.—Victoria cor. to the San Antonio Express.

## MARIANA

Mariana, Texas, Dec. 30.—We have been having some warm and pleasant weather for December.

Mrs. S. L. Dubola, of DuBois, passed through here en route home from Georgetown, where she went to visit her mother.

Travis and Sammie DuBois stopped here on their way home from Georgetown, where they went to spend Christmas with relatives.

G. H. Amery and R. S. Williams, of Anauqua, have returned home from Refugio.

Fritz Schultz, of Tivoli, was here last Monday buying Christmas goods.

Misses Mary and Ella Schultz, of Tivoli, returned home Saturday from Guadalupe, where they went to spend the holidays. They were accompanied by Miss Dusek.

Misses Maggie and Effie Tom, of Tivoli, returned to their homes, accompanied by W. R. Tom, of Victoria.

J. K. Kay passed through here en route to his home at Refugio.

Messrs. Ed Guylenband and Richard Schultz, of Tivoli, were passengers through here from Inari, going east.

Louis Sitterle was a passenger through here en route to Inari from Victoria.

Robert Arnold returned from Victoria Tuesday.

Miss Mary May, of Yoakum, after a pleasant visit to friends at Anauqua, returned home Saturday.

S. J. Williams, of Anauqua, after several days stay in Victoria, has returned home.

Miss Mattie Tom, of Anauqua, was visiting here one day last week.

W. H. Dubola, of Houston, passed through here on his way to Tivoli to visit his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. DuBois, of Inari, are here to be at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. J. M. DuBois, who is very sick.

Mesdames Garnett and McLaughlin, of Morrowville, were here visiting the sick.

Willie Coward and accomplished bride arrived here Saturday from Cuero. Mr. and Mrs. Coward will make this place their future home.

J. T. LaPrade, of Victoria, is visiting friends at Anauqua.

W. A. Simmons, of Anauqua, was here one day last week.

John Simmons, after spending the holidays at home, returned to Houston to resume his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Stubblefield, of Inari, were passengers from here going east.

Miss May Ward, after a week's stay with her parents, returned to Anauqua Sunday.

## GERMANTOWN

Germantown, Texas, Jan 1.—After enjoying the holidays will try and collect the news of our little burg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Huff were the guests of Mrs. A. Horadam last Sunday.

Messrs. Ernest Pantel and Robert Koehl were pleasant visitors to our little burg last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy Angerstein were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. Koehl last Sunday.

The young folks enjoyed a nice little hop at the residence of F. Urban last Saturday.

Johnnie Angerstein has returned from Auler to spend the holidays with home folks.

Robert Reidel and Miss Minnie Duderstadt were united in marriage last Thursday, Rev. Lentz, pastor of the Lutheran Church, performing the ceremony. Mr. Reidel is a prosperous stockman of Weesatche, and his bride is the charming young daughter of Otto Duderstadt. The scribe wishes this young couple a pleasant voyage down life's rugged pathway.

J. Schmidt and brother, Albert, paid Auler a flying trip last week.

Ernest Pantel and A. Schmidt returned to Seabrook after spending the holidays with home folks.

Adolph Angerstein and sister, Miss Elsie, attended the dance here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goehring, of Victoria, spent Wednesday with their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Meyer.

B. Tucker and sister, Enia, were the guests of the Misses Schultz last Wednesday.

Messrs. G. Urban and P. Koehl returned to Palacios after spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

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## VICTORIA SOCIETY

This has been a gay week for Victoria society. The New Year balls of the Iroquois and F. F. V. Clubs, held at Hauschild's Opera House on Monday and Tuesday nights, respectively, and the Leap Year Ball given by the young ladies at the Elks' Hall last night were among the most notable events of the season.

The grand march of the Iroquois ball was led by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Welder; of the F. F. V. by Carl A. Gramann and Miss Marie Braden, and of the Leap Year by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stoner. The following were in attendance at the respective affairs:

**Iroquois Ball.**  
Mesdames F. A. Welder, H. M. Donalson, J. F. Hallinan, L. A. Gueringer, F. B. Lander, Thos. O'Connor, O. Roos, Geo. Stoner, T. B. Traylor, J. V. Vandenberg, L. G. Kreisle, S. E. Monroe, A. M. McFaddin, Joe Pickering and J. F. McCann.

Misses Josephine Wood (Beeville), Burdette Donegan (Vancouver, Wash.), Katharine Ball (San Angelo), Marie Braden (San Antonio), Theresa De Ross (Brenham), Kathleen Lander, Mamie Wood, Beulah Holland, Kathleen Regan, Lucille Craig, Dora Dunlap, Lelia Hargrave, Josie Kane, Mettie Roselle, Dora Power, Livie and Marie Whips, Hazel Hatch and Mary Vandenberg.

Messrs. F. A. Welder, H.M. Donalson, J. F. Hallinan, L. A. Gueringer, F. B. Lander, Thos. O'Connor, O. Roos, Geo. Stoner, T. P. Traylor, J. V. Vandenberg, L. G. Kreisle, S. E. Monroe, A. M. McFaddin, Francis Mahon, Willis McCutcheon, Joe O'Connor, Dan Mitchell, J. S. Beckham, Geo. Buher, J. W. Benjamin, F. S. Buhler, Jas. V. Carroll, E. J. Fritz, R.P. Field, J. E. Regan, N. L. Stoner, A. H. Regan, J. B. Wood, Zip Jones, Seward Hunt, Frank Knowlan, J.J. Welder, Jr., Sutherland Stoner, R. H. Welder, W. C. Jack, Bland Proctor, Richard Wood, Julian Fritz, Overton Stoner, Jr., John Gallagher and Henry T. Gramann.

**F. F. V. Ball.**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crain, A. M. McFaddin, J. K. Hexter, Leo S. Levi, L. A. Gueringer, S. E. Monroe and J. F. McCann.

Misses Marie Braden (San Antonio), Katharine Ball (San Angelo), Isa Mitchell (Refugio), Jeanette Gunst (Corpus Christi), Burdette Donegan (Vancouver, Wash.), Carrie Lambert (Refugio), Hazel Hatch, Lelia Hargrave, Rose Levi, Livie and Marie Whips, Mettie Roselle, Bessie Knowlan, Mamie Wood, Elnora Thomas, Amanda Hexter and Annie Gramann.

Messrs. L. C. Rouff, C. A. Levi, J.M. Reed, E. F. Apfel, Edw. C. Thomas, Roper Carsner, Carl A. Gramann, Richard Wood, J. F. Benjamin, J. S. Beckham, Lee Knowlan, William J. O'Connor, J. R. Merchant, E. W. Parker and Relfert Q. Ward.

**Leap Year Ball.**  
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lander, George Stoner, C. S. E. Holland, J. F. Welder, F. A. Welder, J. V. Vandenberg, S. E. Monroe and H. M. Donalson.

Misses Dora Dunlap, Kathleen Lander, Livie and Marie Whips, Beulah and Vivian Holland, Dora Power, Lelia Hargrave, Mary Louise and Annie Gramann, Dora Diesbach, Melitia Radetzki (Houston), Mary Vandenberg, Elizabeth Welder, Corrie Donalson, Kathleen Regan, Mettie Roselle, Mamie Wood, Janie Stoner, Lucille and Marie Craig, Burdette Donegan (Vancouver, Wash.), Marie Braden (San Antonio), and Miss Hazel Hatch.

Messrs. E. J. and A. H. Regan, Michael Stoner, J. J. Welder, Jr., J. B. Wood, R. H. Welder, Sutherland Stoner, W. C. Jack, Bland Proctor, Carl A. and Henry Gramann, J. M. Reed, Lelia Hogan, Lee Knowlan, Zip Jones, R. P. Field, Oscar Lander, Dan Mitchell, Willis McCutcheon, Fritz Diesbach, J. S. Beckham, J. W. Benjamin, Francis Huck and Jerome Fritz.

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