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A SINGULAR DUEL.

How the Death Penalty Was Administered to Two Indians.

The following story illustrates very well one of the characteristics of the Indian, as it shows that Indians, as a rule, did not mind dying so much as they were particular about the method. It was a good many years ago at Pine Ridge, when there was trouble with the Cheyennes. Major Cooper was there as agent, and there were two young Cheyennes who were badly wanted for murder. They had waylaid and killed a prospector. They were not caught, and the chances were that they would not be unless the soldiers were called in. If this were done it was likely to precipitate trouble with the whole tribe, and Major Cooper laid the case before the headmen. They were told that if the soldiers were sent for there would surely be trouble and were requested politely to ask the two erring bucks to come in and be hanged.

Word was sent to the two young Indians, Head Chief and Young Mule, who were out in the hills. They sent word back that they had no objection to dying if it would keep the rest of the tribe out of trouble, but that if they had to die they preferred to die fighting, and they wanted it distinctly understood that they would not be hanged. It was entirely against the customs of the government, but rules did not go for much in those days. Results were the chief things, and Major Cooper sent word to them that if they wanted a fight he would risk accommodating them. A date was set and early in the morning they rode toward the agency, fully armed. Major Cooper was out to meet them, and the rest of the tribe, the potential hostiles, were gathered on the hills to see fair play. The agent rode out into the open and slipped off his horse, using it for cover and shooting across the saddle.

The two young Indians galloped up to within shooting distance and commenced circling, hanging on the off side of their ponies and shooting under their necks and across their heads. The tacit understanding was that if they were killed it was all right, but if they got the agent they would pull out into the hills and wait for some other challenger. The fight did not last long. Cooper had a heavy buffalo gun and killed one Indian, shooting him through the body of his horse. The other kept on circling, and several shots were exchanged till the Indian was shot through the body. He knew it would be all up with him in a few minutes and charged, shooting as he came. But the agent's luck held good, and he was dropped within fifty yards. The law was satisfied, and the agent was able to report officially to Washington that the Indians had been executed.—Washington Star.

What Is a Midshipman?

By luck I for the first time in my life have found a plausible derivation for midshipman. It would appear that in the days immediately after the flood the vessels were very high at the ends, between which there was a deep "waist," giving no ready means of passing from one to the other. To meet this difficulty there were employed a class of men, usually young and alert, who from their station were called midship men, to carry messages which were not subject for the trumpet shout. If this explanation holds water, it, like forecastle and afterguard and knightheads, gives another instance of survival of nomenclature from conditions which have long since ceased.

Whatever the origin of his title, it well expressed the anomalous and undefined position of the midshipman. He belonged, so to say, to both ends of the ship as well as to the middle, and his duties and privileges alike fell within the broad saying that what was nobody's business was a midshipman's. When appointed as such in later days he came in "with the hayseed in his hair" and went out fit for a lieutenant's charge, but from first to last, whatever his personal progress, he continued as a midshipman, a handybilly.—Captain A. T. Mahan in Harper's.

The World's Gypsies.

The gypsies have passed under a variety of names, arising either from their supposed original country or the callings and characteristics of the race. The old English Egyptian, the Spanish Gitana and the Magyar Pharas nepek (Pharaoh's people) all point to an Egyptian origin. The Scandinavian Tatare identifies them with the Mongolian hordes which terrorized early Europe, while the French Bohemian suggests yet another country as their cradle.

As to the names bestowed by their supposed character, the Arab boldly calls them harami (a villain), the Dutchman heydens, or heathens, and the Persian takes his name from their complexion and dubs them karachi, or swarthy. A charter of William the Lion, as early as the twelfth century, mentions their Scotch name of tinklers, which is commonly supposed to be a corruption of tinker, although possibly the substitution of "t" for "z" has produced this form of the Italian Zingaro, one of the most widespread of gypsy appellations.—London Chronicle.

Regular Caller.

Pearl—What ever became of that young man you used to like so much, the one you called "plain, everyday Mr. Brown?"

Ruby—Oh, he is "plain, every night Mr. Brown" now.

Pearl—Indeed! How is that?

Ruby—Why, we are engaged.—Chicago News.

The Doctor's Imagination.

"I have a good story on one of Washington's best known oculists," said a prominent clubman, addressing some friends in the billiard room of the Metropolitan club. "My eyes had troubled me for some months, and finally I went to see the doctor about them.

"After a thorough examination he said that the muscles were badly strained, and then he gave me a prescription for drops to be used in my eyes three times a day. When I left he gave me an appointment for that day week, as he said he could not examine my eyes for glasses until they were in their normal condition.

"Well, I mislaid that blessed prescription, and as I was particularly busy that week I had no time to get another copy. So in some trepidation I kept my second appointment.

"As the doctor examined my eyes I hesitated a moment about telling him I had not used the drops, when he took the words out of my mouth and the breath out of my body by remarking with pleased emphasis:

"'Your eyes are very much improved. That medicine which I gave you is certainly wonderful. It always has such prompt and satisfactory results.'

"It was all I could do to keep silent," concluded the speaker, laughing. "But I wasn't quite sure how he would take the joke. You see, he may not have a sense of humor."—Washington Star.

Comets In Olden Days.

People nowadays do not regard the comet as one of those signs that forerun the death or fall of kings, but the superstition was still current in the time of Queen Elizabeth, though, to the amazement of her courtiers, the queen calmly scorned it. It was also thought that if the sovereign would refrain from looking at the maliguant celestial passerby no harm would come to her. On one occasion Elizabeth's attendants shut and curtained her windows, but her majesty, as might have been expected, with "a courage answerable to the greatness of her estate," caused them to be opened, crying as she looked up: "Jacta est alea—the die is cast!" Then, like King Knut on the seashore, she read her people a homily, asserting that her "steadfast hope and confidence were too firmly planted in the providence of God to be blasted or affrighted with those beams which either had no ground in nature whereupon to rise or at least no warrant in Scripture to portend the mishaps of princes."

Queen Elizabeth as an Ale Drinker.

There is an amusing letter written by the Earl of Leicester to Lord Burleigh as to the lack of sufficiently strong ale for the queen at Hatfield. "There is not one drop of good drink for her here. We were fain to send to London and Kenilworth and divers other places where ale was. Her own beer was so strong as there was no man able to drink it." Ale and bread were the chief items of the royal breakfast. The quantity of ale consumed by ladies at breakfast in those days was considerable, for in the reign of Henry VIII. the maids of honor were allowed for breakfast "one chet loafe, one manchet, two gallons of ale and a pitcher of wine." A Lady Lucy made a mighty tonic of the national brew. Her breakfast was a chine of beef, a loaf and a gallon of ale, and for her pillow meal a posset porridge, a generous cut of mutton, a loaf and a gallon of ale.—Westminster Gazette.

His Class.

The head of a large mercantile house received not long ago a letter from a millionaire banker in the west asking that the latter's son be placed in some business house where he could learn "things from the bottom up." The writer explained that his offspring was "no good at home."

Soon after the western millionaire received the following reply from his New York friend:

Dear Sir—Your hopeful has arrived. I have given him employment in my establishment at $6 a week with others of his class. One of these young men has just bought a $50,000 yacht, and another comes to the office in a $9,000 motor car. No doubt your son will find his surroundings congenial.

—Harper's Weekly.

A Bad Cast.

Mr. Lawhead—Why do you treat me so coldly? Why didn't you answer the note I wrote you last Thursday? Miss Brushley—Sir, I don't wish to have anything more to say to you. You began your note by saying you "thought you would drop me a line." I want you to understand that I'm not a fish.

An Illustration.

Little Harry—Pa, what's a foregone conclusion? Pa—Anything that's sure to follow something else. To give you an illustration, if I were to lock the drawer of my desk it wouldn't be twenty minutes before your mother would break it open for the purpose of finding out what I was trying to conceal.—Cleveland Leader.

Forgetful.

"I suppose," said the beautiful girl, "that you often burn the midnight oil?"

"No," replied the poet. "I hang my hat on the doorknob, so the landlady can't look through the keyhole and catch me burning the gas."—Judge.

Inquisitive.

"I'll send my boy to a boarding school."

"What for?"

"Oh, he asks such questions. He wanted to know last night if a shoemaker could breathe his last."

There is nothing so true that the damps of error have not warped it.—Tupper.

State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss:
In the matter of the estate of David K. Bertolette, deceased:
I, J. C. Moore, county judge of said county in said state, hereby notify all persons having claims and demands against the estate of the said David K. Bertolette, deceased, that I have set and appointed the following dates for the reception, examination and adjustment of said claims and demands as provided by law, at the county court room in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, to-wit: The 2nd day of December, 1907, and the 3rd day of June, 1908, and all persons so interested in said estate will appear at said time and place and duly present their said claims and demands in the manner required by law or show cause for not so doing and in case any of said claims shall not be presented by the 30th day of May, 1908, the same shall be forever barred.
Given under my hand and the seal of said county court this 4th day of November, 1907.—11-8-4ts. J. C. Moore, County Judge.

NOTICE.

To Charles R. McKillip, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of October, 1907, Nellie I. McKillip, plaintiff, filed petition against you in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds that, although you are of sufficient ability to provide suitable maintenance for her, that you have grossly, wantonly and cruelly refused and neglected to provide suitable maintenance for more than two years last past and have since the date of said marriage become an habitual drunkard, and that plaintiff may be given the custody of Clyde M. McKillip and Floyd C. McKillip, children of said parties, and for reasonable alimony.
You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1907.—10-25-4ts.
Nellie I. McKillip, Plaintiff.
By Boyle & Eldred, her attorneys.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since our last report:

Lincoln Land Co to Clark Ward, deed to lots 16 and 17, blk 38, Indianola	$ 1 00
United States to James A Gregory, pat to sw qr 35-1-29	
Fred G Johnson to William M Paulson, wd to ne qr 1-4-29	1,800 00
William E Pence and wife to Montezuma B Eastwood, wd to lot 3, blk 21, 2nd McCook	1,150 00
Lincoln Land Co to Francenia Folden, wd to lot 5, blk 8, 6th McCook	331 25
James S Doyle and wife to Nelson H Wolf, wd to e hf se qr 4 12-4-29 w hf sw qr 7-4-28	3,200 00
Ludwig Kern and wife to Henry Kern, wd to lot 10, blk 33, 2nd McCook	125 00
Ludwig Kern and wife to Jacob Kern, wd to lot 9, blk 33, 2nd McCook	850 00
Lincoln Land Co to J W Arbogast, wd to lots 1 and 2, blk 5, Neb add to Bartley	125 00
Oscar L Van Vleet and wife to Martha A Sargent, wd to pt nw qr sw qr 20-1-27	1,500 00
Mark S Durham and wife to George B Morgan, qcd to nw qr 20-1-27	1 00
Orbra W Cass, sing to J C Ashton, wd to lots 8 and 9, blk 2, Danbury	200 00
Ida Cass, wid to J C Ashton, wd to lots 8 and 9, blk 2, Danbury	900 00
Laura A Osborn and husb to Andrew Sherman, wd to lots 1 and 2, West McCook	1,150 00
Frank B Johnson and wife to Edward J Hamilton, sing to Charles H Towle, wd to sw qr 14, w hf ne qr and nw qr 23 ne qr 22 all in 1-30	7,700 00

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Department of the interior, land office at Lincoln, Nebraska, October 11, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Calvin A. Scott of McCook, Neb., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 12742 made Sept. 15, 1902, for the east half of sw¼ section 32, township 3, north, range 30, west and that said proof will be made before the county judge, at McCook, Neb., on November 30, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land viz: J. M. Summerville, P. C. Bush, J. W. Little, C. L. Markwad, all of McCook, Neb.
10-18-6ts Chas. F. Sheedd, Register.

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Department of the Interior, land office at Lincoln, Nebraska, October 11, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that James A. Scott of McCook, Neb., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 12565 made March 1, 1902, for the southeast quarter of section 32, township 3, north, range 30, west, and that said proof will be made before the county judge, at McCook, Neb., on November 30, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land viz: J. M. Summerville, P. C. Bush, J. W. Little, C. L. Markwad, all of McCook, Neb. 10-18-6ts Chas. F. Sheedd, Register.

The State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of George Hocknell, deceased:
Whereas, Benjamin M. Frees, has filed in my office an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of George Hocknell, late of said county, deceased, and said Benjamin M. Frees has filed his petition herein praying to have the same admitted to probate, and for the issuing of letters testamentary, which will relates to both real and personal estate: I have therefore appointed the 10th day of December, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the county court room of said county, as the time and place for hearing said will, at which time and place you and all concerned may appear and contest the allowing of the same. It is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the pendency of this petition, and the time and place of said hearing, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the McCook Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in said county, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. And notice is hereby given that said petitioner will, on the 28th day of November, 1907, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. take the depositions of M. R. M. Sheng and other witnesses, in support of said petition at 234 La Salle street in the city of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 5th day of November, 1907.—11-8-3ts. J. C. Moore, County Judge.

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