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## HOUSTON'S INDIAN WIFE IS DESERTED

LEFT ALONE TO DIE OF NEGLECT

AT THE AGE OF 115 YEARS

Has Long Been the Custom of the Kiowa and Comanche Tribes to Abandon Old People.

Within the last few days, Oklahoma dispatches have brought the intelligence that, deserted and an outcast from her tribesmen, Melissa Houston, a full blooded Kiowa, once the handsome Indian wife of Gen. Sam Houston, first president of the Republic of Texas, has been left alone to die of hunger and neglect in her weather-beaten tepee three miles from Anadarko.

According to the best authority Mrs. Houston is 115 years old. She is toothless, blind and a pitiful sight as she sits in her lonesome tepee.

It has long been a custom of the Kiowa and Comanche Indians to abandon their old men and women and allow them to die by degrees. Melissa Houston has not escaped the common fate.

No civilized mind can contemplate such a barbarian custom without being shocked and revolted.

This item brings to mind the fact that in April of last year a great crowd of people from all parts of Texas gathered at the village of Huntsville, in that state, the occasion being the unveiling of the \$10,000 monument authorized by the legislature in honor of Sam Houston.

Upon that historic occasion, Col. William Jennings Bryan made the dedicatory address and paid fitting tribute to a fellow warrior who had spilled powder and brought blood, a fellow orator who could draw a bigger crowd than a circus, a fellow statesman who never escaped when an office camped on his trail. This tardy memorial by the general assembly of Texas consists of a low granite shaft bearing a bas-relief figure of General Houston, mounted upon his favorite charger, with his hat in one hand, waving his troops onward in their attack upon the forces of Santa Anna in the battle of San Jacinto. Upon the two sides of the main shaft are allegorical figures representing war and peace. Upon the reverse side of the shaft appears the Masonic emblem.

This man Houston was one of the strong, remarkable and unique characters that figured in the early history of this country. He belongs as much to Tennessee as to Texas. His career proves that any man may come from the backwoods to the gubernatorial chair in a very few years, and that from this proud position of distinction he may in a day plunge into seclusion and savagery; that he may come back and win in life's literal battles great and newer honors, only to have them temporarily snatched from his possession, and yet be fully vindicated by times averaging verdict.

Houston was an honest man, as honest as any watchdog's bark that ever layed deep-mouthed welcome as his master drew near home. He was a courageous man—a splendid savage.

His courage was of that commanding kind which men instinctively recognize and naturally love to follow. He faced death a thousand times and never flashed the white feather.

Born in Virginia in the latter decade of the eighteenth century, his parents were early pioneer emigrants to Tennessee. He had no schooling, compared with the advantages vouchsafed the boys nowadays, because there were no such schools, in the first place, and because he had no taste for such institutions for instruction as there were. Clerking a store was too prosaic for one of his nature, so he ran away and made his home for some time with the Cherokee Indians.

About the next thing of consequence in his career was when a well grown lad, he attracted the attention of Jackson in the battle of the Horse Shoe, a fight with the Indians in 1812.

Some seventeen years later he occupied the Tennessee governor's chair. His career in this sphere was brief, being voluntarily terminated by him on account of inexplicable domestic affairs. He had married a Miss Allen of Sumner county, and she left him and returned home shortly after the wedding. No adequate explanation of this domestic dissolution was ever given the public by either of the parties, and to this day it is a mystery unfathomed, though variously speculated upon then and ever since.

Houston immediately resigned the governorship, the only man who ever did such a thing, and plunged into the wilderness of Arkansas, being welcomed by the old Indian chief who was the friend of his boyhood. Here he took to wife an Indian maiden, by whom he had a family. His life here for three years was one of degradation and bestiality, for he was known and derided by the Indians as "Big Drunk." However dissolute his personal course may have been, he could not tolerate the dishonest practices of the Indian agents toward the red men, and he set out for Washington and laid the matter before President Jackson. This trip must have had a sobering effect upon him, for he shortly afterwards went to Texas and became a pre-eminent figure in that empire until the day of his death.

When Texas joined issue with Mexico, fighting for independence, Houston was made commander-in-chief of the military forces of the nascent republic. The heroic tragedy of the Alamo occurred in December 1835. Receiving their request for assistance, Houston almost single-handed started to the relief of Travers, Bowie, Crockett and their compatriots. Their blood cried from the ground, and they were soon to be avenged. Rallying a force of 700 or 800 men, Houston some four months later engaged at San Jacinto the 5000 soldiers under Santa Anna in one of the most memorable conflicts that ever occurred upon this continent. Men were sent to the rear to cut the bridges and then were instructed to bear their axes aloft and inform the heroic band what had been done. With an impassable stream behind them and an implacable foe outnumbering them six to one in front, the battle for life and liberty began. With the Texans it was "Remember the Alamo!" "Remember Goliad!" The Mexicans are fighters, but they were no match for the demons in human form they that day encountered. The battle resulted in a slaughter and a rout for the Mexicans. Santa Anna barely escaped with his life. Houston became president of the republic and would have been made dictator for life if he had not peremptorily refused.

When Texas was admitted into the union, in 1845, Houston was one of the first United States senators. He was governor of the state when the war cloud lowered. His heart and judgment were with the union and he campaigned the state in opposition to the secession movement. Though Houston was the idol of his people, the hot heads were in the saddle and the old man's counsel was rejected. He

told them that the North was rich, that the North was in earnest, that war would be disastrous to the South, that poverty and sorrow would be our portion if disunion was persisted in. His words read today like veritable prophecy in view of the flood of calamities that subsequently occurred. The legislature deposed him from the governorship, and when he came to his office one morning he found the speaker of the senate occupying his chair. On that occasion the "recall" was invoked before it was invented. Being invited to review the first regiment of Texans that started to the front, he wore his old San Jacinto uniform when he appeared upon the parade ground and addressed the troops.

He asked them, "where is so-and-so and so-and-so and so-and-so?" Eloquent men were they who had canvassed the state in favor of secession. They had sought softer berths and more congenial climes in preference to the stern realities of war. He asked, "where are the Messrs. So-and-so's sons?" and the crowd laughingly replied "in Paris" or some other out-of-the-way place. "Where is old Sam Houston?" thundered he, his gigantic figure swelling to still more heroic proportions. "Here!" they answered. "Where is young Sam Houston?" he interjected, his eldest son wearing the gray in their ranks. "Here he is," they shouted, catching the spirit of the old man's humor and the fun he was peking at his quondam adversaries.

It should be remarked that Houston sent to Arkansas for his Indian wife shortly after he settled in Texas, but she preferred to remain with her people. Talahna was a superior woman, and, according to brief records, a good woman. She was a niece of Chief John Jolly, from whom the island in Tennessee river near Dayton took its former name. Talahna had the natural beauty of her race, and, besides her natural intelligence, was educated to a degree. Socially she was agreeable and was welcomed wherever her distinguished husband was received. After she elected to remain with her own people, Houston married an excellent woman from Alabama who exercised a salutary influence upon him. She made him a happy home. Notwithstanding his own infirmity, Houston would never allow liquor sold to the Indians whenever it was within his power to prevent it. He was converted some ten years before his death and joined the church—a brand snatched from the burning, a sinner saved by grace.

Soon after the beginning of the war Houston's health failed and in 1863 the old man died. He lived long enough to be restored to the affections of his people, for by that time they had realized with sadness and bitterness, the awful truth, of their old commander's prophetic counsel and conservative caution.—Nashville Democrat.

**MADAME SHERRY**

A significant feature of the overwhelming success in New York of the new musical production "Madame Sherry," is the lavish praise the production elicited from the town's theatrical reviewers, excerpts from which follows:

Herald—"Welcomed with laughter and applause. It rivals 'The Merry Widow' and is one of the best musical shows in New York in Oh! ever so long!"

World—"Easily the brightest and most diverting musical production New York has seen in many a day, or is likely to see in as many more. At least a musical show that's novel."

American—"A new 'Merry Widow'." Sun—"Audience applauded every musical number and laughed at everything the comedians playfully labeled as a merry jest."

Tribune—"All the restaurants will be playing the score in a week." Telegraph—"Registered a real success." Times—"A gay French vaudeville. Another very important thing about it is that although it has stars, a great many other people have a great deal to do."

Post—"Audience could not help humming the score and it was heard in the car and subways long after the curtain fell."

Telegram—"The funniest musical play that has come to town for a long time."

Journal—"Nobody can get enough of it."

Globe—"Twenty-two numbers make up a feature list of a dazzling, dashing nature."

Evening World—"A younger sister of 'The Merry Widow.' Likely to stay the season out in New York. High audience fairly yelled its approval."

Mail—"Madame Sherry's music will go to your toes."

Evening Sun—"Madame Sherry" is the talk of the town. "Every Little Movement Has a Meaning All Its Own" is bound to be as great an epidemic as "The Merry Widow Waltz."

Town Topics—"Coming from Paris 'Madame Sherry' arrived at the New Amsterdam theatre on Tuesday evening in a blaze of glory. Not since the Widow of Lehar have we been entertained by any such person as the dainty, bewitching convent girl, Yvonne Sherry, and the reception that was given her foretold, a long sojourn in our midst."

"Madame Sherry" will be played here by the New York New Amsterdam Theatre Co., on Friday, Sept. 13, matinee and evening performances. Prices 75c to \$2.00. Tickets on sale Thursday, Sept. 12, 1912.

### The Men Who Succeed

As heads of large enterprises are men of great energy. Success, today, demands health. To fail is to fail it's utter folly for a man to endure a weak, run-down half alive condition when electric bitters will put his right on his feet in short order. "Four bottles did me more real good than any other medicine I ever took," writes Chas. B. Allen, Sylvania, Ga. "After years of suffering with rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach trouble and deranged kidneys, I am again, thanks to Electric Bitters, sound and well." Try them. Only 50 cents at H. C. Miller's.

### NATURE'S WARNING

Johnson City People Must Recognize and Heed it.

Kidney ills come mysteriously. But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlements and sediment, passages frequent, scanty, painful, it's time to use Doan's Kidney Pills. To ward off serious diseases. Doan's have done great work in Johnson City.

Mrs. Sarah Moran, 406 W. Poplar St., Johnson City, says:

"My back ached constantly and there were pains through my loins and kidneys. I also had trouble from the kidney secretions. When I heard how effective Doan's Kidney Pills were in such cases, I got a supply from the White-House Drug Co. and began their use. They soon made me feel better and I continued taking them until I was well." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Leaves are falling. Babies don't fall away while taking Dr. Fahmney's Teething Syrup. It makes sap—blood.

### COAL OIL INSPECTOR NAMED FOR HARTMAN

Nashville, Sept. 5.—Gov. Hooper today appointed Howard North coal oil inspector at Hartman, Claiborne county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his predecessor.

### ZEMO FOR DANDRUFF

You Will be Surprised to See How Quickly it Disappears.

No more dirty coats from dandruff heads. Zemo stops dandruff. Apply it any time with tips of fingers. No smell, no smear. Zemo sinks into the pores, makes the scalp healthy, makes the hair fine and glossy. For any skin afflictions, itch, dandruff, eczema, pimples, blotches, try Zemo at our risk. Zemo is prepared by E. W. Rose Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., and is sold in Johnson City by the City Drug Store.

### LOYAL CARTER BUILDS SHAFT TO WAR HEROES

Elizabethton, Sept. 6.—Work has begun on the monument which is being erected in Elizabethton as a memorial to the federal and confederate dead of Carter county. The base is twenty feet square, and the height will be sixty-five feet. This monument is located in the public square. The structure is being built of cement and river rock, and the estimated cost is \$4,500.

Dr. R. R. Wilcox is chairman of the memorial association. The building of this monument is emblematic of the spirit of the people of this county, which is known as "Loyal Carter." After the river rock structure is built, the shaft will be cemented, and made to resemble solid marble, or granite.

### Many Driven From Home

Every year, in many parts of the country, thousands are driven from their homes by coughs and lung diseases. Friends and business are left behind for other climates, but this is costly and not always sure. A better way—the way of multitudes—is to use Dr. King's New Discovery and cure yourself at home. Stay right there, with your friends, and take this safe medicine. Throat and lung troubles find quick relief and health returns. Its help in coughs, colds, grip, croup, whooping-cough and sore lungs make it a positive blessing, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Miller.

### MARRIED PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN WHAT TO DO FOR ONE ANOTHER'S ILLS, AND FOR THE ILLS OF CHILDREN THAT MAY COME.

They are sure sooner or later to have occasion to treat constipation or indigestion. When the opportunity comes remember that the quickest way to obtain relief, and finally permanent cure, is with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great herb laxative compound. A bottle should always be in the house. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1 a bottle.

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### WASHINGTON FARMERS HAD ENJOYABLE PICNIC

The farmers' exchange picnic at Indian Ridge, near Oak Hill schoolhouse, yesterday was a decided success, and was attended by from 800 to 1,000 farmers, farmers' wives, daughters and sweethearts. The grove in which the picnic was held was a suitable place for the occasion and furnished splendid shade and an abundance of spring water.

W. R. Reeves introduced the speakers. Capt. A. K. Johnson delivered the first address, which was an eloquent appeal to the farmers to improve their methods of agriculture, conserve their resources, provide the necessary conveniences and equipment for both farm and the home, laying especial emphasis on the need of home equipment and apparatus.

### STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Subscribed to before me and subscribed to in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1904.

(SEAL) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface of the system. Send for testimonials free.

### THE COMING OF THE SHOW.

September 16 will be show day in Johnson City, the day which makes the world young and kin. Every household will be alive early on account of it, and the country cousin arrayed in his best will come in on the highways and byways with refreshing glory and abundance.

The fine big special train of Sun Brothers is due here before dawn on September 16 and the usual army of curious will no doubt be at the railroad yards to greet them. As tented showmen are known as hustlers, it isn't take them long to unload the enormous equipment, horses, elephants and animals and assemble them at the box grounds at Johnson City. Perfunctory will be given in the afternoon at 8 o'clock and a night at 9 o'clock. There are no conventional numbers in this big Imperial program.

### OUTSHINES THEM ALL

The biggest day of amusement in the history of Johnson City will take place on Monday, September 16. This will be the occasion of the visit of the famous Sun Brothers' World's Progressive Shows. This popular tented

exhibition is now on its twentieth annual tour and the assertion is made by the Sun management that the show is richer and newer in all departments. Each succeeding season a new company of artists are engaged for the big top performance. This season all previous efforts are eclipsed. In fact they out-shine them all. The zoologic and wild display is a mammoth one and serves to introduce the greatest and most select collection seen here in a decade.

No fakirs, gamblers or purple attractions are ever countenanced about this show. It is essentially the purest and cleanest conducted show ever organized. Two performances take place daily, in rainy or fair weather. Positively no curtailment.

### CAVALRY TO HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

The seventeenth annual reunion of the thirteenth Tennessee cavalry will be held at Neva, Johnson county, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25 and 26. A lengthy program has been arranged.

### WATCH BABIES BOWELS TILL THE FROGS COME.

Dr. Fahmney's Teething Syrup. 25 cts. Sample free.

### HELD FOR TRIAL ON HOUSE BREAKING

"Bush" Campbell, Macey Kite and Zolbie Guinn had a hearing before Judge W. C. Pierce Thursday on the charge of breaking into the Buek-Snodgrass grocery store and taking money and goods. Their bonds were fixed at \$1,000 each, in default of which they were taken to the Jonesboro jail.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

THE TEXAS WONDER CURES KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLES, removing gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from Texas and other states. Dr. R. W. Hall, 2920 Oliver St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. (21)

### THE SAFEST LATCH IS THE YALE CYLINDER LATCH.

No other key will fit it but its own. When you shut a door with a Yale Cylinder Latch on it, that door is SECURE. And there's a heap of comfort in knowing it. We carry all kinds of Yale Night Latches in stock,—and other Yale Products too.

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## PATTERSON WILL OPEN HIS CAMPAIGN

IN NASHVILLE SEPTEMBER 20

AT THE VENDOME THEATRE

All He Asks is a Fair Hearing Before the People and That the Contest be Decided by Them

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 5.—Ex-Gov. M. R. Patterson, candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator, announced tonight that he would open his campaign with a speech at the Vendome theater in Nashville on the night of Sept. 20.

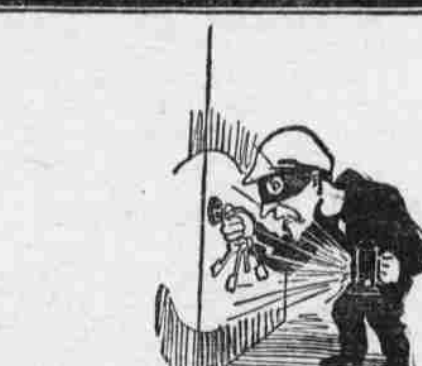
Gov. Patterson said in making the announcement: "I am leaving for Memphis tonight and will open my campaign in Nashville on the night of Sept. 20. 'All that I ask is a fair hearing before the people, and that the contest be decided by their will.'"

"Party harmony consists in respecting the will of the majority, and party discord comes when it is not respected. If I am the choice of the people they have a right to my services in the United States senate, and if I am not, defeat will be borne without complaint. My competitors are worthy men and my personal friends, and if either receives the nomination I shall want the legislature to carry out the popular choice."

"The talk so industriously circulated that my candidacy will affect any other candidate or in any way injure the democratic party is done solely to discredit me, and is both childish and absurd."

"No man can run me out of the democratic party or make me false to its nominees, and any man who says he will not be a democrat because I happen to be a candidate confesses himself a weakling, either mentally or politically."

"This subterfuge will deceive no one who does not want to be deceived. This is a contest for a great office, and the people want it decided not by accusation or false statements, made for an unworthy purpose, but in the open, and by methods which are fair and honorable."



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**Are We Justified?**

Perhaps we ought to be satisfied with present achievement. But, you know "the more a man gets the more he wants." This being true, we are then justified in soliciting new business; and especially so, since we are so well equipped to handle it.

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