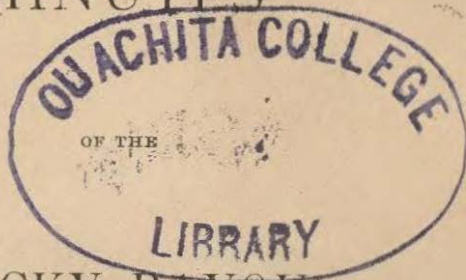


MINUTES



ROCKY BAYOU

Missionary Baptist Association

1896

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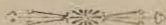
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PROCEEDINGS.



FRIDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK, OCTOBER 9, 1896.

The Messengers of Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association convened with Zion Hill Church, Izard county, Arkansas. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. S. A. Marchant from 2nd Samuel, 14 : 14.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by Eld. W. M. Duren, the Moderator of last session, the Clerk of last session being present. Prayer by Eld. A. J. Whaley. The names of the churches were called and the letters read by Brothers R. L. Landers and H. L. Thomas.

Fairview and Table Rock petitioned for the next session.

Called for petitions or letters, whereupon letters were received from Mount Lebanon Church, Izard county, and Cushman Church, Independence county, and it appearing that these churches were scripturally organized, they were received and the hand of fellowship extended to the Messengers by the Moderator.

The Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, and Eld. W. M. Duren was elected Moderator and W. K. Estes Clerk.

Called for corresponding Messengers from sister associations. Elds. Josiah Martin and J. I. Martin of Independence and Eld. F. M. Brannon of White River Valley were received and the hand of fellowship was extended to them by the Moderator.

Called for visiting Ministers accepted by Eld. Brownlow Taylor of Providence Church in Independence Association, and the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. On Preaching—Messengers of this church.
2. On Arrangements of Business—Elds. A. J. Whaley and H. L. Thomas and Bro. R. L. Waller.

3. On Baptist Literature—J. R. Richardson, Eld. S. A. Marchant and O. S. Goodman.
4. On Associational Missions—Elds. H. F. Vermillion, J. J. Vest and J. P. Lovelace.
5. On Foreign Missions—B. A. Spradlin, J. L. Rector and Henry Taylor.
6. On Sabbath Schools—B. S. Stroud, A. T. Felts, N. C. Danner.
7. On Finance—W. P. Campbell, Chas. Shell, J. N. Haley.
8. On Temperance—Elds. H. F. Vermillion, H. L. Thomas, M. Hively, Jno. P. Lovelace, Bro. B. A. Spradlin and on motion the Moderator was added.
9. On Destitution—Elds. S. A. Marchant, A. J. Whaley and Bro. L. D. Barnes.
10. On Prayer Meeting—Eld. J. W. Twilley, Brownlow Taylor.
11. On State Missions—Eld. Josiah Martin, Eld. G. L. Foard and T. E. Brown.
12. On Ministerial Education—Eld. H. L. Thomas, B. A. Spradlin and Eld. F. M. Brannan.
13. On Schools and Colleges—R. L. Landers, A. A. Spradlin and O. S. Goodman.
14. On Obituaries—Elds. H. F. Vermillion, J. J. Vest and J. W. Twilley.

Adjourned for preaching and refreshments.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Eld Brownlow Taylor preached from Romans 1 : 16, followed by Eld. F. M. Brannan.

After preaching and refreshments the Association was called to order at 2 o'clock by the Moderator.

1. The Committee on Prayer Meetings submitted the following report, which was read, discussed and adopted, to-wit:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas, Paul requested that prayer be made for all men and James said that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, we therefore recommend that each

church establish a weekly prayer meeting and that every member attend the same and encourage it in every possible way. Respectfully submitted,

ELDS. J. W. TWILLEY, Chairman,
BROWNLOW TAYLOR, Secretary.

2. Called for report of the Committee on Arrangements of Business. The report of the committee was read and adopted.

3. Called for the report of the Associational Missionary. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows, viz:

Sermons preached, 139; prayers, 197; prayer meetings held, 51; religious family visits, 68; addresses made, 30; churches organized, 1; conversions, 29; baptisms, 8; received on the field, \$21.15; from Pleasant Valley Church, \$2.00; Bro. Barlow, \$2.00; T. K. Goodman, \$5.00; A. H. Vest, \$5.00; from the treasurer of the board, \$25.00; from the state board, \$35.00; miles traveled, 1,019; days labored, 171.

4. Called for report of Committee on Baptist Literature. The report was read, discussed, amended and adopted, as follows:

We as a people take the Bible as our chief guide in all matters pertaining to the doctrine of Christ and the government of his churches—it being the inspired word of God and measure in all things pertaining to Christianity.

We therefore, first of all, commend the Bible to each of our members and urge each, as their duty, to read it carefully and prayerfully. We would also recommend, 1st, the Arkansas Baptist, then the Western Recorder, Texas Baptist Standard and Ford's Christian Repository as good sound literature, and we recommend that each member supply himself with as many copies of one or all of the above named papers as is in his means.

J. R. RICHARDSON,
S. A. MARCHANT,
O. S. GOODMAN,

Committee.

After prayer the Association adjourned until next Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

PREACHING.



Saturday night 7 o'clock by A. J. Whaley from the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Eld. J. A. Martin on the Security of the Believer.

Sunday at 3 o'clock, P. M., by Eld. H. F. Vermillion from the text "Take my Yoke."

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock by Eld. F. M. Brannan from the text "Who then can be Saved."



MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, OCTOBER 12, 1896.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. A. J. Whaley.

1. Renewed invitation to Corresponding Messengers. None.
2. Renewed invitation to visiting Ministers. None.
3. Called for report of Committee on Associational Missions.

The report was read, discussed and after taking pledges for \$140.00 and collecting in cash \$14.25 the report was adopted, as follows:

We your committee on Associational missions, beg leave to report as follows:

We are glad to note that our board has been doing mission work in this Association, and that the labors of Bro. Marchant, our Missionary, have been blessed of God. We feel proud that our churches have responded with their means to forward this work.

We recommend that a board be appointed for another year and instructed to appoint a missionary for the length of time that, in their judgment, funds can be raised to pay his salary. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. LOVELACE,
H. F. VERMILLION,
J. J. VEST.

4. Called for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools. Report read, discussed, amended and adopted, as follows:

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows:

We suggest that the importance of studying the scriptures be impressed on the churches by the pastors, inasmuch as it is the duty of the church to teach the scriptures. We recommend that each church keep up a Baptist Sabbath School; for the Sabbath School is the work of the church. We also recommend the inauguration of a Sunday School Convention by the churches. We also recommend the use of the American Baptist Literature and Convention Series Literature.

N. C. DANNER,

B. S. STROUD,

A. T. FELTS.

(Eld J. L. Brown of Independence Association appeared as a visiting minister.)

5. Called for report of Committee on Temperance. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

One of the greatest evils in our land is that of intemperance. There is nothing that destroys health, ruins society, causes vice, immorality and blood shed to run riot, more than intemperance. It is doing as much, if not more, to injure our churches, to hinder the spread of the Gospel and to check the coming of the kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven, than everything else together. It destroys morals, dethrones reason and causes man, the highest of God's creation, to lower himself to the level of the brute creation. It robs man of happiness and of all hopes of a life with Christ in the glorious hereafter.

We therefore not only recommend but urge that the churches in our Association discipline any member who aids, either directly or indirectly, in making or selling liquor—whether that be in signing a petition for a grant of license, of territory and land upon which to establish a distillery, or wholesale house, or saloon, or any establishment by which spirituous or malt liquors might be distributed.

We also recommend that our churches discipline any member who is in the habit of dram drinking. This is the teaching of the covenant into which we have entered as church members. The covenant says that "We agree to abstain from the use and sale of spirituous liquors as a beverage." Also that our preachers read the covenant to their churches and preach more upon this—the evil of evils.

M. HIVELY,
J. P. LOVELACE,
W. M. DUREN,
B. A. SPRADLIN,
H. LEEMAN THOMAS.

6. Called for report of Committee on Destitution. Report read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Destitution submit the following:

The destitution in our bounds now is as follows: 1. Smith's School House on Strawberry. 2. Sidna. 3. Sylamore. 4. Haw Mountain, five miles east of Calico Rock. 5. Mt. Olive. 6. Twin Creek. 7. Adams Hall on White river, eight miles above Calico Rock.

S. A. MARCHANT,
A. J. WHALEY,
L. D. BARNES.

7. Bro. R. E. Ginn reported as a messenger from Blue Mountain Association, and was received and the hand of fellowship given him by the Moderator.

8. Called for report of Committee on State Missions. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

Dear Brethren—We your Committee on State Missions, believing as the scriptures teach, that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth, or that the preaching of the Gospel to a lost and ruined world was committed unto the church, and that it is our duty as members of the visible body of Christ to use our utmost powers to cultivate the destitute fields of our own state, by contributing of our means so as to enable the state board to employ and pay suitable men to work up the destitute points in our state, and thus build up the waste places in Zion, and thereby ad-

vance our Master's cause and kingdom in our midst.

We therefore recommend that the pastor of each church composing this body be requested to preach a sermon on Missions to the Church at an early date and take up a collection for state missions and forward the amount thus raised to the state mission board and report to the next session of this body. Respectfully,

JOSIAH MARTIN,
G. L. FORD,
THOS. E. BROWN.

9. Called for report of Committee on Ministerial Education. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

The time has come when we need strong men to unfurl the banner of Prince Emanuel. That they be strong it is necessary that they receive an education commensurate with the responsibility of their call to the ministry. Knowing this, we therefore recommend that the young men within our bounds who show the moral training and spiritual qualifications so necessary to this grand and glorious work, be urged to procure a good education, and that the churches aid them, if necessary, in the way of money, that they may be able to meet the isms of the world and uphold Christ in a plain, practical way, as the world's redeemer.

Bro. John Gray, one of our young ministers, is now in Mountain Home College, and we urge that the Board of Ministerial Education do what they can for his support.

We also recommend the appointment of a Board of Ministerial Education to raise the necessary means.

B. A. SPRADLIN,
F. M. BRANNAN,
H. LEEMAN THOMAS.

10. Called for report of Committee on Schools and Colleges. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Schools and Colleges, respectfully submit the following report:

Realizing that the requirements of this transcendent age demands at the hands of every accountable being a liberal educa-

tion mentally, and an unqualified one morally, to prepare each and every one for all the duties, positions and professions of life, and realizing that the prevalent growth of sin may be overcome by the moral and Christian training to be obtained in our Christian institutions, which are the property of the Baptist denomination; we would recommend to one and all Mountain Home Baptist College, Onachita College and Central Female College, but especially would we recommend to the patronage of this Association Mountain Home College, and that we aid this institution, not only by our patronage, but by our contributions and solicitations. Patronize Mountain Home Baptist College and you will aid others.

A. A. SPRADLIN,

O. S. GOODMAN,

R. L. LANDERS.

11. Called for report of Committee on Obituaries. Obituary of Eld John W. Miller, deceased, was read and ordered printed in the minutes. Also the Messengers from Pilgrim's Rest Church were appointed to prepare an obituary of Eld. William Tucker and forward to the clerk to be inserted in the minutes. See obituaries.

12. Called for report of Committee on Foreign Missions. Report read and adopted, as follows:

In looking over foreign fields, we find that there are millions of people in darkness, who have not the Gospel preached to them. Our financial board is in need of funds. We recommend that each member of this Association contribute liberally of his means to this fund. We suggest that the Moderator of this Association appoint one messenger from each church to collect and remit to the Foreign Mission Agent the contributions of his church.

HENRY TAYLOR,

JEFF RECTOR,

B. A. SPRADLIN.

The Moderator appointed the following Foreign Mission agents:

S. K. Marlin, J. L. Rector, S. P. Hite, B. S. Stroud, A. L.

Felts, T. N. Estes, R. L. Waller, Thomas Sipe, A. T. Felts, T. E. Pate, B. A. Spradlin, T. E. Danner, T. K. Goodman, J. N. Haley, J. J. Vest, W. H. Thorn, T. E. Brown, H. C. Duren, W. P. Campbell, W. H. Wren.

13. Called for report of Missionary Board. Report read and adopted, as follows:

We, the Missionary Board of Rocky Bayou Baptist Association, beg leave to report as follows:

We have had three meetings during the past year, at the second of which we employed Bro. S. A. Marchant to do six months work at \$1 per day for the time he actually worked. We refer you to his report for what he has done, and to the report of our treasurer, J. W. C. Gardner, for a statement of our finances.

HENRY F. VERMILLION,

Secretary of Board.

14. Called for report of Committee on Finance. The committee reported \$19.05 collected as minutes fund, and \$2.50 was raised to insert Eld. Miller's obituary.

Adjourned until after supper

After supper the Association was called to order by the Moderator at 7, p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. I. Martin.

15. Fairview Church at Violet Hill, Izard county, was selected as the church with which the Association is to meet next year, and a motion to meet next year at 11 o'clock, a. m., Friday before the second Lord's day in October.

16. Eld. H. L. Thomas was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, with Eld. H. F. Vermillion as alternate.

17. Eld. W. M. Duren and James E. Felts were elected as messengers to the Arkansas Baptist Convention, and recommended Eld. Duren as a member of the State Board.

18. Eld. H. L. Thomas was elected as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

19. Arranged correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To Little Red River—J. B. Bland, J. H. Defrees.

To Blue Mountain—A. J. Whaley, G. W. Adrian, James H. Bone, S. A. Marchant.

To Independence—H. L. Thomas, L. J. Bracey, J. P. Lovelace, N. C. Danner.

To White River Valley—H. L. Thomas, J. P. Lovelace, A. T. Felts, J. N. Winfree.

To Spring River—G. L. Foard, J. A. Kennard, J. C. Pratt, W. M. Duren, H. L. Thomas.

To Big Creek—B. S. Stroud, L. Jennings, W. R. Miller, R. L. Waller, J. G. Jennings, W. M. Duren, S. A. Marchant.

White River—O. S. Goodman, S. A. Marchant, P. B. Campbell, A. J. Whaley.

On motion it was voted that any member of this Association attending a sister Association with a minute of our Association is authorized to act as a corresponding Messenger from this Association.

20. Called for report of Ministerial Educational Board. Not present. The Moderator appointed the same board for the ensuing year.

21. Called for report of Foreign Mission Agent. Report read and adopted, thus:

Report of Foreign Mission Agent: Received and remitted, \$11.55; on hand, \$4.05; total, \$15.60.

Bro. B. A. Spradlin was continued as such agent. Also the Moderator continued the Associational Mission Board of last year. Eld. S. A. Marchant was recommended to the Board as Missionary.

22. The Moderator appointed Friday before the 5th Sunday in November at 11 a. m., at Melbourne for the meeting of the Sunday School Convention, provided for by the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, and it was decided that each church be entitled to two messengers.

23. The following resolution, presented by Eld. H. L. Thomas, was adopted, there being only two voting against it.

Inasmuch as there is in our land a craze for modern holiness, and

Inasmuch as this is an heretical doctrine and therefore unscriptural

Therefore, be it resolved that our churches follow the Scriptures upon this teaching and that we urge our churches to withdraw fellowship from all persons who go into this craze and who obstinately persist in advocating this unscriptural doctrine of sinless perfection.

H. LEEMAN THOMAS.

24. The following resolution, presented by Eld. J. P. Lovelace, was adopted:

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has written certain heretical things pertaining to the Baptists. Among these are,

1st. That the English Baptists did not practice immersion until the year 1641.

2nd. That all Baptists prior to that time knew nothing of immersion.

3rd. In the way in which he has answered the questions asked him by his brethren, by bringing out his little dollar book.

Therefore, be it resolved, 1st, That we will not support with our patronage, our means, or in any way whatsoever, the institution with which he is connected so long as he is connected with it in any way. 2nd, That we demand his removal at once.

J. P. LOVELACE.

25. Resolution of thanks, presented by Eld. Lovelace, was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That we, as an Association, tender our hearty thanks to the members of Zion Hill Church and the citizens of the vicinity for the hospitality extended to us during our stay with them.

26. Resolution by Eld. Lovelace presented and carried that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this session and be allowed five dollars for his services.

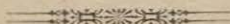
At 20 minutes past 10, p. m., the Association adjourned to meet with Fairview Church Friday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1897, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer by Eld. James L. Brown.



OFFICERS.

ELD. W. M. DUREN, Moderator,	Violet Hill.
W. K. ESTES, Clerk,	Melbourne.
B. A. SPREADLIN, Foreign Mission Agent,	Gulley.



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Big Spring—S. P. Hite and H. B. Shanack.
Concord—V. L. Stroud, James H. Bone, G. W. King and B. S. Stroud.
Cushman—L. D. Barnes.

Fairview—Eld. J. P. Lovelace, Eld. W. M. Duren, Noah Blevens and T. E. McNairn.

Melbourne—Eld. H. F. Vermillion, J. N. Winfree, J. R. Richardson and W. K. Estes.

Mount Lebanon—W. P. Campbell and W. G. C. Brooks.

Mt. Nebo, No. 1—R. L. Waller.

Mt. Nebo, No. 2—B. A. Sipe and E. C. Sipe.

Mt. Pleasant—Henry Taylor, A. T. Felts, Charley Shell and Alex Snell.

Newhope—G. W. Adrian.

Philadelphia—A. A. Spradlin, B. A. Spradlin, B. W. Bledsoe and J. W. C. Gardner.

Pilgrim's Rest—L. J. Bracey, P. M. Danner and N. C. Danner.

Pleasant Valley—Eld. S. A. Marchant, O. S. Goodman and R. E. Marchant

Rocky Bayou—Eld. J. W. Twilley and J. N. Haley.

Saints' Rest—W. B. Vest, Wm. Vines, J. A. Wood and Eld. J. J. Vest.

Table Rock—Eld. A. J. Whaley.

Wise's Chapel—E. D. Hays, T. E. Brown and M. Hively.

Zion Hill—Harrison Ramsey, J. W. Miller, Garry Tomlinson and J. G. Jennings.



MINISTERS.

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A. J. WHALEY,	McPhearson.
W. M. DUREN,	Violet Hill.
W. H. WREN,	Cushman.
J. P. LOVELACE,	Stella.
N. N. SATTERFIELD,	McPhearson.
JNO. A. GRAY,	Stella.

OBITUARY OF ELD. JOHN W. MILLER.



Elder John W. Miller was born in Franklin county, Tennessee, May 25, 1815. When he was five years old his father moved to Franklin county, Alabama, and in a short time to Monroe county, Mississippi. In 1826 he returned to Franklin county, Alabama, where he remained until the subject of this sketch was grown.

J. W. Miller was married to Mary Wofford on November 28, 1837. They lived happily together until August 31, 1863, when the angel of death visited the once happy home and the wife and mother was taken to her reward. There were born of this union four sons and two daughters, two of the sons and one daughter having died before the death of their mother.

Elder Miller and Rebecca Shell were married June 10th, 1864. They lived together until the death of Elder Miller separated them. There were born to them two children, one son and one daughter. Only the son is living at this time.

In the year 1838 Bro. Miller professed faith in Christ, and was Baptized, by Josiah Parker, into the fellowship of Town Creek Baptist Church, Lawrence county, Alabama. In a short time he placed his membership in Cedar Creek Church, Franklin county, Alabama. Here he made known the fact that God had called him to come out from the quiet walk of a private life, and give his time and talent to preaching the Gospel of the Christ that had saved him from sin. Cedar Creek Church gave him a license to preach on the second Lord's Day in February, 1844, and on October 26th, 1846, they called him to ordination by the laying on of the hands of a presbytery consisting of Elds. Thomas Smith and Thomas Moss. He traveled for four years as missionary for Muscogee Shoals Association. It then embraced a territory 100 miles across.

He moved to Arkansas in December, 1852. He traveled as missionary for Rocky Bayou Association for 12 years, making 16 years in all a missionary.

Eld. J. W. Miller has been a citizen of Arkansas 45 years. Out of the 42 meeting that Rocky Bayou Association held while he was living he was permitted to attend thirty-nine. He was moderator of this body for 16 years.

During his lifetime, excepting in his extreme old age, he was nearly always able to preach.

He baptized about 1,500 people, organized thirty or forty churches and ordained 15 deacons and 20 preachers. He has been pastor of nearly all the older churches of Rocky Bayou and Independence Associations and of many others. He used to ride to Batesville, to Mountain Home, to Smithville, and even greater distances, to preach the Gospel.

For several years before his death came he watched and waited for the voice of the Father to call him home. When he was no longer able to preach, he loved to sit by the fireside and talk of the love and goodness of God. He would there tell of a blessedness of a hope in Christ to him who had spent many years in the service of God. He would talk of his home beyond the skies and would often say, "Well, I'll soon be gone and I'll be happy then."

On September 17th, 1896, he heard the voice of God and in obedience to that voice he left this world for his home above. On the following day his remains were placed in the cemetery of Zion Hill Church, of which church he was a useful and honored member. He was followed to his last resting place by a vast multitude of friends who mourned to lose him, who had been to so many a father, a brother and a friend.

May God in his infinite wisdom give us more ministers like him who will fearlessly and faithfully preach and labor for the glory of God.

OBITUARY OF ELD. DAVID N. TUCKER.



Eld. David N. Tucker was born August 24, 1815; died December 17, 1895; aged 80 years, 3 months and 23 days. He was a native of Virginia. His parents moved to Monroe county, Tenn., when he was seven years old. Here he grew up, married, and remained till 1845, when he came to Independence county, Ark. He was joined in holy wedlock to Miss Susan Cagle in 1848, his first wife dying in 1846.

Bro. Tucker professed faith in Christ at the age of 37, and joined the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church. Feeling that he was divinely called to aid in spreading the glad tidings of the Gospel to fallen man, he was licensed and ordained to preach. His religious career extended over a period of 43 years; during which time he faltered not; neither did he grow weary. He was an humble instrument in the hands of his God, in winning many lost souls to Christ.

He bore his chronic illness with patientness. He murmured not at the afflictions of his Divine Master, and welcomed the summons of death.

To know him was to love him, and strange it is, that those whom we love are among those who fall.

He leaves a family of nine children and an aged companion to mourn his loss, but verily, we believe their loss is his gain.

May we not weep as those who have no hope, but bow submissively to Him who doeth all things well. May we strive to follow our Brother through the gate into the city "Whither the forerunner hath for us entered." May we cherish his name, revere his memory, and sympathize with the bereaved companion, trusting that he abideth in that sweet rest which remains for the final faithful.

L. J. BRACEY,
P. M. DANNER,
N. C. DANNER,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH	P. O.	PASTOR	CLERK	MEMBERSHIP							Pastor's Salary	Minutes Fund	Value of Church Property	Sunday Schools	Sunday of Meeting		
				Increase				Decrease									
				By Baptism,	By Letter	Recomnd't'n	Restored	Dis by letter	Excluded	Died						Present Memb'rsHIP	
Antioch	Zion	W. M. Duren	W. G. Moore	8	4	2	3	119	\$ 40.00	1 25	\$ 300	..	1st	
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Big Spring	Franklin	J. P. Lovelace	S. E. Martin	1	2	1	14	55	3rd	
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Cushman	Cushman	W. H. Wren	L. D. Barnes	3	23	26	14.50	75	3rd	
Fairview	Violet Hill	J. P. Lovelace	R. P. Blevens	1	3	5	2	1	56	40.00	1 00	400	..	1st	
Melbourne	Melbourne	H. F. Vermillion	W. K. Estes	7	2	..	1	1	..	1	58	125.00	1 50	400	1	1st	
Mt. Lebanon	Gid	Brownlow Taylor	W. G. C. Brooks	18	12	6	36	1 00	3rd	
Mt. Nebo, No. 1	Violet Hill	J. P. Lovelace	R. L. Waller	2	..	7	1	25	40	250	..	3rd	
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Pleasant Valley	Pineville	A. J. Whaley	W H Whiteaker	5	..	2	..	4	2	..	54	45.55	1 00	4th	
Rocky Bayou	Lunenburg	J. P. Lovelace	S. C. Cooper	6	9	3	2	39	1 00	100	..	2nd	
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