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Reminiscences of Mrs. Dilue Harris.

APRIL, 1835.—ENGLISH IMMIGRANTS.

About this time there was quite an addition to our neighborhood. Ten families from England had just arrived in Texas. They came in a schooner from New York and landed at Anahuac, the greatest seaport of the Mexican custom-house officers. There were twenty or thirty of them. Some went to Liberty on the Trinity river. One woman, with her son and daughter, stopped at Harrisburg. She was a dressmaker and milliner. She was very much disappointed, as she had brought a stock of millinery goods from New York with the expectation of finding Harrisburg a large city. Three families of them came to our neighborhood. They met Mr. Cotie with his big wagon in Harrisburg, and inquired where they could rent houses and land. He told them Mr. Stafford had two vacant houses, and it would be no trouble to rent land. He brought them out. One man, Mr. Page, seemed to be the leader. Mr. Stafford told them that it was too late in the season to plant corn or cotton, but they could use his horses free of charge till next year. The men could hire out all the time, make rails, clear land, and work at the saw mill in Harrisburg.

Mr. Page was a very smart man. He had a wife and a girl babe. They all appeared to be good people, but they were sadly out of place in Texas. They had elegant clothing, silver ware and some fine furniture. Not one of them knew anything about farming or country life. They had all been reared in the city of London. Two of the English families were named Adkins. One of the Mrs. Adkins was a widow with a pretty daughter named Jane. Jane was lovely, dressed very fine, and could sing and play the guitar. The boys went crazy about her. Leo Roark and Harvey Stafford came to see mother to get her to give a ball, so they could get acquainted with the English beauty. She at first refused, but they teased and persuaded father till he said yes. The boys went from house to house inviting the people. Mother soon got things in order with help from the neighbors, and the happy day came. Harvey Stafford went to see the pretty Miss Adkins and offered to bring a horse and side saddle and escort her to the ball, but she could not ride. She had never ridden a horse. There was nothing he could do but use the cart and oxen. There was a fine side saddle at his father's house which belonged to his step-mother. When the young lady refused to ride on horseback, Leo Roark borrowed the saddle and brought his sweet heart, Miss Mary Hodges. Harvey Stafford had a negro man to drive. He and Mr. Adkins, three ladies and four children

came riding in the cart, sitting on common chairs with rawhide seats. After all the trouble the boys had the young lady did not dance, but sang and played the guitar. I did not go to sleep that night, for I had not forgotten going to sleep at our first ball. The English neighbors concluded to move. They were all sick and discouraged. Father advised them to go to California. Mr. Stafford was to take them, for he had to send his wagon to Brazoria for cotton gin machinery. The English had plenty of money, but it was gold and they couldn't change it. There was but little money in the country. When the farmers sold their cotton, they did not get much dry goods, groceries, powder, lead, and farming implements. Father did not get much money for his practice. He received cattle and hogs. A cow and calf passed for ten dollars. Father bought oxen and a horse, and he said if he could get a wagon he would be wealthy. We used the sleigh for visiting and light hauling. Father told the young men that when they wanted to escort their sweethearts they could have his sleigh and oxen.

The English emigrants went, and the boys were heart broken at the departure of the pretty girl. My sweetheart, William Dyer, was true all the time. He was eleven years old and I was ten. He was Mr. Dyer's eldest son, and was the babe in arms when Mrs. Dyer ran from the Indians. We were expecting to have a school soon. Mr. Henson was to open school the first of June. He was to begin with the girls and small children, and as the crops were laid by all the young men were to attend. Mrs. M. refused to send her little girls if Mr. A.'s children attended. Father said he would be glad if A. would leave the neighborhood, as there would never be any peace while he and Mrs. M. both lived there. JUNE, 1835.—SCHOOL AND WAR. School opened the first of June. There were only ten pupils, three girls, six boys and one young man, Harvey Stafford. The teacher boarded among the neighbors. He had been to school two weeks when there was another excitement. Father went to Harrisburg and found the men making threats against the garrison at Anahuac. Mr. Andrew Briscoe had a large stock of goods there, and it was the chief port of entry east of the Brazos. Captain Tenorio, the Mexican custom-house officer, would not allow him to sell goods without

a permit from the custom house. When father left Harrisburg the men and boys were drilling and threatening to disarm the garrison. Mr. Charles Dyer Harris, and father advised them not to do it, as Stephen F. Austin was a prisoner in Mexico, and it might endanger his life. This was very discouraging. Mr. Stafford had heard from his father and step-mother. She was to be returned in the winter and take all their slaves to the United States. She did not have any trouble with those she took with her, but she could do better than a man running slaves into the United States. She said that they got news from Mexico through the papers that it was the intention of the Mexican government to garrison every town in Texas and liberate the slaves. The United States government was to station troops at the Sabine river to prevent the slave holders from crossing and it was to send also a warship to the Gulf of Mexico.

The school did well. There was no sickness. The grown young men started to school. Three of them and the teacher camped in the schoolhouse and did their own cooking. Mother and Mrs. Dyer gave them milk, butter and eggs, and they went home Friday evening. Mr. Henson spent Saturdays and Sundays with the neighbors. The young men were anxious for the school to be kept open in the summer, as they had to work in the fall and winter.

There was some trouble at Anahuac. A courier came to our house from Harrisburg, going to San Felipe with a dispatch, stating there had been fighting at Anahuac. Captain Tenorio had arrested Andrew Briscoe and Clinton Harris and put them in prison, and wounded several Texans. Clinton Harris went from Harrisburg to buy dry goods for Mr. Briscoe, when the Mexican officer, Captain Tenorio, ordered him not to move the goods. While he and his assistant, Mr. Smith, were going to the boat they were fired on, and Mr. Smith was wounded in the breast. Clinton Harris was released and the next day he returned to Harrisburg. He wrote out a statement and sent it to San Felipe to William B. Travis. This news stopped our school, as the teacher and young men decided to go to Harrisburg. There had been a meeting at San Felipe which recommended that the garrison at Anahuac be disarmed. Mr. W. B. Travis went to Harrisburg where he raised a

company of volunteers. He went to San Jacinto and Buffalo Bayou. They took a cannon and put it on a cart used for hauling logs to the saw mill. They shipped the men and cannon on a small schooner. They set sail for Anahuac and arrived there the last of June. They forced Captain Tenorio and the garrison to capitulate. Mr. Briscoe was released from prison. This broke up Anahuac as a port of entry. The Mexicans and the men under Mr. Travis boarded the

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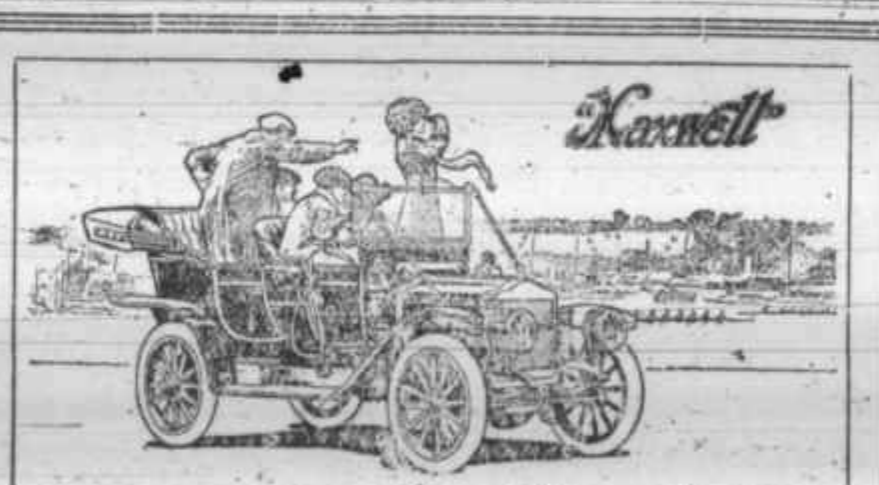
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REMINISCENCES OF MRS. DILUE HARRIS.
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FEBRUARY, 1835.
Uncle James decided not to live with us this year. He was going to oversee at the Stafford plantation.

Mr. Cotie and Uncle James teased Harvey Stafford every time they met him about his special charge, the widow. They told him he should have helped her hoe corn and cotton. He said he

did not have any more time to do it. The men with guns first, the squaws carrying their parsonages tied on their backs, and leading the ponies, and the dogs following. The ponies were packed with buffalo robes, blankets, bear skins, pots and kettles, and the dogs were barking in baskets suspended across the ponies' backs. The children were riding in baskets suspended across the ponies' backs. The farmers were planting cotton, and corn was up and growing. Father hired help that year. He was the only doctor in the neighborhood, and he was obliged to hire two boys. He had been well paid for the last year's practice. The people of Texas were doing well, and if it had not been for the uncertainty of the Mexican laws father, could have located land and got a home. Mother was very much dissatisfied. She said she would go back to the United States if she could go by land. She said she never would cross the Gulf of Mexico again in a schooner. Father was well pleased with the country. He said Texas would be a great State in the future, and if it was not for the lawyers and land speculators there might not be any trouble with Mexico. The Mexicans were fighting among themselves, but he said Texas should not interfere.

Last week a schooner ran the blockade at Galveston Island and brought several immigrants to Harrisburg. The captain did not see anything of the Mexican revenue cutter, he thought she had been lost in a storm a few days before.
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Biliousness and Constipation.
For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—MRS. ROSA POTTS, Birmingham, Ala.

Application for temporary administration upon the estate of George Abbe, deceased, was filed last Tuesday by W. S. Strickland and M. E. Guynn, jointly, and the same was granted by the county judge to take effect upon the filing by the applicants of a bond in the sum of fifty dollars. The order authorizes the temporary administrators to take full charge of the estate and preserve and operate the same.—Colorado Citizen.
Corn chops at Stoermer's.

Potato Shipping Was Delayed.
On account of the heavy rains of last Thursday and Friday, potato shipping was delayed until Tuesday, since which time a train load of spuds of from fifteen to thirty cars has been rolling out of here each day. About one hundred and fifty Mexicans from west Texas and thirty-one Russians just over from the old country were brought in last week for farm work, as the farmers are all behind with their

division of the fields, and labor is very scarce. The Russians, however, proved not to be much for farm work and about all of them have departed during the week for other places. The potato yield is fine, some of the fields running as high as 250 and 300 bushels to the acre, but the market is off. The price here this week has been about 50 cents, a falling off of over a hundred per cent from the price two weeks ago.

The heavy rains fallen during the past three weeks, most of the Eagle Lake crop of potatoes would have been on the market when they were selling for \$1.25 per bushel. The farmers are hopeful for two or three weeks of favorable weather, that they may be able to get the crop off. The cotton fields are also in a very grassy condition and the cotton farmers are also crying for dry weather, that they may be able to get into the fields with large forces of hands and chop out before the grass and weeds take the crop. The stand of cotton generally throughout this section is good, but cotton and all other kinds of crops need dry weather.

Do Ghosts Haunt Swamps?
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The Galveston News of May 14th says: "The rice farmers of Collegeport, after hearing the talk of John J. Raezer of the Southern Rice Growers' Association, and having the object of movement fully explained to them, have in large numbers become members of the association." "Capt. John" has secured the contracts of rice planters, who will this year plant 100,000 acres. Estimating this acreage at ten bags per acre will make an aggregate of a million sacks.

Saved Child From Death.
"After our child had suffered from severe bronchial trouble for a year," wrote G. T. Richardson, of Richardson's Mills, Ala., "we feared it had gone beyond our power. It had a bad cough all the time. We tried many remedies without avail, and doctor's medicine seemed as useless. Finally we tried Dr. King's New Discovery, and are now a complete cure, and child is again strong and healthy." For coughs, colds, hoarseness, lagrippe, asthma, croup and sore lungs, its the most infallible remedy that's made. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Calvert's Drug Store.
On the Kenworthy farm near town there is an apple tree that was in full bloom in the early spring season and the tree has now fallen. The tree is only two years old.—Provident City Times.
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