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THERE were no soldiers' graves to decorate in Oklahoma, but the patriotic people of Guthrie turned out just the same and went through the regular exercises of the day.

RAILROAD building in Southern Oregon promises to be lively during the season. The following is from the Crescent City, Cal., News: From a letter received at this office from the president of the Oregon & California railroad company, we are informed that the matter of building a branch line from Grant's Pass to Crescent City has been submitted to the consideration of the Southern Pacific R. R. company.

THE news from Wilkie Collins, the English novelist, is that gout has again assailed him in a most relentless manner. He writes that the malady affects his head, instead of his feet and legs, and that for the time being he is incapacitated.

THE accounts which have been received of the disaster in Pennsylvania, caused by the bursting of the dam which confined the waters of the reservoir known as Conemaugh lake, are simply appalling; and when to this immense volume of water were added the streams swollen by the spring rains, it can hardly be readily conceived how great must have been the loss of life and how enormous the destruction of property.

THE nature of every man is so mysterious, so immeasurable and unfathomable, that what seems to others the narrowest mental organization may contain within itself unexpected resources, says Philip Hamerton. This is the hidden cause of the invariable appearance of great men in times of national trial and disturbance.

MR. HOLDEN'S NARRATIVE.

A Romantic Story of Shipwreck, Captivity and Suffering.

CAST AMONG BARBAROUS SAVAGES.

Horace Holden Subjected to Unheard of Sufferings Among the Barbarous Pelew Islanders.

CHAPTER III. Having satisfied our most pressing wants we next set ourselves at work to obtain food. We had with us a part of the bread brought from the wreck, and the preparation given us by the natives composed of the cocconut pulverized and mixed with the sweet liquor extracted from the tree. Feeling refreshed and invigorated by our meal, we gathered ourselves into a group on the beach, and passed our moments of relaxation in conversing upon the melancholy vicissitude through which we had passed, and the gloomy prospect which was at that unpromising moment spread out before us.

gave us birth; but since our destitute and miserable condition was not our choice, we could do no less than be thankful that it was no worse; and, making the best of it, we suffered ourselves to be ushered into the presence of the dignitaries of the island, in the way they thought most proper. We were conducted to a platform, on a rise of land at a little distance from the harbor, on which were seated those who had power to dispose of us as they pleased. These, as we afterwards learned, were used by the chiefs as places of council, and as a sort of bazaar for their women. They were constructed in a rude manner, of bamboo sticks, and covered with leaves. That something like a correct conception of this scene may be formed by the reader, it may be well to give, in this place, a brief account of the appearance, manner, and customs of the natives of this island. This was the island known to navigators as Babelthouap, the largest of the group of the Pelew islands. It lies not far from the eighth degree of north latitude, is about one hundred and twenty miles in length, and contains probably not far from two thousand inhabitants. The men were entirely naked. They always go armed, in the way before described, and carry with them a small basket, containing generally the whole amount of their movable property. The women wear no other clothing than a sort of apron, (fastened to the waist by a curiously wrought girdle) extending nearly to the knees, and left open at the sides. The hair of both males and females is worn long; it is coarse and stiff, and of a color resembling that of the natives of North America. They make free use of the oil extracted from the cocconut; with this they anoint their bodies, considering it the extreme of gentility to have the skin entirely saturated with it. Their arms, and sometimes the lower parts of the body and legs are ingeniously tattooed. Their complexion is a light copper. Their eyes have a very singular appearance, being of reddish color. Their noses were somewhat flat, but not so flat as those of the African; nor are their lips so thick. They are excessively fond of trinkets. It would cause a fashionable lady of America to smile, to observe the pains taken by those simple daughters of nature to set off their persons. In their ears they wear a sort of ornament made of a peculiar kind of grass, which they work into a tassel; this is painted and richly perfumed. In their noses they wear a stem of the kabooa leaf, which answers the double purpose of an ornament and a smelling bottle; and their arms, in addition to being tattooed, are adorned with a profusion of shells. Our fair readers may judge how much we were amused, on finding that the copper-colored females of the island cut up our old shoes into substitutes for jewelry, and seemed highly delighted with wearing the shreds suspended from their ears.

interest in our welfare, after observing for a time, what was going on among the chiefs, began to utter their cries and lamentations, as if greatly distressed on our account. Their chief had the appearance of being sincere; they wept, and in a variety of ways expressed emotions of deep and heart-felt solicitude. Whether this was their manner of interfering in our behalf, to avert some impending calamity, or was expressive of their regret on account of our doom having been already sealed, it was impossible for us to determine. Nor did we ever know the amount of our obligations to those female strangers of the interest taken in our welfare. At the close of the consultation, a large bowl was brought to us filled with sweetened water, and richly ornamented with shells, so arranged as to form a sort of hieroglyphical characters. We drank of the contents of the bowl, in compliance with their request, from a richly wrought cup made of a cocconut shell. This act of hospitality was regarded as a favorable indication of a friendly disposition on their part toward us; and our hopes were afterwards confirmed; for no sooner had we finished drinking, than the natives prepared to conduct us away. We afterwards learned that a messenger had been dispatched to a neighboring town or settlement to consult their prophetess in regard to the proper manner of disposing of us; and that she had directed them to send us to her. We were conducted through an inconsiderable place to the town where the prophetess resided. Here were several houses, scattered about without regard to order; and, besides the dwelling of the prophetess, two of their long buildings, or "pyes," gave it not a little importance in the estimation of these rude and uncultivated beings. We were halted in front of one of the "pyes," and directly opposite the house of the prophetess. Here, again, we were reminded of the fact, that we were in the presence of our superiors, as to power, by the platform on which were placed our judges, the chiefs, and the block standing near them for the purpose of execution. We were soon surrounded by a vast crowd of the natives, eager to see us, and to learn something of the nature of beings so different from themselves. A short time after our arrival, a quantity of food was brought from the house of the prophetess, and placed in the center of the platform. This consisted of a hog's head, boiled in seawater, highly seasoned with cayenne and aromatic herbs, a plentiful supply of hams, and a large bowl of sweetened water. This meal was abundant and delicious; and we partook of it with an excellent relish. (TO BE CONTINUED NEXT SATURDAY.)

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