

INDIANS OF THE WHITMAN MASSACRE

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It is nearly 55 years since Marcus Whitman died, murdered with his family by the people of those who had made his life a life of devotion to the improvement of the Indian race.

The field of his Christian labor was what is now southwestern Washington and northeastern Oregon and his work was among the three Indian tribes dominant in that vast territory, the Cayuses, Walla Wallas and Umatillas.

A Favored Tribe

If any of the native races were to survive the transition from savagery to civilization, these of all would seem to have been the most favored. Their land was the bunchgrass hills, the fertile valleys and the timbered mountains.

They then numbered thousands, strong, vigorous, healthy, occupying a region of immense fertility and diversity, hundreds of miles in extent.

Decline of the Red Man

The last half century has been a period of impressive development for the white race, but it has witnessed the sad decline of the red man.

The Cayuses, the tribe whose members were Whitman's assassins, then ranked with the Nez Percés as one of the most powerful among the northwest tribes. Today, decimated and broken, a remnant whose greatness is scarcely a memory among themselves, they are gathered with the Walla Wallas and Umatillas under the name of the Confederated Bands.

This reserve comprises a total of about seven government townships and is what is denominated an allotted reservation; that is, the lands have been divided among the Indians in severalty. The allotment was made by federal commissioners in 1863 under a special act of congress, and under the law each Indian head of a family was allowed 160 acres of agricultural land, each single person over the age of 18 was 80 acres, and each child under the age of 18 years 40 acres.

Chief James, Successor to Chief Joseph of the Nez Percés, the Last Great Leader of a Northwest Indian Tribe—Photograph by Kiser Photographic Company.

will have taught the Indian the value of individual property and will have invented him with skill to use it and knowledge to protect it.

branches of human effort which are essential to make them self-supporting and independent, and is maintained by funds arising from the sale of a portion of the original reservation which, at the date of allotment, was considerably diminished in size.

practicing all the arts of the peaceful tiller of the soil, while his children are tucked under her arm, she braved the unexpecting guards at the palace and got audience with the king. Upon one of her sketches the message was written.

too often does not welcome their efforts. The average Indian will not work, nor is he ambitious to change either his own or his children's condition.

development of the native race. The interior department is ready to aid them in every practical way; their reservation is a magnificent tract of land, including within its boundaries a portion of the Blue mountain range with beautiful and fertile foothills, excellent timber and abundant pastures for the ponies which in a large degree still constitute wealth from the Indians' standpoint, since the majority ride horseback an Indian walking or driving a team being, until recent years, an unusual scene.

Gossip of Some Current Books

"CAPTAIN OF MEN"—By E. J. Hanson. More. Verily a historical novel, but with such an ancient setting one has to delve into memory's storehouse pretty deeply before he can determine whether the characters really belong to history or are the creations of an ingenious author.

The dwarf, while cynical, repulsive and often disgusting, is the philosopher of the book, and really the most interesting character. Tanith's love for Merodach is sensual and unwholesome reading, though undoubtedly a fair representation of that age of semi-barbarism, and if the "Captain of Men" had nothing to recommend him but his cantanery he could hardly have been called a hero, but his courage, daring and power over men give him high rank in the estimation of the reader.

hide the sun and stars in blackest night. The bravest sailor would refuse to attempt such a voyage. Yet the conceit is a grand one.

forcibly separate King Kalakaua from his counselors, and one day surrounded him and made him a prisoner in his palace. Quite by accident Mrs. Strong discovered the situation while paying a visit to the secretary of state at his office. It was absolutely necessary that a brief message should be carried to the king and a brief answer brought back from him.

"Man With a Cough" Near Death

"RANGE NINE" as the convict in the state prison in Michigan City, Indiana, call the prison cemetery, is soon to claim one of the shrewdest of old-time confidence men. Colonel A. V. Ward, or "the man with a cough," as he is better known, is nearly ready for his release from a life that has been filled with melodramatic incidents.

led to abstain from the use of liquor in the future. Two days later he disappeared and for months he was a fugitive from justice.

would take them to the Red River country and dispose of them. When the war began Ward headed a gang of men that engaged in bootlegging. They worked in the New England states. It was during this time that he shot a federal captain and was compelled to go south to escape arrest.