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REMINISCENCES OF MRS. DILUE HARRIS.

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schooner and returned to Harrisburg.

The citizens of Harrisburg had been preparing for a grand ball and barbecue before the trouble at Anahuac. When they heard the Mexicans would be brought there they sent word to the people of the different settlements to attend.

The disarming of the garrison at Anahuac was not approved by the older citizens. Those who had families with all they possessed in Texas wished rather to pay duties to Mexico, than to fight.

Well, the fourth of July brought out quite a crowd. The Texans and Mexicans arrived in time for the barbecue, but the ball was put off until the fifth.

A man died in the morning of the fourth, and Mr. Choate, the musician, could not play till the corpse was buried.

The men spent the day talking war and politics. Families from the country camped. Ladies were shopping and visiting and young people were having a good time.

Mr. Travis and P. H. Jack had been prisoners in Anahuac in the year 1832. In this year they were having their revenge. Captain Tenorio walked among the people shaking hands with the men and acting as if he was the hero of the occasion.

The Mexican soldiers sat and smoked and played cards. The funeral came off the morning of the fifth, everybody attending.

Mr. Choate read the burial services, and after the funeral we had dinner and then dancing. We danced in a new storehouse. It was built by Mr. Stafford. He would have brought dry goods and opened a store if the trouble at Anahuac could have been peaceably arranged.

The Mexican officers were at the ball. They did not dance country dances. Mr. Kokernot and his wife were Germans. They waltzed, and Captain Tenorio danced with Mrs. Kokernot.

She could speak French and Captain Tenorio also was a French scholar, so they danced and talked all the evening. She was handsome and he a fine looking man, and they attracted a great deal of attention.

The people went home on the sixth, the young folks happy, the old people gloomy. The Mexican prisoners were to be sent to San Antonio in a few days.

The disarming of the garrison at Anahuac was without bloodshed. There was but one man wounded, and he was shot by the Mexicans when they arrested Mr. Briscoe and Clinton Harris.

Our school opened again on the tenth. The teacher said the young men and boys did not study. They talked war all the time and seemed to think that two or three hundred Texans could whip Mexico.

Major Bingham went to San Felipe, and on his return he stayed one night with father. He thought William B. Travis and others would keep up the agitation. He said there was an order from San Antonio to arrest several Texans and send them to Mexico for trial, but there was no one to make the arrest.

AUGUST, 1835.

Father was the only man in this neighborhood that had seen war. He said he had done his share in 1812. Mr. Hanson and Major Bingham were both Irish and had seen when quite young the rebellion in Ireland in the year 1798. It seemed that they would be glad to fight England or the Indians. Both were ready to

raise volunteers and would defend Travis and his companions if necessary.

The farmers had fine crops. Cotton was open and corn getting hard. Our school was doing well, but the people were in dread all the time.

When the news was received in Mexico that Anahuac had been forced to surrender by the Texans, an order was issued to Colonel Ugartechea to arrest seven Texans and send them to San Antonio to be tried by court martial.

This was more than the people could bear. There was great excitement. A convention was called to meet at San Felipe the 12th of September.

There was a meeting in our neighborhood to elect a delegate to this convention. The farmers had not much time to spare, but they would not see the Texans arrested.

There was a strange Mexican at San Felipe who said he was just from Mexico. He said there was a large army marching from Mexico to garrison San Antonio, Anahuac, Velasco and all towns in Texas.

He said Stephen F. Austin had been liberated and would soon be home. He advised the people to stop holding political meetings and give up the men who disarmed the garrison at Anahuac.

He spoke English and said he was a friend of Stephen F. Austin and to Texas. Our people did not believe a word the Mexican said.

They thought the Mexican government had sent him to watch the Texans. Some of them would have had him arrested, but there was no jail in Austin's colony, and no one had time to guard the man.

At the election in our neighborhood Mr. C. C. Dyer was chosen a delegate to the convention. Harrisburg elected Andrew Briscoe and William P. Harris.

The convention was called to meet at San Felipe, the capital of Texas.

A priest Padre Alpuhe, disappeared. He had been traveling in Texas and Louisiana several years. He was loved by Protestants as well as Catholics.

The young people looked for his arrival with the greatest pleasure. He would marry all those who had signed a certificate before the Mexican alcalde to remarry when the priest came.

He would baptize the children, bury the dead, visit the sick and pray for the dying. He had not been in San Felipe for three years.

When he appeared there he was riding a good mule. He said he had been in Europe and had landed at New Orleans and gone from there to Nacogdoches. He heard in New Orleans of the trouble in Texas.

He did not take any part in political affairs, but pretended to be a friend to the Texans. He stayed a week in San Felipe, stopping at the boarding house. He could speak English and heard all the Texans had to say.

He came in the night. One morning he saddled his mule and went to the river to water the mule, and that was the last time he was seen.

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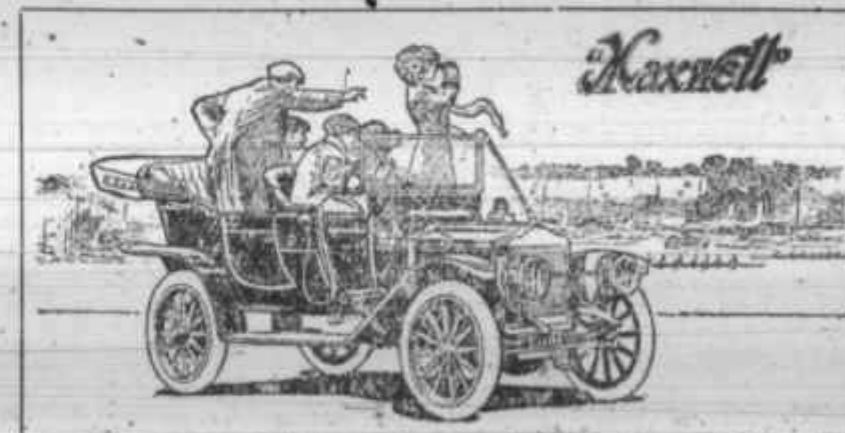
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