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A SCARLET STORY.

How a Son Wreaked Vengeance on the Murderers of His Father.

A Little Rock special says: The following story has just come to light: At the beginning of the rebellion Abraham Hall lived in one of the thinly settled border counties. He was seventy years old and wealthy, owning a large tract of land and great herds of cattle, and a large but not costly residence. He had a family of one boy, aged ten, and four girls from eight to sixteen years old. The man claimed to be neutral, and while his neighbors were buckling on their armor Hall remained at home. The south called for every man capable of bearing arms. Texas seceded. Hall was called on to volunteer, but declined. One night a party of twelve rode up to the house and repeated the demand for volunteers. The old man said he preferred death. He was taken from the house to the little ravine two hundred yards away, a rope put around his neck, the end thrown over a tree, and Hall was asked to reconsider his answer, but declined, whereupon he was drawn up and let down senseless. Recovering, he again refused, and again he was drawn up. This horrible scene was continued until the victim ceased to breathe. The party then rode away. The son of Hall had

Followed the party, and, hiding behind a clump of bushes, was a silent, horrified spectator. He recognized every actor in the cruel affair. When the men galloped away he ran from his hiding place, cut down the body, and flinging himself upon it, registered an oath to slay every man who had taken part in his father's death. The war ended, and young Hall managed his father's estate and prospered. His sisters aided him. Almost their nearest neighbor was Frank Parker, who led the band that hanged Hall in 1865. Twenty miles east lived John and Thomas Mantooth, two members of the party and the remainder were scattered throughout the state. In October, 1878, young Hall bade his sisters goodbye forever, saying: "The time for revenge has come," and without further explanation he mounted a horse and rode swiftly away. An hour later he drew up in front of Frank Parker's dwelling. Parker was in the yard. "I came to ask you why you killed my father," Hall said to him. Parker gave a reason, adding that his conscience had troubled him ever since. Hall asked him if he was armed, and when the man drew a pistol Hall did likewise and fired. Parker dropped.

In the agonies of death. The next day Hall visited the Mantooths. John Mantooth he shot dead on the open prairie, after explaining his visit. Thomas Mantooth met a similar fate on a public highway. Before long another of the twelve had been slain, Hall killing his man in a saloon brawl in San Antonio. By this time the remaining members of the band became alarmed, and Hall suddenly paused on his career of bloodshed. For more than a year nothing had been heard of him, and the surviving objects of his hatred began to think he had perished, when suddenly he reappeared. This time his victim was Rose, one of the twelve. Rose and Hall met one evening in the winter of 1880, in a little village on the Mexican border. A street fight ensued and Rose was killed, falling from his horse and dying on the spot, while Hall, though wounded in three places, put spurs to his horse and dashed away. The friends of Rose pursued him into Texas. Pursuit was continued for three days, the friends of his former victims joining in the chase. Hall at last was run to cover in sight of his home, and near the spot where, sixteen years before, his father had met with his death. Here Hall turned on the pursuing party and fought until he was

spectator of the tragic end of her brother. The year after she met one of the party in a neighboring town. She was in company with a female friend, and in spite of the entreaties of her companion, called the man to her, slipping her hand into the pocket of her dress as she did so. "Captain Davis," she said, when the man came up to her, "you helped kill my brother," and drawing a revolver fired at him. Davis was seriously wounded, and in the confusion the girl escaped. This act alarmed all who had taken part in the death of young Hall, and they resolved upon the extermination of the entire family of Hall, of whom only three were living—three sisters. One night after Davis' life had been attempted, the Hall household was surrounded by masked men, the barred doors broken down, and the three girls mercilessly murdered. The assassins then fired the house and disappeared. The tragedy caused a sensation, but the explanation made by interested parties that the Indians or Greasers had murdered the girls, and that they plundered the house and set it on fire, was generally accepted, and only lately have the facts leaked out.

Poor Security.

In the statement of the public debt of the United States for the month of November, 1882, are found bonds to the amount of \$25,851,120, issued to the Central Pacific Railroad company, on which the United States has paid to date \$21,899,448 interest and received from the railroad company in return cash to the amount of \$648,271.96 and bills for transportation service for the United States to the amount of \$3,899,448.07, leaving an indebtedness to the United States treasury, in addition to the principal sum of the bonds, a balance of interest of \$17,223,196.34, or a total of \$43,108,316.34. The Western Pacific, being a part of the main consolidated line of the Central Pacific, it is proper that the subsidy of \$1,970,560 granted by the United States to this road and the balance of interest on account thereof, amounting to \$1,304,986.10, be included in the obligations due to the government by the Central Pacific railroad, which would increase the principal sum to \$27,855,680, and the balance of interest paid out of the United States treasury to \$18,963,844.68, or a total sum of \$46,819,524.68, the repayment of which is secured by a second lien on 864 miles of single-track road, on which there are prior liens of \$28,500,000. It is not generally understood that the indebtedness of this railroad company to the United States is largely increased each year, but on the contrary, endeavor is made to create the impression that the debt is being, or about to be liquidated. Within the last two years the government has paid interest on the bonds issued to this road to the amount of \$3,342,681.60, in return for which it has received \$537,338.62, of which not one dollar was paid in money. Hence it is seen that since November, 1880, the indebtedness of this company to the United States has made a net increase of \$2,805,342.98, an average of \$1,420,671.49 annually. The bonds issued by the government to this company have an average of about fifteen years to run, at which rate, should the indebtedness continue to increase as during the past two years, the company will owe the United States treasury a total sum of about \$67,859,496, exclusive of interest on the annual advances made by the government, or nearly \$80,000 per mile of road. It is not possible for the company to pay this sum after providing for its prior mortgages; or even if there were no prior liens, it is by no means probable that the road would be worth the amount of the government's claim. In the past three years the company has divided on \$59,275,500 of capital stock, which is understood to be

wholly "water," the sum of \$10,662,500. These dividends to stockholders are simply gratuities paid at the expense of the United States treasury, and it is now time for congress to take action that will stop this wholesale plunder of the government treasury and the outrage by this corporation of the rights of the people.—N. J. Indicator.

The editor of the New Tacoma Ledger says: "A letter recently received by us from one of the heaviest stockholders of the Northern Pacific in the east and who is in a position to be more thoroughly informed in such matters than most others who assume to have the advantage, conveys information in this positive and unqualified sentence: 'The grading between Portland and Kalama will soon be commenced and the gap pushed forward to completion as rapidly as possible.'"

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