

THE "BAD LANDS."

A SACRAMENTAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SIOUX STRONGHOLD.

Strange and Weird Signs Seen on the March—Former Home of the Elephant, Mastodon, Etc.

The Irish question and the Indian war are just now the chief news topics of the day, and as the telegraph keeps the reading public informed of the movements of the Messiah-crazed Indians, and the gathering of their warrior bands in that mysterious locality in Dakota known as "The Bad Lands," a description of that romantic place cannot but be of interest.

At the meeting, held on Sunday evening, Dr. Laine read a long and very interesting paper on "The Poor Indian," in which he discussed that lively creature from the standpoint of one who knows him thoroughly. While the entire paper was deeply interesting, that portion relating to the much talked of "Bad Lands" was especially so, as the following extract from the doctor's narrative will show:

ON THE TRAIL OF THE CHEYENNES. The 1875 remnants of the Cheyenne tribe, numbering about 600 men, women and children, broke away from their agency at Antelope Hills, in Indian Territory, and crossing four or five lines of railroad and several streams of importance, traveled 600 miles north and reached Red Cloud Agency, not far from the camp in the Bad Lands. Troops were sent from every military post to intercept them.

THE JANNEY EXPEDITION. In the Black Hills, sent out under the auspices of the Interior Department. On the completion of this work we returned to the eastern side of the mountains, and having some sick and wounded men, I was sent forth with an escort of one officer (Lieutenant John Cole of the Second Cavalry) and thirty men to cross the Bad Lands and reach Spotted Tail Agency on the White Earth. The route was through "bug-sharps," as they were commonly called, remained to make a selection of rare fossils for the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

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having been washed away; others projected from the great walls of this mimic architecture. The wearing and crumbling of the elements had rolled them out of their resting-places until they lay strewn over the bottom of the valley, skulls and jaws, teeth and thigh-bones, lay around promiscuously; great turtles, weighing a ton each, once changed to stone; satrapa, batrachian and seemingly all sorts of animal remains contributed to this evidence of a PAST CARNIVAL OF DEATH.

The most common were the bones of the elk and the deer. All others were of varieties not unknown. Even the turtles, with the sutures of their carapaces distinctly preserved, were nevertheless of an unknown species. The elephant, mastodon, rhinoceros, camel, horse, beaver, wild cat, and other genera of quadrupeds now extinct, once lived in this region.

A FORMER INLAND SEA. This valley is the work of excavating waters, aided by the erosive action of the winds. It is a fact that the bed of a sea into which large streams carried the drainage of the regions beyond, and transported the relics of then existing races, with other sedimentary materials, to the burial place from which they are now exhumed.

We made a dry camp, the mules crying out dimly all night, and in the morning found ourselves about three miles from some springs where a large number of Indians had passed the night. We got water and breakfast at the springs, and continued our march to Spotted Tail Agency, or Camp Sheridan.

Bull the Water. How many I wonder, of our modern housekeepers boil water before using it for food in any shape? Just try it, and see the good effect. Who among us has not noticed the coating inside of the teakettle? Water which will leave the kettle in such condition, how much unfit it is to be taken into our stomachs.

To those afflicted with dyspepsia I would prescribe a cup of hot water, taken immediately after each morning meal. It is upon the same principle as a curn. The hot water cleanses out the digestive organs, and leaves them in good condition for the morning meal.

Housekeepers, try boiling fresh water in the morning, and then it may be drunk during the day, either hot or cold, as you prefer.

Some time ago we visited a friend at whose home there was an uncle of hers, making a prolonged stay. He was what is termed in novels "an eccentric old gentleman." We called him "Uncle Rastus."

Edgar replied: "Why do you cook bread? Why not eat the flour—the wheat, even, is just as the Lord gave it to us."

"Oh, that is different, altogether different! In that case our teeth are concerned. Raw wheat would injure our teeth," replied the old man, and all the other guests could say did not cause him to change his theory. "Water should be taken in its natural state; food should first be cooked to keep it from hurting the teeth."

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THE INDIANS.

Two Attempts Made by Hostiles to Break the Scouts' Camp. WASHINGTON, December 26th.—General Schofield this morning received the following telegram from General Miles, dated Rapid City, S. D., December 25th: "I have not been able to follow the Cheyenne for several hours. He started to intercept Big Foot, and it is hoped he will succeed in returning Big Foot to the Cheyenne Agency. General Brooke reports a messenger from Little Wound, Big Road and East Thunder, the leaders of the Indians who went to the Bad Lands. The messenger says about 100 of the Indians there are coming in, and he thinks the rest will follow. Should not this be interrupted by some unforeseen event it will be most desirable."

TWO ATTACKS BY INDIANS. CAMP NEAR BATTLE CREEK (S. D.), December 26th.—The weather is cold, and the rivers are frozen solid. A company of Cheyenne scouts are encamped at the mouth of Battle creek. Two attempts have been made by the Cheyenne to break their camp. The first attack was made by only a few of the Indians, who were quickly repulsed with a loss of two killed and several wounded, and it is thought one was fatally hurt.

The second attack was made after dark by the whole band, led by Kicking Bear. Volley after volley was fired on both sides, and a desultory fire was kept up for an hour or more. It is not known how many hostiles were killed, but, judging from the reports of scouts, there must have been several killed. Troops sent to the scene report everything quiet and no hostiles in sight.

HOSTILES UNMANAGEABLE. CHICAGO, December 26th.—The Inter-Ocean's Pine Ridge special says five of the Indians who went out to negotiate with the hostiles returned to-day, and report that the weather is cold, and the rivers are wholly unmanageable, and will not listen to reason. It is now thought the Seventh Cavalry will take the field against the hostiles, and the remaining dancers are trying to sneak away from the agency.

INDIAN DECEIT. WASHINGTON, December 26th.—General Schofield has received a telegram from General Miles, dated Rapid City, December 24, 1888, as follows: "Colonel Sumner reported his command at Big Foot's camp on the Cheyenne river, and that Big Foot assured him he would do what he said and bring all his people to Sumner's camp, but that the Indian deceived him and eluded his command, going south in light order."

HOSTILES MOVING TOWARD THE AGENCY. RAPID CITY (S. D.), December 26th.—General Miles, who has been waiting several days to hear the result of the mission of the Pine Ridge Indians to the hostile camp in the Bad Lands, to-day received word from General Brooke that the couriers in from his emissaries reported hostile bands about to break camp, and that several small parties are already moving into the agency, and the bally Indians are expected there within a day or two.

Word was also received that Big Foot and his band, who have been missing since their escape from Colonel Sumner, have been found in Porcupine creek, moving toward Pine Ridge. No details were given, but Big Foot has certainly been given for several days all force in search of him.

GHOST DANCES CEASE. GUTHRIE (O. T.), December 26th.—W. P. Thompson, legal agent of the Iowas, returned to-day and reported that the ghost dances were abandoned on solicitation of the Iowas, and that the Cheyenne chief, and to Hee Cloud. All the Indians returned peacefully to the reservations.

WAR PRACTICALLY ENDED. PINE RIDGE AGENCY, December 26th.—Two battalions of the Seventh Cavalry, with two Hotchkiss guns and a pack train have left for Wounded Knee, about thirty miles away. The Indian courier in the Bad Lands has decided in favor of the hostiles returning to the agency. The authorities feel that a peace treaty is a possibility. There is still danger of trouble in case an attempt is made to disarm the hostiles. Unless this is done all the Indians will be at the agencies within a few days.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS. They Must Leave the Brotherhood or Quit the Railroad Company. CHICAGO, December 27th.—The ultimatum of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern that telegraph operators must withdraw from the Order of Railway Telegraphers or leave the employ of the company is believed here to be the beginning of a general movement to disorganize the telegraph operators in all the railroad companies to learn the business. Outside of railway circles it is believed that the result of the strike will be practically a consolidation of the two Telegraph Orders.

EXPLOSION OF KEROSENE. A Pennsylvania Coal Mine Seriously Damaged. SCOTTDALE (Pa.), December 26th.—An explosion took place on the Erie Railroad, in the entrance of the shaft of the United Coke and Coal Works, operated by the United Coke Works. It was caused by the ignition of kerosene oil. One hundred and forty miners and workmen were killed, and all made their escape through various openings for that purpose. Some escapes were miraculous. The fire, which is still raging, did not get out until the mine, and has already done enormous damage. The coal is already said to be ablaze, and an immense conflagration, which would probably reach the surface, is feared. Several persons were injured this afternoon by falling timbers near the burning shaft.

REDUCTION OF WAGES. Two Hundred Blacksmiths at Pullman Walk Out. CHICAGO, December 26th.—Fifteen hundred employees at Pullman, who work by the piece in the car shops, were notified of a new scale of wages, to take effect on the first of January. The result was a reduction of about ten per cent. Two hundred blacksmiths have quit work pending arbitration with the company. The other employees seem to have accepted the new scale quietly. Manager Sessions explained that, owing to closeness in the financial situation, the railroad companies are only asking for cuts at low prices and on long time. The contracts on such terms had to be accepted or the works closed.

ESTATE RACES. GLOUCESTER, December 26th.—The races to-day were run in a snow-storm. Following were the results: First race, three-fourths of a mile, Nettie B. won, Redington second, Sovereign third, Time, 1:20.

Second race, nine-sixteenths of a mile, Sandstone won, Asoot second, Elsie Stanley third, Time, 0:58.

Third race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, Gratitude won, Marie Lovell second, Chief third, Time, 1:25.

Fourth race, one and one-eighth miles, Rapine won, MacGregor second, Jennie McFarland third, Time, 2:06.

HOTEL PARTIALLY WRECKED. WASHINGTON (Ind.), December 26th.—James McBride, a tough character of Plainville, Ohio, who has been away for some time, returned to town last night and called at Jenkins' Hotel to see his wife, who was working there. He was refused admittance, and after an hour this morning the hotel was partially wrecked by an explosion of dynamite. The guests fortunately escaped with slight injuries. McBride was arrested.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED. PITTSBURGH, December 26th.—A conspiracy to flood the United States with counterfeit silver dollars has been unmasked. Nineteen persons are already under arrest, and \$1,100 spurious coin has been secured. The money was brought from the Central Depot in New York to Pittsburgh by the train.

and Italians were employed to pass it. The money is all in silver dollars, and is the best counterfeit standard silver dollar ever made. Two Italians and their wives were arrested while trying to pass some of the spurious money. The house where they lived was surrounded, and fifteen other Italians arrested and the counterfeit money secured. According to information given by the prisoners, a similar gang was sent out from New York to other cities, but the men could not tell what particular cities were being operated.

DAUGHTER OF JUSTICE FULLER TO BE MARRIED. NEW YORK, December 26th.—A Washington special says: The most prominent event immediately after the holidays will be the marriage of Hugh Wallace, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee of the new State of Washington, to the eldest daughter of Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme Court. Among the guests to the wedding from New York will be William Mackay, son of John W. Mackay, recently come to this country to live. Young Mackay's approaching nuptials are being talked of by the society people of Washington. The young gentleman is an Oxford man and a fine musician. He plays on over one dozen kinds of instruments.

BOGUS DIVORCE DECREES. NEW YORK, December 26th.—William H. Buttner, former partner of W. D. Hughes, the bogus divorce lawyer, made a partial confession to-night, in a letter to the partnership which distributed circulars all over the country, which brought them hundreds of clients, in some instances the clients discovered the bogus nature of the divorce decree, but never made trouble when the fee was returned to them. This was never less than \$100.

ANTI-LOTTERY LAW. LEAVENWORTH (Kan.), December 26th.—D. R. Anthony, arrested the other day upon an anti-lottery law, is now being held for publishing and depositing in the mail a paper with lottery advertisements, had a hearing to-day before the United States Commissioner. He decided that the act did not warrant an arrest.

TEMPORARILY EMBARRASSED. DETROIT, December 26th.—The stringent money market has caused the temporary embarrassment of E. W. Leech & Co., extensive lumber dealers. The creditors do not appear to fear the approaching assignment, one stating that the firm's affairs are in excellent condition.

NO ONE HURT. CINCINNATI, December 26th.—The sensational dispatch from Caldwell, Ohio, this afternoon about a disaster on the Ohio Creek Railroad proves to have grown out of the fact that two freight trains collided. No one was hurt.

CITY MARSHAL KILLED. ATLANTA (Ga.), December 26th.—While attempting to arrest Bob Pruitt, a negro, in Gainsville, last night, City Marshal Kitrell was shot dead. Police Officer Lowry then shot and killed Pruitt.

ALL ON ACCOUNT OF A WOMAN. BROOKLYN (O.), December 26th.—At a dance at Central Furnace last night, in a fight over a woman, Ed Gallagher and John Oliver were killed and Henry Igalis seriously wounded.

KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC WIRE. DENVER (Col.), December 26th.—Charles McDonald, a lineman employed by the electric light company, was instantly killed this evening by coming in contact with a live wire.

OHIO OIL COMPANY. LIMA (O.), December 26th.—The Ohio Company, which is the Land Department of the Standard Oil Company, has increased its capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

CONFESSED HIS GUILT. CHICAGO, December 26th.—Bullard, a young clerk for Giles Brothers, jewelers, was taken to-night, and has confessed to the theft amounting to \$5,000.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN PORTRAIT PAINTER. BOSTON, December 26th.—Charles Osgood, in former years a well-known portrait painter, died yesterday in his 81st year.

FERTILIZER WORKS BURNED. CHARLESTON (S. C.), December 26th.—The Ediso Phosphate and Fertilizer Works were burned to-night. Loss, \$200,000.

NEWLY INCORPORATED. The following articles of incorporation were filed in the Secretary of State's office yesterday: First Congregational Church of Copperopolis, Calaveras county. Directors—Henry H. Snodgrass, Alden O. Field and Charles F. Hartsook.

OHIO BRIDGE COMPANY. Principal place of business, Ohio. Capital stock, \$20,000. Directors—John H. Wood, T. H. Barnard, J. O. Weed and L. C. Daniels.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. This body is announced to hold its quarterly session at the State Capitol, commencing at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

A YOUNG LADY'S NUMEROUS PROPOSALS. Here is a lesson for young men! There resides in Brunswick a matron who is the mother of a loving girl, about sixteen, and has always thrown the tenderest care.

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