

The Princess of Spotted Tail.

A TALE OF LOVE ON THE LARAMIE PLAINS.

"The daughter of Spotted Tail, when dying, placed her arms around the old chieftain's neck, and exacted a promise from him never to kill another white man. He has religiously kept his vow."—Eastern Paper.

So much for the old aboriginal of variegated candler momenclature. Having sipped with republican royalty, he needs no honors at the hands of commoners. But his daughter is a good Indian. All dead Indians are good. In that respect they resemble the whites. Nothing so nourishes the virtues into conspicuousness as decomposing flesh. She was a peace maker, too, and hence blessed. Her clasped arms were a tourniquet to stay over after the flow of demon blood from his heart to his head, or—the Eastern paper lies. So, gentle, good and gone, with no post-song to carry her name to posterity, with a romance, hallowed by constancy until death, clinging as apropos her memory—its recital is apropos and may be interesting.

On Sunday, June 24, 1866, an emigrant train, thirty days out from Omaha, bound for Helena, Montana, came out of the arid sands and buffalo gnats of the woodless waste of the Platte Valley and camped near Fort Laramie until a drunken Seargent, who represented the American Government on that occasion, should ascertain if its numbers and armament were sufficient to attempt the Bozeman route. The occasion offered opportunity to visit the Fort—a few houses with outlying rifle pits, and an unfinished earthwork partially surrounding a slight eminence, the inclosure of which was used as the post burial-ground. In it the grass was rank and tall, almost concealing the few headboards that marked the resting-places of the dead of the command. In the south-eastern corner were two noticeable objects—the burial place of the daughter of Spotted Tail, alluded to above, and an infant Indian. And this is the story:

Spotted Tail is one of the principal chiefs of the Sioux. His daughter was gentle and beautiful—the ideal Indian maiden—the light of his wigwam, the pride of the tribe, and was selected to be the mate of a distinguished young warrior. On one of Spotted Tail's annual visits to the Fort to procure powder and lead, a white man became enamored of her, wooed her and taught her to love him. He asked her hand of old Spotted, but the enraged chieftain scorned their entreaties, and, hastily leaving the Fort, started with his lodges on a long hunt; compelled her to accompany him, and despite her repeated entreaties and avowal that she would marry her white lover or die, he was inexorable. She was as good as her word. She ate a fatally poisonous berry, sickened and died. She had requested to be buried in the white man's burial ground.

The Chief came back, and craving that permission, it was granted. The tribe was assembled; the finest furies they could procure surrounded her remains, which were then placed in a large wooden box, covered with bright-colored blankets, and elevated on posts about ten feet high. Her favorite ponies were slaughtered, that in the happy hunting grounds she might have good speed. The heads and tails of the ponies were then nailed to the supports of the coffin, and there they still remain in the wind and sun and storm, while the smooth-flowing Laramie murmurs its ever-requiem to her who gave her life for love, and her last breath for peace.

Peace be to your ashes, maid of the plains. Your story is given as it was told us at your grave, in the dim twilight, by one who came there at each setting sun. It is almost too good to be true, but if it is, you deserve a good word, and we give you the benefit of the doubt.

Wherefore.

Before and since the June election the Oregonian distinctly asserted that the democracy of Oregon adopted and clung to "repudiation" as a cardinal tenet of faith and that "repudiation" was what the party succeeded on. That print, since the election, has felt constrained to deplore the fact that the State was committed to and has endorsed "repudiation!" But in its panegyrics in behalf of Mr. Bellinger since his retirement from the Democrat, it distinctly asserts that Mr. B. saved the Democracy from defeat by driving it from repudiation! The Oregonian's very singular position is this: That the people of Oregon endorsed repudiation. The late election; that repudiation was the plank they went in and won. That the fact is a great pity!—at Mr. Bellinger saved the party from defeat by driving it from its repudiation stand-point! This cries aloud for an explanation.—Mercury.

Mrs. Lincoln's Pension.

Of all the "jobs" that the last Congress has been guilty of—and there are many—the most unjustifiable is the granting a pension to Mrs. Lincoln of \$3,000 per annum. This, we believe, is the first instance of a pension having been granted to the widow of an officer in the civil service, and it should be the last. The majority of the Presidents left widows, and Harrison and Taylor died in the occupancy of the Presidential chair; yet the widows of none of them received pensions, although some of their families very much needed such a provision. And yet, in violation of both law and precedent, Mrs. Lincoln, whose husband's estate was not less than \$100,000, and who was in the habit of receiving presents in the way of bribes, some of which might have been pasted, like Gen. Logan's ring but amounted to a large sum in gross; who under the name of Mrs. Clarke sold her old clothes in New York; whose conduct while in Europe cannot be defended even by her most devoted friends, receives an annual sum for a pension sufficient to support a large family, not only in comfort, but in affluence. Great is the power of the lobby with this Congress.—Platender.

Revival of Peach Trees.

A discovery of no small moment in the interests of agriculture has been made by Dr. George B. Wood, and communicated by him to the American Philosophical Society, of which he is President. Peach trees in this vicinity, after producing a few crops, not only cease bearing, but perish themselves in a short time; whereas, their natural life is 50 or 60 years, or more. The cause of this defective power of growth is believed by Dr. Wood to be owing to a deficiency of potash in the soil, and he assures us that if this alkali be supplied to the tree so that it shall reach the small roots and be absorbed, the fruit-bearing power is restored, and the tree itself, prematurely perishing, is revived. Believing with most persons that the cause of the decay lay in worms at the root of the peach tree, he put in operation a plan which he had seen his father perform more than fifty years before, viz: of digging around the base of the stem a hole four or five inches deep, scraping away all the worms that could be found burrowing at the junction of the stem and root, and filling the hollow thus made with fresh wood ashes from the fire, which, of course, retained all their potash. This was done in the autumn of 1863; and with a result in the following spring, at which he himself was astonished. The trees appeared to have been restored to all their early freshness and vigor; they put forth bright green leaves, blossomed copiously, and bore a crop of fruit such as they had never borne before, many of the branches breaking down under the load of peaches. Dr. Wood, in reflecting on the results, and noting that several of the peach trees treated had no worms, came to the conclusion that we must look for an explanation to some other cause than the destruction of a few worms, and this cause he believes to be the ashes, the potash of which being dissolved by the rains, had descended along the roots to the rootlets, and presented to them the very food for the want of which they were dying. Decaying apple trees bearing stunted and inedible fruit have been revived by a similar process, and with the like results. All of Dr. Wood's orchards give promise of an abundant supply of fruit this season.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A LIBERTINE elopes with the wife of a Paris merchant. A person might suppose that the duel would be the consequence, or at least a law suit, but nothing of the kind. The husband only writes the following letter to the seducer: "Sir—I have tried to rid myself of my wife already for some time. I must confess I was afraid of her. A mad dog bit her a week ago, and I was waiting resignedly for the probable result. You will now stand by her, and help her live through the agonies of the impending attack of the dire malady. May God bless you." Half an hour after the receipt of the above letter, the seducer of the eloped wife eloped from his innamorata.

The only way of keeping a secret is to forget it as soon as communicated. You may have a considerable reputation for consistency in this matter, thus easily acquired. The only secret worth knowing in this life is, how one man can contrive to be better than another; all the rest is mere alchemy.

The oldest person in the United States is said to be a lady named Holland, living near Havre de Grace, Md., who is over 114 years of age, and has a daughter aged 78 years.

Red Cloud says the white squaws have on 100 much war paint.

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