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### INDIANS ON THE TRAIL

The Methods Used by the Red Men to Communicate.

#### SIGNS THAT SPEAK VOLUMES

Sticks and Stones Have a Language of Their Own and Serve to Indicate Direction, Departure, Intention, Warning, Claim or Demand.

As time has passed and civilization has changed Indian conditions, I was under the impression that our red brothers had forgotten the use of signs in their travels, but as I was loitering about the hills in Siskiyou county some time ago I came across a genuine Indian sign such as I had not seen for a dozen years before. It was a simple little sign in appearance, but it was full of meaning to those who could read it—a long stick with one end stuck in the ground, the other leaning and pointing up the road. The stick was elevated at an angle of only about ten degrees from the ground and was supported on a stone. It told some Indian that his friend had been along there and had gone ahead in the direction pointed out by the stick.

I marveled at it, but on investigation found that the Indians of California still use signs to convey intelligence to each other. I found that among the Cocopahs, Cohuillas, Pimas and Yumas the sign is as much in use as ever.

While traveling in San Bernardino county later on I came across a peculiar grouping of stones, and at once saw that some Indian had left a sign so that all other Indians might know that water was to be found in a certain direction. The stones were lying in a complete circle, and in the center was a long triangular stone with the sharp point indicating a specific direction. The sign was plain to one versed in such things, and in order to see if the same sign was universal, for I had seen it elsewhere, I followed the direction pointed out by the long stone and found a little spring.

This arrangement of stones I had often seen in a dozen different places in the middle west and as a variant which was also found in California. I have seen a mound of stones similar to a miner's monument, with a pointed stone resting on top, pointing toward water. In many parts of the country, especially in the desert parts of California and Arizona, the question of water supply for travelers is one that requires serious consideration, and I have known men to pass within a few hundred yards of water without knowing it, because they could not read Indian signs. The sign was in plain view and was placed there because the Indians recognized the necessity of telling all who came along that they could find water. True, there was not a big board set up with "Water" painted on it, but to the initiated it was equally plain. There is not a trail in all the southwest that runs near a spring that does not have the sign openly displayed. I have even seen instances where the water was so far from the regular trail that special signs have been made to show where it is.

Sometimes, however, these circles may not mean water at all, and then it is necessary to understand the intricacies of the Indian mind to understand just what he is driving at. I remember once when I was hunting on the Republican river I came across a circle of buffalo skulls, which attracted my attention because of their peculiar arrangement. Sixteen skulls were set in a semicircle with their noses pointing down the river. In the center of the circle was a skull on which were painted thirty-six red lines. Near the skulls were two small sticks placed upright in the ground, and at the top of each stick were tied two bundles of hair.

A Pawnee Indian was with me and told me that thirty-six Pawnees had camped there. They had made a raid against a camp of Comanches containing sixteen tents or lodges and had taken four scalps. They were now returning home down the river. To the ordinary observer this arrangement of skulls and sticks would have given no more impression than the idea that some one had been amusing himself by playing with these buffalo skulls. To the Indian the arrangement was a complete story.

Indians use signs for several specific purposes, the most prevalent being that of guidance, but they are also used for direction, departure, intention, condition, warning and claim or demand. I was hunting with a party of Utes in southwestern Colorado, and we had separated with the understanding that we were to meet again at a specified place and all go back to the village together. On reaching the appointed place one of the party was not there, but the rest started to the village, paying no attention to his nonappearance. I asked if they were not going to wait until he came back, but they said he had been there and had gone on to the village without waiting for us to come up. When I expressed surprise I was shown a long stick standing in the trail with a bunch of grass fastened to its top. The stick was leaning toward the village, and this told the story of the missing man as plainly as if he had written a letter about it. I found that a similar stick had been erected at the top of every hill between there and where the village could be seen. He took no chances of the sticks falling down and told the story over several times.

The same sign is used by the Indians of southern Alaska and also by the Winnebagos of Manitoba. The Sioux use a split stick with a short stick in the split, pointing in the direction taken.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## The Store for Thrifty People J. H. Grannis

JUST received to day a few Fur Coats with the new big Pillow Muff to match. Also a full line of extra fine Neck Furs—the very Latest Styles.

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#### R. F. D. No. 1.

Miss Ida Downs went down to Beatrice, Wednesday.

School opened in district 3, Monday morning, with Miss Lenor Fitzgerald as teacher.

The Ash Creek school near Nelson Down's, opened for the fall term, Monday, with Miss Sadie Lord as teacher. W. P. Broomfield and Roy Jones left, Tuesday, for Kansas, on a land hunt.

Mrs. J. B. Fiechtner arrived home, last Saturday, from her Dakota trip.

Miss Emma Johnson is visiting at Joseph Dudek's.

J. H. Warfield arrived home, last Thursday, from Texas, much impressed with that country.

E. J. Baker has been entertaining his father for the past week or two.

J. I. Lee had the misfortune to lose two brood mares last week, the result of too much feeding.

Mrs. Petska is sick and her sister from Hayes county is staying there at present.

George Ankers and wife from north of Arapahoe, was visiting at the home of J. I. Lee and wife, several days last week.

Miss M. Evans has bought the Roshong place and Mrs. Roshong has moved her goods off the place.

The Roland children have diphtheria, and the place is quarantined we understand.

The Trogan family have moved on the Fowler Wilcox ranch and the Brown family have moved back to town.

We understand that Mrs. Chas. Byfield was very sick, last week, with a severe cold.

#### PLEASANT PRAIRIE.

Two good rains the past week have put the soil in fine shape for the fall grain. A large acreage is being sown.

Mr. Witt has a brother visiting him from the east.

The Tuttle sale was well attended and nearly everything sold well under the hammer of Fred Wiggins.

Mr. Hawkins' family are out again after their siege of small-pox.

J. H. Relp returned from north of Haigler, last Sunday, where his sister Mrs. Charley Johnson lives and who was seriously sick, but was some better at that time.

No one seems to be hunting the job of hauling the scholars to school.

C. M. Lofton is having a well drilled on his place where he expects to build.

#### BARILEY.

##### TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Tuesday about 3 o'clock p. m. Mrs. Vanderhoof went into the yard with a revolver, 38 calibre, to shoot a chicken. Her little two year old daughter followed its mother and just as she shot at the chicken the child stepped in front of the revolver and received the bullet in the head, entering the right side above the forehead and coming out on the left side near the lower jaw, in front of the ear. Dr. Arbogast was called and attended the patient. Today, Thursday, the child is yet living and the doctor has hope that it may recover, but will, no doubt, be blind in it at least one eye.

Ed Curlee and family of Hebron have moved back to Bartley. Ed will put a stock of goods in the Weber building.

Robert George of Wauneta is in Bartley today, Thursday.

A. F. McCord bought a fine horse of J. B. Haining last week to drive on the rural route.

Robert Lierley was bitten by a vicious hog last week and has a very sore hand as the result.

J. B. Haining has enlarged his house and raised it to two stories high.

John W. Wolf was a McCook visitor last Friday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap have bought the Staats property and moved into town.

Mrs. Mary Ritzenberg of Indianola visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Durbin last Thursday.

Mrs. Guy Ritchie is on the sick list this week.

Roy Hoover was down from Wauneta last week visiting his parents.

Guy Curlee, wife and baby visited in Bartley last Saturday and Sunday.

H. L. Burton of Wauneta visited in Bartley a few days of last week.

Mr. Hatcher and daughter Miss Claudia visited in Bartley Tuesday. Miss Hatcher has a host of friends here who hope she may be elected superintendent of schools.

The friends of W. F. Miller and daughter made a farewell visit to them last Friday evening.

**Birds and Feathers.** Mistress—Mary, have you any rooted objections to using a feather duster? This room looks as if you had. Maid—Yes, mum, I have. I belong to the Audubon society.—Harper's Weekly.

It is easier to suppress the first desire than it is to satisfy all that follow it.—Franklin.

#### WOMEN'S WOES.

McCook Women Are Finding Relief At Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity: they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. Eliza O'Dell, living in the northwestern part of McCook, Neb., says: "Previous to using Doan's Kidney Pills I suffered a great deal from kidney trouble. I had a dreadful aching across the small of my back and kidneys. I cannot begin to tell what misery I endured. I felt tired and worn out from morning until night and headaches and dizzy spells were frequently added to my afflictions. The kidney secretions were irregular and so frequent that I was obliged to rise many times during the night. They were also dark in color and if allowed to stand contained a heavy sediment. After trying many remedies without relief, I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at McConnell's drug store. They soon banished the pain from my back and the kidneys were restored to their normal action. Doan's Kidney Pills completely cured me and I have not suffered any symptom of a recurrence for some time."

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#### A Handy Receipt Book.

Bound duplicate receipt books, three receipts to the page, for sale at THE TRIBUNE office.

State of Nebraska, Red Willow County, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of David K. Bertolotto, late of said county, deceased: You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of October A. D. 1907, Myra C. Cratty filed her petition in the county court of said county for her appointment as administratrix of the estate of David K. Bertolotto, late of said county, deceased, and that the case will be heard at the office of the County Judge in the County Court House at the City of McCook in said county on the twenty-eighth day of October A. D. 1907 at the hour of nine o'clock A. M. It is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given all parties interested in said estate on the publication of this notice for three successive weeks in the "McCook Tribune," a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county. Dated this 9th day of October A. D. 1907. 10-11-07 [SEAL] J. C. MOORE, County Judge.

#### DANBURY.

S. S. Graham and Lumb Wise started Tuesday for an extended visit in Iowa.

John Brennington and family and Dave Boyer returned Saturday evening from Hemingford, Neb., where they will make their permanent home.

O. B. Woods has purchased the butcher shop of B. T. Murphy.

Willie Miles is reported much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph returned from Omaha where they have been visiting their daughter Mrs. John Wicks, and took in Ax-Sar Ben.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Segrist, Rosa Shoup and Ina Jenkins of Hill City, Kansas, relatives of W. R. Burbridge and wife are visiting hereabouts this week.

Gartin & Axtel are quite busy concreting.

The new Methodist dominie has arrived. We took in his service Sunday evening. He is quite an interesting gentleman, a good singer and leader of song. May success attend his labors.

John Remington and a number of the Boyers left Saturday morning, came back, and took a new start in the evening.

Dan Cashen is building an addition to his residence.

J. Pierpoint Morgan, the short order man, is talking of changing localities. Jim is doing good business here.

We took a trip to Marion, Wednesday afternoon, and found the town full of live people. We visited Banker Stilgenbauer and lady, had a very pleasant time. We were in McFadden's store, formed his acquaintance and found him a genial spirit, with an eye to business. The merchants are all a jolly set of fellows. Their little village is quite neat and appears prosperous.

As we never indulge in snake stories, we leave you until next week.

#### RED WILLOW.

Gabriella Longnecker is improving slowly.

Mrs. J. E. Wilson came in Thursday, from Bethany, Neb., for a visit of weeks with the home folks.

Bert Helm and family visited his sister, Mrs. Myers, Sunday.

Mrs. Rinck and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Chas. Rinck, are visiting at Haigler.

Mrs. Martin Rinck and daughter were getting along fine, but later word is that she is very sick.

Office supplies at the TRIBUNE office.

#### INDIANOLA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dolan of Los Angeles, California, arrived in this city Sunday evening for a visit.

Mrs. Conrad Miller and two children went to McCook Friday on a shopping tour.

Joe Carmichael has sold his house and lot to a man named Gallaway who will move into it soon.

Mrs. Katie Wilson, nee Longnecker, is home during her sister's sickness.

The Indianola Investment Co. returned from their trip to Texas Thursday night.

Prof. Edward Schoenthal, who has been visiting his brother Dan, left for his home near Lincoln, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chessmore arrived in town a few days ago for a visit with friends.

Miss Marjorie Schoebel, who was a visitor in the J. Boldman home, has gone to her home in Republican City.

Mr. Hethcote drove over from Danbury Sunday morning and will work in one of the livery barns here.

Rev. Burress of the Methodist church preached his first sermon here Sunday, to a good audience.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hill are entertaining some relatives from California.

Misses Margaret Townly and Mamie Mann went to McCook Wednesday morning to do a little stint in shopping.

Miss Lena Hill of Denver came home Tuesday evening on 16, to visit awhile with home folks.

May and Edith Ryder arrived home Tuesday morning after a two weeks' visit at Bladen, Nebraska.

Wm. Taylor and R. E. Smith came over from Danbury, Tuesday, having finished their contract of painting at that place.

#### BOX ELDER.

Frank King returned to his home at university place, last Thursday.

Mrs. L. L. Hough who has spent the summer at Billings, Mont., stopped off on her way home to Atchison, Kansas, to visit her father, A. W. Campbell, and other relatives.

D. B. Doyle is able to be around again.

#### GRANT.

School opened, Monday, in district 51, with Mrs. Clara Cunningham as teacher.

The Tuttle sale was well attended, Tuesday.

Charles Wesch took in the ball game between Danbury and Marion, Sunday.