

HIS NARROW ESCAPE.

A METHODIST MINISTER'S EXPERIENCE WITH INDIANS. He Was the Solo Passenger in a Stage That Was Attacked—The Driver Was Killed, and the Preacher Attempted to Take His Place—A Lucky Tumble.

The Cheyennes and Kiowas were on the warpath in 1867. Stage stations were attacked and burned, telegraph wires were torn down and thrown into wells, and all regular communication on the overland trail was abandoned. It was the duty of Captain Powell to establish the stations, leaving a guard of two or three men at each, and to push on toward Fort Lupton. The country was swarming with Indians, and small parties of white men moved only under great peril. At one point along the river the command met a stage, which presented an amusing sight. On the top sat five men, armed with long guns and revolvers, while from the inside peered a woman and three children. The captain persuaded the party to place itself under his protection, as a coach had been attacked the day before and the driver killed. At the Wisconsin ranch the coach and the dead body of the driver were brought in. The lining had been cut out and the woodwork was riddled with bullets. The savages had torn open the mail sack and distributed the letters over the plains, after tearing them open as if in search of money.

The next day at a spot called Living Springs, 40 miles north of Denver, a long, lank individual walked into camp. The stranger called for the officer in command and was conducted to Captain Powell. "The man introduced himself as a Methodist minister from Denver," said Colonel Powell. "I asked him how he happened to be so far from home. He replied by saying that he wanted to borrow a gun. 'If a coach comes through,' said he, 'I want to go along and kill some of those red devils that were after me yesterday.' I asked the man to sit down and tell his story. He did so, saying that he was in the coach whose driver was killed the day before. I looked at him in astonishment, but he told his story in such a straightforward way that I believed it. He explained that the day before was quite warm, and after dinner he had pulled off his coat and boots, and being the only passenger in the coach had stretched himself across the seats inside and gone to sleep. His story went as follows: 'I had not been napping very long when I was awakened by the most infernal yelling I ever heard in my life. I looked out the window and found that 30 or 40 Indians had attacked the coach and were pouring volley after volley into it. The driver had turned the horses, and we were making remarkable speed toward Godfrey's ranch. A shot struck the driver, and he fell off the box dead. 'Then I thought my only chance of safety lay in reaching the boat and getting hold of the lines. I climbed out of the door, crawled into the seat left vacant and discovered to my dismay that the lines had fallen between the horses and were dragging on the ground.' Continuing his narrative, Colonel Powell related the story as it came from the lips of the minister. The Indians continued their frightful shouts, and the terrified horses plunged forward at a pace that threatened to wreck the coach. The minister climbed down to the tongue of the coach and made a wild grab for the lines. At the same moment the coach lurched across a gully in the sand which had been formed by a storm the day before. The minister lost his hold and fell headlong into the wash-out. The coach passed over him, and a moment later the pursuing Indians dashed by on horseback after the coach and horses.

The minister lay perfectly still for several minutes. Then he peered over the plain to see that the coach had stopped a short distance away and was being robbed. The minister saw only one means of escape. The Indians would certainly return for his scalp, and his only safety was in a bold dash for the Platte river, several hundred yards away. The river was wide and swift, and he might succeed in crossing to the opposite bank. The project was carried into execution. In his stocking feet the white man made a dash through 300 yards of acres. Two red devils attempted to head him off, but the thoroughly aroused minister of the gospel far outlasted the natives of the plains as a sprinter. With a prayer upon his lips he plunged into the muddy water and reached a small island in the center of the river.

Looking back to the shore, what was the astonishment of the man to see two strangers, apparently white men, standing and beckoning him to return. The Indians had retired, and the two newcomers were officers of Fort Lupton, who were returning to the fort after a hunting trip along the river. The minister swam to shore and was escorted to a place of safety. Colonel Powell remained at Fort Lupton for several months until the Indians quieted down and danger had passed away. Then he hauled down the flag and abandoned the post, marching to Denver in order to cross the Platte river, on his way to Fort Laramie. At that time the only bridge on the Platte river between the Missouri river and the mountains was at Sixteenth street in Denver.—Denver News.

A large number of the millionaires who constitute the plutocracy of Australia and who practically rule the roost out there, are, if not ex-convicts, at any rate the offspring or descendants of individuals who made the trip out in manacles and who left home for their country's good. This is one of the reasons why colonial magnates—no matter how wealthy, generous and respectable—are always looked upon with a certain degree of suspicion.—Chicago Record.

A Matter of Spelling. "Mistah Jones, I has somthin ob do greatest imp'ortance to toll you yo' do 'm'oin," said George Montague, the colored janitor at the Armory police station, to Lawyer Indignation Jones yesterday morning. "What am do trouble, Monty?" asked Indignation, as the two walked out of Justice Underwood's court and stood on the steps leading to the street. "Mistah Jones," continued the janitor, "yo' know de George B. Swift cold Ma'chin club what's gwin ter hold a picnic on de twenty-f'orth ob dis m'umf?" "Deed I do," said the dusky lawyer. "Ize on de committee." "Dat am jus' do trouble presantly, Mistah Jones. Yo' hab not done yo' duty." "What am yo' talkin' 'bout, Geo'ge Montague? What is yo' sayin'?" "I is sayin, sah, dat yo' hab neglec' yo' duty. Yo' hab lowed de committee ter 'range fo' hol'in de picnic at Coon's pa'k. Yo' heah dat, sah—Coon's pa'k. What am de white folks gwim ter say when dey finds out dat Geo'ge B. Swift Ma'chin' club am ter hold de reg'lar an' al' picnic at Coon's pa'k?" "Hab yo' took notice how de word am spelt, Geo'ge Montague?" asked Indignation. "Dar am only one way ter spell do word," was the reply. "Dat am de-double-o-n. Dat am de way, sah." "Yo' am in de wrong, Monty. Dat am not de way. I looked into de matter befo' I lowed de contract ter be signed. De word am spelt K-n-h-n, sah." "Yo' snah 'bout dat, Mistah Jones?" "Ze positive, sah."

Very Promising pupil. At the riding academy: Teacher—Have you ever been on a bicyc? Pupil—No. But I took a new baby carriage home the other night on a cable car. Teacher—Say, I'd like to engage you as an assistant here before we go any further.—Chicago Record.

Nothing in It. Mrs. Billus—Don't you believe it's true, John, that a person partakes to a considerable extent of the nature of the creatures he eats? Mr. Billus—No. I've been eating fish all my life, and I can't swim a stroke.—Chicago Tribune.

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