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Reminiscences

...Mrs. Blue Harris...

APRIL, 1836.—ON THE SAN JACINTO BATTLEFIELD.

We arrived at Lynchburg in the night. There we met several families that we knew, and among them was our neighbor, Mrs. Moses Shipman's family.

We crossed the San Jacinto the next morning and stayed until late in the evening on the battle field. Both armies were camped near. General Santa Anna had been captured. There was great rejoicing at the meeting of friends. Mr. Leo Roark was in the battle. He had met his mother's family the evening before. He came to the ferry just as we landed, and it was like seeing a brother. He asked mother to go with him to the camp to see General Santa Anna and the Mexican prisoners. She would not go, because, as she said, she was not dressed for visiting; but she gave sister and me permission to go to the camp. I had lost my bonnet crossing Trinity Bay and was compelled to wear a table cloth again. It was six weeks since we had left home, and our clothes were very much dilapidated. I could not go to see the Mexican prisoners with a table cloth tied on my head for I knew several of the young men. I was on the battle field of San Jacinto the 26th of April, 1836. The 27th was the anniversary of my birth. I was eleven years old.

We stayed on the battle field several hours. Father was helping with the ferry boat. We visited the graves of the Texans that were killed in the battle, but there were none of them that I knew. The dead Mexicans were lying around in every direction.

Mother was very uneasy about Uncle James Wells, who was missing. Mr. Roark said uncle had been sent two days before the battle with Messrs. Church, Fulcher, and Wash. Secret to watch General Cos. They had gone to Stafford's Point, and were chased by the Mexicans and separated. Fulcher and Secret returned before the battle. Mr. Roark says the burning of Vince's bridge prevented several of the scouts from getting back.

Father worked till the middle of the afternoon helping with the ferry boat, and then he visited the camp. He did not see General Santa Anna, but met some old friends he had known in Missouri. We left the battle field late in the evening. We had to pass among the dead Mexicans, and father pulled one out of the road, so we could get by without driving over the body, since we could not go around it. The prairie was very boggy, it was getting dark, and there were now twenty or thirty families with us. We were glad to leave the battle field, for it was a grewesome sight. We camped that night on the prairie, and could hear the wolves howl and bark as they devoured the dead.

APRIL, 1836.—LEAVING THE SAN JACINTO BATTLE GROUND.

We met Mr. Kuykendall's family from Fort Bend, now Richmond. Their hardships had been very great. They had stayed at home and had no idea that the Mexican army was near. One day the negro ferryman was called in English, and he carried the boat across. On the other side he found the Mexicans, who took possession of the boat and embarked as many soldiers as it could carry. While they were crossing some one said it was Captain Wiley Martin's company. They knew he was above, near San Felipe, and men, women, and children ran down the river bank expecting to meet their friends; but just as the boat landed the negro ferrymen called out "Mexicans!" There were three or four families of the Kuykendalls, and they ran for the bottom. Mrs. Abe Kuykendall had a babe in her arms. She ran a short distance and then thought about her little girl and went back. She saw her husband take the child from the nurse, and she afterwards said she was then the happiest woman in the world.

APRIL, 1836.—CAMPING NEAR THE BATTLE GROUND. THE KUYKENDALLS.

One old gentleman ran back to the house, got his money, went through a potato patch and buried it. The money was silver and was so heavy he could not carry it away. One young married woman with a babe in her arms ran into a big field and followed the party that was on the outside. The fence was high, and they had now gotten out of sight of the Mexicans, so the woman's husband came to the fence, and she gave him the child. He told her to climb over, but she turned and ran in a different direction. Her husband followed the other families. They stayed that night in a cane-brake without anything to eat, and the children suffered terribly. The next day they made their way to Harrisburg and got assistance. They were at Lynchburg during the battle, and were helped by General Houston, and furnished means to get back home.

Mrs. Abe Kuykendall nursed the child that had been left by its mother. She said they had heard from the mother. She had gone through the field and got out, and had gone twenty miles down the river to Henry Jones's ferry, where she fell in with some people she knew. She thought her husband and friends would go there. She was alone the first day and night, and the next day she got to Henry Jones's.

APRIL, 1836.—HEARING BAD NEWS.

Early the next morning we were on the move. We had to take a roundabout way for the morning, arriving here at noon Tuesday, having covered a distance of about 300 miles.

The Sunset Should Give Eagle Lake a New Depot.

Eagle Lake is rapidly growing and our little city is coming to the front as fast as any town in this section. Our town has already grown until the Southern Pacific depot, right in the very center of our town is not in keeping with the progress of our thriving city. A new depot on this site would be a great improvement to Eagle Lake. The citizens of Wharton, because Wharton is only on a branch line and the depot is almost a half mile out of town; Eagle Lake is on the main line and the depot is right in the heart of the town. If the people of Eagle Lake will take the matter up in the same manner as did the citizens of Wharton, a new and up-to-date depot may be the result. The citizens of Wharton went to Houston, visited General Manager Van Vleet in a body and asked for a new depot, and they are going to get it.

Stores to Close on July Fourth.

We the undersigned business men of Eagle Lake hereby agree to close our places of business on the 4th day of July for the purpose of celebrating the Declaration of Independence:

Burttschell & Kötzebeue; Eagle Lake Furniture Co; Casford Grocer & Hardware Co; G. Hermann Furniture Co; H. Nussbaum; The Frank Stephens Co; B. Burg; The Racket Store; Hamburger & Waldvogel; Westmoreland Bros; Sam Alkek; E. L. Mooney; A. L. Baring; H. Landa; J. A. Dromgoole; Geo. Redford.

Masonic Installation of Officers.

The Eagle Lake Lodge No. 386 A. F. & A. M. installed the following officers at its meeting last Friday night:

W. A. Dallas, W. M.; J. W. McCarty, S. W.; T. L. Loughridge Jr., J. W.; M. E. Guynn, S. D.; G. W. Keith, J. D.; J. E. Truitt, Tyler; Fox Stephens, treasurer; and Frank Douglass, secretary.

After the installation, delightful refreshments daintily prepared by Mrs. R. T. Westmoreland, Miss Eva Yates and Miss Esther Westmoreland, were served.

Dr. Brooks Speaks Here Tonight.

Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco, president of Baylor University, will speak at the park at 8:30 o'clock tonight in behalf of state-wide prohibition. Dr. Brooks is a fine speaker and those who attend the meeting tonight may rest assured of hearing a splendid discourse. This will be the second address of the pros in Eagle Lake during the campaign to date. So far the antis have had no local speakers or speeches.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Peterson, R. C. Ballertgen and Miss Alice Velteman of Brackettville were in the city Tuesday in an E. M. F. car en route to Houston. They left Brackettville, about 150 miles west on San Antonio, Sunday morning, arriving here at noon Tuesday, having covered a distance of about 300 miles.

We Need the Lake and the Rice Business Both.

Some people have been left under a wrong impression concerning the HEADLIGHT's articles anent the restoration of the Lake to its once famous attractiveness and beauty. This paper is not for one minute against the rice industry. On the other hand it believes in extending every encouragement possible to the upbuilding of this important industry, but the Headlight believes we can have both the rice business and the lake full of water at the same time. In days gone by before the Lake was ruined, anywhere you went in Texas and mentioned the name of Eagle Lake, the people of whatever section you were in were familiar with the name of Eagle Lake; made so by its reputation as a fishing and pleasure resort. Now go to the sections of North Texas and talk Eagle Lake and the people will at once ask, "Where is Eagle Lake?"

Jos. Bengé Died in Houston.

Joseph W. Bengé, who for some time has been a guard at Camp No. 2, died Wednesday of last week at 6:30 o'clock at a private sanitarium in Houston. He had been ill about two weeks with dysentery. The remains were shipped to Maybell for burial, accompanied by the young man's father, G. C. Bengé. The deceased was about 28 years of age and formerly resided on the old Hell ranch. He often visited Eagle Lake and was well known and acquainted here, who regret to learn of his death.

Lightning Killed Woman.

During an electrical storm on Thursday evening of last week, Mrs. Cejaka, a Bohemian woman living about eight miles from Weimar, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Her husband was killed three years ago by a fractious horse.

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