

Matagorda Items.
By Naomi.

B. A. Ryman is crossing cattle to the beach this week.

Harry Burkhart went to Bay City Monday and returned Tuesday.

Rev. C. N. Morton preached his farewell sermon here Sunday morning.

W. C. Williams of Bay City was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Will Williams is having two new rooms added to his residence.

Geo. Sargent and wife attended the Carnival at Houston last week.

Mrs. Jesse Raymond has been quite ill for the past week, but is improving now.

Capt. Wm Sterling went to Bay City on business Sunday and returned Monday.

Mrs. Jas. Williams and daughter, Miss Annie, were shopping in Bay City Monday and Tuesday.

Several members of Mr. Elsen's family have been indisposed this week, but are getting all right now.

Jas. Williams has sold several acres of **Big Hill** oil land during the past week at \$350 per acre.

The Thanksgiving dinner was quite a success despite the cold weather. The net proceeds were \$52.90.

Mrs. Jas. Watkins has just returned from Houston, where she has been visiting her brother, Dr. Will Lunn.

D. Baxter, Mrs. Ed Baker and Miss Susie Hill spent the day at Mrs. Fred McC. Robbins's Tuesday.

A special was in Sunday evening with quite a large number of men interested in the **Big Hill** oil fields.

Dr. D. H. Braman and wife of Victoria are here, and are the guests of Charles Burkhart and wife.

We've been informed that Editor Will Green of the *Bay City Visitor*, will soon edit a paper here, which will be called *The Echo*.

Chas. Burkhart has followed B. A. Ryman's worthy example by having wells dug this week on the peninsula to water his cattle. His hands went over Monday.

It is hoped that we will soon have a good rain here, as nearly everyone in town is out of drinking water, and many are hauling from the bayou.

Will Arnold will move his family to Bay City very soon. We hear they are to settle there permanently. Their friends here regret very much to have them leave as they are old Matagordians.

R. H. Traylor and wife and two children accompanied Miss Delia McNabb home from Bay City Saturday for a couple of days' visit to Grandpa. All except Miss Delia returned Monday.

The hunting party out on the bay Friday and Saturday was composed of Messrs. Travis, Harrison, Lane and Lane and Harper. They informed the captain of the *Nettie* that they had a picnic and thereby won his heart.

The colored people of this place have been strictly "in it" this week as far as religion is concerned, having had a series of sermons at the colored Baptist church, and no less than nine preachers to expound the Gospel to them.

A good old time dance was indulged in by the young people at the hall last Monday night. Instead of the customary two step and waltz they danced quadrilles, the military and seven-step schottisches, the Newport, etc., and had a happy, good time in general.

Some of those who were registered at the Bay View the latter part of the week: W. W. Campbell, Wm. E. Austin and wife, Wm. Cash, J. Sutherland, Bay City; J. L. Davis, Wharton; B. J. Harper, Dallas; H. L. Trammel, W. P. Hamilton, Houston; H. B. Goodrich and wife, Boston, Mass.; H. T. Staiti, Beaumont.

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