

Life On the Frontier.

In October, 1870 I had charge of fifty Swedes, who were employed by Mr. Ramsdell cutting cedar rails in one of the cedar brakes which abound along the Colorado river. There was no one residing within twenty miles of our camp and although we knew these brakes to be favorite hiding places of the Indians during the day and dark nights (they never maraud only during the full moon), still we felt no fear, as we had arms, and there were too many of us for the Indians to attack us with impunity; but I did fear for a very valuable mare, belonging to myself, and a thoroughbred stallion colt, belonging to Mr. Ramsdell, and, as after events proved, my fears were well founded.

It was customary to put the two horses in the corral every night, but as the Indians had never molested us, we became careless and began to let them run about at night. One morning, going back for the horses, I came upon my mare stretched upon the ground. Several arrows sticking in her told me the marauders were. The colt was found all right in a thicket not far from where the mare was lying. A pony which was kept for general use was staked out near the camp, and was safe. I at once jumped upon him and rode to Lampassas, told my story, and a party was organized and went in pursuit of the devils. Upon our way across the country we met another party of scouts from Bennett, and our force combined was about thirty men.

The second day we overtook the Indians at Turkey creek, and they did not hesitate to show fight. We fought them two hours, bush fighting, and then the Indians took to the brakes. In our party one was killed and several wounded. We could not tell what the loss was on the other side, as the Indians always remove their dead and wounded, no matter what the risk would be. Sometimes, as the sequel will show one is left.

Upon the departure of the Indians we scattered around searching, to see if we could find anything left by them in their hurried flight; myself and a young man by the name of Hill were together, and as we were near a small thicket, suddenly we heard the crack of a revolver, and Hill exclaimed, "I'm shot." It was but a slight wound, however, and we at once commenced looking to find from whence came the shot. A small speck of smoke, curling up from the thicket, told the spot.

We at once made up our minds to make a rush for the place, which we did, and there we found the author of the shot. It was a huge Indian, prostrate upon his side, desperately wounded with a ball through his chest. As we rushed upon him, a fearfully malignant expression came over his countenance, defiance was in his eye, and hate, malice, revenge, overspread his face in quick succession. He manifested no fear, but seemed to defy us. He was resting slightly upon his elbow, his head on his hand, and in his right hand he still held his empty revolver. I would have left him to die alone, but Hill refused, and then, coolly walking up to him, placed the muzzle of his pistol at the Indian's head. A sharp report, and his brains were scattered on the ground; he then scalped him; I took his shield, bow, quiver, arrows and revolver, and we rejoined our party. You may say it was cruel and unfeeling to so kill him, but upon the frontier they have suffered so much at the hands of the Indians that when the opportunity occurs they like to make sure of his death.

My next adventure was one of which I have written you before, when they robbed me of my cattle upon the Pecos river. The following one occurred while I was returning from the scenes of my misfortunes. Myself and party arrived at Central Station, upon the waters of the North Concho river, four days after the raid made by the Indians upon my camp. Sad and dejected I tried to push on to Fort Concha, thirty-five miles distant, and secure aid and provisions for my men, for they were well nigh worn out. I was urged by the residents at the station not to start at that late hour, but I would listen to no one, and about four o'clock in the afternoon I mounted my horse and rode away in the direction of Fort Concha. I had two good revolvers, and a Henry rifle ready, as you may imagine, to make a good fight, if necessary. Seven miles from Central Station I came to a pass between two mountains, known as the Twin Sisters. I had been especially warned of this point, but I rode alone absorbed in thought and knew it not until I got beyond the pass fully quarter of a mile; neither would I have known it they had I not been suddenly aroused from my reverie by hearing a fierce yell from behind me casting my eyes back, I beheld a sight which would have made many a better man than myself somewhat nervous for a moment. Back of me, and about five hundred yards from my left, I beheld a half dozen mounted Indians, coming towards me like the wind. I took in the situation at a glance, and putting spurs to my horse away I went at break neck pace, with the howling, yelling, red devils in hot pursuit.

My horse was a superior animal, but I had rode him hard for the last four days, and I knew he could not long keep up the speed at which he was going, so I checked him up slightly. You may ask why, be-

ing as well armed as I was, I did not show fight; because I had good reason to believe they were nearly as well armed as myself.

My horse soon became so fatigued that my pursuers soon lessened the distance between us to about four hundred yards. They now commenced to fire at me, and as only one shot was fired at a time I concluded that they had but one gun, and as my conclusions proved to be right, I determined to do something myself; so I suddenly stopped my horse, and, wheeling half around, I fired, and had the satisfaction to see one of the imps fall from his horse.

It was my turn to yell now, which I did most lustily, but I only wounded the fellow, for a yell of defiance answered me as they assisted him upon his horse. Up to this time it had been a level prairie all about me and as it was near night I was eagerly looking out for some thicket where I could watch and defend myself during the darkness. Happily, just as the last rays of the setting sun were disappearing behind the hills, I came to such a place as I most desired—a thicket about fifteen yards through and located upon the banks of the river, which were there very high and precipitous, leaving only the front and sides to guard. As soon as the Indians saw what my designs were, they halted and held a council, I suppose, as to what was to be done. I leisurely entered the thicket, unsaddled my horse and fastened him as far back as I could that he might not get shot, and throwing myself flat upon my blanket on the ground, prepared to watch through the night.

Lying flat upon my breast, I could plainly see any object 100 yards away from me. The bank of the river was shaped much in the form of a crescent, so I really had simply my front to guard.

I had no fears of an attack before two or three o'clock in the morning; the savages would then expect me to be sleepy and negligent, and would be most likely to choose a late hour for an attack. I had, as I said before, been traveling for four days and consequently was nearly worn out for want of rest. Several times I was nearly overcome by sleep, but roused myself up to a sense of the danger surrounding me. The moon was at its full, and shone with an unwonted brilliancy. Not a sound was heard to disturb the awful stillness except the ripple of the waters as they splashed over the rocks in the river beneath me. Now and then the howl of a growling wolf would break upon my ears, but beside this all was as quiet as the grave, and I still watched on. One o'clock came as I could tell, by looking at my watch by the light of the moon. Two o'clock, and still I lay as motionless as the dead. My horse seemed to feel the danger, for he never moved or stirred. It must have been three o'clock, and the suspense was growing terrible, when I beheld a half dozen dark figures creeping toward me. The hour had come, and grasping my rifle, I awaited their approach.

Soon one of the figures was in plain view, and casting my eye along the barrel of my trusty Henry I fired and with a horrible yell the object at which I had fired, leaped into the air and again fell prostrate upon the ground. In less time than it takes me to write it, the remaining five had risen to their feet and rushed towards me. Again my rifle spoke, and a yell from the painted demons told me that my aim was not bad. They could not see to fire at me, as I was hidden by the bushes, but some of their arrows came within very close proximity to me. When they were within forty yards of me I commenced with my revolvers, and although they were scattered, yet I must have come frightfully close to some of them, for, after firing four or five shots at the cowardly villains they turned and fled and I was in possession of the field.

They did not trouble me any more, and with the breaking of day I mounted my horse and rode away in the direction of the fort. The Indians followed me at a respectful distance occasionally sending a shot after me. As I had wounded two of them and killed one, they feared to rush upon me, as they knew one or two of them would pay the penalty of any such foolishness. When I arrived within eight miles of Fort Concha, they wheeled and rode madly away and were soon lost to view. I entered the fort none the worse for my night's adventures, and the same was rejoined by my men; who had left Central Station that morning. At the fort the commanding officer kindly furnished us with provisions and after resting a couple of days we proceeded on our journey, and arrived at our destination without further trouble.

It is better to be alone in the world than to bring up a boy to play on the accordion.

Young men, never say die when there's a pair-o-dice within your reach.

The New York World wants to know if a man with a cough is not a hackman?

It is enough for one thing at a time to happen, especially twins.

The jewelry for the sea shore is undoubtedly salt-airs diamonds.

Many opinions go for nothing—it costs nothing to "express them."

There is nothing more depressing to a thermometer than cold weather.

The Granger's trump—Spades.

GAMBLING.—The State of Nevada has a law against gambling, from which source she has derived considerable revenue. Her legislature now in session, has a bill before it to prohibit and punish the practice as a high crime. This is tolerating and protecting an act to do that to punish it. Many States boast of their laws against gambling, and hold them up to show the moral status of her people. The real truth is they only drive gambling into closer quarters. There is no State in the Union anywhere near free from this vice. It may be said in answer to this question, how far should the law go to make men's morals? Liquor selling is also considered a vice, and while many have debated the suppression of the traffic altogether it is tolerated and licensed in some form or other by all these States, from which a great source of revenue is derived—not only to the towns and States, but to the general Government. About the only reason why we place a tax on liquor and license the traffic, and prohibit gambling by stringent laws, is because we have been in the habit of doing so. The State has no right to license the traffic, for we profess to be for the legalization of the greater vice and prohibit the lesser. We sometimes legislate away a vice by taxing it to death. We have killed the Hardy Gurdy business out and out in this Territory with high taxes. The liquor business is driven into closer quarters, and presents a less attractive appearance. Lower taxes, and if the taxes or licenses were still higher, we believe it would drive a great many men out of the business. There is good argument for applying the same rule to gambling. No one will claim that it can be suppressed altogether, or nearly so, then why not make all the revenue out of it, and can the same as we do the liquor traffic, and gambling all it will bear.—Boise Statesman.

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