

EARLY INDIAN EVENT.

We reproduce below an account of a social function of the year 1858, as reported for the News, of Nebraska City, at the time by the editor of THE CONSERVATIVE.

"The marriage of Prince Frederick William Nicholas Charles of Prussia to the Princess Victoria Adelaide Mary Louisa of England, has kicked up a terrible bobbery among the newspapers of both continents. But we—the 'News' of Nebraska City—rather think the late nuptials of distinguished persons on the Big Blue, items of which are hereinafter set forth, are of equal importance to the world and of far more promise to posterity.

"Be it known then, on both sides of the Atlantic ocean, to Queen Victoria and James Buchanan alike, that on the 14th of February, 1858, a matrimonial alliance was perfected between those powerful nations of the aborigines of the Prairie, the Pawnees and Otoes. And on that same gladsome fortunate day of February, A. D., 1858, the noble Pawnee Prince Wau-neu-ke-ga-sum-pun-kin was drawn from the pursuits of the hunt and the warpath to wed that angelic and cherubic Princess, Miss Wah-mush-pe-shinga, the daughter of his highness, the Hon. Bigindian-aheap, Whitewater of the Big Blue.

Appearance of the Bride.

"The chieftain's daughter was elegantly dressed in a red flannel skirt with deep blue calico border, a checked apron, a summer-killed Buffalo robe and a white felt hat. Her jewels were magnificent. From either auricular depended bright ornaments of brass, tin and copper. Under her left arm she carried a pack of dried dog meat, pounded corn and buffalo fat. In her right hand she daintily held a bouquet of dried herring, plug tobacco and bear's meat, which she applied to her nose with great diligence and efficacy whenever the ceremonies appeared to overcome her. Her cheeks were as rosy as the 'red school house.' Her hair glistened with coon fat and, having a bad cold in her head, a pearly jewel depended from her nose and gleamed in the sun-light like a liquid 'gaub' of diamonds. We must not omit to mention that Miss Wamush-pe-shinga also wore a 'red petticoat' embroidered according to a design of her own, with porcupine quills, representing a desperate dog fight. Her entire wardrobe and jewelry could not have cost less than six thousand dollars in Fontenelle money. When asked if she felt willing to depart to the Pawnee village with her distinguished husband and leave the royal wigwam of her eminent paternal, she immediately swallowed the coon cake with which her mouth was closely filled, said 'ugh' and grinned royally.

Behold the Bridegroom.

"Wanewkegasumpunkins the noble and brave, was attired in all the magnificence which his rank and wealth demanded. He wore a standing shirt collar, a medal of President Pierce, a blue straight collared soldier coat with brass buttons and an elegant pair of Spanish spurs, while his stalwart loins were admirably clothed in an ancient coffee sack. Altogether the appearance of both the bride and the groom was appropriate to their high sphere in life.

The Ceremonial

was performed by a native Indian

Archbishop and the bride was given away by the Hon. Heap-big-indian Whitewater, her lordly and distinguished dad.

Affecting Scene.

"After the ceremony the Princess mother, Mrs. Whitewater and the elegant and sunny bride, her daughter, gave vent to their feelings, and pitched into each other scratching and biting, hair-pulling and eye gouging in the most supremely affectionate manner. Scarcely a spectator remained unmoved.

The Feast.

"The most sumptuous feast awaited the guests at the residence of the bride's father. It was spread in a camp kettle and suspended over the fire that burned in the centre of that princely lodge. It consisted of an epicurian medley. In it we found young dog meat, very tender, blue corn and old dog meat, beaver tails and mule steak, fresh fish, and sugar, making altogether one of the most palatable and nourishing compounds that ever graced a royal camp kettle. The horn-spoons of occidental luxury seldom convey to the educated palate, viands more tempting and delicious. As for drinks, corn whisky made of red pepper, tobacco plugs and rainwater, together with molasses-sweetened coffee made up the list.

Bridal Presents.

"The ceremony and the feast having ended, the stately father, Bigindian-aheap, Whitewater strode majestically into the centre of the lodge and presented the fairy Wamushpeshinga with a most elegantly worked dinner bag made from the skin of the royal pup Ashtekenapowhow, (tremendous applause,) when the tawney assemblage had slightly recovered from the astonishment inspired by this magnificent generosity the royal dad drew from an obscure corner of the lodge a singularly shaped board about four feet long. This board had hoops protruding from either side of its upper surface, was beautifully ornamented with brass tacks and is an ancient heirloom upon which the infantile members of the royal family of the Otoe nation have been strapped for fourteen centuries. In addition to this the bride was presented with a yearling pony, twenty-three dogs and puppies and a looking glass, all of which must have cost not less than forty thousand dollars Nemaha Valley money.

Distinguished Persons.

"Among the distinguished persons present, we did not fail to notice the six Mesdames Petanasharo, the wives of that eminent 'Injin' who is now at Washington visiting James Buchanan on official business. Also Mr. White-cow of the Omaha principality, Mr. Big Soldier, Esquire Wildcat and the Hon. Short-tailed Elk.

"Letters were read from distinguished persons who were unable to be present, among which we noticed those of Gen. Bowen, Pawnee Rogers, Gen. Sam Houston and the Hon. Mark W. Izard of Arkansas.

Departure.

"At moon rise the happy couple, mounted on a mule, departed for their own palatial residence while the air was resonant with a hundred How! How! Hows! of blessing and redolent with the perfume of wet dogs, buffalo meat, musk rats, kin-e-ke-nick and cod

fish. And thus ended the pageant of the prairies."

The European wedding mentioned was that which preceded the birth of the present German emperor; we are not informed as to the posterity of the Indian match. The two brands of currency mentioned will need no explanation to old settlers; the later generation may be reminded that there were wild-cat banks in the land in those days. It is gratifying to find our friend Whitewater's character as an enemy to alcoholic liquor still sustained, and it is to be hoped that his course was wholly voluntary on this occasion.

Some day we will give an account of Petanasharo's visit to Washington, also from contemporaneous papers.

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ASSETS

Loans	\$9,446,888.10
Bonds, Stocks and Warrants	1,261,290.47
Real Estate	1,231,914.57
Miscellaneous Assets	9,205.58
Due from Banks and Bankers	1,111,501.91
Cash	4,030,413.55
	\$17,091,214.18

LIABILITIES

Capital, paid up	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus	5,750,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,926,895.63
Deposits, Banks and Bankers	1,084,015.95
Individual	7,830,302.60
	\$17,091,214.18

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