

This Week's Action!

Thursday, Feb. 8 Raider Powerlifting at East Bernard, 4 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 9 Lady Raiders basketball at Hallettsville, 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 10 Raiders basketball vs. Hallettsville, 5 p.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 11 Raiders basketball vs. Columbus, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 13 Raider Baseball at Cuerni (scrimmage), 4 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 16 Raiders JV & V basketball at Sealy, 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 17 Raider Baseball vs. Hempstead (scrimmage), 5 p.m.
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SPORTS

7th grade A,B teams lose to Cardinals

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The 7th grade B records stand at 4-5-1 for season and district.

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By Rollin Baker: Chapter 9, The BBB&C Train Ride

Alleyton

At long last the train with many more freight cars than passenger cars slowly edged away with a few jerks. Soon the pines and other forest trees of Houston gave way to flat coastal prairie. Some of it looked grazed or newly-burned with great swaths of tall grassy areas scattered.

"You know," said Seth's fellow passenger, who had introduced himself as Jason Reddick, "if there was some way to get meat and other provisions from here to the impoverished Army of Virginia, a person could make a fortune in farming and ranching hereabouts."

Seth, who introduced himself to Reddick as John Hyde, gave the landscape a glance saying, "Yes, I'm sure that is a possibility. Where I come from, the land has to be cleared of forests and brush before it can be productive."

"Here," he continued, "livestock have a ready year-around graze."

"See all that burned area out there?" Reddick pointed out the south-facing windows. "The land operators hereabouts do that on purpose in winter. It rids the area of unpalatable dead grass and stimulates new growth of desirable cattle feed."

"And if you intend being just a farmer," he added, "one of those new-fangled Deere plows behind a span of stout mules will quickly clear ground for planting grain or cotton."

"The area," replied Seth, "does indeed look productive!"

"Yeah," returned Jason. "Maybe the Yankees will get tired of being butchered and give up the fight, then we can all get back to the farming and ranching businesses as usual."

"Of course," he added, "there's lots of money being made just now with proper connections, that is."

"You do what my appetite I like," said Seth casually, "since I'm down here to look into a few business opportunities myself."

"That is interesting indeed," exclaimed Jason. "When we get to Alleyton, maybe we'll have a chance to

talk business under more favorable circumstances than in a crowded and noisy railroad car."

"Perhaps," answered Seth. "Meanwhile, I'm inclined to take a short nap. My brief career in Houston gave me little chance."

Seth became fully aroused when the BBB&C engine abruptly stopped at the edge of a rather deep-channelled and tree-lined river. Across it, he could see the rails passing through a town - Richmond by name - and then trailing off in the western distance.

"We are now in for a little exercise," remarked Jason. "Here the tracks slope down the bank and cross the Brazos on a low-water bridge. The middle span floats on four barges which can be swung to one side for the passage of mid-river boat traffic."

"Some passengers," he continued, "are inclined to get off while the train makes its necessarily-fast run down so it attains enough speed to negotiate the incline on the other side."

"Besides," he concluded, "walking the bridge to rebound after the train has made its crossing helps us stretch our cramped legs."

Just then the conductor gave the same explanation to all the passengers. Shortly thereafter, the car was virtually empty with the passengers hiking down the sloping river-bluff trail.

They moved more or less single file across the wooden bridge spanning the muddy and some-what turbulent stream and climbed the opposite bank to wait for the train to do likewise. Several female passengers received help from train personnel in negotiating this hazard.

Finally the train was across and back on even ground again, stopping at the station in Richmond.

Again, Seth noted the conspicuous absence of young and middle-aged men in civilian clothing. The Confederate recruiters, thought Seth, are thorough - no doubt about it. He bought a piece of what proved to be skillful bread from one of the food hawkers

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mingling among the passengers.

Anyhow, Seth thought it best to stay mostly on board so to arouse little if any suspicion as to why he was allowed to be "on the loose" in civilian clothes. Some of the uniformed passengers had eyed him suspiciously. Seth supposed that they noticed any civilian of draftable age wondering how the lucky guy was keeping out of the service.

Once the train cleared the town the fascinating tall-grass prairie were again featured on both sides of the track, with signs of human habitations few and far between.

By mid-afternoon the trail slowed for a stop at Good Junction where a north-south stage route bisected the tracks. Several passengers were getting off when gun fire was heard to the south of the cars.

As the departing passengers scattered for cover, those remaining on board ducked down to gain protection from the heavy-walled coach with just enough of the top of their heads (with hair removed) showing above in order to see what the action was.

The conductor called from his end-coach office, "Please do not panic folks. The gun fire, mostly as a result of harmless play, often erupts in these parts when some of the fellows are feeling a little high in late afternoon."

"Where's the law hereabouts?" an indignant elderly woman exclaimed as she picked herself up from a stooped position after the gun fire had ceased. "That tomfoolery should be put to an end!"

"You are surely right, lady," was the conductor's retort. "Only the constable enforcing the local law, such as it has been, has been pressed into service, and no body else wants the job."

After the train crew had made an inspection and found no bullet holes in the rolling stock, the conductor signaled for the engine to pull the train back to the grade again.

Jason pointed to the south, looking back at Seth, explaining, "Over there behind that fringe of woods is a large lake, fairly shallow but teeming with edible fish, bullfrogs, and alligators."

He added, "The area also abounds in waterfowl - good hunting indeed."

"Is that so?" Seth answered. "You know, it has been years since I have had time for such sport."

"Since we are not far from our destination in Alleyton, we are less than a half-day's ride from this haven," Jason added. "And there is always a few of the boys ready to take extras along when they make a hunting excursion over here. Incidentally, it's known as Eagle Lake."

Soon the track way began to enter oak woodlands. Here, the ground was less flat. However, the rail-layers had cut through most of the rolling country to level the grade. It must have been a difficult engineering feat, Seth thought, since no rock ledges, only soft-appearing sandy loam soils, were observed in the cuts.

Then as the train slowed, the conductor called out Alleyton as the next and last station. Within moments the BBB&C jolted to a stop at the station. Seth heaved a sigh of relief and wondered what would happen next.

"All out for Alleyton," called the conductor from one end of the passenger car. However, most of the travelers were already aroused and gathering up their belongings.

Seth stepped off the train viewing the deeply-trusted street and a board walk bordering the commercial district of this busy railroad terminal. Little evidence of local agricultural interests were visible - only those of merchants and speculators engaged in the aged-old business of trying to amass war-time fortunes.

Family dwellings seemed to be relegated to streets mostly to the southwestern side of the tracks and behind the business establishments. Hotels were located on the other side of the tracks - northeastward in direction.

Somehow or other this community, all strange to him, had a certain intrigue. Maybe, Seth thought, informal duty here might be more interesting than back home with all that spit and polish required by the Army of Northern Virginia.

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