

Montana Indian Actors

Twenty-two years ago this month, when John Maguire decided to produce "Captain John Smith" in the post theater at Fort Custer, a factor in the selection of that play was the knowledge that he could get real Indians to take part in the performance. He did not know, could not suspect, that the sequel would be one of the greatest horse-stealing episodes in northern Montana, followed by an Indian war and the death and wounding of a number of those who made up his list of patrons. But that was the sequel. The story is told by E. M. Locke, one of Uncle Sam's pioneer soldiers in the northwest, who in his army days kept a diary, in which the incident, as well as many others, was recorded. Mr. Locke read over the old and worn diary the other day and then told of the stirring incident as follows:

"In the latter part of March, 1880, I think it was the 25th, our old-time friend, John Maguire, now of Butte, visited Fort Custer. At that time we had a large barracks there used as a theater. There were lots of amateur players at the post and we had some interesting shows. Custer was then garrisoned by four troops of the second cavalry, C, M, G, and I, with our headquarters and band, under command of A. G. Brackett, our lieutenant colonel; and four companies of the 11th infantry, B, C, F and H, under their lieutenant colonel J. P. Buell. The latter commanded the post. There were about 200 quartermaster employes, clerks, packers and teamsters. Many of the government contractors also made their winter headquarters there, which meant about 75 more men. The nearest town was Miles City, 120 miles away, by wagon, via the Big Horn and Yellowstone.

"John decided he would put on a show for us and picked out 'Captain Smith.' He took the part of Captain Smith and I think Mrs. Collins had the role of Pocahontas. Just below the post on the Little Big Horn, Penty Coos' band of Crows was camped. John went to see them and soon arranged that a number of them should take part in the play. The night the show was given the whole post crowded into the barracks theater. Everything ran along smoothly until the point was reached where Pocahontas was pleading for the life of Captain Smith. Just then an Indian medicine man hastily entered the theater and yelled something which stampeded every Crow in a hurry. Our chief scout translated and said the medicine man had announced that a band of wandering Piegans had just visited the Crow camp and run off with all the Crow ponies, so that Penty Coos and his braves were afoot. The alarm was given and in a few minutes every wind jammer (bugler) in post was sounding 'boots and saddles.' There were 100 lanterns flying around the post, officers and men were hurrying to and fro in the darkness, all the guards were doubled and there was all kinds of excitement. Think of the nerve of it, to come within a half-mile of the post and steal more than 100 ponies, and get away uninjured. Early next morning Capt. John Mix with troop M of the second cavalry and 10 Crows crossed the Little Big Horn river and took up the trail of the thieves. He came back at sunset and said he had lost the trail.

"Early next morning (March 27) C troop, second cavalry, under command of First Lieutenant J. H. Coale (now deceased), 10 Crow Indians, one pack train and Chief Scout Nick Gilman, crossed the Little Big Horn and took up the trail. We stayed with it until we struck Tongue river, March 29. There we met and went into camp next to troop E, second cavalry, under command of Captain E. L. Huggins, from Fort Keogh. On the evening of the 30th Captain Huggins came to me and asked as to our supplies. I told him we then had one day's rations for the men and none for the stock. He ordered the rations issued, which I did. Each man got four crackers, hardtack, one tablespoonful of coffee and one of sugar. He then told me to take 12 men, six from each troop, both pack trains and a guide and follow his party. Early the following day of went troops C and E and our train followed. The trail was east by northeast. Our first camp was where the Indians had camped but a little while before. In their hurried departure the Indians left lots of buffalo meat at the camp, but we didn't touch it as game was plentiful and we had all the buffalo meat we could eat.

"April 1 the party was on the move at daylight and followed the trail all day. Just at 3 p.m. we were watering our stock at a nice little stream and preparing to rest for an hour. Just as we were about comfortable the guide came to me and said 'a man on horseback was coming toward us on a gallop. I sent Corporal Mike Wall, one man and the guide forward in a hurry to meet the man and also hurried the pack train forward faster. It was our contract doctor, who had orders for me to bring up my detachment as quickly as possible as Captain Huggins had the Indians surrounded. When I started off with the 12 men escort there was a kick from the pack train. But they were all armed with carbines and had plenty of ammunition. As the doctor could guide us, I told our guide to remain with the pack train, but we had not gone three miles before he was with us. Darkness came on and I decided to go into camp. So we tied our horses to a fallen tree with halter shank and lariat around the neck and surrounded the horses and waited for daylight. The buffaloes were thick all about us and kept us busy all night fearing they would stampede our camp. That night the doctor told me of the fight the troops had engaged in. Sergeant Joe Johnson had been killed in the first charge. Poor fellow. He had more than \$800 and his furlough in his pocket. He had intended going to New York to visit his sister for six months; but could not resist the desire to accompany the party.

"At the first peep of day we started again. We were too far southeast of the command. I had Jim Mitchell, our bugler, blow 'first call' and I fired a shot. It was answered about a half mile to the north on a dry coulee. When we got there we met the command. Lieutenant Coale told me they had recaptured 96 ponies and had taken 5 Indians prisoners. First Sergeant Joe Hart (now of Red Lodge) with a detachment of C troop had captured the ponies just before the charge was made. The Indians were surrounded in a washout and the officers had sent to Fort Keogh for field guns to shell them out. Captain Huggins directed me to furnish transportation for the body of the dead sergeant and to take the remains and the few prisoners back to the post. I got a wall tent flap from Lieutenant Coale. In this the body of the sergeant was wrapped and it was packed on an aparejo. We mounted the Indian prisoners on mules, using an aparejo for a saddle, and with a soldier holding the bridle started off. After a few miles the sharp edge of the aparejo was so painful that all the Indians wanted to walk. We traveled parallel with O'Fallan creek till we struck the Yellowstone. There we met Captain W. P. Clark of the second cavalry bringing up the three field pieces. We continued on to Fort Keogh and turned the body over to the post authorities and the prisoners to the guard house. That night we took in Miles City. We all had money and hadn't been there for a long time, so turned ourselves loose.

"April 3 at 2 p.m. the funeral of Sergeant Johnson took place. The whole post, all of the detachment from Fort Custer and most of the people of Miles City were present. The funeral procession was over a mile long. General Miles and all the officers of the post were there.

"Next day, April 4, we started for home and three days later were all back at Fort Custer. John Maguire never tried to repeat 'John Smith' with real Indian performers."—Anacanda Standard.

Two Intelligent Robins.

The following incident seems too remarkable to be true, and yet it is vouched for by a writer whose word should not be doubted, says the Minneapolis Journal. Two robins were trying to teach their little one to fly. It attempted to cover too great a distance and fell to the ground. My little boy caught it, and I told him to put it on the roof of our side porch. Then he and I watched to see what the old birds would do. They fluttered about the yard for a while and then flew off. We waited for them to return, but they did not, and I had just made up my mind that they had deserted the young one when I saw them coming, accompanied by a third old one. They flew directly to the roof of the porch, and I saw that one of them had a piece of twine in its bill. And what do you suppose they did next? If I had not seen it I never would have believed it. Two of them caught hold of the twine, one at each end, and the little one caught the middle of it in his bill. Then they flew off the porch, the third robin flying under the little one and supporting it on his back.

Were Turned Down

Special to the Daily Nugget.
London, April 30.—Flour importers of Great Britain waited on the chancellor of the exchequer this morning to protest against the taxation of flour. When Sir Michael Hicks-Beach noted the deputation was entirely composed of wheat flour importers he said imports of wheat had grown enormously in recent years and he did not think it was of benefit to the people and the country and that importers are not entitled to further advantages.

Will Grant Subsidy

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Ottawa, April 30.—The Dominion government will grant mail subsidy to the Canadian Pacific northern steamers to enable them to compete on equal terms with American liners running to Skagway.

Kept Secret

Special to the Daily Nugget.
New York, April 30.—The conference between representatives of the anthracite coal mines and united mine workers continued today. The object of the meeting was kept a profound secret.

Sensation Promised

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Pittsburg, April 30.—The trial of Mrs. Saffel for complicity in the Bidells' dash for freedom promises to be the most sensational criminal action in the history of Pennsylvania.

Queen Recovering

Special to the Daily Nugget.
The Hague, April 30.—Queen Wilhelmina is rapidly recovering and from the chamber of state have been conveyed to her expressions of great joy.

Extradition Granted

Special to the Daily Nugget.
London, April 30.—Extradition was granted yesterday in the case of Karl Robertsted, alias Edward Myer, wanted for embezzlement from Graf Bros., in New York.

The New Act

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, April 30.—Copies of the Yukon territorial act amendment bill were received here this morning. The first clause removes all possibility of friction. If a conflict of ordinances

by the governor in council and commissioner in council shall arise, the former shall prevail. The second clause gives the local council control and regulation of the sale of liquor within the territory but don't affect the manufacture in the territory. The third clause provided for five instead of two elective members of the Yukon council, making a total of ten members. Fourth question, dealing with the imposition by the governor of tax in the territory is stated to be an error in the draft and will be dropped at the second reading of the bill.

Good for Seattle

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Seattle, April 30.—The Omnibus public buildings bill provides an additional \$150,000 for Seattle public buildings, making nine hundred thousand in all, in place of the amount recommended by the treasury department.

The Old Love

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Sioux City, April 30.—Jas. Rockwell, a stationary engineer of this city, is suing for divorce in order that he may return east and remarry his former wife whom he long believed to be dead but who turned up recently.

Military Road

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Washington, April 30.—Major Abercrombie, U.S.A., has recommended to the war department an annual expenditure of fifty thousand dollars for repairs, extension and maintenance of a military road from Valdez to Eagle City.

Repairing Seward

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Seattle, April 30.—Moran Bros. have received a contract at \$28,321 for repairing the transport Seward afterwards the Vulcan Iron Works of San Francisco will install a refrigerating plant at \$29,700.

Died in Ottawa

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Ottawa, April 30.—Abbe Tangailly, well known in French Canadian literature, died here, aged 83 years.

Aid Asked

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Ottawa, April 30.—A Halifax deputation asks the government a bonus for steel ships built in Canada.

To Settle Details

Special to the Daily Nugget.
New York, April 30.—Fitzsimmons leaves New York for California this week to settle details of his fight with Jeffries.

U. S. Consul Dead

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Washington, April 30.—United States consul to London, General Osborne, a cousin to McKinley, is dead.

AMUSEMENTS

Week Commencing Monday April 28

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"The security of a good mining stock is the raw material of money itself; it is what we call in Africa the 'stuff' itself; it is the 'stuff' at whose feet governments, cities, banks, railroads, mortgages, land corporations and all forms of business kneel.

"I speak only of gold and silver mines, from the metal of which blooms and blossoms the everlasting dollar; the crude metal in our gold and silver mines is the first and best security in all this world. This is what makes banks and banking a possibility; this is what gives life to a municipality; spine to a government and creates the business of the world into a living, breathing, active creature of life.

"Buy a good mining stock, buy it low; when it has made an improbable advance sell it; buy another good mining stock; pursue this policy, and before you dream of it you will find that your dollars have increased to thousands, your thousands into millions, and during all this time your dividends have been 100 per cent. higher than they would have been in any other investment you could have made!"

A few years ago the great Homestead Mining Company's stock could have been bought for a few cents a share; now it is worth upward of \$30 a share. It has paid monthly 30 cents a share for years and years, and when it was selling for 50 cents a share, for \$1.00, for \$5.00 a share, the buyers were few; when it reached \$30.00 and \$40.00 a share the public sought it.

Calumet and Hecla stock could have been purchased a few years ago for \$1.00 a share; the Tamarack for \$10.00 a share; the Boston and Montana for \$15.00 a share.

Calumet and Hecla today is worth over \$400.00 a share; Tamarack nearly \$300.00 a share; Boston and Montana nearly \$400.00 a share.

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