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## A DESPERATE FIGHTER

Courage and Daring of Colonel James Bowie.

HIS DEATH IN THE ALAMO.

Dramatic End of This Brave, Generous and Determined Spirit—The Way the Fearless Fighter Once Protected a Preacher in Texas.

One fine summer morning in 1835 the year that Santa Anna seized the presidency of the new republic of Mexico—a small party of horsemen crossed the Sabine river about sixty miles from its mouth and entered Texas territory. Most of them were clad in buckskin and armed with rifle, pistol and knife—a rough, determined looking crowd, with two notable exceptions, one clean shaven, dark skinned, with a bright, restless eye that scanned the woods constantly, as if in search of an enemy, and the other a small, mild mannered man, whose general appearance betokened the preacher. These two were riding in front, talking earnestly of the convention which had just been held at San Felipe de Austin and of the possibility that Texas might one day become an independent state. Suddenly some one in the party behind them started a song with a memorable chorus—

When other states reject us,  
This is the one that always takes us.

From that jingling rhyme some derive the name "Texas." Certain it is that this great new land took in and sheltered many a fugitive "who left his country for his country's good." That prince of pirates Lafitte had sailed away from Galveston ten years before, and his thousand freebooters were scattered to the four winds, but crowds of adventurers from all parts of the world were pouring in, with many of the better class, to swell the tide of Texas immigration.

The little band jogged on and finally reached the municipality of San Augustine, then a mere collection of rude log huts, with one or two adobe structures built by Spanish missionaries. Here the preacher posted a notice that the Rev. Henry Stephenson of the Methodist denomination would hold a meeting in the evening. At the hour named the house was crowded to overflowing with rough, desperate men, all armed and ready for any fun or fray that might arise on such a novel occasion. The minister gave out a hymn, and it was sung with spirit. Then came the text, but not another word would the crowd hear. They hooted and yelled, shot off their pistols, crowed and brayed in derision. The tumult was deafening. The quiet little preacher stood his ground bravely, though in his heart wishing he were well out of it. With difficulty his traveling companion forced his way to the front, still carrying his rifle and a huge knife in his belt. The wild cheer that broke from the crowd sounded in the ears of the preacher, now thoroughly alarmed, like the howls of a pack of wolves or the yells of Indians hungry for scalps. But instead of jumping upon him this strange man, with restless eyes flashing and long black hair streaming over his shoulders, jumped on a bench and, throwing his hat to the ground, shouted in a stentorian voice: "Men, this man has come to preach to you! You need preaching to, and I'll be blanked if he shan't preach to you! The next man who disturbs him shall fight me! My name is Jim Bowie!"

The effect was magical. With quiet, respectful attention the rough audience listened to the sermon, joined heartily in the closing hymn, and not a few persons came up to shake hands with the little man and apologize for the rough reception they had given him. A month later at the first camp meeting ever held in Texas some of them became members of the church, and in 1838 the cornerstone of the first Protestant

house of worship in the republic was laid in San Augustine.

The man whose timely aid proved so effective was Colonel James Bowie, and the knife in his belt was the noted "bowie knife," given to him by his brother, Rezin P. Bowie. It was made of a large file, strong, of admirable temper and gave its name to a family of terrible weapons not yet extinct. Crockett met Bowie for the first time in the Alamo, and he writes in his journal: "While we were conversing Colonel Bowie had occasion to draw his famous knife, and I wish I may be shot if the bare sight of it wasn't enough to give a man of a squeamish stomach the colic. He saw I was admiring it and said he, 'Colonel, you might tickle a fellow's ribs a long time with this before you'd make him laugh.'"

Brave, generous, determined and enterprising, James Bowie sought adventure for its hazards, and he was naturally among the first to take up arms for Texas independence. Three more desperate men were never brought together than Travis, Crockett and Bowie as they took their last stand within the walls of the Alamo. Sick and helpless in bed on that last terrible day, Jim Bowie died fighting. As a Mexican ran forward to kill him he roused himself by a supreme effort, caught his assailant by the hair, plunged the fatal knife into his heart and fell back dead.

When the story of his death was told to his mother in Louisiana, she said, "I am sure Jim never died with a wound in his back," and, with a quiet smile, turned again to her household duties.—Exchange.

Gratitude is a fine virtue, and yet it is wearisome when carried beyond due bounds.—Le Sage.

### Insect Hypnotism.

"Did you ever know," said the hypnotist as he played with a curious, glittering hypnotizing machine of crystal and silver, "did you ever know that hypnotism is practiced among insects?"

"No."  
"Well, it is a fact. A queen bee can hypnotize her whole hive whenever she wants to. She makes a curious humming sound, and within a moment or two every bee in the colony falls into a hypnotic trance.

"The death's head hawk moth is also a hypnotist of great power. This creature, indeed, makes its living out of hypnotism. Entering a hive, it makes a sound not unlike the queen bee's note, and, the bees immediately sinking into slumber, the moth proceeds to plunder at its leisure."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### Free Consent of the People.

The "pioneer American Democrat" was the Rev. Thomas Hooker of Connecticut, who, in a sermon in Hartford in the year 1633, said, "The foundation of all authority is firstly laid in the free consent of the people." There, in embryo, were the Revolution and the great republic. In the "Fundamental Orders of Connecticut," inspired by Hooker and adopted at Hartford in 1638, we have the first written constitution known to history that created a government. And that government was as near a perfect democracy as the world has ever seen.—New York American.

### Turkish Farriery.

Turkish horseshoes are simply a flat plate of iron with a hole in the middle. In his volume of "Personal Adventures" Colonel J. P. Robertson describes the extraordinary method of preparing the horse to be shod.

The farrier takes a good long rope, doubles it and knots a loop at the end to about the size of a good large horse collar. This is put over the horse's head after the manner of a horse collar, the knot resting on the horse's chest.

Then the two ends of rope are brought between his legs. Each rope, then taken by a man, is hitched on to the fetlocks of his hind legs and brought through the loop in front; then by a hard, steady pull the hind legs are drawn up to the fore legs, and the horse falls heavily on his side.

All four feet are then tied together by the fetlocks, the horse is propped up on his back, and the farrier sits quietly down beside him, takes off all the old shoes and puts on new. When the work is finished the horse is untied and allowed to get up.

### Crab Has 2,000,000 Joints.

The crab known as the scale tailed apus was believed to have become extinct in Great Britain fifty years ago, the last recorded specimens being taken in the ponds on Hampstead Heath. But now it has turned up again in some numbers in two ponds on Preston Merse, near Southwick, in Kirkcudbrightshire. About two and a half inches long, the apus bears a very striking likeness to that remarkable creature, the king crab, and this because the fore part of the body is covered by a great semicircular shield or carapace, while, as in the king crab, it swims on its back. In the great number of its legs the scale tailed apus has few rivals, while in the number of the points which these share between them no other creature can compare. The naturalist Schaffer once essayed the task of counting them and made the magnificent total of 1,802,604. Latrelle put down the number at a round 2,000,000.—London Graphic.

### Notice to Bidders.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Webster County for furnishing supplies to said County during the year 1908, to-wit:

CLASS A. BLANK BOOKS.  
8-quire Plain Records, medium, per book  
" printed head records " " "  
" printed page records " " "  
" tax lists, double-demy, " " "  
" " double-cap, " " "

Patent books, per book.  
Canvas covers, per book.  
All records to be made of Byron Weston's best Linen Ledger paper, extra bound.

Tax Receipts for 1908.  
Tax Receipts for 1908 for carbon.  
Extra for printing year in red.  
Chattel mortgage files.  
Assessors' schedules, per 1000.  
Assessors' schedule files.  
Lithographed warrants, per 1000.  
Reversible document envelopes, per 100

ELECTION SUPPLIES  
Poll books for election 1908, per 100.  
Poll book envelopes, per dozen.  
Ballot bags for votes cast per dozen.  
Instructions to voters per dozen.  
Election pencils per dozen.

CLASS B. LEGAL BLANKS.  
Whole sheet cap blanks, per 100.  
Half sheet cap blanks, per 100.  
Quarter sheet cap blanks, per 100.  
Eighth sheet cap blanks, per 100.

CLASS C. OFFICE STATIONERY.  
Ink. Diamond, Carter's, Staffords or equal, per quart.

Pens. Glucineum Spencerian, per gross; M. V. Ground Point Pens, per gross; Esterbrook's or Gillette's, per gross.

Pencils. Perfection Nos. 2 to 4, per gross; Faber Nos. 2 to 4, per gross; Hardtmuth Koh-i-noor, per dozen; Hardtmuth Koh-i-noor copying, per dozen, Hardtmuth Mephisto copying, per dozen.

Penholders. Tower's Bank No. 300, per dozen; Faber's cork-tipped, per dozen; plain polished cedar (swell) per gross.

Erasers. Rubber No. 102, per dozen; Rubber No. 104, per dozen.

CLASS D. LETTERHEADS, ETC.  
Letterheads, 12-lb. Franklin or equal, per 1000; noteheads, 7-lb Franklin or equal, per 100; envelopes, No. 6 1/2 No. 1 rag, per 1000; envelopes, No. 10 No. 1 rag, per 1000.

All of said supplies to be first-class in every respect and to be furnished in accordance with the requirements of the various county officers. Said bid and bond, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, must be filed with the County Clerk on or before 12 o'clock, noon, on the 31st day of December, 1907.

Dated Red Cloud, Nebr., December 24, 1907. LEE DETOUR, County Clerk.

### Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of County Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, will on January 15, 1908, open bids for the building and repairing all wood and steel bridges required, for the period of one year.

All bids must be made according to plans and specifications on file in the county clerk's office and shall specify separately, the sum bid for superstructure per linear foot; piling and tubular piers per linear foot; lumber in caps, sways and bricking per thousand in place; all other steel in substructure pound price in place. Bids for repairing work to be bid per unit quantity in place.

So far as known the following bridges will be built: One steel span bridge 30 ft. long, across Willow Creek and others as may be determined by the County Board at contract price for the year 1908, and such other business as may be ordered by the Board.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500 and filed with the County Clerk by 12 o'clock, noon, December 27th, 1907; said check to be forfeited to Webster County in case successful bidders fail to sign contract within ten (10) days from date of awarding said contract.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LEE DETOUR, County Clerk.

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# Public Sale

The undersigned will sell by public auction at his farm four miles north and two east of Red Cloud,

**Tuesday, Dec. 31, '07**

beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

**57 Head of Live Stock**

**8 Head of Horses**

One blue-roan team of mares weight, 3150, coming eight and nine years old with foal by pure bred Percheron Norman. One red roan buggy horse, weight, 1200, coming eight years old. Two six-months-old colts, blue roan, weight 725. Span black mules, five and six years old, weight 2500. One black mule, six years old, weight 1200.

**4 Head of Cattle**

One milch cow, weight 1300, coming fresh in spring; two yearling calves; one three-month old calf.

**45 Head of Hogs**

9 gilts weighing 200 lbs., black; sows with pigs weight 300 and 400; 34 shoats, weight about 75 lbs.

**Farm Implements**

1 low hay wagon, wide wheels; 1 Moline 3 1/4 inch wagon; 1 new spring wagon; 1 top buggy; 1 two-row stalk cutter; 1 three-section harrow with harrow cart attached; 1 band cornsheller; 1 Van Brunt drill; 1 Rhode Island corn planter and evener; 16x16 disc; Standard 5 foot mower; 10-foot 22 tooth hay rake; Ohio 6-shovel corn plow, 4 extra large shovels; 1 Ohio tongueless walking cultivator; 1 Emerson gang plow; 1 fourteen-inch walking plow; 1 five-tooth cultivator; 1 Hallock weeder; 1 hay tedder; 1 subsoil pa ker; 1 barrel cart; 1 grindstone, and other small articles. Will also sell three stacks of alfalfa, 1 stack of prairie hay, 800 bus. new corn, 2 stacks of oats.

LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS.

**TERMS:** All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash. On sums over \$10.00 a credit of 10 months will be given on note with approved security, bearing 10 per cent interest from date of sale. No property to be removed until settled for.

J. H. ELLINGER, Auct.

**W. S. BENSE**

C. J. POPE, Clerk.

This sale will also include 3 thoroughbred Shorthorn bull calves; yearlings, with good bone and color, owned by T. J. Sherer.