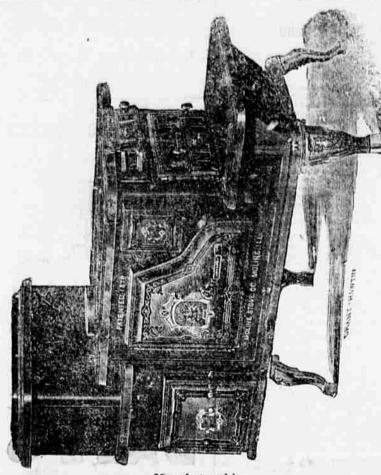
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The Indians had left behind them a trail of murdering settlers and burning ranches all along the road. Before the rangers overtook Victoria his main body had crossed the Rio Grande.

Jinkins ("Buffalo Bill"), who is at tached to company B. Scott is work-rangers overtook. of poetry and remance, but the greasy, scattered. A few small parties redirty savage of the plains—the Indian of real life. They overran the western United States soldiers, and were killed ard Coke, now United States senator Davis stage road passes through Quit-

RIDING WITH THE BANGERS.

from Texas, the legislature appropriated \$300,000 "to protect the border counties by suitable police organization of the state."

Davis stage road passes into the mouth of the canon the Indians met the stage.

They killed the driver and one passes in the stage of the stage by suitable police organization. and under the supervision of Wm Steele, adjutant general, the present ranger service was organized under ranger service was organized under some of the flesh. The rangers the name of "The Frontier Battalion of Rangers." Maj. J. B. Jones commanded the battalion, which consisted of six companies of seventy-five men each. These companies were men each. These companies were men each. These companies were consistent of the six of the si officered as follows: One captain, two officered as follows: One captain, two lieutenants, three sergeants and four corporals. The original number has been decreased from time to time until at present the total ranger force, including officers, is 120 men, scatterbeen decreased from time to time the till at present the total ranger force, including officers, is 120 men, scattered along the frontier. Until 1879 the privates received \$40 per month, corporals \$40, sergeants \$50, lieutenants \$75, captains \$100. This was exclusive of subsistence for themselves and forage for their horses; the men furnishing their own arms, ammunition, horses and clothing. In 1879 the pay of the privates was reduced to \$30 per month, and that of corporals to \$35. Eastern Texas, which contains the bulk of the population of the state, needs no ranger protection, and the members of the legislature from that section are many of them opposed to the service and advocate its disbandment. In 1870 the legislature appropriated \$300,000 for frontier appropriated \$300, ever, and death granted him a reprieve protection; in 1878, \$180,000; in 1880, inside of two years. Many small \$140,000, each of these appropriations bunches of Indians have been rounded service for two years. So much good work has the ranger battalion done on work has the ranger battalion done on the frontier, in ridding the state of predatory bands of Indians, that Congressman Upson, from the Bexor district, introduced a bill in congress desperadoes and outlaws, who robbed during the present session to refund trains and stages, stole cattle and "Taylor" gang, in Limposas county; he state of Texas out of the national horses, and occasionally, by way of the "King Fisher" gang, in Mouriel reasury the sum of \$1,000,000, diversion, killed a few men. which she had expended in rangers attacked these banditti in fitting out ranger expeditions their strongholds and "rounded up" vidual operators. The rangers rarely against the Indians. This bill passed whole bands. Sam Bass, the "King fail in capturing the men they go after. both houses of congress, and received of the Cowboys," was making himself the signature of the president. It was a record as a bold and reckless robber feared by the friends of the rangers when the rangers began to operate, of adventure and excitement. There that the opposition to the service in but it was not until 1877 that he and are representatives from every state in the eastern part of the state in the his gang came to Texas, after robbing present legislature would prevent a further appropriation, and the battalions would be disbanded. Since the passage of the above mentioned relief train on the Texas, after robbing a train on the Union Pacific railway While on duty the ranger is a formtd-able looking object in his frontier dress and broad-brimmed sombrere, his heels ornamented with great Mexibill, however, their sinking hopes were Mesquitte, where he realized \$20,000. can spurs and his belt bristling with revived, and it is believed that the This robbing was followed by others weapons. Off duty he is a good lookservice will be reorganized and a much of lesser importance along the line of ing, pleasant-natured fellow, with a larger appropriation made by the legislature for its maintenance than ever Dallas and Fort Worth. He was bold, the only r minder of the field always before. There are still many Indians dashing and reckless, and the rangers with him. When he visits the "set-in the "Panhandle," camped in the had some difficulty in rounding him them.

and reckless dash along the frontier. frequent rendezvous for the outlaws. are stationed as follows: A company, About midnight Peake's rangers

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It is impossible in an article of this leaving their horses and saddles. Two

description to give even a synopsis of of the outlaws were slightly wounded.

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ganization of the frontier battalion. L. Jinkins (the original Buffalo Bill)

If the history of the service is ever shot him through the heart. A few

written it will fill a good-sized volume. days after this fight the rangers ar-

They have proven a terror to the In- rested one of Bass' gang, named

dians, and have been the means of Jim Murphy. He was sent to Austin,

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crossed the Rio Grande, to be met by after Bass' death members of his band were captured in different sections of and deserted. After remaining in in nearly every state and territory west of the Mississippi river. "Mys-terious Dave" escaped from the jail at Fort Concho and is still at large. The rangers captured the noted des-

The county; the "Bone Wilson" gang, in Erath county, and hundreds of individual operators The rangers rarely Rangers, as a usual thing, are young

Texans who adopt the life from love of adventure and excitement. There the union in the ranks, however. deep gorges and canons of the Gauda- up. Corporal Wm. Scott, of B com- whenever he is fortunate enough to lope Mountains. From these secure pany, was detailed by the commanding get a furlough he is usually the lion retreats they issue forth at irregular officer, Capt. Peake, for special duty, of the day, and is obliged to fight over intervals to prey on the white settlers and instructed to join Bass' gang. He his battles for the benefit of his in that section of country lying bedied so, and participated with them in tween the Pecos and the Rio a train robbery. Previous to the this unless strongly pressed to do so, Grande. The present adjutant gen- robbery the corporal sent word to the for, like all brave men, the ranger has eral of the state, W. H. King, company to be on hand at the point of a modesty about recounting his own an old confederate soldier, is attack on the train, but the rangers deeds. Around the camp fire, howarranging to mass the available ranger arrived on the spot too late. The ever, in the midst of his companions, rangers in the ranks to-say enlisted At present the six ranger companies Corporal Scott was with the party, when the battalion was first organized. Lo. The other three companies are on special duty. B company is prospected from train robbers, a squad of men riding on every train; D company is those two men, Bass and his gang riding on every train; D company is keeping the "navvies" straight on the (Alvertor Hearter & Salara &

and isolated ranches sprang up along the river and creek bottoms, and in the fertile canons wherever water could be found. These pioneers had one great enemy to contend against—an enemy pitiless, bloodthirsty, cunning, bold—Lo! Not the poor Indian of poetry and romance, but thegreasy, scattered. A few small parties reof real lite. They overran the western border, well armed and superbly mounted, robbery by trade, who did not scruple at murder if human life stood between them and a good bunch of horses. So bold did these red ruffians become that in 1874, during the administration of Gov. Richard Coke, now United States senator united States soldiers, and were killed or captured. The remnant of the band managed to reach the Devil mountains. They arrived thither by a circuitous route, crossing the Rio Grande into Mexico and recrossing into Texas between Eagle Spring and Quitman Canon. The El Paso & Fortland Coke, now United States senator or captured. The remnant of the band managed to reach the Devil mountains. They arrived thither by a circuitous route, crossing the Rio Grande into Mexico and recrossing into to Texas between Eagle Spring and Quitman Canon. The El Paso & Fortland Coke, now United States soldiers, and were killed or captured. The remnant of the band managed to reach the Devil mountains. They arrived thither by a circuitous route, crossing the Rio Grande into Mexico and recrossing into the Country, until now only one man, Jim Underwood, is still at large. One of the less notorious gangs broken up by the rangers was the "Scott-Cooley" gang, in Gillas-pie county. Scott Cooley, the leader, was once a ranger. He killed a man while in the service and Coke, now United States senator

concealment some time, he got together a band of men as desperate as himself and set up in business as a cattle stealer. His depredstions were principally among the Germans. It is said that he killed no less than twenty men. Once in Fredericksburg he killed a German deputy sheriff, scalped the body, and with the gory trophy in his hand paraded the streets. He would enter a saloon throw down the scalp and demand drinks for the party, which were always forthcoming. After remaining in the town all day he left and a party was raised to follow him. He killed several of his pursuers, jut the rest to flight, and rode leisurely off. Corporal C. E. Robinson, Company E, and a squad of men, "rounded up" a portion of "Billy the Kid's" gang, in Tom Green county, on the Pecos river. One of the desperadoes was the terrible "Mysterious Dave," who is wanted for murder and robbery

ard county, and killed and captured the "Jesse Evans" gang, of "Lincoln county war" notoriety. Jesse Evans was a partner of the notorious "Billy

numbers and show fight, he becomes if he returns to camp without several and raised in one of those deep canons which sweep down from the great alkali plains to the banks of the brackish Peros. He has fought Indians since he was able to handle a rifle, and out of a family of seven or eight boys and girls he is the only one who has escaped the scalping knife of the redman. His mother was shot and scalped when he was a baby in the cradle, and the sister who was force in the state and proceed against night after the robbery the gang he brushes up his recollection and more than a mother to him was carthe Indians in person. When the stopped at the house of 'Old spins many a yarn of persons advented away on the saddle of a painted war opens lively times may be expected, rivaling the bloody epoch that Collins had three sons with has a facination for him which he finds marked the Chief Victoria's brilliant Bass, and his house was a it difficult to overcome, and many so weak from loss of blood that he was left for dead, and could only breathe a terrible curse against his Promotion is usually in the line of would-be murderers as they galloped Captain G. W. Baylor commanding, reached the house and attacked the duty, and nearly all the men com- away. Ho afterwards learned the at E. Paso; B company, Captain S. A. sleeping robbers. Scott occupied a manding companies now were once fate of that dear sister. Refusing to McMurray, at Colorado City; C com- room with Pipes and Herndon, two of privates in the ranks. When in camp sacrifice her purity and womanhood for McMurray, at Colorado City; C company, Captain George Arrington, on Red River, in the "Panhandle;" D company, Captain L. P. Seiker, Unalde. E company, Captain C. L. Nevilla, near Fort Davis; F company, Captain T. L. Ogelsby, Oaka, on the Neueres. Three of these companies, A. C and E, are in the Indian country, and are constantly battling with Lo. The other three companies are in the confinement. Pipes was sufficed by privates in the ranks. When in camp the ranger lives well, selling his extrated upon the health open that in the ranks. When in camp the ranger lives well, selling his extrated upon the health open that in the ranks. When in camp the ranger lives well, selling his extrated upon taken both pristing the ranger lives well, selling his extrated upon taken and with the money thus obtained purchasing many little luxuries in the ranks. 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He is still a as he gets plenty of water for himself young man, but grief has aged his face about the food problem. The great smiles, and seems to have but one plains over which he ranges teem object in life, to kill as many Indians Galveston, Houston & San Antonio the rangers overhauled him with game, and he has no difficulty in as possible. He spares neither old railway extension, the track of which in Denton county, on Salt Croek. The band were at dinner in a bushy turkey and buffalo. He cooks his and the F company is doing fugitive thicket when the rangers charged meat in a primitive manner over a fire thus mercilers, or that the stock of of buffalo chips or mesquitte brush, his carbine is thickly notched with the washes the repast down with often tally of his dead enemies? Another times indifferent water, and makes up ranger of my acquaintance seems for any deficit in the meal by dream- to inherit his fondness for the ily picturing to himelf the good service, and he will probably be a things he will have when camp ranger when he dies. His grandis reached, as he stretches back on his father was a ranger when Texas was a blanket and lazily puffs his pipe or Mexican province, and died beside cigarette. He is happy when fresh Crockett in the Alamo. His father Indian "sign" is plenty, and positively sprang to the defense of the stars and hilarious when a 'round-up" is made bars, at the head of a company of breaking up many predatory bands. In fights with the red robbers they have always had to contend with overwhelming numbers. 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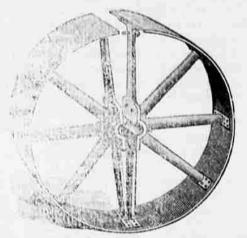
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