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THE WICHITA LIAR.

The Passing of the Greatest Newspaper Fakir of Recent Times.

Wichita, Kansas, has been headquarters for fifteen years of the most picturesque crowd of newspaper fakirs in America. Hundreds of thrilling stories have been written of purely imaginary events and sold to enterprising papers from coast to coast. So carefully have these stories been prepared they have deceived the best newspaper men in the country, and been accepted as genuine until recently, when a Philadelphia paper angered at being imposed upon, urged an Indian agent against whom murder had been charged in a "fake" story, to cause the arrest of the writer, on a charge of criminal libel.

The arrest will probably put a quietus on Wichita "fakes," the list which includes many lurid and thrilling stories, born in the imagination. One of the most fantastic of these was the story of Rosa Whiteface, an educated Indian girl, whom the fakirs wrote had been traded by her drunken father to a besotted blanket Indian and was to be forced into a marriage with the old sot. Tears and shivers were written into the story as effectively that a religious paper in New York wired Major A. E. Woodson, the Indian agent at Fort Reno, to prevent the union and it would pay all expenses. The same paper sent a representative to call on President Cleveland, and the Indian department was instructed to investigate. Of course Rosa Whiteface was imaginary. There was no basis for the story, but the fakirs made big money several days while it lasted.

The most harrowing story probably was of the pretty little 12-year-old boy, who fell feet first into a small bored well 100 feet deep. The fakirs located the story by cutting the arid lands of Kansas out of the frenzied parents and terrified neighbors stood helplessly around the well as the child was slowly sliding down the well calling more and more faintly for the parents. The story was accepted and displayed by many eastern papers.

One of the most revolting stories the fakirs sent out was one telling how a young married couple spending their honeymoon in a "dugout" had been killed by rattlesnakes. It was an ingenious story. Parents of the bride and groom owned ranches adjoining. Broad acres from each farm had been given to the couple, and a neat "dugout" home prepared in the side of a steep hill. In this hill the fakirs located a great din of the poisonous rattlesnakes. Warned into life by the fire in the dugout and angered at being disturbed, thousands of snakes in-

vaded the home, and when the parents of the couple called the day after the wedding, the room was full of hissing, slimy reptiles and the poisoned, bloated bodies of the unfortunate pair were found. This story was sold broadcast all over the country.

The fakirs sent out a story one night telling how a depot at a little station on the Santa Fe road had dropped out of sight during the night. A great pool of murky water marked the place.

Stories of enormous gold finds in the Wichita mountains were worked over and over with thrilling features of savage attacks by Indians on luckless prospectors found by the Indians in the sacred precincts.

The story of Olawatonga, the Indian baseball player, roused the East. According to the story, Olawatonga had killed another Indian. Of course, it was all over a fair Indian maiden, and the man took his death sentence like a grim hero. He belonged to a famous Indian baseball team, and according to Indian law was permitted to remain at liberty until the day set for his death, the Indian tribunal depending on his honor to return at the hour he was to be shot. This story was a hummer. A Kansas City syndicate hired the Indian ball team, toured Kansas and Missouri and cleared \$10,000 in a summer. At Kansas City 5,000 people paid to see the game, and the man who posed as Olawatonga was the object of interest. He was never sentenced to death, the story being purely a fanciful creation.

Hundreds of others equally as good have been sent out, and have caused thrills, tears and heartaches all over the country, but the end has probably been reached.

A Brilliant Record.

Capt. Ira L. Reeves, U. S. A., retired, has been in the city the past few days visiting his parents and brother and doing a bit of prospecting. As he has resigned his position as military instructor in Purdue, Indiana, university, there is a possibility of his locating here. At the school from which he has just resigned he was the instructor and commandant of more than eleven hundred students and was drawing a splendid salary, but he has a longing for the West, where the greater part of his life has been spent. He is now barely thirty years of age, but his ability and good luck brought him a captain's commission before he was retired for disabilities received in the Philippine service. Many good army men die of old age before reaching his station, which carries with it a handsome salary and no duty to perform. He is an author and an energetic business man, as well as commander. Mrs. Reeves is a gifted woman and they will undoubtedly have a large circle of friends if they locate here.—Phoenix.

Chelsea Notes.

Miss Frankie Kendall is visiting in Seneca Mo.

Mrs. George Barkley is home for the holidays from Colo.

Mrs. Tibbs and Mrs. Culspen last week with their parents at Sapulpa.

N. G. Phillips is spending Christmas with his family in St. Louis.

C. V. Rogers of Claremore is visiting his daughters, Mesdames McSpadden and Lane.

The girls and boys who attend the Seminars at Tablequah are home for the holidays.

Clem McSpadden is at home for a week's visit from Vanderbilt University.

Al Puryear went to Seneca for the holidays.

We are glad to note that the family of Rev. Simms is almost well again.

Miss Josie Howard, of the Nowata school, is visiting the family of R. K. Adair.

Dass Foreman, of the Fayetteville university, and Miss Ollie of Cotter college, are home for the holidays.

JOE, THE CROWD.

The New Northwest is increasing from immigration, by 200,000 people yearly. The region offers a field for farmers, stock raisers, miners, lumbermen, millers, fruit growers, and all classes of labor. The Coaly-Wyoming extension into the Big Horn Region offers a splendid opening for the live stock and wool business and for farming by irrigation.

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THE FOUR MILLION.

Attorney Edgar Smith Says It Will Go to the Courts.

Attorney Edgar Smith, one of the three attorneys appointed by Chief Buffington to represent the Cherokee nation in the matter of the collection of the four millions and upwards due the Cherokee nation according to the Slade Bender award, was interviewed by a representative of the Chieftain today and in substance said:

"My interest in the case is simply that of a lawyer; the attorney general of the United States, (Harmon) in an opinion declared against the liability of the government to pay the amount found due the Cherokee nation under the strip agreement. It is the intention of the attorneys employed by Chief Buffington, including myself, to simply go into the courts, the court of claims first, and thence to the supreme court of the United States and ask for a judgment for the amount of the award. It is a mistake that something over one million of this award is available. The attorney general declared that it had all been settled and that the government did not owe the Cherokees any more."

Called to Washington.

Hon. J. W. Zevly, Indian inspector, who has been stationed at Muskogee for some time past, has been summoned to Washington, there, it is understood, he will be assigned by the department to duty elsewhere. It is said that the dual duties of Indian Agent and Indian Inspector will now devolve upon J. Blair Shoenfelt. Col. Zevly left for Washington last night.—Phoenix.

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Warning Order.

In a United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, sitting at Muskogee, Oklahoma, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1902. Hannah Fitzpatrick, Defendant, vs. Michael Fitzpatrick, Plaintiff. The defendant, Hannah Fitzpatrick, is hereby warned to appear in this court within ten days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Michael Fitzpatrick. This 15th day of December, A. D. 1902. CHAS. A. CHANDLER, Clerk. By F. A. HANDLER, Deputy. Edgar Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff. Samuel Parks, Attorney for non-resident defendant.

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