

TALES OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL ARE RELATED BY JAS. KING, A FORMER SCOUT

The third installment of the tales of the Santa Fe trail that have been written for The Courier by James King of Ottumwa, a veteran scout on the plains, is published today.

We broke camp and pulled out for old Fort Zarah after dinner with the intention of crossing Walnut Creek that afternoon. There was a toll bridge spanning the beautiful little stream and just as our twentieth wagon got safely across one of the stringers gave way and the entire structure was precipitated into the creek.

We were up with the sun, and even while the reveille was sounding at the fort we were preparing to complete our task of bridge repairing. The four mess wagons had crossed the bridge and were on the west side of the creek, and those who wanted breakfast had to cross over to get it.

There were no charges. It was high noon when the work of reconstruction of the bridge was completed and the other wagons taken across and as some of the drivers were out hunting along the river we concluded not to resume our journey till the morrow.

Fort Zarah was situated on a part of the site of the present beautiful city of Great Bend, the county seat of Barton county, Kansas. The troops here

were quartered in tents. There were no stockades at this place, such being deemed unnecessary by the presence of the troops, but the officers' quarters were made of rough logs notched together, with clapboard roof.

The bridge was also a toll bridge, and the rates were the same as at Little Arkansas river and Cow creek. The bridge was a rude but substantial affair. There was no piling, but there was a mudsill on top of the ground on each bank of the creek and four stringers were laid from one sill to the other. These were fastened together by auger holes being bored through both sills and stringer and then heavy wooden pins being driven into the auger holes.

The Parkers were early western trappers, guides and Indian fighters. The older one of them had a piece of a gun barrel on which there were 32 notches and he said that every notch represented a bad Indian converted into a good one. Stanley the wagon master made bargains with Parker for the transportation of all his stock in trade, Indians ponies included, to the Leavenworth commission house on our return trip. He insisted on Stanley and myself staying over night, with him instead of sleeping in our wagons. We accepted the invitation and was up with the October dawn next morning.

First come a well preserved skull of a former scalp lifter; then come the bones of a hand, then of a foot, then a lower and upper limb, also arm bones of all kind. He then dug up out of their long resting places specimens of arrows of every Indian tribe in the west. He finally came to a small buckskin sack which he held up to the light and smilingly reminded us of our promise which was again freely given. He then drew from the sack a small package, unrolled it and handed the contents to me. I examined it while he was taking others from the sack and when he turned to me and asked if I knew what it was. I answered in the negative. He then asked Stanley who answered as I did. He then informed us while pointing to the other side of the river that they were all scalpings and that he had taken them with his own hands.

This was my first look on a gruesome bunch of Indian trophies but I examined each one in detail; the memorandum attached to each one of them. The hair was still in a state of good preservation but the skin to which it clung was in most instances shriveled to about the size of an American silver dollar.

Parker had been a pioneer school teacher on the north Texas border in an early day and his wife had been killed and his younger brother captured,

ed, tortured and put to death by the Comanches and he said that his life had been a life of revenge for the wrong done him by the red man. The general major and some of his troopers had appeared on the scene and after an all around shake we proceeded to hitch up and once more we journeyed westward over the same trail I had traveled with father in '59. It was my turn to drive the lead team that day and we were soon moving joyfully over the sandy waste. We passed the place where he had the Indian scare in '59 and soon the sentinel of the desert reared its form above the foot hills of the great American desert. About noon hour we descended a cloud of dust to the right and front and notwithstanding that all was reported quiet along the trail so far as poor "Lo" was concerned we went into corrall on the spot but did not unhitch. The scare soon developed into a vast herd of buffalo traveling from the foot hills over the sandy waste to the Arkansas valley where good grass was more plentiful. This herd of the herd was followed by the proverbial pack of grey wolves and a number of prairie coyotes. We went into camp however and having plenty of water and fuel a good meal was prepared and the stock turned out in charge of herders.

Are Given Surprise.

After dinner the four extra saddle horses were brought into service and four of us started to see what had become of the vast herd of buffalo. Stanley ordered us not to kill any as we still had plenty from the last killing. After a gallop of five miles we came close to the herd which was grazing its way south. We rode up very much surprised to see two big grey wolves turn about in an attitude which appeared to be a challenge. We immediately dismounted and running on we fired on the wolves but right here we met the surprise of our lives. One of my companions had seen hard service under the famous rebel cavalry commander General Early and had been in the charge at Winchester. Another of my companions was a man named Cooper whom we dubbed Parson Brownlow and when shaved and ogged he was very much like a brandy minister soliciting a subscription to build an addition to the parsonage, but when the time arrived for him to (volcano like) pour forth his views on the subject of the wolf he was as eloquent as a preacher in glowing colors to which the rainbow was an entire stranger. The third companion was an ex union cavalryman and boasted of his prowess in Marmaduke's charge at the surprise of our lives and so we did for to our utter amazement when we began to drop the wolves in their tracks the huge buffalo that composed the herd guarded instead of the usual and with heads lowered, eyes blazing and nostrils steaming burst down on us like an avalanche and had we not been quick mounted we would have been trampled to death by the charge of the onrushing bison. The old confederate had the closest call and when we got to camp he said he would rather fight ten Sheridans than one buffalo.

The stock had a waterless feed and about noon we resumed our journey toward the setting sun. The four saddled animals were left under saddle and were led alongside the teams and we drove in a rush to make a creek before we were marked. When we saw we could not reach our destination as desired, Stanley sent Jim Marrow and myself ahead to select a camp ground before dark. We mounted the saddled horses and rode rapidly and came to the creek before sundown. The first thing we found was the remains of a camp fire and plenty of empty tin cans. Also wagon tracks which afterwards proved to be those of the government ambulance and that of cavalry horses were made by a band of friendly Pawnees who had camped there but had for safe keeping been taken closer to the fort by the troops. There was plenty of timber along the place we went up selecting a camping place we went up the creek and cut down a dry scrub oak and cutting it into small sections we hauled it out to the camping place selected. Our medium of hauling was our horses necks running it between their legs and making it fast to the wood. It was easy to haul it thus to the desired place.

Just as dark was approaching four beautiful antelope came in sight around a point of land going to the creek to slake their thirst. They stopped, and the air and the water in themselves that the coast was clear they approached the water's edge about 35 yards from where Jim and I had crawled down in the brush. They were a family of beautiful animals, being a large buck, a doe and two younger bucks. We decided we would take our chances with the two younger ones. As they finished drinking and started to cross the little stream our carbines spoke and one animal dropped dead in the water while the other three bounded up the bank but another one fell dead on reaching the top. I proceeded to cut their throats while Jim went and get the horses which were picketed near by and we soon had our prizes lying alongside of our wood and we were as happy as two meadow larks sitting on a nest of eggs. We started dark when our train came rolling up to the camp ground and after watering the stock they were driven into the corral and fed. When the drivers beheld the new killing Jim and I were ovated as the great nimrods of the outfit. Parson Brownlow opened up and eulogized us in all his eloquence. Next morning we were up bright and early and just at the morning meal was ready a small detail of soldiers from Fort Larned here in sight.

They were enroute to Fort Zarah and informed us that a drove of Pawnee Indians were camped under the guns of the fort and that Fort Larned was 8 miles distant. We resumed our journey about mid forenoon and arrived at Ft. Larned in due time and camped on the same spot where our train camped in '59. Before the war I had come in contact with the Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, Kawas, Osages, Wyandottis and Pottawattamies but I had yet to come in close contact with a band of genuine scalp lifters.

James King.

WILSON RETURNS TO OFFICIAL DUTY

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 12.—The special train bearing President Wilson and his family returning from Mrs. Wilson's burial at Rome, Ga., passed through there at 8:30 o'clock this morning enroute to Washington, where it is due at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

MOON MAY BECOME PORTER'S HELPER

OTTUMWA MAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

The rumored appointment of E. G. Moon as assistant district attorney in the United States court in the southern district of Iowa, which has been used by some of the state papers, is not yet affirmed by Mr. Moon. When seen today he stated that he had heard of the appointment and did not seem to doubt its authenticity, but had not been officially notified that it had been made.

BELGIANS REPORT FLANK MOVEMENTS

The following account of an engagement between French and Germans: "The French war office issued an announcement today stating the troops of the republic have been victorious in engagements with the Germans. "It was further officially stated that all the German soldiers who penetrated in the departments of Meuse and Meurthe-Moselle have been driven back across the border.

ALBIA.

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BELKNAP.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Cole, son, Aug. 7. Miss Lillian Munn and brother Howard of Des Moines were guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Munn and A. J. Munn homes. Mrs. Jane Putman, Miss Olive Putman, Mrs. T. D. Munn and Miss Pearl Putman left this morning for Bloomfield to attend the funeral of Alex. Breeding. Miss Maude McCormick left Friday for Burlington to spend a few days with friends. Mrs. G. E. Anderson and little daughter, Mrs. the latter part of the week at Bloomfield with her parents. John Combs left Friday for Edina, Mo., to visit Mrs. B. Shaffer and family and then return to Bloomfield to take medical treatment. Miss Eva Lockman was the guest last week of Mrs. Nellie Satterlee of Farmington. Messrs. T. H. Welch, T. D. Munn, Ida Swinney and son Fred drove to Ottumwa Friday. There is a called meeting of the Belknap Woodman camp announced for Friday evening Aug. 14 at the hall. The Methodist people have announced an ice cream social for Saturday evening Aug. 15. Proceeds for the repair of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bachman left for their home in Ottumwa from a month's visit with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bachman. Mr. and Mrs. Will Putman, daughter Dorothy and Mr. and Mrs. Tannehill of Drakeville, Mr. and Mrs. Putman of this place were entertained at the Miss Jane Putman home. Mrs. M. E. Carver left Sunday for her home at Mt. Pleasant after a visit at the J. B. Painter home. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hart spent Sunday at Dunville at the W. W. Monroe home. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Martin came back last week from Sherman, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. John Lester moved to near Floris where Mr. Lester expects to mine coal. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carnal are moving into the property. Mrs. Ed Stober of Bloomfield spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Kate Niles. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Swinney, sons Fred and Carl and daughter Lela, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Baker and Mrs. Lydia

Stodgel motored to White City in Monroe county Sunday morning, going in the Swinney and Baker cars.

KEOSAUQUA.

C. E. Jemison is very ill at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun and daughter and Ross Calhoun visited in Birmingham Friday and attended chautauqua. From there Miss Maud went to Centerville for a visit with college friends. Mrs. W. C. Donoho and Miss Maud Miller left Tuesday for Fairfield where they will camp and attend chautauqua. Mrs. Grace Pugh and little son of Danville, Ill., is visiting her mother Mrs. F. M. and family.

AVERY.

J. R. Bomhoff departed Saturday for Kansas City, where he was married to Miss Margaret Dobbins of that city. The wedding took place on Wednesday, Mabel Forsyth who resides near Maxon, was visiting friends here last week.

A large crowd from here went to the Albion chautauqua Monday evening. Rev. Nye and seven of the converts here went to Chillicothe last Sunday, via auto, where they were baptized. A number took the vows of the church the same morning. Dr. Peppers and family returned from an outing on the Des Moines river, going via auto. J. W. Richter returned from a business trip in the eastern part of the state.

The Epworth league entertainment, given at the church Saturday evening by Messrs. Hestler and Taylor, was a success. Next Sunday the Avery ball team will play the Hiteman Giants at Avery. A special election was held last Tuesday at which a proposition to issue bonds and erect a new room to the present building was voted on and carried. Bids will be received and the work begin as soon as possible, so as to have it completed for the beginning of the term.

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On the excellent program which is now being given Fairfield people are glad to see the name of Rev. R. Ames Montgomery of Ottumwa, for he is the brother of the much beloved late Dr. Willis W. Montgomery, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here. Rev. Montgomery appears on Wednesday morning, Aug. 19, and his subject is scheduled as "The Fourfold Man." Several Ottumwa people are camping at the park, among them being Dr. C. Williams.

The program was opened Tuesday afternoon with a lecture by Prof. Willis L. Moore, who for eighteen years has been chief of the United States weather bureau and who spoke on a subject about which he knows more facts than practically any other man in the United States today. Prof. Moore told the story of the air in clear concise yet interesting language and the large audience present learned much from the hour spent with him.

The Williams colored singers, a company composed of eight people, return to Fairfield chautauqua after four years absence and were given a warm welcome, for their singing is one of the best Fairfield people ever heard. During the intervening years since they first appeared chautauqua patrons here have constantly requested their return but they could not be secured until this year.

Dr. C. H. Tyndall, one of the prominent scientists before the American people to day, returned Tuesday evening to an immense audience on the subject of "Electricity." Dr. Tyndall gave various illustrations of his lecture during the time he was before the people and even the children as well as the grownup were thrilled by the wonders of them. He showed the transparency of solid walls, the tune of a wireless circuit and showed those present how to use wireless receivers. There was not a dry minute in his lecture.

Dr. John Wesley Potter of Sioux Falls, S. D., is again the genial platform manager and bible lecturer. In the estimation of Fairfield chautauqua patrons who have attended this assembly for years, Dr. Potter stands without peer in both of the positions which he has again been chosen to fill.

WAPELLO CO. PIONEER DIES AT EDDYVILLE

Eddyville, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Caroline Wilhelmina Teeling died Aug. 9, 1914, at her home on South Third street, aged 84 years, 6 months and 2 days. Mrs. Teeling was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Feb. 7, 1830. She was one of a family of four, the others preceding her in death. In 1849 she was united in marriage to Sebastian Teeling in Van Buren county, Iowa. To this union were born ten children, John A. and George E., deceased; Samuel at Kirley, Wyo.; Clarence and Charles of Harrison, Neb.; Mary M. Dotts, Agedius and Paul of Eddyville, Hugh of Agency and Mrs. Elizabeth Bell of Mena, Ark. Her husband preceded her in death in 1894. Besides her children she leaves to mourn her death, thirty-one grandchildren and thirteen great-

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PARTY OF MASONS VISITS AT AGENCY

A number of Masons, members of Ottumwa Lodge No. 16 and Empire Lodge No. 269, A. F. & A. M. visited the lodge at Agency Monday evening. The third degree was conferred upon one candidate by the officers of Lodge No. 16 of this city. Several visitors were present from Batavia, Keosauqua and Eldon. Most of the Ottumwa people went to Agency on Burlington No. 4 leaving here at 7:20; three car loads going by auto and all returned by machine. Among the Ottumwans going were John Niman, H. C. Morris, A. G. Wright, R. W. C. Harriman, T. R. Bickley, Rev. E. W. F. Hoiler, the third degree was conferred by J. C. Thompson, W. C. McMichael, Dr. D. J. Brown, Sam Redman, Bert Williams, O. K. Hoffmann, L. W. Funk, W. B. Armstrong, George W. Kitterman, H. G. Covert and David Redman.

CHINA REBUFFED IN PEACE SUGGESTIONS

Peking, China, Aug. 12.—The Japanese government in replying to the suggestion of China that China, the United States and Japan should endeavor to mediate in the European conflict, said its obligations to Great Britain might prevent it from doing so. In consequence of this reply China considers further efforts useless although it was stated today that the question of mediation might be opened with the United States in case there were any prospects of success. A note to the foreign legations issued today says that China will establish a moratorium only for short term loans. It was stated that the government had decided to continue paying the indemnities and other obligations as long as possible.

KEEP MAIL MEN IN CIVIL SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 12.—By a vote of 163 to 81 the house today struck out of the railway mail pay bill the Cullup amendment removing all assistant postmasters, clerks and employes in local postoffices from civil service. The bill was then passed. It revises the present system of computing compensation of railroad mail clerks and other employes requiring examinations for all present assistant postmasters.

CABLE MESSAGES AGAIN ACCEPTED

New York, Aug. 12.—Deferred cables, cable letters and week-end letters for points in the British Isles were accepted today for the first time within a week, by the Western Union Telegraph company, where such messages had the full name and street address of the addressee and the full name of the sender. Such messages were accepted at the sender's risk, subject to delay.

PRINCE REMAINS BEHIND.

London, Aug. 12.—A dispatch from Rotterdam says a Maastricht correspondent of the Rotterdam Courant has been positively assured by German officers at Vise that the crown prince's regiment crossed the river Meuse some days ago without the prince.

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