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IOWAN INDIAN CAPTIVE

RAN AWAY FROM HOME IN DENMARK AND CARRIED OFF BY SAVAGES.

LIVED EIGHT YEARS AMONG THE RED MEN

Frank Johnson, of Des Moines, Has Had Experience Eclipsing Those of Wild Western Romance Heroes— Took Pleasure in Savage Pastimes— Was Thought to Have Been Dead.

Des Moines, June 20.—Taken into captivity at the age of 3 years by a tribe of Winnabago Indians, after he had run away from his home in Denmark, then to live the crude life of the savage until he was 16 years old—this was the extraordinary boyhood experience of Frank Johnson, of this city. While he has delivered lectures upon his adventures about the world and with the Indians, Mr. Johnson is preparing a manuscript which will be the complete story of his Indian life. Taylor county, Wisconsin, was where Mr. Johnson lived with the Indians from 1855 to 1864. He was adopted by the medicine men of the tribe after he was taken and lived as an honored son of the Indians. The knowledge of the savages which he gained, along with their brutal practices and barbarous customs, form an interesting story.

A Stowaway at 7. When a boy of 7 years Johnson ran away from his home in Astrup, northern Denmark. The boy started out in search of his life-long playmate, Paul Johannsen. The parents of the latter had emigrated to America and settled at La Crosse, Wis. Little Frank was inconsolable after his young friend sailed away. Each day the boy sought the harbor and looked at the big ships as they set out for America.

Finally he decided to try to reach La Crosse and his friend. He slipped into a ship and after being discovered when the vessel was out to sea, was cruelly treated. The stowaway finally reached America. After wandering about the country for months, the lad finally reached La Crosse. Here he found that the boy whom he had journeyed so far to visit had gone into the deep woods with a lumber crew. It was arranged that Frank should return to his home in the old country the following spring. His parents were notified. They consented that he could remain in America until then. Along with several countrymen the boy set out for the big woods to join the lumbermen. They had hardly left La Crosse when a band of white Indians, on the warpath, attacked the party and scalped all but the white boy, Frank. They took him to their village of some hundreds of tepees.

Made Medicine Man's Son. A copy was held and it was decided to make him the son of the medicine man, who had no child. Accordingly, after a great feast, Frank was adopted by the medicine man. His boy was dyed red to resemble the color of the savage, and his hair was made red that he might be liked by the great spirit.

The boy readily picked up the savage tactics and mastered the language. He was made a brave after being in the village a few months. The ceremony through which the young savages passed to become brave was cruel. It consisted in the boys being sewed on the naked flesh with a flaming brand. If they cried out they were thrown out of the tribe and seldom returned.

Took Delight in Orgies. But the white boy, whom the redskins had made one of their own, passed the cruel ordeal without whimper. In everything he won the praise of the stoical Indians and rapidly acquired their knowledge.

Many times the braves would return from battle with dozens of scalps dangling at their belts. Then would come a dance lasting some three or four days. And the little white boy, far away from people of his race and kin, took delight in these savage pastimes. The parents of the boy thought he was dead. After he ran away, a body thought his was found and buried. The letter from the Johannsen family told them he was well. Then came a second letter saying the Indians had killed him. This time he was given up for dead by all who knew him.

For eight years the boy lived with the savages. Then, by a treaty made between the Indians and the whites, he was turned over to the palefaces. In the treaty, for a consideration, the savages promised to let go all the captives they had taken from the settlers and allowed to live. The Winnabagos had no one but Frank and turned him over.

Surprises His Parents. He was taken to La Crosse, where the people remembered how he had set out with the massacred party. The settlers gazed upon him in awe and wonder, for he resembled an Indian in appearance and manners. When he spoke of his white man, he soon picked up the language of the American. The Indians had given him some means when he left them, and he decided to go back to the old country to his parents.

He surprised them by walking in one day and at first they could not believe the evidence of their eyes. He remained in that country some time, but moved to the United States with his father and mother. Mr. Johnson has lived in Des Moines seven years.

Mr. Johnson will go to Wisconsin this summer and look over again the remains of the Indian village where he once lived.

PAVING SUIT SETTLED.

City of Clinton Pays Bond Purchasers For Default Assessments. Clinton, June 20.—In accordance with the agreement made by resolutions by the city council at a recent special meeting, Judge Smith McPherson of the United States district court filed an opinion and judgment at Davenport that the city of Clinton in the famous paving cases. The opinion and judgment against the city brings the controversy over collection of the special assessments for paving improvement, for which bonds were issued many years ago, to a practical conclusion. It was contended by the plaintiffs in the cases that the city of Clinton was to have collected the special assessments, a

large amount of which were delinquent, while the city contended that the bond-holders should have made their own collection. It was evident, however, that a judgment of some else would be rendered against the city and an agreement of settlement was arranged.

This agreement of settlement, by the terms of which about \$25,000 worth of bonds are settled for \$7,500, was confirmed at a special meeting of the city council, resolutions being adopted to issue general funding bonds for the agreed amount and one-half the costs incurred in the case in the federal court. The bonds are to be paid in a period of four years, \$2,000 each year for three years and the balance the fourth year.

The judgments against the city are in favor of the Vermont Savings Bank for \$6,500; in favor of Robert Purcell, Intervenor, for \$100; and in favor of Robert Purcell, Intervenor, for \$100; and in favor of the Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Company for \$900.

CEMENT PLANT ASSURED.

Mason City to Get Another Big Mill, Following Long Negotiations.

Mason City, June 20.—President Harry Trexler, of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, a company with a capital stock of \$8,000,000 and a surplus of \$6,500,000, has made the announcement that within the next few weeks a force of about a hundred men will be at work north of the city erecting a \$2,000,000 cement mill with a capacity of 5,000 barrels daily. Mr. Trexler himself with F. C. Pliske the chief engineer of all his plants was here last week and after a long stay he purchased two pieces of land telling him that when they were purchased he might announce the above gratifying intelligence to Mason City.

The company had intended to build a plant long before this but the litigation of the Mayo land deal deferred the building of the plant and the purchase of two other pieces of property was necessary before the company would consent to build. These two purchases, the Nelson eighty acres and the Smith homestead, makes the deal complete and the company now owns all the land needed for the new industry for years to come.

With this purchase the company will have nearly 700 acres of land.

IOWA GIRL A HEROINE.

Saves Woman from Drowning and Gets Carnegie Medal. Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, June 20.—A message from Long Beach, Cal., states that Miss Helen Swisher, of Iowa City, has won the right to a Carnegie medal there. A young woman, the exact date of whose death was thought of the matter, but now that a week has elapsed and no trace of him can be found, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bowers, of Delhi, and his friends are becoming alarmed and several theories are advanced to account for his absence.

Young Bowers was employed on the Barney Davis farm eight miles south of Manchester, and was a lad 17 years of age, had no bad habits and a voluntary disappearance is not in accord with his disposition.

On last Sunday Mr. Davis was

NEEDLE IN HER ARM

BOONE WOMAN SUFFERED FOR YEARS IN VAIN EFFORT TO DISCOVER CAUSE.

ATTEMPT TO RUB OUT AILMENT LED TO SOURCE

In Giving Treatment Doctor Pricked Hand On Needle in Patient's Arm— How it Got There She Doesn't Know, But She is Now Free From Discomfort.

Special to Times-Republican.

Boone, June 20.—After several years of suffering and a vain effort to discover the seat of the illness, Mrs. O. H. Cessna is now on fair way to permanent recovery. Several surgeons of national reputation had been consulted, but aside from rendering temporary relief no permanent cure was effected. As a last resort an osteopath physician was secured and proceeded on the theory that the trouble could be rubbed out. Greatly to his surprise a few days ago he received a scratch in his hand, which brought more pain to him than to the patient. He had found the cause, which was a common needle 1 1/2 inches arm. How it got there Mrs. Cessna does not know. She recalls an injury to her foot a number of years ago which caused her great suffering for a few weeks.

There have been instances where needles have penetrated the feet and have risen to the body and arms and even to the head. Mrs. Cessna is not a lady who has a habit of making a pin cushion of her mouth and she does not think she could have swallowed one. But no matter how it got there, it was found, extracted and the patient is greatly improved in health.

MANCHESTER BOY MISSING.

Russell Bowers Not Seen For More Than a Week—Search Prosecuted.

Manchester, June 20.—What is perhaps the most mysterious happening in Delaware county during recent years is the disappearance of Russell Bowers on Sunday evening, June 12. For a week or two following nothing was thought of the matter, but now that a week has elapsed and no trace of him can be found, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bowers, of Delhi, and his friends are becoming alarmed and several theories are advanced to account for his absence.

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Southern Iowa Items

Eddyville. A party of auto tourists, including Charles Fessler of Villisca, were thru this town and vicinity recently, contemplating a probable interurban route from Atlantic to Villisca.

Sidney. Sheriff Harris has returned from Sioux City with Harry Miller, supposed to be one of the three men who robbed the Imogene bank in February, 1909. It is thought that he is the expert crackman known as Iowa Blackie.

Mondamin. Marion Noyes and Don Blair, aged 10 and 8 years, respectively, were poisoned by peanut candy, which they had bought at one of the stores in the morning. Marlon was thrown into convulsions, but recovered within a few hours, while Don, who is still ill at heart, is still in the hospital. It is believed he will recover. The children had also eaten green cherries.

Keokuk. Tom Merritt and Glade McHenry, two local negro characters who have fed the court rooms on more than 100 occasions by their presence, have gotten into trouble in Kathoke, Mo. Merritt was arrested here. His message had been received from Sheriff Hardy of Clark county, requesting that both the negroes be locked up on sight. They are wanted for robbing a saloon.

Winchester. The Anti-Horse Thief Association, with headquarters at fifty years ago Winchester, where the big picnic of this society was held June 18, had over \$1,000 in the treasury. This fund the members drew upon, lightly at least, to help in making this picnic gathering a success. Two bands of music furnished part of the entertainment. The picnic was held in the Winchester park.

Mt. Pleasant. State Senator Seeley of Mt. Pleasant has presented a solid silver loving cup to the managers of the Southeastern Iowa Short Course, as a prize for the champion corn show, conditioned that it shall be won by the same person before he can become absolute owner. The announcement of the gift from Senator Seeley was made at a meeting of the Short Course Association here.

Muscatine. First gold mortgage bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 have been assigned by the Muscatine North and South Railway Company to the German Trust Company of Davenport, that institution taking the entire amount. The bonds bear 5 per cent and are dated Jan. 1, 1910. They mature on Jan. 1, 1925. The money will be used according to the document for the extension of the line from Elrick Junction to Burlington.

Washington. A great many changes have taken place at the plant of the American Pearl Button Company within the past couple of months. The greatest change is a recent deal made by Manager Hammer, whereby the company takes over the equipment and stock in hand of the Giesler cutting establishment. This change came as a surprise to many and within a day the whole plant had been moved over to the building occupied by the American Pearl Button Company.

Defiance. John Christiansen, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Broder Christiansen, and many friends the past two weeks, has taken his depart-

ure for Seattle, at which place he will again rejoin his ship, the U. S. S. Albany, and in July of this year will start on a three years' cruise, stopping at Japan, China, the Philippines and a number of European ports. Mr. Christiansen is scarcely 22 years of age and is a giant in stature and strength, and has already rendered the government heroic service in rescue work.

Corning. Miss Cella Morris, a Corning public school teacher, was thrown out of her buggy while driving a fractious horse. No bones were broken. A 16-year-old boy of Corning was thrown from a horse he was riding into a barbed wire fence. He suffered a score or more of cuts and flesh wounds, none, however, dangerous. J. A. Anderson, manager of the local telephone exchange, fell fifteen feet from a telephone pole. He struck on his shoulders and head, and was seriously bruised and shaken up.

Hastie. S. Dore, aged 65 years, an employee of the Hastie Brick Company, was at Hastie, caught between two Wabash freight cars and crushed to death. That an accident had occurred was not known until the bodies were discovered on the railroad tracks. At the time of the accident Dore was hauling ashes from a pit at the brick works. It is thought that he attempted to pass between two freight cars and was caught when they came together.

Audubon. A 35-year-old son of Orrin Welch was driving to Gray, riding on the running gears of a lumber wagon and while going across a crossing in Gray the wagon was struck by a fast approaching Northwestern train just west of Audubon, throwing the lad on the pilot of the engine and carrying him 200 or 300 feet, then dumping him by the wayside. The team, which was loosened from the wagon was thrown against a nearby building, and ran away uptown, where they were caught. The boy had one leg scalped and several minor bruises, but no bones were broken.

Davenport. A trunk line of Interurbans clear across the state, extending from Davenport to Council Bluffs, with shorter Interurbans serving as feeders in all directions will follow the construction of the proposed Davenport-Iowa City line, according to the statements of A. P. Chamberlin and G. W. Rhine, two prominent Des Moines business men and interurban builders, who spent a day in Davenport. The work of raising \$200,000 in subscriptions on the part of the Davenport-Iowa City Interurban line in this city, has been given a good start by six voluntary subscriptions of \$5,000 each.

Fairfield. One of the worst runaways in or near this city for some time happened near the Cedar bridge on the Libertyville road just southwest of the city. As a result Miss Violet Stansberry of Libertyville is confined to her home, while Horace Linder, also injured, is able to be about. The horse was killed outright. The young people had been to this city in attendance at a band concert and had started home at about 10 o'clock p. m. with many others. The horse became frightened, started down a steep hill and collided with an iron railing, killing the animal instantly and throwing the occupants of the buggy violently to the ground. Miss Stansberry was unconscious for two hours.

called away from home. After Bowers had eaten his dinner he stated his intention of going to a nearby river to swim, and this was the last seen of him. At the time he was wearing a dark suit of clothes and carried with him a pair of overalls. At first it was believed that Bowers was drowned, but during the week searching parties have been out, the river has been dragged and absolutely no trace of the boy or his clothing has been found.

UNION'S NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Contract Awarded to Eldoran Without Heating or Plumbing. Special to Times-Republican.

Union, June 20.—Bids for the new school house were opened Saturday and Contractor F. X. White, of Eldora, was awarded the contract, his bid the lowest submitted, being \$14,668. The building to be a 1 1/2 story hydraulic pressed brick with the roof and fire proof throuth. Mr. White's bid did not include either heating or plumbing. The contractor is to begin work on the building at once and it is to be rushed to completion as fast as possible.

Harlan Local Notes.

Special to Times-Republican. Harlan, June 20.—George M. Pike, of Dunlap, formerly of this city, has been promoted from his position as trainmaster on the Northwestern railroad to the superintendent's office in Omaha.

Erney G. W. Cullison has been engaged to conduct a chautauqua at Allerton, this year. He has been conductor of the local chautauqua for several years and Allerton is the scene of his younger days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Walters are on an extended trip throughout the country. They go to Times-Republican on to Toronto, then Ontario and along the St. Lawrence, and will also visit New York, Washington, and other cities, making a two months' trip.

Earl Holington, who graduated from the Harlan high school in 1909, has received a four years' scholarship from Drake University as a recognition of his having the best grades in his class for four years of high school work. He will enter the liberal arts department in September.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Taylor are in Chicago attending graduation exercises at Chicago University. The son-in-law and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Guy Sarvis will graduate. Rev. Sarvis and wife have been there since their marriage two years ago, preparing to go as missionaries to Nanking, China.

Miss Mary Norgaard, a Harlan girl, will graduate as a deaconess from the Chicago training school this week, and will do deaconess work in Tacoma, Wash., commencing in September.

The Traer News.

Special to Times-Republican.

Traer, June 20.—C. E. Townsend, of Marshalltown, has purchased the W. M. Henderson grocery store and has taken possession. His family has also arrived in town. Mr. Townsend is well known here, having formerly lived in Crystal township and we are glad to see these good people returning.

D. C. Ladd, of South Traer, who was taken ill very suddenly last Tuesday, is somewhat improved. Mr. Ladd is 84 years of age and it is thought that he overworked on a hot day.

At the Robert Provan home north of town, the marriage of Miss Beale Provan to Mr. Frank A. Marr, of Carroll, took place. Only relatives of the bride and groom were present. The couple left the same day for Carroll. They will live on a farm near that town.

At Toledo was held the wedding of Mr. Benjamin Delhi and Mrs. Sarah Southard. Mr. Delhi is a painter and has been working in Toledo the past few years. Mrs. Southard lives in southeast Traer, where the couple will make their home.

New Farmers' Elevator.

Special to Times-Republican.

Bode, June 20.—The Farmers' Co-operative Company are taking down their old elevator preparatory to building a new and larger structure.

Mrs. H. R. Helmericks, of Paxton, Ill., is here visiting friends for a few days.

Ol Sreen has about completed a fine lumber shed, and can now keep all his stock under cover.

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