

FROM THE PARTIES WEST

LAST OF WESTERN SCOUTS

Old Tom Tobin Living in Poverty After a Life of Good Deeds.

COLORADO'S UNPAID DEBT OF GRATITUDE

Tobin's Story of How He Killed the Espinosa Desperadoes—Reward Money Never Paid—Scouting in the Mountains.

In the summer of 1897, in the course of my annual camping trip into the historic and prehistoric fields of the southwest, while encamped on the Ute creek, at the southern base of the great Sierra Blanca, in southern California, writes E. L. Hewitt in the Denver Republican, I heard that the famous old scout, Thomas Tobin, was still alive and living in that vicinity. Some time before, to my great disappointment, I had heard that the old man was dead. Tom Tobin, I knew, had been an actor in many a stirring scene, from which other participants had never remained upon the stage. He had been an eye-witness to many events in the early history of Colorado and New Mexico which could never again be described by one who had been upon the scenes in person.

I found Mr. Tobin at his home, about four miles southwest of Fort Garland, Missouri. He was an old man, with a white beard, and his eyes were dim. He had been a scout for many years, and he had seen many of the great events of the early history of Colorado and New Mexico. He had been a scout for many years, and he had seen many of the great events of the early history of Colorado and New Mexico. He had been a scout for many years, and he had seen many of the great events of the early history of Colorado and New Mexico.

Tom Tobin is the last of the old scouts of Kit Carson's time. He was born in St. Louis in 1820. His father was John Tobin, a Nova Scotian. He came west at the age of 14 and spent some years among the various trading posts of Colorado, and among the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians. He ran the store at Fort Lupton for a while, then came to know every trading post and trail from Fort Laramie to Santa Fe, and west to California. He was a scout for many years, and he had seen many of the great events of the early history of Colorado and New Mexico.

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KILLING WHITES FOR PASTIME.

In the summer of 1863 they were killing miners, and a party of miners and others, who, I learned, was commanded by Colonel Shoup, and I got acquainted with three members of the party—Colonel Shoup, now Senator Shoup of Idaho, whose son the Espinosa had killed; Judge Wells of Canon City, and another man whose name I could not learn. He came back to Conchos and there killed Bill Smith.

His nephew now joined him. Governor Evans connected with the Ute Indians. As far as I can remember Colonel Chivington was with him. While the governor was at the head of the column, he was with me. He went into the Sangre de Cristo mountains to head off the governor and his party. His idea was to intercept the governor, and he was with me. He went into the Sangre de Cristo mountains to head off the governor and his party.

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KILLING OF THE DESPERADOES.

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ROCK UP WEEDING FESTIVITIES.

Lincoln County Man Starts in to Kill the Guests. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., April 27.—(Special.)—In default of bonds, George Kruger has been lodged in the Lincoln county jail on serious charges. He went to the home of a neighbor where a wedding dance was in progress, determined to make trouble. Hearing violent language outside, Mathias Valentine opened the door, when two boys who had been at the barn raised in, pursued by Kruger, who furnished a revolver and loaded his intention to kill everyone at the place. During an argument between Mathias Valentine and the prisoner, a brother of the former rushed in and shot Kruger in the back. Kruger drew a knife and stabbed Mathias Valentine three times, two of the thrusts well-nigh proving fatal. The wounded man was carried to the hospital, where he died. Kruger waived examination and his bond was fixed at \$750.

Does Well with Sheep. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., April 27.—(Special.)—That the cold Sioux lands west of here are distinctively a "poor man's country" is shown by the experience of Martin Johnson, one of numerous similar cases. About four years ago he purchased a few head of sheep, and he has since raised several thousand dollars. Today he is entirely out of debt and owns a flock of 5,000 sheep, worth in the neighborhood of \$20,000. He rode up in front of the commanding officer's quarters and called for Colonel Tappan. Rolling the heads out of the sack at "Colonel Tappan's" feet, he said: "Here, Colonel, have done what you have sent me out for."

This was the deed for which Governor Evans had offered a reward of \$2,000, of which he has now received \$1,000. He was in the city afterwards. And the state of Colorado shows her love for her heroic men by allowing the faithful and fearless old scout, who did her such desperate service, to live in old age in poverty, while she still owes him \$1,000 of that offered reward.

South Dakota Odd Fellows Celebrate. CANTON, S. D., April 27.—(Special.)—Canton, Alcester, Beresford and Worthing Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges yesterday united at Worthing in celebrating the anniversary of the order. An immense crowd gathered for the occasion, and a ball was given. A banquet was given at the hotel, and a large number of the city were present.

Special Rates for G. A. B. CANTON, S. D., April 27.—(Special.)—One fare for the round trip has been granted by the Western Passenger association to the annual encampment of the South Dakota Grand Army of the Republic. The rate is for one fare for the round trip, and it will be one and one-half fare.

Attorney Goes Insane. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Edwin Greene, a local attorney, who is well known throughout the state, was declared insane by the insanity board here today and will be taken to the Yankton asylum. He has been insane for some time, and he has been in the asylum for a year or two.

Terrific Wind at Pierre. PIERRE, S. D., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrific wind here last night destroyed a number of small sheds and buildings. The wind was so strong that it blew up a great deal of dust and rubbish, and but few people are traveling.

Loss of Fruit Crop and Drouth Causing Great Depression. SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—(Special.)—Although the eastern dealers in canned and dried fruit affect to believe that the reports of the general failure of the California fruit crop are exaggerated, the truth is that the disaster which has befallen the orchardists of this state has been underestimated. Not for ten years has the loss been so heavy and so widespread. Even the early grapes in southern California were ruined, and the loss of the fruit, taken in conjunction with the small crop of apples and the almost total failure of hay, leaves California with the worst harvest outlook for many years.

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IN HEIGHT. HE DOESN'T WEIGH MORE THAN 140 POUNDS.

It is now almost conceded that "Billy" Smith's candidature will be the nominee of the republican party for associate justice. Captain J. T. Morris of Hartford is a descendant of Robert Morris of revolutionary fame and is one of the heirs who are seeking congress for a return of the money the old patriot lent the federated states to whip the English.

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