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When Business of the Texas Government, From 1727 To 1835, Was Centered In San Antonio.

(Note: The following is one of the series of articles which will be released from the Bexar Archives at The University of Texas. This collection, considered the greatest single historical treasure on the North American continent, has been catalogued and is now being translated by The University of Texas. It consists of 400,000 pages of original Spanish handwritten documents comprising the official archives of the Mexican government for the Department of Bexar, which covered almost the whole of what is now the State of Texas, for the period from 1731 to 1836, when Texas was a separate province of Mexico, to the Battle of San Jacinto. This series of articles will consist principally of quotations from the documents, many of which have heretofore been unpublished, and will reveal for the first time what actually transpired during the century in which Texas was transformed from a wilderness, inhabited only by savage Indian tribes, to an independent American republic.)

First land, then cattle, became the grounds for dispute among the inhabitants of San Antonio de Bexar and the surrounding colony. The cattle question assumed almost the proportions of civil war, a three-sided controversy, it is shown in the voluminous official records on the subject collected in the Bexar Archives, now deposited in the University of Texas library. The documents are now being translated by University translators, and the details of this fight for possession of the first Texas unbranded cattle are at last available. It was many years later that unbranded stray calves upon the range came to be known as "mavericks."

It was no mere quarrel for pelf or the riches of the cattlemen, as was the case in later Texas cattle wars, but a struggle for very existence on the part of the three forces engaged in the contest. The subalterns of the crown claimed the unbranded cattle as a sovereign right, and possession was sorely needed to gain funds to carry on the the municipal affairs of the presidio. The colonists maintained the cattle rightfully belonged to them, since all the beasts were propagated from the livestock which were part of the possessions granted to them and their ancestors. To make the conflict still more complicated, the priests entered it on behalf of the Indians whom they were attempting to Christianize.

A bulky petition for justice, entitled "Memorial, Explanation, and Defense," was presented in 1781 by Don Antonio Gil Ybarbo, a San Fernando de Bexar, capital of the Province of Texas, to Don Rafael Mrnz. Pacheco, acting governor of the province, in which they set forth their reasons why the government had no right to the unbranded horses and cattle that roamed the prairies within the colony. In reed in part:

"We desire to forestall or to prepare a remedy in case orders may issue in the future from the tribunals to which this province and this villa are subject—especially from the commandant-general of these Interior Provinces of New Spain, who has been given false information by the former governor in regard to the undeniable, indisputable, and legal right we now have, have had, and will always have to the horses and cattle that are found in the pastures of this section or in the surrounding country to a distance of more than twenty-five leagues, especially to the north, east and west. These lands and pastures have for sixty years been in the undisputed possession of our grandfathers, fathers, and ancestors, the first honored settlers. They held them by legal title and held them under absolute and legal claim without any protest on the part of earlier settlers or others who might have had better claims or titles thereto. We now have and enjoy this right under the same good title, since we are their heirs and since five times the space of ten years demanded by the municipal laws of our country and by every other country for establishing legitimate title has elapsed. This you know and it is notorious. Our interests in the aforesaid cattle and horses have been greatly damaged for the last seven years through the unfair decrees (speaking with all due respect) of your predecessor, Governor Don Domingo Cabello."

The arguments which followed trace briefly the history of the Spanish colonization movement until the settlement of the villa of San Fernando de Bexar, which "has continued to grow until now there are almost four hundred settlers, including children." The settlers quoted Spanish law, offered the testimony of witnesses and cited common justice to prove their right to the cattle. The former governor's proclamation declaring that all stray stock was the property of the Royal Treasury was catastrophic in its effect, they pointed out, saying:

"If our situation was most miserable during the whole time of the war, it was much worse when peace began, for, when we came to a realization of the situation, we found ourselves without horses or cattle. Some of them had been stolen and others taken by the enemy or were frightened away, others were sold, and others turned into royal possessions. We were poor, hungry, naked, and in debt, after we had at such a cost kept up this long and devastating war. Not only was this true, but the thing that broke our manly spirits—for we could have borne even greater calamities and kept up our courage under them—but we had eyes and could not help pitying the sad condition of the widows and orphans. We also had ears to hear their lamentations, for, after the missions were left without husbands, the orphans without fathers or brothers, they were despoiled of their property."

All in all, a most piteous tale is unfolded in the lengthy document, which, translated and typewritten, runs in excess of one hundred pages.

On the other hand, the rights of the Indians, whose existence on the Texas prairies antedated that of the Spanish settlers, was staunchly defended by the priests. A letter from Frey Jose Manano de Cardenas to Manuel de Espadas, commandant of the presidio, dated September 5, 1790 depicts this phase of the first "cattle war" in Texas. It reads in part:

"I state that in this Mission there are no stray or unbranded cattle which could belong to the Royal Treasury or to the Coffers of His Majesty. The proof of it is that because only those belong to him which after the public reclaiming are left without an owner according to law II. Feb. 5, Tit. 5 of the Nuevo Recopilacion de Indias, all the cattle found in these pastures, although they were not branded and consequently are improperly called strays or unbranded cattle, have owners and belong to the Indians of this Mission, marked with his own brand by the Iron Fortis aquilla nostrum, since the law does not apply to them, nor do they belong to the Royal Coffers or Treasury, the reason they have not been branded is because of affairs of war, opened ranges and other justified reasons. Then, is it right to take away Indians' rights? It is certain that if they had all branded the cattle, they would have owned them; this is unquestionable, and if they have been prohibited the right to do so it was not meant to be done.

"It is claimed that they belong to the Royal Treasury, the Fiscal must prove that the cattle do not belong to the Indians, and if they should prove the contrary in defense, the Royal Court must show them protection.

"Meanphile, until they do not prove that the aforesaid cattle do not belong to these Indians, I shall not permit the agents of the King to take a single animal from their canal or from their pastures, because they are so certain the unbranded cattle without a registered brand of the King be taken from the canal of the Mission, half of my Indians run away, giving the excuse that the Spaniards were robbing them of their property. Of those some have died in the woods, and have lost their souls, and some are still in the same danger and because of what? So as not to deprive the Sovereign King of the trifling sum of four reales for each cow, as if His Most Merciful Majesty does not value the salvation of a single Indian more than all his treasures.

"In conclusion, although it may be proved that the aforesaid cattle do not belong to these Indians, they should be given to them anyway. What little they have is taken away; they will no longer have the means of maintaining themselves, as is evident. Because of lacking the necessities, they will take to the woods, and will lose their souls, which our Sovereign King should not permit, since the principal object of His Majesty is the salvation of these Indians, as set forth by the laws of the Nuevo Recopilacion."

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Looking Backward

Items of more or less interest from the Headlight file of Twenty-Four Years ago.

Twenty-Four Years
APRIL 1, 1911.

In a two-column head article, "Wants to Improve City in a Conservative Way," this issue of the paper contains an editorial on matters pertaining to the activities of Mayor W. S. Strickland, which concludes as follows: "In the opinion of this paper Mr Strickland is for the city first last and always, and but for his untiring work as mayor, we believe Eagle Lake would be head over heels in debt right now and have a heavy burden upon the shoulders of property owners."—The editor returns thanks to Mrs. S. Garmon for a beautiful bouquet of roses with which she presented him on Monday. The roses were raised in Mrs. Garman's yard.—Andrew aged W. C. Mersleider of Glen Flora are in the city and will make their home here. Mrs. Mersleider and Miss Mattie will also return to Eagle Lake after the close of Miss Mattie's school at that place.—E. M. McDow, one of the county's most prominent cattlemen, this week received a shipment of 1913 head of cattle. The cattle were purchased in Chambers county, and reached him here in two shipments.—W. B. Weisinger has purchased the W. B. Abell market and will take charge of same tomorrow. — Thirty-two citizens of Eagle Lake are contributing the sum of $1 each for the purpose of dragging the different public roads leading into Eagle Lake.—Mrs. C. K. Brosing, of Garwood left Friday for Oklahoma to visit her sister, Mrs. E. McCaleb. Her father, B. S. Field, accompanied her to Eagle Lake, where she took the train.—An item from Rock Island says: "Mrs. Nellie Eversole and baby are visiting relatives and friends."—Mrs. J. W. Gordon and children came up from Markham yesterday for a visit to relatives.—Both Mr. and Mrs. C. . Hoyo have been sick for more than a week, but both are improving now.—Mrs. M. C. Pinkerton and son, W. C. Pinkerton, left Monday for Peoria, Illinois, after a pleasant visit to their relatives. Mr. Hanly's family Mr. Pinkerton owns the former Robbins rice farm, between here and Chesterville.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Heninghaus, Ed Ragland and J. W. McCarty attended a local talent play in Garwood Tuesday night.—Chas. F. Rayner returned Monday from a month's visit to New Orleans.—Miss Gilfired Macy, a popular young lady of Brady, is a guest of Mrs. W. D. Walker and Miss Myra Walker.—J. L. Levytansky & Co., jewelers, have discontinued their business here, shipping the stock to Yoakum.—H. R. Byars and family of Columbus left last week for Houston to make that city their home. Mr. Byars has been a leading citizen of Columbus for many years, and the going away of himself and his good family leaves a vacancy that will be hard to fill.—Sam Little has sold his home next to the Drummers Home hotel, to Mrs. W. J. O. Zuber. Mr. and Mrs. Little have rented and are now occupying Mrs. Zuber's former home. — "Reminiscences of Mrs. Dilue Harris" is a feature conducted in the paper, an editor's note at the beginning of which says: "These relate to the early days of Texas. Mrs. Harris coming to this state in 1833, when 8 years old, and has been a Texan ever since. They are all the more interesting from the fact that Mrs. Harris is now one of our own citizens, her home being with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. S. Ziegler. She is the oldest pioneer woman living and the only one remaining who experienced the horrors of The Runaway Scrape of 1836. We expect to give these reminiscences from week to week in the Headlight, confident that our readers will greatly enjoy them."

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