

THE STARKPOOL REPORT

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"All the things that people are talking about"

ITEM #1: Bandits Threaten Bridgeton

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The Gnomish village of Bridgeton, at the site of the important bridge of the Coast Road over the Stark River, was menaced by over 200 bandits, presumably from Brant. The bold Gnomes of the village militia and garrison sent them packing with a display of mighty drilling and drum solos. The six gods be praised!

ITEM #2: Ancient Wealth Pours into Starkpool

5/9

Earl Ronstudd the Dragon Slayer brought a princely sum of ancient electrum and platinum coins into the city and exchanged it for modern gold coins and bullion. No doubt we will see great gifts to the poor in coming months.

ITEM #3: Battle of Rosewood

5/15

Baron Humbert of Lorn and Captain Brilliant led a force of 190 horse and 90 foot out of the forest near Rosewood. Their arrival was noticed by various bumpkins and yokels and the alarm spread to Rosewood, Castle Brant and Foxhollow. While Kaspar with 40 berserkers and the 300 village militia made ready to defend Rosewood, Baron Fiyero rushed to their aid with 26 horse, 60 longbow men and 120 foot from Foxhollow and the Castle. Fiyero arrives in time and arranges his and Kaspar's men to meet the charge of the Lorners. It was a nearly run thing, but the mass of the 300 militia proven to be the deciding factor and Brant drove off the Lorn invaders. However, Brant was not able to seize the Lorn camp and the invaders withdrew from the field in good order and escaped back home. Lorn lost 35 Medium Horse. Brant lost 72 men, mostly village militia.

ITEM #4: Do Orcs Eat Mules?

5/16

The north of the Reach has seen a large series of purchases of mules by the Barony of Fang. Estimates of mules purchased are in the hundreds. It's likely some pagan devilry.

ITEM #5: It Cannot Be So!

5/23

Word has reached us that Ronstudd Dragon-Slayer was driven out of the Underdoom, the former lair of the black dragon. His man Chonk was only saved by divine intercession through the hands of Constance, new bishop of Sinxth.

ITEM #6: Wealth From the Earth

5/25

A band of henchmen to Baron Evil Jack Palance, consisting of Max Power, Hork, Mystico and Bill and a pack of Gnolls, made repeated expeditions into The Rat Spiral (C10) in the Eastern Mountains. While several of the Gnolls were slain, the group made off with much gold and magic.

ITEM #7: Unrest in Thunderburg

5/30

Jarl Ingvar's captains drafted many of the village militia into his army throughout the month. This has caused unhappiness and resentment in the village.

MERCENARIES AVAILABLE:

Group 1: Orcs LFC x60, Chaotic 120gp

Group 2: Men Crossbowmen-A x40, Neutral 1600gp

Group 3: Men Archers-D x80, Lawful 800gp

Bids Due February 23rd. Price Listed is both Minimum Bid and normal monthly salary after first month. Lawful mercenaries won't serve Chaotic lords and Chaotic mercenaries won't serve Lawful Lords.