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RED SLEEVES BURNS OUT SETTLEMENTS!! CUTS OFF SUPPLY ROUTES TO SILVER TOWN!!

CHIRICAHUA WAR CHIEF FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH THREATS !

RENEWED HOSTILITIES HINTED AT FOR MONTHS

THE PEACE SHATTERED

THE ANIMAS LINE VIOLATED BY SETTLERS

"WEEKS OF TALKS AND NEGOTIATION WASTED" COUNCILMAN SAYS.

TOWN MILITIA BEING FORMED

The news came as a kick to the teeth for those who have frantically been working to keep the peace these many weeks. But yesterday word arrived that that Red Sleeves followed through on his threats of reprisal and sent his warriors/ across the Animas River to hit settlements throughout the region. The attacks were well planned and premeditated. The telegraph line between Rancho Bucareli was cut before dawn yesterday. Four men working the relay station 30 miles north of the town were brutally murdered and the station burned to the grown. The first of many to die.



The rogue apache war chief Red Sleeves after the November 12th Treaty Signing at Roca De Galleon.

Ben Langston, stage driver for the M&LSC reported his stage along with four passengers was intercepted near the Little Bend south of Silvertown by Red Sleeve's men. The team was stolen, the stage shoved into a gorge and the passengers forced to continue on foot.

"We was spared thank god," Ben

Ben further reported that he was told by Red Sleeve's braves that no stages or supply wagons would be permitted to pass along the Old Spanish Trail between Silver Town and Rancho Bucareli.

Putting the livelihood of Muskeegie as well as Lazarus at stake.

Ben had hardly barely finished his tale when news arrived the small settlement at Mercer's Crossing had been burned out and over thirty of its inhabitants slaughtered.

On the heels of that news quickly came reports that the Crooked Y Ranch near Gallagos Canyon had been attacked.

ANIMAS VIGILANCE LEAGUE MOUNTING UP TO ESCORT SHIPMENTS

Jack Meader the self-proclaimed "Captain" of the AVL was quick to announce he and his men would be escorting shipments from Rancho Bucrareli and Lazurus north to Muskeegie.

"We'll make sure the beef and other provisions keep coming until more help arrives."

That help could be slow in coming. It is now believed last month's rumors of an impending attack on Roca De Galleon seventy miles to the South West was a feint by Red Sleeves to lure the men of the Texican Main out of the region.

The military unit was dispatched to Roca De Galleon to bolster its defenses after the apache chief hinted the town would be the first to suffer the consequences should the treaty signed there in November be broken.

NEW GOLD STRIKES CAME WITH A TERRIBLE PRICE!

Last fall's gold strikes on the Little Sandy and Heffer's Rock sent fortune seekers scrambling west of the Animas River defying the treaty and heightening tension between the Apache and the Animas settlements.

In November a Mexican delegation sent up from Durango attempted to negotiate new terms with Red Sleeves and loosen his grip on the territory he's held a tight grip on for nearly a decade.

"Those Texicans did history a great disservice when they ran the chiricahua out of the

With communication cut off at least four bands of Apache-Chiricahua made early morning attacks against white settlements up and down the river. Perhaps more. Bad news is still coming in and more is expected.

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The Noon Stage lying half submerged in the Animas River near the Little Bend -- Ben Langston (on the left) lead deputies back to the scene.

later reported at the Barking Mad Saloon in Muskeegie. His hands trembling as he swallowed one of many drinks bought for him by the concerned crowd that had gathered around him at the bar pressing in tightly to hear the details.

"They wanted us deliver a message. Red Sleeves wants to be heard. They told us that it was the settlers who broke the treaty. That there would be more blood to come." The AVL was formed last november by Mr. Meader and his partner Derek Bayer to address concerns that the town Marshall was ill equipped to keep the peace in Muskeegie.

Since that time the group of volunteers has grown to become a militia of respectable size.

"If Red Sleeves thinks he can put a choke hold on us he's sadly mistaken." says Captain Meader.

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Republic and west of the Rio Grande." says Mayor Gallagher \langle of Lazarus.

Gallagher was part of the Lazarus-Muskeegie delegation who met with the war chief in late November in hopes of easing tensions.

"He didn't want to hear anything we had to say. Only thing that came out of that meeting were threats."

Tensions between the settlements along the Animas and the apache became increasingly strained after gold and silver were found in Chiricahua territory. Despite laws on crossing the river, law enforcement officials have been unable to stem the tide.

THIS WEEK'S TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CANCELED!!

There will be no Town Council Meeting this week. Eight of the ten members signed on for the posse that took after Jake Fletcher and his gang.

Sherrif Patch telegraphed from Lazarus two days ago to report that the posse had lost the gang's trail near Bent's Ford.

The posse took on provisos at Lazarus and were making plans on doubling back to scour the switch backs on long the Aminas trail.

With news of the Apache Uprising we hope the Sherrif and his men had sense enough to return to Lazarus.

We anxiously await further word and will report his whereabouts as soon as we hear something - Aaron Critcher

CABIN FOR SALE

For Sale. Two Room Cabin. Good wood burning stove. Needs to be roofed. Will throw in one yeller dog and a roll paper. of tar Askin' \$200 dollars for the works. Will entertain offers of trade. Cannot accept payments. You must pay up front. Cabin is located behind Post Office on Fremont Street. See Brent Foslev at Iron Mule Saloon.

Attention J.D. Fowler Have arrived in area. Await further instruction. Have taken lodgings in Grand Hotel. Please contact me immediately. I must leave by Saturday next. Mr. Niles.

Gold Claim for Sale: \$1700 Cash (U.S. or Texican only) Still producing good color. Comes with tools, tent and wagon. Must return east. Ask for Saul T at Katrina Kay's Boarding House



Porter Cain Huckbert and Lacy Sue Ellen McGovern were wed Saturday in a ceremony conducted by Pastor Adam Miles at the First Baptist Church of Muskeegie. The service was simple, yet elegant. The groom wore a black wool tailored suit and the bride wore a silk brocade dress imported from French Orleans. In attendance were the groom's aunt and uncle, Dale and Kelly Ann Huckbert, as well as the bride's familv. The bride's father. ranch owner of the Bar None Ranch, Silas McGovern, gave her away. A reception was held at the Bar None Ranch, and was indeed a fine affair. Among the notables in attendance were Judge Gideon Wallach and bank president J. Edward Maass. - Gracie Ann Wells

Community Rallies to Help Fire Victims

Just one week after the horrible fire that swept through the home of Rutherford and Marisa Hobart, the couple and their boy, Antonio, are back at home safe and sound.

The whole town, it seems, rallied behind the unfortunate family, rebuilding the domicile from the ground up. Timber was donated by Ernest Sutter, and a quilt raffle was held to raise money.

Mr. Hobart had this to say about the support shown by the community. "It was overwhelming. We didn't know what we were going to do. Thanks to the kind folk of Muskeegie, we will be able to carry on with our lives." Hobart, the town butcher, was so grateful to his neighbors that he announced he is providing beef for next month's Town Picnic.



GUN BRAWL IN BLACK HORSE ENDS WITH SIX DEAD - FOUR WOUNDED!

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There's an old saying among those who first settled the San Juans.

"Nothing worth eating will ever grow along the Little Sandy and nothing good will ever come out of Black Horse."

The words rang a little truer yesterday when news arrived of yet another gun brawl in the streets of the two horse town.

This writer would like to know what they put in the whiskey down there. This is the fourth shooting this month. And by my count the 12th person killed.

Details are sketchy but it looks like our old friend Jake Wingo is still in the region. Jake and his boys were ran out of Muskeegie

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last October after running crooked tables and various schemes to cheat good citizens of their hard earned money.

He was given a tar and feather suit as a parting gift as well as a few bruised ribs.

Well now you can add murder to his list of crimes. Apparently the folk of Black Horse didn't take kindly to a game of dice he was running and called him on it.

When the smoke cleared six men lay dead (three being members of Jake's gang. Jake himself somehow managed to slip loose during the shoot out. A \$200 dollar reward is being offered for his head.



I'm going to have the boys put up four or five spits and we're going to turn some ribs dripping with sauce. No one will leave hungry. Our way of saying thanks."

Mrs. Hobart stood up in church Sunday morning and openly shed tears, saying, "Thank You all, and thank God for sparing our lives."

Just when this writer was was beginning lose all faith in Muskeegie one good deed has given her cause for renewed hope.



FOUR CORNERS TRAVESTY A Call to Action for all Good Citizens!!

A terrible pestilence has plagued our fair town for far too long, and, many good citizens believe it is past time for action. Last night's shooting is a prime example.

This reporter joins them in calling for a referendum to stop the sordid happenings in Four Corners -namely the business of peddling flesh and drunkenness.

"This is not the sort of element we want our town to be known for," said Dick Robertson at an emergency town meeting held at the church, speaking of this problem.

It is obvious, to anyone with any sense of civic responsibility that this section of town needs to be cleaned up, with the harshest of soaps. Otherwise, Muskeegie is doomed to become nothing more than a den of iniquity.

There have been reports of brawling, petty larceny, public drunkenness and worse taking place within the areas of Drake, Filmore, Bryce and Main Streets.







TWO SLAIN ON FOUR CORNERS AFTER GUNS ARE DRAWN.

Gunsmoke once again rolled by the insults and demanded Drake and Main as two drunkards resorted to drawing pistols to settle an argument.

STREET

down the intersection of an apology. When no came the argument spilled out on to the street.

> Witnesses claim it was McGovern who drew first and

Horses, Oxen, Mules Sturdy animals. Bred and Grazed in vicinity. You would be hard pressed to find animals of this quality any where else west of the Rio Grand. 🗦 SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO ANYONE WHO WORE THE BLUE All horses are saddle trained. We also sell Wagons. Will consider trades. We do NOT accept MORMON DOLLARS.

TELEGRAPH LINE DOWN -- NO IMMEDIATE REPAIRS EXPECTED

🛧 BAR-NONE RANCH ★

Martin Vance of the Muskeegie Telegraph Branch has informed the Herald that there are no immediate plans to repair the line to Lazarus.

"I dan't in good conscience send my men out with the Apache on the warpath as they are" he said. "We all remember what happened to Clem Birch and them Saunders boys last summer. They never did find all the pieces to Clem. Until I have some assurance of safety for my men the wire will remain

Just last week a man was shot in a dispute over the payment of one of these "ladies", right in the middle of Main Street! It is only by God's grace that some poor innocent child or other citizen hasn't been seriously injured in any of these incidents. It is only a matter of time before such a tragedy befalls us, if we fail to act swiftly.

If these business proprietors cannot keep their establishments from being a nuisance, or danger to the town, we citizens must step in. --Barbara Ann McIntosh

According to wittnesses Thomas "The Nail" Byron and Garret "Arizona" McGovern were playing FARO at the Bucking Tiger Saloon when words were exchanged.

"Tommy was running the coffin for the Faro board." explained Juan Esparso. "He'd been pulling the cork pretty hard -- he yanked some good color from his claim yesterday and was celebrating. He lost his card count. Cost Arizona his bet. The man was rightly upset." When Byron refused to cover McGovern's bet insults were hurled the two men began to shove and tussle. To soothe the hard feelings the House offered to cover the bet. McGovern however refused to let the matter drop. He felt slighted

fired two shots - both of which missed. Byron then followed suit and returned fire - also missing.

On the next volley both men fired at the same time. Byron took a bullet to the neck and dropped dead on the spot.

McGovern was struck in the belly. He writhed in pain on the street while Doc was summoned. He had expired by the time help arrived.

McGovern was a known drifter. Pulling odd jobs in Muskeegie, Lazarus and Silvertown. Usually moving on as trouble found him -which was frequent.

Byron owned a claim north of town. It is said he was a native of Michigan.

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Vance's extreme caution isn't sitting well with local businessmen.

"The situation is unacceptable" writes Tom Hovermale of the Muskeegie Bank. "The Telegraph Company has been extorting a dollar per word for sending wires. It's outrageous. But we tolerated their demands because we we were told the money goes toward maintaining the wire and paying the men who suffer the risk while going about their jobs. Well we've been ponying up to cover that risk. Now it's time for them to saddle some of it and get those wires back up."

A conspicuous "Closed til Further Notice" sign now hangs on in the window of the telegraph office.



ON AND AFTER THIS DATE I propose to sell at Muskeegie and vicinity the 'following articles.

> CHEAP FOR CASH! Pistols, Rifles, Ammo, Blades, Holsters, Cartridge Belts

Quality articles used in good condition. HARD TO FIND Gresham Reliant Revolvers • Colts • Browning. JOHN JACHOS LOT 1205 Bryce Street



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SIGN-MAKER FALLS TOHIS DEATH

QUINTARD LOY ONE OF MUSKEEGIE'S FIRST BUSINESSMEN

> UNEXPECTED GUST OF WIND BLAMED FOR TRAGIC MISHAP

BROTHER MAX LOY DETERMINE TO CARRY ON OPERATION



Quint Loy (right) with brother, Max in a photograph taken in August 1867.

Local sign maker and entrepreneur, Quintard Loy fell to his death yesterday after a gust of wind caught the sign he was affixing the roof of the McFarland Livery Stable and Feed building. Known as Quint to family and friends the well respected businessman was one of Muskeegie's first settlers arriving with his wife Alice and three children weeks after the first gold strikes. The Loys, natives of the Houston area were heavily involved in community affairs as well as the church. His Brother Max arrived in Muskeegie to help with the business in 1866.

Quint's signage can be seen everywhere in town as well as places as far away as Silvertown and Lazarus. He also painted the mural on the wall of the Grey Mare Saloon. Quint was involved in a shooting mishap a few years ago that left him with a noticable limp. But he never let his injury slow him down.

After his fall, Quint was carried to the Widow Malloy's place where a doctor was quickly summoned. Despite some initial hope of recovery it was found he had internal injuries. Quintard died at Four forty-seven p.m. Funeral services are set for tomorrow morning at ten a.m.

Donations for the the Loy family are being accepted at the First Presbyterian.

WANTED: GUARD

3 days work per week. Pay is Room and Board plus one dollar per day. Inquire at the Assay Office. You must have own pistol and horse. Men of character only need apply. Confederates and Texicans need not respond.

LAW SUIT FILED AGAINST LAND COMPANY

Judge Matter has agreed to hear a civil case filed in Muskeegie last month by a group of Eastern investors.

The complaint charges that the McCabe-Langdon Land Company of Muskeegie over sold lots it made available in Lazarus.

Some lots were sold numerous times according to the suit. Other lots were yanked from the original buyer and then resold to higher bidderes.

"It was a simple clerical error," reports Gideon Miles, clerk at the McCabe-Langdon Muskeegie Office. "We tried to resolve all differences before it went this far. Some people just weren't' interested in reason. Those responsible for this unfortunate matter were sacked long before this case was filed."

The case was scheduled for Monday next. The current situation with the Apache will undoubtedly delay things.



Word reaches us that the Jennings Pedestal Vase Company has sold a bill of goods to the good citizens of England and installed the first known pay toilet outside the Royal Exchange in London. The price is one penny.

Yes, in merry old England one must now PAY for the privilege of relieving oneself. Not only is this a crime against nature but it makes one appreciate the freedoms we all too often take for granted. Good Readers if you happen to be of the Union-persuasion, I propose that had our forefathers not vtaken a bold stand in 1776, it might be us being taxed in such an outrageous manner. Give me liberty to pee or give me death. I have a ten dollar gold piece in my desk drawer and I will make a wager. The first man who erects a payprivy west of the great Mississippi will be soon be the NEXT occupant of that place we call Boot Hill.



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YANKEES BOAST "WORLD'S LARGEST BRIDGE IN NEW YORK!!"

Construction has begun on a bridge spanning New York City's East River. Connecting the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan, it will be over 1500 feet in length once completed. Architect John Augustus Roebling states that it is destined to become one of the wonders of the modern world and a tribute to man's genius in this industrial age.

CHEW ON THIS

Ben Willer just back from Houston brought with him a strange new sensation that's become all the talk back east.

In an effort to displace the nasty habit of tobacco chewing, merchants in the Great Republic of Texas are now peddling "chewing gum".

Reportedly this hygienic substance dispenses with the need to spit foully as well. This editor sampled the gum and wholeheartedly welcomes its immediate and widespread adoption.

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