

A Lively Experience.

Editor Lafayette Advertiser:

Having been requested by some of my friends to give my experience as editor and proprietor of a Texas news paper, so, though having published some of these facts many years ago, I send you this short account.

On a visit to Sabine Pass in East Texas I there met an enterprising merchant who had known me before. He said they were building up a wide awake up-to-date town, and was much in want of a brave, enterprising man to run a newspaper there to let the world know there was such a place as Sabine Pass which had about two hundred and fifty inhabitants. My merchant friend said he would foot the bill. So I wrote to Odom & Brixler, of New York, dealers in newspaper outfits, to send me a full outfit by the first ship sailing to Galveston. After four or five months my press and full rig came to hand, there was not a railroad in Texas at the time. Securing a young fellow by the name of Wm. Murray as assistant, who had worked with me in New Iberia, we went to work opening boxes and getting the press in shape. Among the first things I came to was six United States muskets and one hundred rounds of ammunition. I was surprised and wrote back to know what to do with the muskets. The answer came saying, "Keep them concealed. If you have any genuine newspaper stuff in you, you will soon find use for them." After due consideration I named my paper the Pistol and Bowie Knife and got out a short issue on the following Saturday morning.

Among other interesting news I gave a glowing description of the town, its future prospects and the beauty and intelligence of the fair sex. All went swimmingly until I thought I would mildly call attention to some of the glaring short comings of the citizens of our town. There was an old bummer named Bill Strong, who seemed to have no other occupation but to sit around one or the other of the three saloons, drink whiskey chew tobacco and get ready to move out in Texas which was all he did the three years I stayed there. Old Strong had two big, rough girls named Sainia and Maud. I found it was in some way understood I was to marry Sainia and Murray was chosen by Maud as they often visited our sanctum and was all smiles. As soon as I heard how they had fixed it up, I put in an editorial saying there were some girls in our town so brazen and bold, I thought it would be a season or two before their matrimonial aspiration would be realized. They caught on at once. They passed the office one morning and told Murray they wanted to slap that poor red headed fool printer's jaws. In my next editorial I said some of those rough belligerent girls looked like United States soldiers more than bosom life companions. This raised a part of the rough element of the town. Next morning at day break I heard cursing in front of my office, with yells of "You dirty skamp, come out from under the bed." I opened the door and there was old Strong and six or seven more toughs. The cursing opened in earnest with an advance on Murray and me. I stepped back, set out the six muskets, gave a whoop and said, "Come on." They did not come, so I closed up, sold The Pistol and Bowie Knife and moved to Lafayette. No more Texas for

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