

PASSING OF BEAR FOOT

How an Obstreperous Sioux Chief Came to His Death.

HOT FIGHT WITH THE HOSTILITIES

Striking Story of Early Hand-to-hand Fighting in a Round House.

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Smoky Hill was the end of the track at that time," said the old engineer sitting in his low seat on a horse. "We had built a road house—a square, one-story building with a porch on the back for three or four drinks and a work bench. To protect ourselves against the Sioux we had lined, or wainscoted, the house up to about five feet from the ground and filled in behind the lining with sand.

CAUGHT IN A TRAP

"All right," said he, "shoot it to 'em," and I opened the door and saw the throat of the bear. I have often thought what a temptation it was for those soldiers to leap upon the bear and shoot him dead. But, though they all understood perfectly what was going on, not one of them took advantage of this last trap.

HUCKING THE BUCKS

"Now all the white lights, following another signal from the conductor, began to whirl furiously in a short circle. That was my notion of a fair fight. The Indians, who had been watching us, began to pick up the Sioux, as I opened the door and saw the throat of the bear. I have often thought what a temptation it was for those soldiers to leap upon the bear and shoot him dead.

CONSPIRACIES

"Only four days more, girls, to the end of the year. Then your prerogative will lapse for eight years more. The young men who sang 'O, Promise Me' so tenderly as to give rise to the promise of 'promise,' in which he had been so much entangled at Dawson, Ill., by paying the costs.

BIG FOOT'S PAIN

"The four Pawnees with their prisoner were placed in the coal tank of the locomotive. While the train and I occupied our places in the cab and kept the steam up to 140 pounds. If, at any time it seemed to me the right was going against us and I saw a chance to pull out for Lawrence, I had the captain and fetch assistance provided I did not meet the westbound train. I was not at all satisfied with this arrangement, risky as it was, for it was preferable to remaining in the coal tank and being shot.

INDUSTRY'S INVITING FIELD

Opportunities for the Profitable Investment of Idle Capital.

A NEW ERA APPARENTLY BEGU

Cheap Power in the Form of Electricity, Gas and Compressed Air, the Determining Factor in a New Year's Forecast.

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The first nine months of the present year show a balance of trade in favor of the country of \$143,000,000, an against an adverse balance for the same period last year of \$2,000,000,000. This is the first time since the beginning of the present century that the country has shown a surplus of gold. The surplus is estimated at \$143,000,000, or \$1,430,000,000. There is undoubtedly a large amount of idle money awaiting investment in this country, and the following items have been grouped up for the information of those who have it.

RELICS OF THE SOUTHERN BOOM

In the south, too, are many manufacturing plants—rolling mills, furnaces, steel works, cotton mills and the like, that were built in the "boom" days of the late 1800s and early 1890s. At Middleboro, Ky. (Cumberland Gap), it is estimated that the English syndicate planted something like \$15,000,000 and at other points in the south, other large enterprises were put under way with disastrous results.

WATER IS TO BE KING

Perhaps the safest investment anywhere to be found in the United States is in the whole country is water power. Easily the most striking fact of recent industrial progress is the cheap production of electricity from waterfalls, and its long distance transmission.

IRRIGATED FARM MORTGAGES

To be more cautious, mortgage loans on land developed under irrigation are often as high as 10 per cent may be obtained on loans every year as stable as the supreme court of the United States. It is large profit, too, awaiting the man who is able to cultivate the lands reclaimed by some of the huge irrigation enterprises of the West.

GAS FOR POWER TRANSMISSION, TOO

But while electricity generated by water power holds so brilliant a future, it is well to bear in mind the immense improvement in several kinds of fuels. The use of coal in the form of gas or compressed air has had a development of recent years that assures a long life for this article yet.

YOKING ELECTRICITY AND AIR

On an opposite side electricity has a swiftly developing rival in compressed air. Employed for an almost innumerable variety of uses at the present time, it has been found a remarkably cheap agency for power transmission. In large factories it is actually cheaper than shafting, and is so employed in railroad shops from Jersey City to Denver. It is difficult to set bounds to its usefulness when it is distributed from large central compressing stations like gas works.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

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