

"COMANCHE BILL."

General Terry's Favorite Scout and His Wild Life.

Thirty-one Years in the Saddle—Pistols and Scalps

Kansas City Times. William Porter, known far and wide by the appellation of Comanche Bill, has been for some time with General Reynolds at Fort Reno, and is now on his way to join General Terry's command at Parton, Dakota territory.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS IN THE SADDLE. He rode from Iowa, Kansas, Tuesday, to this point, and, indeed, made the whole trip almost as quickly as he could have done on some of the slow trains.

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"Haven't you a sister yet living in Minnesota?" asked the reporter.

To every question as to when they died Bill responded bluntly, "18th of August, 1862."

He then told the story of the massacre of his mother and sister, and the eyes of the sturdy plainsman were suffused with something which looked like tears.

"I tell you it's enough to make a man a demon," he said: "father, mother, sister, two cousins, an uncle, aunt and wife, killed at one blow."

"Who killed your mother, Bill?" "Is he alive yet?" "Was he ever?"

"Did they kill your wife, too?" "Yes, they tortured her to death. Oh! I've had a scalp for every drop of blood they spilled that day, he continued.

"Do you know Buffalo Bill?" "Oh! Buffalo Bill; yes, I've heard of him."

"What kind of a scout is he?" "Scout? What that d—d fool can't tell a beef trail from a pony track."

"Have you any friends in Missouri, Comanche, or are you just stopping here to see the town?" "Friends? No, I ain't got no friends anywhere.

"Young fellow, I reckon I was in this town before you was foaled." It seems strange that when Bill's special aversion was the Sioux Indian he should have won the sobriquet of "Comanche" Bill.

"It's only a nick-name," said Bill; "I got down in the Comanche country when Sioux were scarce and I had to have something to practice on."

"Who gave you that name?" "Matt Spencer, chief of a band of rangers, in '64."

"Do you know anything about the Pugh murder?" "I heard he was killed, that's all."

but they play h—l with you if you don't marry a squaw." An incident is related of Bill which happened in Wichita a few weeks since. Bill rode into town dressed in a complete suit of buckskin and with a gang of honest rangers at his back.

As he went along he saw a "counter-jumper," as he was pleased to call him roughly catch a little girl about 18 years old by the shoulder and solicit her attention.

"She was a poor girl," says Bill, "and plainly clad in an old dress, but I want to go to see her insulted by any durned counter-jumper under my mountain eyes."

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When seen by the reporter Bill had already mottled his buckskin suit and assumed something like the garb of civilization, but he still wore his riding boots and pants, a dark blue flannel shirt, and the indescribable heavy felt hat, with a depth and curvature of brim which would have made a Quaker or a stage scout turn green with envy and die of jaundice the same night.

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books, papers and magazines treating of the subject, but with studious and observant and industrious habits. It is a work that requires much labor. The bees do their share of the toil, but by no means all of it.

It is a matter of special pride to the writer of these lines to be able to express the opinion that bee-culture has been developed and thriven in the west to a greater extent than in any other part of the world.

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