

MAN WHO DON'T KNOW FEAR

Recollections of Hair Raising Times in the Southwest.

ED. LYON, INDIAN FIGHTER

Gigantic New Mexican Who Often Looked Death in the Face and Laughed at Him.

Down in Queen, N. M., about fifty miles from Carlsbad, Edward Lyon, Indian fighter, ranger, prospector, hunter and miner, is passing his remaining days in peace and plenty on one of the finest ranches of the new state. He is now far past the fiftieth milestone of his life, but there is not a stoop in his shoulders and he still stands erect with his six feet four inches of height as straight as an arrow. Through the forest he strides as silently as if his 280 pounds were less than 100, and with a grace that the most practiced tango artist might well envy. Far beyond want, as far as this world's goods go, he is simply basking in the sunlight of happiness and en-

One of the Merriest of All Omaha's Christmas Celebrations



Flashlight photo of scene at Washington hall on Friday night when the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges of Omaha joined in a great Christmas celebration for members and their families.

joying himself to the full. Yet there was a time in the long ago when the fierce Apaches called this man "The Pale Horse" (Death), and the papoose cuddled closer to the back of his mother at the mention of the big white man's name. Everybody in Texas and New Mexico knows him and he is the particular friend of such bold fellows as Bill McDonald, the first appointee of President Wilson when he took office.

"I know him well," said the old plainsman, "this Grim Reaper. He and I have met so many times that we are on pretty good terms. In fact, I might say that we are friends. Once the old man and I met and we came near joining forces, but we didn't. I was a scout in those days and General McKenize detailed me and Will Davis to go out and get Magnus Colorado and Victoria, two bloodthirsty thieves and outcasts that had greatly troubled the white settlers. We mounted our horses and rode into the fastnesses of the Guadalupe mountains. Finally we discerned a faint smoke down in a valley. We dismounted, picked our rifles, laid aside our rifles and crept around to a cliff that overlooked the encampment, for we felt sure it was the hand of Apaches. It was, but there were too many of them for us to tackle and we contented ourselves with noting their number and the condition of their horses.

"As we turned to go back we crept through a dense forest. On my hands and knees I made my way behind Davis. We heard a crunching of bones just ahead of us, and as Davis pushed aside the bushes he suddenly saw within a few feet of him a ferocious mountain lion devouring a sheep it had killed. The lion saw him at the same moment and quick as a flash it bounded toward him. Davis fell back and the lion landed full against my breast. It was well that I was a strong man, for my knife had been knocked from my hand and the lion and I were crouched in an embrace that could end only in the death of one of us. I could not let go to seize my knife, for the lion was tearing at me with his claws and gnawing my shoulder with his teeth. Both my hands were about his throat, my elbows keeping off his claws. I collected every ounce of strength I possessed and pushed it into those fingers. The lion relaxed his hold upon my shoulder, his mouth opened wider, his tongue hung out and his fiery eyes blazed fire hotter than Shadrach and his two chums saw in the story in the Bible.



Ed Lyon, Indian fighter, in military uniform.

"Hard and harder I squeezed the big reddish-yellow beast. The eyes became glassy, there was a sound like when the last of the water runs out of the bathtub and then the great brute became limp in my arms. He was dead when I threw him from me. I gave Davis a drink out of my canteen and we agreed that the lion was eleven feet long from the tip of his tail to the whiskers on his face. He weighed away over 200 pounds. I skinned him when we came back after the mesquites and it is now a rug in my bedroom.

Romantic Rescue

"Once I figured in a romantic rescue such as you used to read about in the good old yellowback novel days. Manuel Cervera was a rich Mexican ranchero who had a lovely daughter, Edna. The Apaches raided the ranch one day, desperately wounded Cervera, killed his Mexican servants and wife and carried away his daughter, with horses, cattle and whatever else they could pick up. One sheep herder, Manuel Lopez, Edna rode in the direction of what is now Carlsbad, but there then—in 1878—there

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was just a small settlement. A few miles on the way he met Davis and me. We had just had breakfast and were smoking our pipes and cleaning our rifles. A few words told the story and we set out after the Indians while he made his way on to the settlement to get the soldier. That evening we came upon the camp in a valley with a high terraced rocky bluff to one side of it and the other side just rocks straight up and down for 300 feet. We crept around to the terraced side, tied the horses and then slipped down the rocks toward the camp. Davis whispered to me to wait and then crept as noiselessly away as a snake. In a few moments he returned with his knife all bloody, a fresh scalp at his belt and the assurance that there was no more to be seen of the Indians. He wrapped his blanket about him once more and sank to the ground and disappeared. He worked his way in among the sleeping Indians, got Miss Cervera and made his way back. Just as he reached me there was a wild whoop. The Indians had discovered the disappearance of their captive, whom they were holding for a ransom. We thought to get away in the darkness, but at that moment the moon came out with a brightness that in New Mexico is unequalled, and there we were as plain as day. I told Davis to go on and I would try to cover the rear and keep the redskins in check. I took quick aim and fired five times. As many Indians rolled over dead, but the rest came on with a rush, firing at me and yelling hideously. I had crouched behind a big rock and although the bullets flattened all about me none of them touched me. I got three more and then during a lull while they were reloading I slipped up the bluff, leaping from rock to rock.

Killed Indians with Bare Hands

"I was nearly to the top when they sighted me again. Then the bullets began to spatter all around me, through my hat, sleeves and clothing, but I was still unscathed. I reached the top with five Indians close behind me. One powerful fellow was almost upon me and the other were at his heels. Then I was close to being tied to a stake and roasted alive. But my strength again saved me. I reached down, seized the man by the arms, raised him up in the air and threw him at the four others. They all went over the sheer side of the bluff in a heap. It was 200 feet to the bottom, and those were five scalps that I missed.

By this time Davis was pumping merrily

away at them and the rest scampered to cover on the other side of the ravine. We reached our horses and made our way to the settlement, where we found Miss Cervera's father well on the way to recovery. Miss Cervera is now Mrs. Edmee C. Lane, the wife of one of the most prominent ranchers of Eddy county. I spent a part of the last summer at their ranch and every year she sends me a birthday present. Eddie Lyon Lane is a great favorite of mine.

Story of a Watch Chain

"Then I might tell you the story of this watch chain I am wearing. It's hair—human hair—if Wen-no-ko-ko was really human. I got it during a raid we made on a war party of Apaches in the mountains. A big band of the redskins had been on a marauding trip and secured much booty. We came upon them and a pitched, hand-to-hand battle followed. There were fifty of us and more than 100 of them, but they had their women, horses and plunder with them. Wen-no-ko-ko was the chief—a great, powerful fellow, whose middle name was cruelty. I was slightly in the lead as we rushed at them and this fellow singled me out and came at me with his tomahawk dripping with blood. I clubbed my rifle to meet him and we mixed it, each striking viciously at the other. Suddenly I slipped in a snake hole and my rifle fell from my hand. The Indian sprang at me with his tomahawk lifted

to cleave my skull. A shout from Davis distracted his attention and he turned his head, but that brief instant sufficed for me to regain my feet and close with him. My knife was in my hand and I drove it into his breast as fast and as hard as I could. Then I clutched his long hair, shoved him back and cut his throat from ear to ear. Still clutching the hair, I severed the scalp lock and waved it with a yell of triumph at the other redskins. Forty-three of them had fallen and the rest fled. We pursued them and killed several more. Three days later we came upon one of their camps near what is now La Palamos, over the Sacramento range. They had killed a snake and a papoose that could not keep up with the rest.

"Later when I got to affecting the ways of the eastern tenderfoot and telling time with a watch I had a part of Wen-no-ko-ko's scalp made into a chain by a Navajo woman.

"Was I ever afraid? No, I do not believe I ever was. I am sincere when I tell you that I do not just exactly understand what the feeling is. It must be awful. They say a little man is often afraid of a big man, but I have never been a little man, and I have never seen a man that I thought could whip me. Many have tried it and I have lived to see the blue-eyed Johnny jumps blooming on their graves. When the Grim Reaper and I have had our little confab I have only had a feeling of determination not to let him overcome me. I just shut my teeth down hard and say 'I won't' and that's all there is to it.

Omaha Bank Loses Large Sum Stolen from Kearney P. O.

Seventy-seven hundred dollars, sent from the First National bank of Omaha to the City National bank at Kearney, was stolen Friday night from a safe in the registry division of the Kearney post-office. The money had been consigned in two packages, one containing \$5,000 in currency and the other containing \$2,700. Five other packages, the value of which has not been determined, were also stolen.

Two clerks—Smith and Rice—discovered

the opened safe at 5 o'clock this morning. A large window in the assistant postmaster's room had been raised and foot and finger prints in the thin snow were visible on the window ledge. Bloodstains from Lexington were set on the trail of the robbers.

Sheriff Andrews and six special officers

and Postoffice Inspector Rice are working the case, but no clues have as yet been obtained. The packages were taken from a small safe, the large vault being unmoistened.

Iowa News Notes

WOODBINE—H. B. Sturtevant, former for some time in the Twines, has resigned his position there and leased the Reporter at Churdan, his old home.

LOGAN—Members of the Harrison

County Mutual insurance company will hold a meeting here Tuesday afternoon, January 6, to elect successors to C. W. Hunt, Thomas Chubb and W. H. Glenn, secretary, president and treasurer, respectively.

KING CORN'S BELTING EARTH

Popularity Growing Steadily in the Far East.

CROWDING RICE IN CHINA

Example of Philippine Farmers Influences Corn Raising on the Mainland—Cereal in High Favor.

King Corn is steadily extending his dominion around the world. Egypt is a corn state of ancient lineage. South Africa has contributed kafir corn to the products of the occident. Now comes the orient with some notable development in corn production and expansion. The story is told by Consul General George E. Anderson of Hong Kong, as follows:

"The rise of Indian corn or maize as a food factor in the life of the far east has come to be so marked as to indicate some impending economic changes of moment. While China has so far given little heed to the value of the American grain, largely because of the innate conservatism of its people, and also because of a lack of instruction, Indo-China and the Philippines have developed corn raising to an extent which has already affected international trade in the east and has resulted in marked benefit to the people concerned.

Development in Ten Years

"In Indo-China rice constitutes the principal wealth of the country, not only forming the chief food of its people, but

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With the Home Builders

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Redick Estate Around Omaha University Being Built Up.

MAGNIFICENT TREES SAVED

Ground Was Once Sold to College, but Title to Most of It Regained Through Foreclosure Proceedings.

Eight dwelling houses and an apartment house now stand in the magnificent old grove on the old John I. Redick "farm" west of Twenty-fourth street between Pinkney and Pratt streets. This is the ground on a part of which stands the University of Omaha. Originally the ground that went with the university building was some ten acres. O. C. Redick later started foreclosure proceedings against the university and regained title to all the land except a few lots where the university buildings stand.

The ground has been platted for some time. Only recently Warren & Wilson built a number of dwelling houses on the tract and one large apartment house facing Twenty-fourth street and Evans street. Jeff W. Bedford & Son have charge of the selling of the houses.

Considerable sentiment attaches to the magnificent maple trees that shade almost the entire addition. They are very old, having been planted there by John I. Redick when he originally got the land. Care was taken in plating and building that as few as possible of the trees be cut out. The many of the lots contain shade trees that are perhaps little short of a half century old. Where the apartment house was built, it was necessary to cut out a few of the trees.

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