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VICTORY IN TEXAS. MEXICANS IN ROUT

Reports have started to come in from the front lines of the war in Texas, stating the main thrust of the invading Mexican army has been pushed back past the borderline and the US army is now holding the line along the whole length of the Big Bend river.

While no senior army staff were available for comment, it is noted that troop trains have been replaced with lumber and building supplies heading south. This may mean that the railroad may once again be able to start pushing West keeping pace with settlement. Railroad stocks have soared on the back of these rumours.

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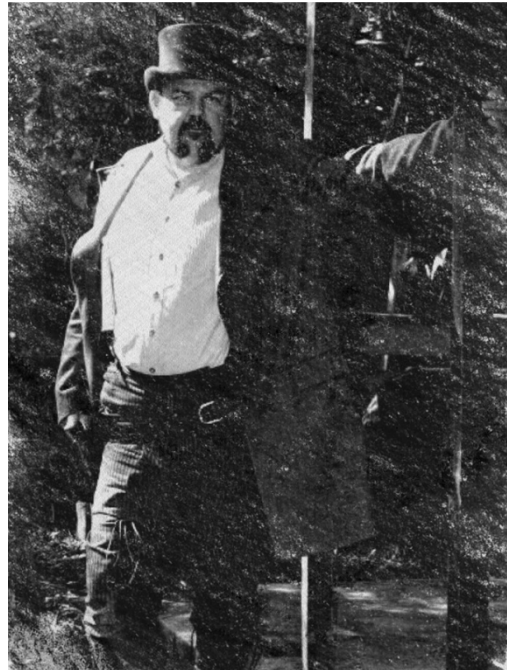
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DEADWOOD MAYOR DEAD

Dr Jonathan Foster (pictured) one of the most popular mayors in the short history of the town of Deadwood has been killed while protecting the town from Mexican bandits rampaging through the local settlements.

The newly elected Senator Kimes has organised a Wake for the late mayor on Saturday next with a remembrance services at the town church on Sunday morning.

The Senator has also announced that the lake adjacent to the town will be renamed Fosters Lake in honor of the mayor. Senator Kimes has invited local statesman Jubilation T Cornporn to act as interim mayor awaiting elections later this year.

INDIAN NATION DECLARED A SUCCESS

The department for Indian affairs has declared the relocation of the Quapaw tribe from the southern Arkansas region to the newly created Indian Territory West of the state a success. Baring the actions of the war leader Red Hawk the transition has been undertaken with little bloodshed and the newly settled peoples are reported to be thriving in their new lands.

This success has led to the proposed relocation of the Wichita tribes from the oil rich planes of Northern Texas to the new lands of the Indian nation. Representatives from the Wichita peoples will be travelling north to meet with elders of the Quapaw tribe to discuss this possible relocation. Many of the Wichita peoples have been displaced due to the ongoing war between US and Mexican forces throughout the contested state of Texas. The Paxton Aluminium Trading Company has been instrumental in the creation of this agreement with the Wichita peoples and has offered large sums of money for food supplies and transport to the new lands.

PREACHERS FLOOD THE SOUTH

This reporter can confirm first hand that the rumours of large numbers of preachers from throughout the eastern states travelling south are true. While travelling from Nashville to Little Rock no less than 12 churchmen were spotted on a single train that's more god than any man needs in his life' was the comment of one train passenger. When asked for comment from the church Cardinal William Levada, retired Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith responded.

'The Church does not support the actions of these rogue priests, any man who chooses to desert his flock for the promise of greener pastures should consider his faith and look back to his bible for guidance.'

The Cardinal was also quick to rebuff any insinuation that these priests were 'Witch Hunters' or part of any organised movement. 'The Church supports the government's approach to any allegations of witchcraft or the supernatural. Those fraudsters and tricksters have been driven out of the civilised lands. Likewise those men who preach of a coming apocalypse or end of days are sadly mistaken and the rapture is not now.'

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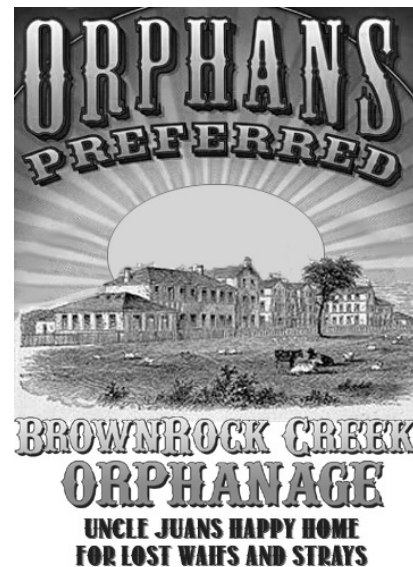
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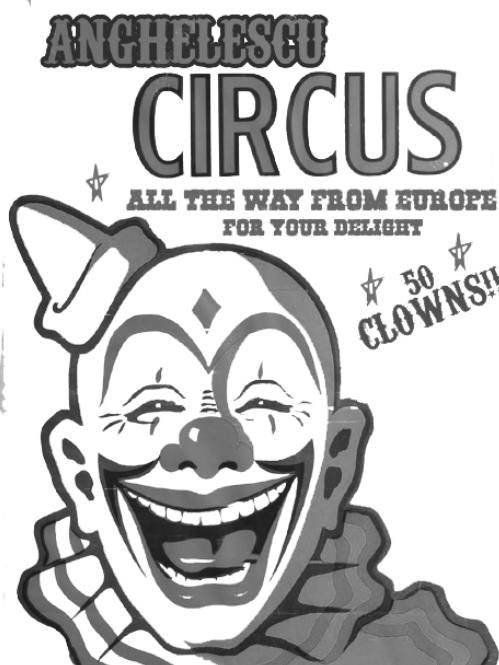
TEQUILA SHORTAGE

Due to a recent fire in the tequila factory at Brownrock Creek, caused by the Mexican bandits so heroically fought off by the late mayor of Deadwood, there is currently a shortage of tequila throughout the southern territories of the state of Arkansas. While the 'Temperance Association of Arkansas' has rejoiced at this news, the owner of the factory assures us that they will be back in business before the end of the month.



BANDIT THREAT

It seems that even with the heroic sacrifice of the Late Mayor the town of deadwood and surrounding lands are still plagued with bandit activity. Even with the presence of General Peppers Rangers a steady list of missing or murdered people trickles into the marshal's office from the surrounding settlements. While to north some of these disappearances are blamed on the Indian nation to the south new rumours of witchcraft and Satanism grow.



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