

NOT WRITTEN IN HISTORY

A Massacre of Twenty Confederate Officers by Indians in Kansas

There is a spot in Kansas which contains all that is mortal of 20 ex-Confederate officers. Their death was tragic in the extreme, accompanied as it was by all the horrors and barbarities of Indian warfare.

Early in the conflict between the north and south Confederates were dominant in the Indian Territory and well nigh succeeded in suppressing every spark of loyalty among the Indians there and in Kansas along the southern border. Several bands of the Osage tribe, however, remained loyal. They were hunted out by the rangers from Texas and the guerrillas from Arkansas and finally sought refuge within Union territory. On the march to the north many of them traveled on foot a distance of 300 miles. A great number froze to death on the route, and their bodies, with only a shroud of snow, were left where they fell to feed the hungry wolves.

Finally the bands, under White Wing and Little Bear, arrived on the Verdigris river and established their camp on the spot where the town of Neodesha now stands. Indeed "Neodesha" is an Osage word and means "meeting of the waters." The loyalty of White Wing and Little Bear had been accomplished largely through the teachings of Father Shoemaker, the venerable priest in charge of the Osage mission, who has long since been gathered to his fathers. Driven into the Union by the persecution of the southerners, it is not difficult to understand that the Osages were vindictive to an extraordinary extent toward Confederates and lost no opportunity to wreak a barbarous vengeance.

The Confederates constantly had emissaries out among the western tribes seeking to lead them into revolt against the Federal government. The Osages assumed it as their part of the great conflict to intercept these emissaries and hold the Indians of Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico loyal to the north.

Some time in 1862 a party of Confederate officers, none of whom held less rank than that of lieutenant, were commissioned by the Confederate government to proceed west through Kansas to New Mexico and organize the wild plains Indians into marauding parties, whose business it should be to intercept government trains and harass the movement of Federal troops from the west overland. A part of these officers were also commissioned to organize and enroll the southern sympathizers among the whites in Colorado and New Mexico and if possible march out a few regiments to the seat of war.

This party of Confederate officers attempted to pass through the Osage reservation along the Verdigris river, but were met near the mouth of Drum creek by a small band of the Indians, who demanded their surrender. Instead of surrendering the Confederates opened fire and killed two of the Osages and put the remainder to flight. Flitting along just out of rifle shot, the Indians gradually lured their victims into the main camp of White Wing and Little Bear, where they were surrounded by an overwhelming force and put to death with all the atrocious cruelties the infuriated tribe could conjure. Not a man escaped. So complete was the ambush that not an Indian was killed in the encounter. Such as were not killed outright were put to torture after death the bodies were mutilated beyond recognition.

At that time the government was maintaining a military post at Humboldt, and when the news of the massacre came an officer with a detachment of troops was sent out to investigate the affray. The officer in command of that detachment was Lieutenant W. A. Johnson, now presiding judge of the appellate court for the southern department of Kansas.

When Lieutenant Johnson arrived on the scene, a shocking sight met his vision. The dead Confederates had all been beheaded and their heads were piled up in an indiscriminate mass, so that it was impossible to discover to which body a head belonged. The bodies were buried side by side by the troops. The papers found on them clearly explained their mission in the west, and it is probable that the bloody work of the Osages on that day prevented a serious uprising in the western territories, which might have cost rivers of blood to subdue.

The Kansas histories contain nothing of this massacre. Its details can only be gathered from the lips of men whose memories have become dimmed by the lapse of time. It is now impossible to secure the names of the Confederate officers who are buried along the lowlands of the Verdigris valley, but no doubt the archives of the Confederacy will reveal alike their names and titles, and in time there will be a monument over their burial spot.—Kansas City Journal.

SUNRISE ON A GLACIER

A Marvelous Scene That Was Witnessed in Alaska Wilds. After we had seen the unveiling of the majestic peaks and glaciers that evening and their baptism in the downpouring sunbeams it was inconceivable that nature could have anything finer to show us. Nevertheless, compared with what was coming the next morning, all that was as nothing. As far as we could see the lovely dawn gave no promise

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Halvor Negaard put up a wind mill on the farm of John Edberg last week. Mr. Edberg has laid pipes from a well 26 rods from the house and up grade about 50 feet to the house, where he has dug a cistern and placed the wind mill. Essays it works splendidly. M. J. O'Brien, with a couple of gentlemen from the East, inspected the country around here last week. These gents, we understand, were money loaners, and they probably liked to see the many places where they have invested their money, and of which they may soon become owners. A pair of twins gladdened the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gorderhamer last week. Mrs. Thorseth the aged mother-in-law of Ole J. Peterson left this town lately for Cass county, where she intends to spend the rest of her life with a son living there. Our Band Boys reported a good time at Green Lake last week. The boys are undoubtedly getting popular, as we understand they have several engagements on hand. The crops are very fair, and if weather will be favorably, we have a good harvest. But we do not think that the yield will be very heavy. Honjum & Reigstad handle the Aermotor wind mills in this town. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Oscar Mankel of Lake Andrew to Miss Minnie Swenson of this town next Saturday, at the residence of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Swenson.

Mr. Sidney Knox returned from Crystal Lake last Wednesday. Mrs. Alo Anderson returned from a visit to Sioux Falls, S. D., last Saturday. August Carlsson, of Sibley county, visited with his brothers, Otto and Claus Carlsson, last week. Casper Warner has purchased a 200 acre farm adjoining his own of Jack Clausner. The Ladies Sewing society, of Fridborg's congregation, will give a picnic in Haneman's grove, on July 4th. Our genial bachelor, John Mahlich, gave a young ladies party at his residence last Thursday evening. We are not in a position to state whether John made a selection or not. Messrs. A. Anderson and August Falk were in Renville last Friday, purchasing some farm machinery. The young people had a dance at L. P. Olin's place last Saturday evening. Frank Newberg was in Renville last Friday and bought a gasoline stove, and while going home had the misfortune of breaking the tank. It might also be proper to state that Frank is not married, but lives in single blessedness. Hence he had no disagreeable experiences after arriving home.

Mamre News. Miss Hannah Wreissner of Dassel visited relatives in Mamre last week. Mr. John Erickson and family and Miss Jennie Anderson, of New London visited at Gustaf Erickson's last week while attending conference. Religious services were held in Gustaf Erickson's granary last Monday. Miss Ida Anderson, from Minneapolis, is visiting at J. W. Johnson's. Ted breaks land and looks happy. Ed. Bergstrom has left for North Dakota—to look for a cure for heart disease, they say. Miss Lydia Anderson has returned from Minneapolis. We are sorry to chronicle the death of Miss Emma Anderson, a young lady from this town. She had spent the winter in Colorado, and on her way home she stopped over in Minneapolis, where an attack of typhoid fever ended her young life. The deceased was a very kind hearted and pleasant lady, and a large circle of friends sympathize with the afflicted family.

Svea News. Nels Bengtson is building a new barn. The Svea Sewing society will hold their annual auction July 4th. Eskel Swenson wears a broad smile on account of the arrival of a boy at his home, just in time for haying. There will be a Mission meeting in Svea church, Wednesday and Thursday. A jubilee festival will be held Thursday, it being the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Svea congregation. The Svea Cornet Band has been tuning up for the occasion.

Arctander Antics. A. L. Christoferson, while in Otter Tail county, extended his trip and inspected the land in Marshall, Norman, Wadena, and Polk counties. H. M. Engen, our assessor, and I. K. Syse, our enumerator, have both completed their duties. C. K. Lund is building a large addition to his residence.

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