



# BANK ROBBERY!

## MEXICAN BOB STRIKES AGAIN!

### ROBBERY FOILED! CITIZENS TURN OUT TO DEFEND BANK

TWO SCOUNDRELS FROM  
THE RODRIGUEZ GANG  
GUNNED DOWN!!

NO MONEY TAKEN!!

WHERE WAS  
THE MARSHALL?

ROBBERY AVERTED BY  
BRAVE TOWNSMEN  
WHO'S SUSPICIONS  
HAD BEEN AROUSED

ONE HERO SERIOUSLY  
WOUNDED WAS  
STRANGER TO TOWN!

ONCE AGAIN THOSE PUSHING for the prohibition of guns within town limits have reason to pause and rethink their foolish positions. For the second time in as many months a bank robbery at the MUSKEEGIE BANK was narrowly averted yesterday. Deputy Abraham Smith credits four men as Muskeegie's Heroes of the Day. Heroes who fortunately had swift access to their weapons when danger called.

Bart Smith, Hank Straam, Jedidiah Smith and an unnamed Indian companion apparently had their suspicions aroused after learning Jason Cogburn's dogs had been shot and killed early the night before last.



Gasparso and Julio Rodriguez. No longer a menace to peace loving folk.

Strangely enough, Bart Smith and Hank Straam are strangers to town who hadn't even taken time to acquire a night's lodging. They were taking drinks at the DIAMOND SPUR when they over heard the animals had been slain.

"I got to wondering why anyone would kill good hunting dogs," said Bart Smith from his cot at Doc Mason's loft where his gunshot wounds were being tended.

"So I grabbed some other fellas and we went to poke about a bit and see what we could learn."

The group quickly surmised the animals had been killed to silence their barking. The close proximity of the animals to the bank led to them reporting their suspicions to Deputy "Stick" Abraham, who had been left in charge while our "brave" Marshall was away on a trip to Cortez apparently playing wetnurse for his sister.

"To be honest, I figured I knew who had killed them dogs and why." Deputy Stick later said, "But being short handed and all I thought it might not hurt to be safe. So I deputized those men and had them hold watch on the bank."

Deputy Smith's cautious nature and good instincts served him well for his new recruits soon found their suspicions confirmed.

Shortly after 10 p.m. four shadowy figures silently walked their horses behind

the bank and set about entering through an unlatched window.

Little did they know they had walked into an ambush! When the smoke cleared two bandits lay dead and two others critically wounded - members of the infamous Mexican Bob Gang, as it was later determined.

Bart Smith took a shot to the jaw while bravely chasing down one of the men who chose to flee empty handed like the coward he was.

Killed in the gunfight was Gasparso Rodriguez and his brother, Julio. Wounded were Hernando Valdez and "Diablo Juan." The gang was carrying six sticks of dynamite and planned on blowing the vault. It is assumed Mexican Bob slipped away during the commotion.

### Where was the Marshall?

The HERALD'S question is this. WHERE WAS THE MARSHALL? Mexican Bob and his band of cutthroats held up the bank in Lazarus two weeks ago and it was KNOWN they were in the area. Why are we paying him? First he allows Deter Max to escape from jail while under his watch. Now this.

We need men of iron to dampen the flames of violence that have engulfed our good town. Which is why we continue to urge the council to step aside and free the way for free elections.

Muskeegie needs a Mayor armed with the power to appoint tough men who aren't afraid to sweep the criminality inclined from all the corners of our town.

The Town Council has no backbone when it comes to doing the tough work that needs doing. But oh how they do come up for air when called out for it. The HERALD has received letters of threat. "Be silent or else," they read. Yet strangely enough they are unsigned. One does not have to scratch his

head for more than a moment to realize who the cowardly authors are.

Let's just hope the Marshall finds the backbone his obviously missing while away on his trip.

### LOCAL MAN ARRESTED. HELD AT JAIL AS OUTSIDE ACCOMPLICE TO BANK ROBBERY

Ezra Titus, a stable hand at the AMES AND COLBY FREIGHT COMPANY was arrested after a gunfight at the A&C Stables this yesterday afternoon.



The Marshall's Office isn't talking, but witnesses say Titus is being held as an accomplice to yesterday's attempted bank robbery.

Titus has had several run ins with the law since his arrival to town last year. Last fall he was sentenced to 30 days in Jail after stealing a pistol and a watch from Old Man Nephron whom he had rolled behind the Iron Mule Saloon.

"A lenient hand should suffice" Judge Carson commented in court. "He's a good boy who needs nudgin' back toward the straight and narrow."

Titus showed his gratitude by breaking Marcus Tyler's nose in a brawl barely 3 hours after his release. The attack was in retaliation for Tyler's testimony at Titus' trial.

He was recently arrested and held for 30 days for beating Jeffrey Boggs, a reporter at the MUSKEEGIE HERALD and for threatening to burn down the HERALD'S offices for refusing to let the Nephron-case lie fallow.

It is our hope the law deals with Mr. Titus more firmly than they have in the past.

## TOWN COUNCILMAN BANNISTER ATTACKED BY NEW DEPUTY

In what can only be described as a bizarre incident, Town Councilman Jason T. Bannister claims he was brutally attacked by two deputies. (missing pieces, am only guessing at some words.) Deputy "Stick" Smith was in charge of the Marshall's Office while Marshall Grange was away. I simply appealed to the deputy in an official capacity to demand he perform the duties of his office and arrest a known violater," said Bannister as Doc Mason tended to a deep laceration to his forehead. "The man's insane. He attacked me without provocation." Councilman Troy Brennar who witnessed the attack refused to comment when asked, only saying, "This is a matter to be taken up with the Marshall upon his return. This is certainly a serious matter which must be addressed." Bannister further stated that he intends to press charges.



## FIRST MUSKEEGIE QUILTING BEE HELD

Mrs. Rebecca Miles hosted the first meeting of the Muskeegie Quilting Bee Thursday evening at the church. Some five or six ladies attended. Mrs. Miles served some rather tasty tea cakes, fresh strawberries and a jar of Navajo honey. Tea and tonic water was also available. Several ladies in attendance remarked at how amiable the meeting had been.

Mrs. Isabell Barker said, "It was entirely delightful and I hope to attend on a regular basis. The pleasant conversation, the creative expression and the general air of levity was quite refreshing."

Mrs. Miles, the pastor's wife, said she was pleased at the response and opens and invitation to more of Muskeegie's ladies to attend the next meeting. Meetings will be held bi-monthly on the first and third Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. "Please bring any piecework that you would like to work on," Mrs. Miles said, "and be prepared to enjoy yourself."

## COGBURN GUNS

All Makes - Models - Repairs

I have the Colt Ranger.  
The quality of this firearm is  
unequaled. Will be gone soon.  
LOCATED ON MAIN STREET

## STEAMSHIP NATCHEZ EXPLODES NEAR LOUISVILLE

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

BLAST FELT  
MANY MILES AWAY

The famous gambling boat Natchez exploded while at dock in Louisville Saturday past for reasons still unknown. Passengers had just been boarded and the ship was ready to make way when the explosion took place.

Samuel Perry, a local blacksmith in Muskeegie worked as a coal tender on the Natchez in 1865. He is quite certain that among the dead are good friends. Loss of life has been put at 127.

## LUMBER THIEVES STRIKE AGAIN

THIRD REPORTED THEFT  
IN AS MANY WEEKS

Ernest Sutter, prop. of Sutter's Saw Mill has reported that several wagon loads of green plank lumber has been stolen from his yards. The third such robbery in as many weeks. The thieves removed a section of rail fence along the yards' edge on Carson Street and used wagons to haul off the goods. Anyone with information regarding these thefts should contact the Marshall. A fifty dollar reward has been offered by Mr. Sutter.

## JACK "TAPS" GANCEY DEAD AT 74 y.o.a.

TELEGRAPH  
OPERATOR  
BELIEVED IN  
MUSKEEGIE'S  
FUTURE - FRIEND  
TO ALL.



Taps Gancey was discovered dead at the Muskeegie Telegraph Office on Main early Saturday morning. Doc Mason determined the old man's heart gave out. Taps came to Muskeegie in '68 as a bull whacker for the Aimes Freight Company. Held a gold claim on the little Animas Creek for several months after partnering up with Amos Jacobs before selling out to the Clancey Brothers. When the Muskeegie Telegraph Spur was established from Lazarus last year, Taps was hired on

as the local Operator.

Taps was a lineman in the CSA. The Muskeegie Telegraph Commission has announced they are looking for a new telegraph operator. Pay is 1.50 a day. Must know Morse C and how to read and write. See Jason Talburt at the First National Bank.

## CONFEDERATE NAVY LAUNCHES NEWEST IRONCLAD

TEXANS DECRY ARMS RACE

Confederate Ambassador W.D. Porter presided over the launch of the CSS South Carolina in Brest, France. This enormous 6500 ton armor-clad warship is reputed to be the most fearsome naval vessel ever to be based in this hemisphere. She is a sister ship to the Napoléon, the French vessel that caused such a stir when deployed to the Orleans Protectorate last year in an attempt to strike fear in the Mexican government.

Said Porter, "The addition of South Carolina to our fleet marks a wholesale shift in the balance of power. This invincible vessel will ensure the security of our seaboard and guarantee the uninterrupted flow of sugar from the state of Cuba."

The South Carolina will join the Confederate fleet at anchorage in the Havana naval yard. The vessel is reported to have cost the confederate treasury over two and one half million dollars in gold, a staggering sum.

Given the poor reputation of confederate currency, one naturally questions where Richmond could have procured this amount of bullion. It would appear that the wild claims often heard of former graycoats finding rich lodes in this territory should bear greater scrutiny.

Admiral David Dixon Porter of the United States Board of Navy Commissioners has stated that this challenge will not go unanswered.

Texan Admiral William Seeger spoke more frankly on the launch by condemning the start of a "damnable arms race" in the Caribbean. "This is yet another attempt on the part of the Confederacy to encroach upon the natural geographic interests of the Lone Star Republic. What with these illegal settlements in Arizona territory swearing allegiance to Richmond, you can bet your bottom dollar that they aim to press their claim to our territory by force."



## ANIMAS VIGILANCE LEAGUE FORMED

Jack Maader and Derek Bayez have announced the formation of the Animas Vigilance League. Members of the AVL have aworn an oath to extend the reach of justice beyond the town limits of Muskeegie.

"The Marshall may wear a badge but he's got no teeth" explained Maader. "Every varmit and undesirable in a hundred mile radius knows that. They come to our town harass the good citizens and then withdraw to the canyon country where they know they are beyond reach. We aim to change that. Muskeegie is no longer an easy mark."

The AVL is being banked by several Muskeegie merchants. The AVL has refused to name who these individuals are.

The Muskeegie Herald newspaper is a role-playing aid for KenzerCo's upcoming wild west rpg, Aces and Eights: Shattered Frontiers rpg.

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**ACES & EIGHTS**  
SHATTERED FRONTIERS



# NOTICE - LAND FOR SALE!

IN THE BOOMING MINING COMMUNITY OF

# LAZARUS

Situated 43 miles southwest of Muskeegie on the former site of Drent's Crossing. Newly discovered gold strikes - good placer. Best grazing ground to be found anywhere along the Animas.

Come one come all! Plenty of Lots available but they are going fast. Lazarus is booming and promises to be the Queen of the Animas.

There is a bill on Republic of Texas Senate Floor for military protection that is expected to pass. Lot Prices will double when this happens. Now is the time to buy.

McCabe-Langdon Land company has penned treaty with Red Sleeves and his Chiricahua band. Rumors of Apache unrest and hostiles are NOT affecting Lazarus. All land holdings are secure. Over 20 new businesses and recent addition of a McNard-Lowery Stage Terminus attest to Lazarus' bright future.

Color has been found in river and surrounding hills. Both placer and quartz. Our expert tells us the big strikes have yet to be found. Area hasn't been played.

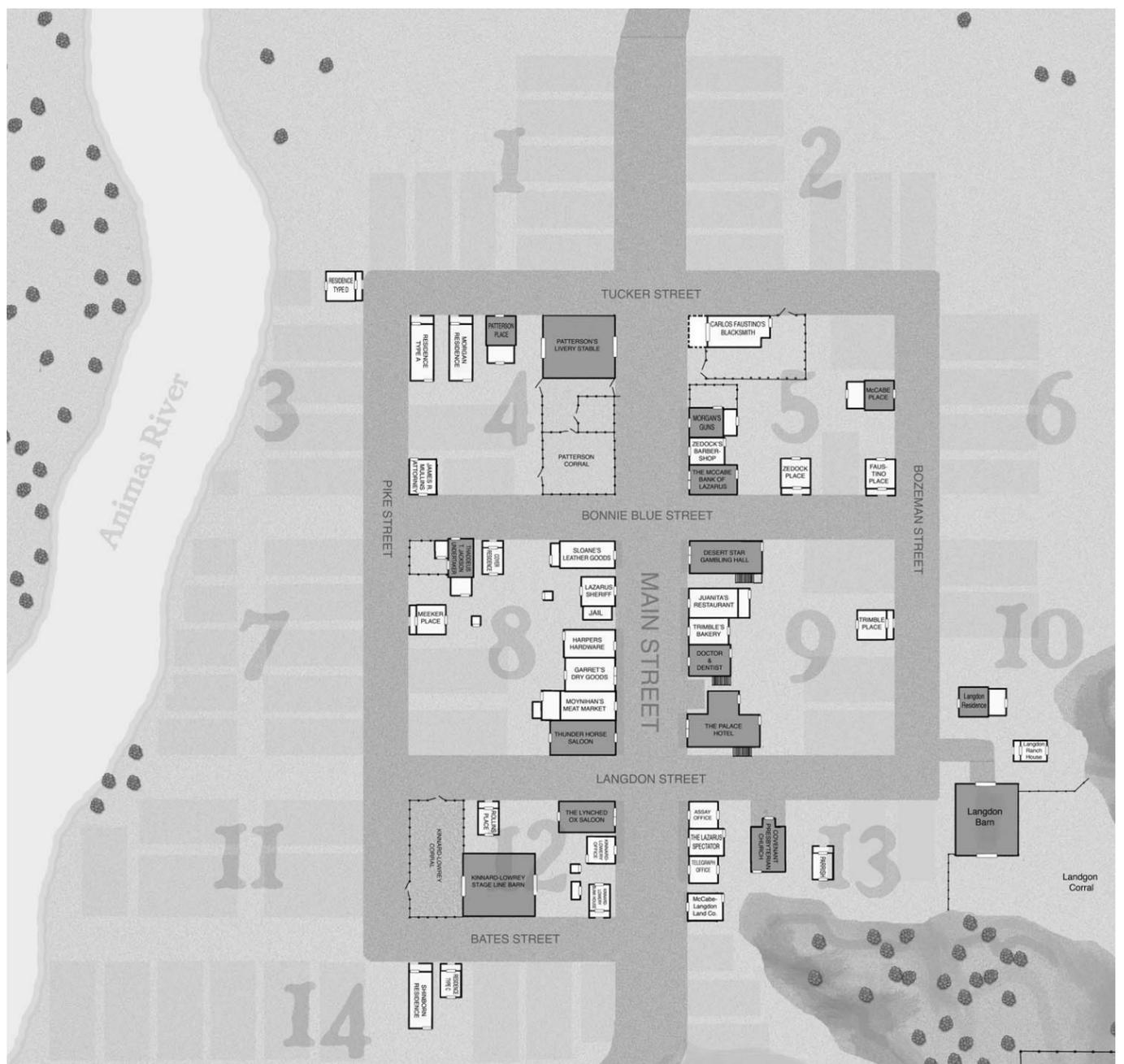
Telegraph line is up and operating. Appointed Sheriff. Law and Order maintained. Doctor. Blacksmith. Lazarus is well supplied.

**LOCAL AGENT IN MUSKEEGIE TO HANDLE TRANSACTIONS  
SEE - LAWRENCE DAYNE - ATTORNEY • PRATT & MAIN**

**LOTS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$100. PRIME LOCATIONS ON MAIN STREET AS LITTLE AS \$500**

**PAY HALF UP FRONT TO RESERVE LOT - HALF UPON TRANSFER OF DEED.**

**LOANS CAN BE ARRANGED TO THOSE OF GOOD STANDING AND SUITABLE COLLATERAL.**



**McCabe-Langdon Land Company**



# SEEKING

GOOD SCOUT. FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF CROW FEATHER CANYON REGION REQUIRED. MUST BE ABLE TO CONVERSE IN APACHE AND SPANISH. EXPERIENCE WORKING MULE TEAM. PAY WILL BE IN SHARES OF ENTERPRISE. WILL PROVIDE MOUNT AND GUN. MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. SEE J.D. TALBER. ROOMING AT GRAND HOTEL.

To the person or persons who keeps agitating my household with loud profanity and discharging firearms behind my place at all hours of the night. You are courting more trouble than you can manage. I will find you. This is your notice to cease or risk mortal harm. A.D. Price

# PUBLIC NOTICE!

## TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE NEW MUSKEEGIE PLAT MAP.

Mr. Langtry of Langtry, Livingston and Mallory of Cortez has completed his survey of Muskeegie as commissioned by the Town Council. The new plat map showing re-established boundaries will be on display at the Marshall's Office prior to final vote on Wednesday next. Any disputes must be filed prior to the Town Meeting with Treasurer, Atticus Morrison.

# HEADING OUT

## BUILDING/LOT FOR SALE

I am desirous to sell my business and return to the Republic. Lot 12. Includes bath house, furnishing, out building and shed. Survey papers in hand. Lot boundaries are unchallenged. Buyer must sign agreement not to sell or repair guns or ammo. These were the terms demanded by original seller. This is a cash in hand deal only. No trades.

## AILS, PAINS, WEAK SPIRITS TEETH YANKED, MEDICINES

I have set up shop and ready to practice. Find me at the tent behind the Diamond Spur until I acquire building. I am schooled at the Boston School of Medicine and studied with Dr. Arquette in New France. Cash and Barter. Good Rates.

# NO BRAG! NO BRAG!

I wish to state to the consuming public that you buy at the store of

## EZKIEL SEEGAR

FINEST GOODS AT THE LOWEST PRICE IN MUSKEEGIE

# ZEKE'S GENERAL STORE

## NOTICE.

ON AND AFTER THIS DATE I propose to sell at Muskeegie and vicinity the following articles. **CHEAP FOR CASH!**

Pistols, Rifles, Ammo, Blades, Holsters, Catridge Belts

Quality articles used in good condition. HARD TO FIND Gresham Reliant Revolvers • Colts • Browning.

JOHN JACHOS  
LOT 1205 Bryce Street

# BARGAINS!

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.

★ BAR-NONE RANCH ★

# REWARD!

On October 5 the East Bound McNard-Lowery Stage was ambushed and robbed just north of Wolf Creek Pass! Driver, Purseman and Passengers SLAIN!

**\$2,500 IN GOLD COIN**

is being offered by the M&LSC for those responsible.

ALONG WITH personal effects of passengers the murderous bandits took two chests of gold dust, a treasury box and six horses. Horses are Jet black, liver chestnut, 3 bays with white markings and a blood bay.

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION SHOULD WIRE PINKERTON OFFICE, CORTEZ

