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### "OLD BONES" IN SORROW RETURNS

**BENT AND BLIND OLD INDIAN PLEADS FOR THE LAND OF HIS FATHER'S NORTH BANK RAILROAD RESPECTS NOT THE WIGWAM THAT HAS SMOKED FOR YEARS ON THE SNAKE.**

Because the North Bank railroad is appropriating his home for a part of its right-of-way, "Old Bones," a conspicuous Indian character, is on the war path and appeared at the local office yesterday with an appeal to the officials to have the "Great White Chief" at Washington command the interlopers to "clatawah."

"Old Bones" has lived on the land, which is in township 13 north, of range 37, along the Snake river about seven miles below Texas rapids, for 60 years and his fathers occupied the territory for generations ahead of him. The old warrior believes that the land belongs to him and all efforts to convince him otherwise were of no avail.

With a handkerchief around his eyes which are blind from age, wrapped in his blankets and attired in full Indian array, the old chief, in company with his daughter and young grandson, sat in the register's office and told his troubles, in jargon, to Perry Lyons who interpreted the conversation for the officials.

According to "Old Bones," he and others of his tribe, have lived on the land in the vicinity of Texas rapids for so long a time that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," and then they never been molested in their possessions. Some time ago an Indian agent was sent out from Washington to locate the claims of the natives but no filings were made for the Indians, with the exception of "Old William," who finally secured title to his claim.

Recently the North Bank road has sent in gangs of laborers. The old burying grounds of the tribes has been plowed up and sacred rights of the Indians disregarded. The right-of-way of the railroad runs directly through the home of "Old Bones" and he has been forced to vacate the wigwams so long inhabited by himself and his children and his fathers and their fathers.

Having secured legal title to his land "Old Williams" has been paid damages by the company, but the other members of the tribe have been unceremoniously driven from their old haunts and they cannot see any justice in the actions of the white men. There is no way to make them understand the subtle reasoning of the law and they can only see the eternal injustice of the proceedings. Arguments were useless, explanations were in vain, the old fellow insisting that the land was his and it was evident that he was ready, even at this late day, to put on his war paint and die for what he conceived to be his rights.

The controversy will probably be submitted to the Indian commissioner for settlement.

### FARMER HAVE A RIGHT TO COMBINE

That farmer have a right to combine to sell their crops has been disputed by some of the newspapers who are opposed to the best interests of the farmers.

For the benefit of all concerned, the following act of the legislature of Kentucky, under the date of March 21, 1906, is published:

"It is hereby declared lawful for any number of persons to combine, unit or pool, any or all, of the crops of wheat, tobacco, corn, oats, hay, or other farm products raised by them, for the purpose of classifying, grading, storing, holding, selling or disposing of same, either in parcels or as a whole, in order or for the purpose of obtaining a greater or higher price therefor than they might or could obtain or receive by selling said crops separately or individually."—Equity Press

### LONGEST STEEL BRIDGE.

The big railway bridge across the Columbia river, which the Portland & Seattle Railway company is building at Vancouver, Wash., will be a mile and a half long—the longest steel bridge in the world, states a Vancouver report. Work was begun in January, 1906, and it is expected that the mammoth structure will be completed early in 1908.

The bridge is located a short distance from the main part of the city, though the abutments and the approach are within the city limits. It is on the site where the Union Pacific started to build a bridge fourteen years ago, in fact, the second pier from the Washington side—the one on which the draw bridge will rest—was built by the Union Pacific. It extends over a small island on the Oregon side and across a slough beyond there are forty-eight piers, ten in the river and the rest on the island and in the slough. Those in the river are sunk forty feet below the bottom, and are built of solid concrete from the bottom up to within about forty feet of the top. The upper portion is constructed of solid granite blocks.

Working in the caissons at forty feet below the bottom of the river, owing to local conditions, was more perilous than usual in such work. One workman lost his life, and several were stricken with the strange disease called "the bends"—a paralysis of the lower part of the body. The piers range in depth from 100 to 110 feet. They are 21x59 feet at the bottom and 10x52 feet at the top, except the pier on which rests the draw bridge which is about 52 feet square.

### A NEW DEAL IN MARKETING

**Farmers Are Now Selling Their Grain Direct To Consumers**

On the 14th of August farmers selling agencies were established in Kansas City and St. Louis for the first time in the history of American agriculture. Farmers are now going into the large market centers to sell their products direct to consumers in wholesale lots. These new agencies are also the only agencies in the country, at the present time whose managers are directly accountable to the producers for the manner in which their products are handled. Every man employed by these agencies works on the salary basis, hence the inducement to make as much out of the product as possible, while it is being handled from the producer to the consumer, as is the case with the other class of selling agencies, is removed. There is no reason why these new agencies should at any time make any effort to put millers and other buyers of grain next to as many bargains as possible of grain shipped to them or to help "make it miserable" for shipments of grain coming from individual or farmers' elevators.

The missing link which the farmers have looked for so long has now been inserted in their marketing machine. The troubles which farmers' elevators and independent shippers have experienced in the past for want of the right kind of selling agencies in the principal markets has now been removed. It is now up to the farmers, independent shippers, and farmers' elevators to prove by their patronage, whether or not they are willing to build up agencies of their own. It is expected that the old agencies now established, will do everything in their power to induce farmers to starve out their own agencies. They will no doubt give better deals on grain shipped to them than they have ever done before hoping that by so doing they will be able to create such a feeling of satisfaction among the farmers and independent shippers that they will quit making all the noise and disturbance which they have been doing lately. It would pay big for them to have dope administered to farmers and independent shippers so

as to make them go to sleep a year or two. Having learned a few things from experience in the past year or two, this would enable them to entrench themselves more strongly than ever before.

Millers will also invite the establishment of these agencies because it will make it possible for them to obtain wheat as it comes from the farm, unplugged and unadulterated.

These agencies are being established by the Grain Growers' Department of the American Society of Equity, whose National headquarters are maintained at Indianapolis, Ind.—From Equity Press.

### CHILDRENS DAY AT GENTRY BROS. SHOW SUNDAY SEPT. 15.

Sunday is a great day with the Gentry Brothers' Famous Shows. While Sunday is the one day of rest to which all individuals connected with a traveling tented aggregation look forward to with relief, it is also a day filled with detail and, in-so-far as proprieties will permit, it is also a day filled with pleasure.

The Gentry Brothers make Sunday the great "cleaning up" day and those who are early on the show grounds just West of the Fillmore School this morning will have the usual opportunity of seeing the hundred-odd dogs of every kind, size and color given a bath such as would seem to preclude the possibility of any dirt ever settling on their canine persons. The early visitors to the grounds will also see Will Carpenter and his pony boys giving a Sunday bath to the whole pony outfit, and it will be a morning of hustle and scrubbing from one end of the grounds to the other.

About noon, however, if the weather be at all favorable, such of the tents as are necessary for Sunday use will be up and in place, the circus paraphernalia to be erected for the Monday's work will be stowed about the grounds and the men who do the heavy work around the show and the dozens of draft horses who do the hard hauling will have laid down for their Sunday slumber.

It is about this time that the big animal tent gets ready for an afternoon of activity. The last dog is given a "rub down", the last pony a drying off, the last monkey a brushing up and the last obstreperous trained pig a calling down. The last wagon is washed off, there is a brushing up of boys, men, harness and trappings, and at 2 o'clock the doors are thrown open to the children and their companions.

The Childrens' Sunday Reception as given by the Gentry Brothers' Show has no parallel in the amusement business. For two hours the big animal tent is filled with thousands of children who get to know the ponies, dogs, monkeys, elephants, camels, geese and pigs at first hand. They learn "Nero", "Satan", "Tribby" and the other elephants by names they make much ado over "Oklahoma", the little baby camel, who first saw the light of day at Norman, Oklahoma, a few short weeks ago, and they talk to "Walter", who leads the monkey fire brigade, and to "Ike", the big trained goose; and they invariably go wild over "Randle", the little pony colt which first saw the light of day at Hudson, Wis.

Sometimes the elephants indulge in a little Sunday practice; now and then Dr. "Doley" the Simeian physician, takes his patients out for a ride in his dog cart" and very often there is a bit of unexpected comedy from "Ginger", the bucking mule belonging to Dark town".

It is an afternoon of delight to the younger generation and of pleasure to the accompanying "grown-ups", and it gives the patronizing public an excellent idea of the character of men who conduct this unusual circus, and a good foretaste of the pleasure to come during the regular performance.

Starting from the show grounds at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning the mile long Gentry parade will travel the principal streets preparing the public for the performances to be given to-morrow afternoon and evening. The Gentry Brothers' Famous Shows United will be here for one day only.

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