

## LOGAN FONTENELLE BIG INDIAN CHIEF

One of the Most Respected Indians that Ever Roamed Nebraska Plains Was This Leader.

### CHIEF OF THE OMAHA INDIANS

Who was Logan Fontenelle? Nearly everybody knows he was a chief of the Omaha tribe of Indians. Nearly everybody knows also that the new Fontenelle hotel was named in his honor.

Here is the story of his greatness and wisdom, the story of his short life and tragic death. It is given by his brother, Henry Fontenelle.

Logan Fontenelle was born at Fort Atkinson, at or near the present site of Fort Calhoun, May 8, 1825. Fort Atkinson was then a garrison.

**Builds Trading Post.**  
His father, Lucien Fontenelle, was trading with the Indians at that time. Not long after the birth of Logan he went to Bellevue and built the trading post that P. A. Barry occupied.

Logan grew up and was sent away with his younger brother to St. Louis to school. The lads had been there only two years when their father died and they returned to Bellevue.

At the age of 15 years Logan was appointed United States government interpreter for the Omaha Indians, a position which he held until his death. When the United States made overtures to the Omahas for the purchase of their country, Logan Fontenelle was made principal chief, a position which he continued to hold until he met his death at the hands of the hereditary enemies of the Omahas, the Sioux Indians, June 15, 1855.

**Held in High Esteem.**  
Never was there a chief of the Omahas who held so high a place in their affections. Never was there another chief of the Omahas or any other tribe who did as much to lift them up to higher things than Logan Fontenelle.

His influence over the tribe was absolute. The respect and honor in which they held him was the highest. Years before he became chief he had tried to instill into the Omahas the advantages of becoming civilized and educated and engaging seriously and steadfastly in the pursuits of agriculture.

Their great vice at that time was drunkenness and on this evil Logan Fontenelle set his foot, presenting the strange spectacle of an Indian prohibitionist.

As soon as he became chief he appointed twenty young men of the tribe to act as police. It was their duty to arrest all members of the tribe who were found intoxicated, to give them a thrashing with whips and to break up their jugs of whiskey.

**Water Wagon Drivers.**  
Many a hard tussel did the twenty Indian "water wagon drivers" have to keep the men of the tribe firmly seated on the famous vehicle and to boost up again those who had tumbled off.

But Logan Fontenelle enforced his decree with a firm hand and within a few years had turned the Omahas into a sober, virtuous and law abiding people.

On May 20, 1855, the Omahas received the first installment of the annuities they were to get from the government for their land. As soon as possible thereafter they started on the annual buffalo hunt, going up the Elkhorn river. A week's travel brought them to the country where the buffaloes still roamed by the thousands in those days.

**The Sioux Appear.**  
Prospects were fine for a successful hunt. They spread out to make their first "surround," when they discovered the presence of their ancient enemies, the Sioux, who were assembled in large numbers.

They gave battle at once and two of the Omaha tribe were killed. They attempted to go on with the hunt, but the Sioux kept worrying them, it being their apparent intention to give them battle everytime the Omahas had surrounded the buffalo.

It soon became apparent that the Sioux were far too numerous for them to engage successfully and the Omahas decided to retreat, toward home.

They traveled down the Elkhorn valley for six days. By that time all signs of their enemies had disappeared. One day a number of elk appeared off to one side of the valley. Chief Fontenelle gave orders to stalk them and he, himself, with a number of braves, rode cautiously toward the distant herd.

After riding some distance they separated in order to surround the elk.

**Sioux Again Appear.**  
As soon as they had become separated the Sioux, whom they thought they had left far behind, but who had been craftily following them, waiting for just such an opportunity, made their appearance.

Most of the hunters saw them in time to make a dash back to the camp. But not so Logan Fontenelle. He was cut off.

The Sioux were in very great numbers.

### INDIAN CHIEF FOR WHOM NEW HOTEL IS NAMED.



LOGAN FONTENELLE.

They first pursued Fontenelle. He was mounted on a very fleet mare and for fifteen miles they rode, the chief gaining gradually, until the Sioux decided to abandon the chase in order to give battle to the main body of Omahas. They watched him ride down into the valley of a small stream. But they didn't see him come up on the other side. After waiting for a time they sent several men up to see what was keeping him.

They found Fontenelle trying to get his horse out of the wire in which it was stuck fast. They quickly gave the signal to the rest of their party and all swept down on him at once.

**Chief is Killed.**  
Two of the Sioux Chief Fontenelle, laid dead before he was overwhelmed by numbers and killed.

Then the Sioux rushed back and attacked the Omahas. One of the Omahas soon saw Fontenelle's mare, which one of the Sioux was riding. A truce was arranged in order to find out whether Fontenelle was dead.

It was found to be so. So great was the respect for the dead chief that the Sioux consented to a suspension of hostilities while the chief was taken home and buried.

His people found him, his breast pierced with seven arrows and several gunshot wounds on other parts of his body. The side of his head was crushed by a tomahawk blow and his scalp had been taken.

With great lamentation they took up the body, washed it and wrapped it in a "moose-horn," a partly tanned hide and carried it on a horse which was presented to the dead body.

**Take Body to Bellevue.**  
Arriving at the emigrant trail they found a wagon and harness. In this wagon they deposited the body and so it made the rest of the journey to Bellevue.

There it was buried by the side of his father's body.

Almost the entire white population residing within 50 miles of Bellevue came to the funeral services. Stephen Decatur himself delivered the eulogy upon the virtues of the dead man.

And after the white man's ceremonial the red men for hours bewailed their lost chief and sung of his exploits on the field of battle with the tribe's enemies.

Few men have the honor to have erected to them such a monument as Logan Fontenelle has in the magnificent hotel that bears his name standing on its commanding position in the city what bears the name of his tribe—**Fontenelle** in the City of Omaha.

**Every Room Has Its Private Bath in the Fontenelle Hotel**

Every room in the Fontenelle hotel has its own private bath room. And they are beautiful, too.

The floors are of mosaic tile, the sides are of porcelain brick and the bath tubs, bowls, etc., are what the women will call "lovely," "dainty" and similar terms.

The white porcelain tubs are of the kind that seem to built right in. They set right on the floor and have more or less straight lines.

The fixtures are of special design. The vitreous lavatories or wash bowls, as well as all these tubs were furnished by the local branch of the Crane company. All this material, say the managers of the company, is the very best obtainable.

The Crane company itself has an interesting history. It was established in Chicago in 1885 by R. T. Crane. That was just the year that the first white settler took up his abode on the present site of the city of Omaha.

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### DARKNESS HAS NO PLACE

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The hotel has been built with every room an outside room and provided with large and ample windows. Under these circumstances Messrs. Day, Sun & Co. will light the hotel as long as it exists at the extremely low rate of nothing a year.

This generous contract applies, of course, only during the daytime each day. Ample provision has also been made to secure the best and most convenient of light at night.

All of the 230 bedrooms will have not only the usual supply of ceiling lights,

but also dresser lights, portable night lights and reading lamps.

Lighting fixtures everywhere throughout the big building are of a very extraordinary grade, hand wrought and the finest fixtures to be found in any hotel west of Chicago.

Most noteworthy among them, perhaps, are those in the main dining room, consisting of chandeliers of extremely graceful and pleasing lines with crystal and pear-shaped pendants and electric bulbs in frosted glass, the whole far from conventional and with candelabra effect.

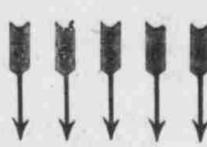
**Soft, Dreamy Light.**

Large hexagonal lanterns illuminate the ladies' tea room with that soft, dreamy light which is so pleasing to the eye and to the mental attitude that ought to go with tea rooms. These have clear glass sides, candle-form lights and ornaments in vines etched in apple green.

Graceful crystal chandeliers with pendants of metal and antique finish to harmonize with the furnishings and decorations will provide the light for the big banquet room.

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