

Indians appeared on the edge of the Town. The Meadow Valley Indians rallied and made a move to drive them off. The three or four Pahranaagats retreated with about 20 of their enemies in full chase and within $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile led them into an ambush of superior numbers. The Meadow Valley Indians were thoroughly defeated, leaving two of their dead on the field and had several wounded. The Pahranaagats had one squaw killed, though she was not in the fight. Old Silver Top explained to me that she was simply looking on. I imagine this settled the question of the ownership as old Silver Top was a constant visitor and the old fellow would not have dared to show his nose if the Meadow Valley Indians had been in possession. This happened within a mile of Pioche Court House. As the fight started I happened to be standing on the Court House steps with John Kane, the Sheriff, and he said that the more fights the Indians got into the better it was for the whites. The whites were quarreling and occasionally killing each other over the mines in and around Pioche and the Indians were fighting and killing each other over the refuse pickings of the town. The savage and the so-called civilized at the same game. Verily we mortals are a cantankerous, disagreeable set to get along with.

In one of my prospecting trips on the borders of Arizona, I landed at a little Government outpost with a bad attack of fever and ague upon me. At this little out-post there was a sergeant and squad of men on duty. Each of these little out-posts is supplied with a medicine chest. I tried to buy or beg some quinine but the Sergeant would not let me have any. I returned to camp and told my partner, Frank Blair about my non-success. He started off and said he would try his hand at it, also throwing out the hint that my temperance ideas would be a bar to my success in life. He secured a bottle of whiskey, treated the Sergeant, had a little chat, treated the sergeant again and by that time they were quite friendly. Then he and the sergeant came over and gave me a dose of quinine and of course had another drink and as my partner thought that if a little quinine