

STORY OF THE ALAMO.

How Bowie, Crockett and Travis Met Their Deaths.

This sketch is an account of the burning of the bodies of the heroes of the Alamo, after the storming of that fortress by the forces of Santa Anna, on the 6th of March, 1836, and includes the murder of Col. James Bowie.

The captain then looked fiercely upon the sick man and said: "How is it, Bowie, that you have been found hidden in a room by yourself, and have not died fighting, like your comrades?"

"I did," said Bowie, "take an oath to support the laws of Mexico, and in defense of those laws am I now fighting."

Then he caused four of his soldiers to hold the sick man, while a fifth, with a sharp knife, split his mouth on each side to the ramus of the jaw, then took hold of his tongue, drew as much of it as he could between his teeth, out of his mouth, cut it off and threw it upon a pile of dead men.

On entering the fort, the eyes of the conquerors were greeted by a scene which my informant could not well describe. The bodies of the Texans lay as they had fallen, and many of them were covered by those of Mexicans who had fallen upon them.

After a general reconnoitering of the premises, the dictator was conducted to the body of Colonel Travis. After viewing his form and features for a few moments, Santa Anna thrust his sword through the dead man's body and turned away.

Then a detail of Mexican soldiers came into the fort. They were commanded by two officers, a captain and a junior officer, whose title Cassiano could not explain to me, but whom I shall for convenience call the lieutenant.

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After the entry of the detail, Santa Anna and his suite retired; but the two officers, with their detail, remained within. The two kept themselves close together. My informant was desirous to know what was to be done and remained with the detail and, to enable him to see all that was to be seen, he kept himself near the two officers, never losing sight of them.

As soon as the dictator and suite had retired, the detail began to take up the Texans to bring them together, and lay them in a pile. I had learned from other prisoners that the Mexicans at the same time performed the additional work of rifling the pockets of the slain Texans.

The two officers took a stand about the centre of the main area. The first corpse was brought and laid as the captain directed. This formed a nucleus for the pile. The bodies were brought successively, each by four men, and dropped near the captain's feet. In imitation of his general, the captain viewed the body of each Texan for a few moments, then thrust his sword through it, and then, by a motion of his sword, directed the four men who had brought him, to throw him upon the pile, which pantomime was instantly obeyed.

When the Texans had all been thrown upon the pile, four soldiers walked around it each carrying a can of camphene, from which he spurted the liquid upon the pile.

seen the man before." The lieutenant replied, "I think I have, too," and, stooping down, he examined his features closely. Then, raising himself up, he addressed the captain. "He is no other than the infamous Bowie!"

The captain then stooped, gazed intently on the sick man's face, assumed an erect position, and confirmed the conviction of the lieutenant.

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At that moment the match was thrown upon the pile. The combustible fluid instantly sent up a flame to an amazing height. The sudden generation of a great heat drove all the soldiers back to the wall.

Not being able to fully comprehend the great combustibility of the camphene, it is also believed that the sudden elevation of that great pillar of fire was an indication of God's hot displeasure toward those torturing murderers.

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A pamphlet has been published, showing that in Germany thousands of tons of beet leaves are transformed into tobacco. In some places chicory and cabbage leaves make the fragrant weed. An English chemist found a stuff sold for tobacco was the leaves of a diaphoretic plant.

Another writer informs everybody, or wants to, that chemists have an important place in tobacco factories. Fifteen factories in New York employ chemists to "flavor" cigars.

When the fluid was being thrown upon the pile, four soldiers brought a cot, on which lay a sick man, and set it down by the captain, and one of them remarked: "Here, captain, is a man who is not dead." "Why is he not dead?" said the captain. "We found him in a room by himself," said the soldier. "He seems to be very sick, and I suppose he was not able to fight and was placed there by his companions, to be in a safe place, and out of the way."

cigars so treated produce intoxication. We do not name the brand that is treated with New England rum. If we did, the demand would exceed the supply. To make tobacco or aid in its adulteration, such other things as potato leaves, sugar, potash, tamarinds, aniseed, gum and various oils not heretofore mentioned to a greater or less extent.

Love Under Peculiar Circumstances. When the French sought to establish a monarchy in Mexico a Mazatlan youth raised a regiment of boys and waged against such of the invaders as appeared in Sinaloa a warfare that told.

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An Incident of Washington Life.

A few days since a well-known gentleman of this city called at the Chinese embassy and requested of the minister the privilege of bringing two or three friends to call.

Practicing for an Emergency.

That was a singular occurrence at the western addition on Wednesday, when a prominent member of the big board stopped to speak to a burly Irishman who was shoveling sand as if a casket of doubloons lay under his pile.

A Michigan Liar.

"Let's see, they raise some wheat in Minnesota, don't they?" asked a Schlarrie granger of a Michigander.

Chicago is the greatest lumber market in the world. The single item of sawed lumber received there in 1881 would lay an inch flooring fourteen feet wide round the earth at the equator.

DURING recent years the trade in foreign and domestic nuts has developed wonderfully. New York City has become the most important centre of the trade, the extent of which indicates that people have either secured their stomachs or that indigestion has lost its terrors.

The chestnut is becoming scarcer every year, but their great popularity will probably prevent their total disappearance, for they are already being successfully cultivated, and it is expected that in a few years the cultivated nut will equal in quality the high-priced Italian chestnuts.

Black walnuts and butternuts are regarded as too rich and only for table use; but the former is largely used by confectioners. The American hazel nuts are not an important article of commerce, the fibrel largely taking their place.

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Treasurer's Sale

UNSEATED LANDS AND TAXES FOR 1880 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed the 12th day of June, A. D. 1815, entitled "An Act to amend an Act directing the mode of selling unseated lands in this State, and the several supplements thereto, there will be exposed at public sale or auction, the following tracts of unseated lands in said county for the taxes due and unpaid thereon, at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on MONDAY, JUNE 12, A. D. 1882, at one o'clock, P. M.

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