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ON THE FRONTIER.

A Trip Through the Famous Elkhorn Valley.

And Over the Sterile Sands of Southern Dakota.

A BEE reporter, in conversation with Mr. W. F. Heins, who returned recently from an extensive tour through Northwestern Nebraska and adjacent territory, learned some interesting facts concerning that country.

Mr. Heins left Omaha July 14, and went via Blair and the Sioux City & Pacific road as far as Valentine, its western terminus. This route took him through the beautiful Elkhorn valley, one of the most fertile portions of the state, which is dotted here and there with miniature cities and is as pretty a country as one could wish to see. West Point is a well built and lively manufacturing town, Norfolk an important railway center and Antelope and Neligh each prominent in its own way and both pretty and hospitable places. Following the serpentine course of the Elkhorn, one sees much beautiful scenery and with the exception of a few barren looking stretches in Brown and Holt counties is favorably impressed at each successive step.

Valentine, three miles east of Niobrara, is a characteristic western town and has been so often described that further mention of its attractions would be superfluous. Here railway facilities cease, ans the traveler whose destination lied further west must go with a team, on horseback, or on the hurricane deck of a broncho. The trip is an arduous one from thence to Pine Ridge, Dakota, the stations at which a water supply may be obtained being from 18 to 30 miles apart, the stagnant water between being hickly impregnated with alkali.

At Fort Niobrara, the first stopping place along the route, a short halt was made to call on the son of Spotted Tail and Black Thunder, who are confined in the guard house on a charge of killing another Indian at the Rosebud agency. The road from thence west toward Pine Ridge, lies directly along the boundary line between Nebraska and Dakota and is marked by a total absence of animal life. The stranger in passing over the 120 miles between the two points, cannot but be struck by the strange incongruity exhibited by the thousands of pounds of telegraph wire strewn along the trail and to be seen piled up every few miles just as it was left by the Indians, whom the severity of the weather compelled to appropriate the poles for firewood or freeze to death. The rolling prairie is rendered doubly desolate by the total absence of timber except a stunted growth along the creeks and small water courses, the plain being covered with grass and the soil sandy. The contrast is more strongly felt, when, after traveling two days and nights and sleeping on the prairie, one comes out upon the beautiful valley of the White river. To leave the monotonous prairie land and suddenly have the eye refreshed by the sight of these hills, rising often to a considerable height, is delicious. The valley, including perhaps 10,000 acres, is dotted with clumps of pine and fir, and through the midst of all flows a stream twenty feet in width and eighteen inches in depth, as clear as crystal and sparkling from one end to another of its serpentine course, like a silver thread.

Mr. Heins' only companion was his guide and the two, when stopping to camp or feed their horses, often tried their luck at fishing in the holes along the river bed, being rewarded by a liberal catch of cat fish averaging half a pound in weight and making an agreeable ceange with their bacon. The fuel for fires was furnished by buffalo chips and from these the smoke rose at frequent intervals along the White and its tributaries. The greatest annoyance was the plague of mosquitos compared with which Mr. Heins says those of Omaha are mere babies. They are so bloodthirsty as to stampede horses and cattle and even make it impossible for men to sleep under the strongest mosquito bar, which they can saw through as though it was but a cobweb.

A noble sight it is when Pine Ridge agency comes into view, lying as it does in the midst of a charming valley of twenty miles width. Here are about 8,000 Indians under the control of Dr. V. T. McGillicuddy, whose reputation as a practical, efficient agent and one of the most systematic in his methods to be found anywhere, is national. The agency proper is enclosed by a wire fence 6 to 8 feet in height and is clean and neat, being cared for just as any ordinary government post. The commissary and quartermaster's department are managed with military regularity and precision, and the whole agency kept under the the police control of about fifty native or half breed Indians, chosen for bravery or good conduct, and receiving from the government, extra rations, arms and equipments. There is also a first class guard house, armory, etc., for the use of the force.

In the former were three Indians, arrested for shooting another man's cow, and sentenced to confinement at hard labor, their work being similar to that of soldiers confined for petit offences.

The agent, Dr. McGillicuddy, is courteous, affable and obliging; attends strictly to his business, and allows no outside interference. An instance showing his pluck occurred recently, when about 200 Cheyenne braves camped on Cheyenne ridge, held a council, objected to their rations, and threatened the agent's life if he did not accede to their demands. Dr. McGillicuddy notified them that if they did not behave themselves their rations would be cut off, and that, as for shooting, they might go ahead as soon as they choose. The day for issuing rations came and so did the Indians armed and equipped—ditto the police. Sure enough the grub was curtailed, and after four days without supplies the Indians gracefully surrendered and got their supplies.

The educational facilities are being constantly enlarged, and a contract will shortly be let for an addition to the main school building in the agency proper, which will give it a capacity for 200 pupils. The doctor also has five to eight schoolhouses on the outside under his control. When asked how he managed to get the bucks to send their children to school, he said if they did not comply with the government regulations their supplies were withheld, and they soon came to terms.

The issuing of cattle to the Indians is an interesting subject to the visitors. A regular list of names of those entitled to draw beef rations is kept, although these names are frequently such that decency compels the substitution of something equivalent in meaning. Previous to the issue, the cattle are kept twelve hours without food or water. When the time arrives a name is called off from the list and the brave appears, on horse back, and armed cap a pie. A steer is turned loose and run out of the gate and the Indian at once gives chase, runs it as far as he chooses and kills it. Then the next is called until the list is exhausted.

After the animal is killed, the squaws come up with sacks and in fifteen minutes every particle is picked up and toted off, even to the entrails and horns. It is natural after this harvest to have a dance in the evening and Mr. Robinson, of Fry & Robinson, accompanied Mr. Heins to one of these, which began at sun-down. It took place within an inclosure where a fire was built and the ceremonies opened with the monotonous music of a gong whose rather doubtful melody was supplemented by a gutteral chant, until the savage nature was worked up to the requisite pitch of enthusiasm. The "Buck" dance is a wild orgie and is marked by the gradual stripping off of every article of clothing, the squaws meantime watching the proceeding from all sides, the fun only stopping when the drum is busted. The "Squaw" dance is somewhat similar excepting that they retain their clothes and their motion is of the swaying sort. At the end of the dance there is a feast of dog meat whice Mr. Heins participated in and pronounces the dish as excellent, and only to be recognized when one gets a glimpse of the head or skeleton, which generally turns the stomach of a white man. The Indians are inveterate smokers especially of cigarettes, but never smoke cigars.

In the way of hotel accommodations, especial mention must be made of the splendidly managed hostelry on the reserve, which is run by Mr. Cooper, by permission of Agent McGillicuddy. The house is tidy, well arranged, and, best of all, clean, the floors being kept polished as white as ivory. Moreover, the landlord is courteous and makes the stay of his guests so pleasant that they are loath to leave.

From this point to Fort Robinson it is sixty miles, and the route leads by the old abandoned Camp Sheridan. Near Fort Robinson the scenery is most beautiful and fantastic—different from any other met with on the router. The sand hills are of fantastic shape and resemble the old castles on the Rhine or the ruins of ancient England. From a distance the eye is easily deceived and even at closer range one cannot fail to note the likeness. The Crow Buttes from one of the most remarkable features of this locality and are also interesting from a historical standpoint. Here it was that once a friendly band of Crows were driven by the Siouxs, taking refuge on the buttes 150 feet above the prairie. Cut off from escape by ordinary means, they let themselves down from the bluffs by means of their larlets and thus eluded their enemies. The view from these buttes is magnificent and covers a distance of 30 or 50 miles. The Sioux City & Pacific railway company is pushing its survey for an extension through the northwest and has just reached this point. Their engineering corps is not letting any grass grow under their feet and the tourist of the future will be able to best appreciate the result of their labors

As Mr. Heins and his guide drew near Fort Robinson, they were astonished to see dense clouds of smoke rising in the air, plainly visible by aid of the spy glass, (an indespensible article on such a trip) from ten miles away. On their arrival at the fort, they found that the smoke had been caused by a conflagration which destroyed the blacksmith shop and two laundry buildings. Here, the horses not being shod, and, having worn their hoofs down to the quick, wanted shoeing badly, and the quartermaster of the post was extremely obliging in detailing the company blacksmith to do the work, a favor only to be appricated by those in a like situation, Mr. Heins was introduced by Major Paddock to Col, Carpenter, the commanding officer, and upon comparing notes found that their war record was almost identical. Col. Carpenter extended all the courtesies of the fort to Mr. Heins, and made his stay extremely pleasant.

It was in striking contrast with the experience passed though in getting there, a severe hail or snow storm being among the incidents of the journey. The traveler who contemplates making this trip may rest assured that there is little pleasure in it unless he is well prepared against the weather. A forced march of 15 or 20 miles to get pure water, without alkalai; the total absence of any kind of shelter, the fruitless search for wood, the difficulty of lariating the horses, etc., are more distracting than fraught with pleasure. On the whole trip neither deer, buffalo nor antelope, were seen, except at the reservation, where a magnificent wild eagle and several buffalo were found. Here and there a flock of prairie chicken fled from cover, only to make the desolation of the country more complete. By the aid of the glass, which served in the place of a chart to the mariner, the way across the boundless tracts of prairie land was followed, the ranch and dug-out, filling the place or rocks and buoys in navigation. Whenever tobaccos, cigars or liquors were sold, it was found that greater pains was taken to comply with the laws than in more civilized localities.

Although the land is apparently barren, it was observed that wherever inaugurate was practicable it was most productive. The extension of the Sioux City & Pacific road to the Black Hills will navigate a new era in this land and the desert will easily be made to blossom as the rose. At various points along the route, corn, potatoes, cabbage and other small vegetables were seen, of magnificent growth although, apparently cropping out of the sandy waste. In short, whatever was once the "Great American Desert" will one day be one of the most favored spots in the garden state of the Union.

CONVINCING.

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FOREIGN NOTES.

BERLIN, August 24.—The corvette Bismarck has been ordered to be equipped, preparatory to proceeding to the west coast of Africa in October.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 54.—The recent cabinet councils have discussed the question of sending a fresh circular to the powers concerning Egypt.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 24.—Novosti, reviewing the strained relations between England and Germany, cordially acknowledges England's recogoition of the right of Russia to reap the fruit of her sacrifice in Central Asia. England, the paper says, is enjoying a similar right in Egypt. Nothing has been done by the Russians to humiliate England for the benefit of Germany. The humiliation of England would disturb the balance of power in Europe.

STOCK SHIPMENTS.

An Interview With the Secretary of the Wyoming Stock Association.

Several Reasons Why the Run Will be Light This Year.

Cheyenne Leader.

Reference was made in the Leader yesterday of the present outlook for cattle shipments this year, and it was stated that many stockgrowers and commissionmen inclined to the opinion that the shipments would be as small as those last year, while nothing like the run of 1882 could be expected. Various reasons have been given for the falling off, and with the intention of eliciting still further particulars, a reporter of The Leader yesterday interviewed Mr. Thomas Sturgis, secretary of the Stockgrower's association.

"There is notl ing surprising in the apparent falling off," said Mr. Sturgis, "although some seem to think that, upon the basis of ordinary increase, the shipments should be larger each year."

"What is your explanation of the alleged difference in the runs of range cattle in 1882 and the shipments this year?"

"It is easily explained. Of the 150,000 cattle shipped from Wyoming in 1882 a large per cent. were cattle that were shipped into this territory from Oregon and other territories. They were not the increase of the herds of Wyoming yet they were credited to be the Wyoming production. In 1879 and 1880 fully 125,000 head were driven in from the west."

"Have the more recent drives kept up that addition to the beef product of the territory.

"Not by any means. Not half the number have been driven in that were shipped in 1882. Several years ago I called attention to the fact that, when the cattle marketed from the territory were only the actual increase of the herds, the shipments, must of necessity, fall off. Besides we are now feeling the effects of a severe winter four years ago. Many calves perished during that severe time, and the loss of those calves is now being felt, for this year the males would go to market as beef cattle. We are simply sending out now about the legitimate increase of our herds, less the calves that were lost four years ago."

"Do you think the fever scare will have much effect on shipments this year?"

"I don't know. It should not have any effect."

"Can you give anything like an approximate estimate of the size of the shipment this year?"

"I cannot say anything about that. I don't know."

Callers made demands upon Mr. Sturgis' time at the above stage of the conversation and the reporter withdrew. Later in the day the reporter talked with several stock men and others who have studied the situation closely and while some were not inclined to express any definate opinion, others stoutly asserted that the shipments would not exceed 100,000 head this year. Last year 117,000 cattle were sent to market from this territory.

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The young man has gone west very plentifully and has tamed the wilderness, where large numbers of him now pine for the defining companionship and tender ministrations of the gentler sex. In many of our younger states and in the territories—not including Utah—the demand for wives far exceeds the supply. This is constantly demonstrated in the commissions brought by almost every mail to Superintendent Jackson, at Castle Garden, from occidental farmers and stock-raisers, who want healthy, sensible wives.

It is a mistake to imagine that only the newly-arrived daughters of Europe are thus eagerly sought. By no means. Governor Squire of Washington Territory informs us that of fifty unmarried female school teachers who recently penetrated that territory from the east, forty-nine have already found husbands, not improbable the conspicuous exception will have abandoned the isolation of spinsterhood before this issue of The Star reaches the Pacific coast.

Our eastern manufacturing centres are crowded all the year round like the fashionable watering places in summer, with marriageable girls, to whom no offer of marriage comes. What a pity it is that some philanthropist does not periodically take a train load of them to the far west.

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A Surprise Awaiting Gerald.

Chicago Tribune.

"Father."

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"Well, girl, what is it?" he replied looking at the headlines of the Chicago grain market dispatches.

"Father, Gerald has asked me to marry him and I have accepted him."

"I don't doubt it."

"Yes, father, and I thought I would tell you, so it would not surprise you when he asked you for me."

"Don't worry yourself, girl. Don't worry yourself. I will not be half so much surprised as Gerald will, my darling," and he reflectively threw his right leg over his left knee, and ran his hand carefully around the toe of his boot.

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Kathrine Kean, plaintiff, vs. Patrick H. Kean, defendant.

To Patrick H. Kean non-resident, defendant.

You are hereby notified that on the 23d day of July 1884, kathrine Kean filed a petition against you in the district court of Douglas county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you and the care and custody of your minor child, on the grounds that since your marriage to plaintiff you have become an habitual drunkard, and have failed to support her for more than two years last past.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 8th day of September 1884.

KATHRINE KEAN, Plaintiff.

By J. P. English, J. J. O'CONNOR, her attorneys.

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