BOLD APACHE THIEVES.

An Experience That Might Have Proved More Serious.

Soldiers Guard the Camp Guests at Sunday at Our Mexican Settlers — The Skirmish with Geronimo's Band.

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COLONIA MORELOS, Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 16, 1893.—Among the many romantic events to chronicle life we have our quota of the dramatic. On Thursday morning last Bishop James N. Smith Jr., of this place, H. B. Taylor and Emmet Carlos Jr. Just started to hunt cattle on the Rio Carlos, expecting to return by the (Saturday) evening. Learning late morning that they had received the last mail to send up and found them at Hamblin when the following conversation took place:

"Well, Bishop, what success in getting cattle?"

"Very good."

"I guess I'll go home to see mother tonight."

"That was our purpose, but the presence of some unknown parties in our camp during our absence made it undesirable for us to come either."

"How, why, what was the matter?"

"The first sad news we met was the North Creek range was fifteen miles west; Thursday night moved our stock and camp three miles south to Father Tenney's corral on the Carlos; Friday morning we started out on a patrol and to return to camp at noon and herd the cattle slowly gathered. The Indians had been around and found our cattle and had been scared during our absence and we were left without bedding and provisions."

"Indeed, and what were your losses?"

"Our saddle-horses (you see we each had a fine) mouth), eight quilts, two pairs of blankets, a pillow, two coats, a new overall, a new saddle, a horse, provisions, cooking utensils packing outfit, horse-shoeing tools, etc."

"Did you ascertain who were the thieves?"

"We found not a single track in the camp, but Indications seem that the thieves had waited about upon the bedding while they gathered up the plunder. Some two hundred yards from camp we found a single track which we supposed to be a mule or horse-track. This would indicate that the thieves were supposed to have been a team of mules with rawhide contents, which were the double purpose of preserving the horse's feet from the rocks and his color from pursuit, as we shall be unable to track except on soft and dusty ground."

"How were they secured?"

"You see the Indians use in great part on beef and game, the bulk of which they eat into pieces of convenient size and chips them in on the horse-tail with yet green (or water soaked and leaves the edges about the cakes with a draw string, where they are left to dry upon the horse' feet when they are removed for future use; I should say that a handful of grass is placed under the horse' feet to prevent the hide from shrinking to the exact size and shape of the foot and to more effectually soothe the tender. The indications were that as soon as caught were unbridled and muffled and our efforts to follow the track were unavailing. A party of us here immediately coming together on a patrol Indian came the next morning found a great number of these cast off rawhide shoe lying around."

"Do you think you could find it was in fact Apache Indians?"

"Since the massacre of the Tomichi we found a year ago the 19th of last September the same Indians (Chief Kid and his band) have been at large and I believe they have spent most of their time in the mountains of these districts. You will remember that in the fight at that last Bloody Run a prospecting party only twenty-five miles from here and have away some horses known with permission, striking about seventy-five miles to camp, one in September at last when in Indian, 15 cattle and sixty were taken afterwards, the cattle only coming into Deming and Silver a week's supply. At one of these scenes camps in search of a wagon box full of corn and were found where they had separating on all sides from the camp scene. There, too, was found the cattle supposed to have been from the Tomichi massacre. They were in the Apache Indians and are said they were satisfied without our scalps, as they have before stated to us days, and might be easily surprised and subdued."

"What then do you consider to be our condition here as to safety?"

"These are the days of peril, perhaps from five to seven and would likely undertake an attack on one with double or less as we mutually protect ourselves in case of foot, I am sure to shoot they would have to bring on a war of the Indians and the Government as long as they are well provided with suitable bedding and food for the camp. Indeed, the last incident would indicate that if they were short of supplies they would have entirely gone the rest and left our settlements."

You may perhaps note that of the present settlers there are but few Gentiles and a basis of confidence in whatever interest were necessarily preserved. Among them some interesting experiences of the past.

The interest of the state of Chihuahua would the president of the great pains to Mexico we live, being in Highland to the Williams settlers of our people.

The Indian would of as small a thing as only to cause and carry away a few pounds, thinking of Monday Young with an immense corral full—the cows, steers, mules and goodness only.

The health of the people is good with few exceptions. Our aged and infirm spoken brother, Father Smith, is lively as ever to be feeling well. He is one of the few who have lived to see and commend as we have seen with us with which began.

Upon the last season were remarkably good for the wheat, the corn, the wheat and potatoes. Enough remains raise. Economy in the most essentials are quite an important item with us. No one has yet taken care the winter. We are having many signs of material saps.

Wishing you all a prosperous and happy new year.

Respectfully your brother,
HENRY LUNT.

At the Tabernacle on Sunday.

Professor George Q. Cannon was the speaker at the Tabernacle this morning and very interesting remarks he made concerning the history of the Gospel in early times.

Church University Theology Class.

The class was opened with prayer by Elder A. Cannon. The lesson was on Book which last class ended. A reading was then given by Elder Cannon, previously alluded to, which was a lecture on the subject of the Book of Mormon. The lecture was very interesting and the reader made many comments on the book. The class will meet next Sunday.

The Joint Debate.

The joint debate between the Democratic and Republican clubs of the Seventeenth ward last night was not as well attended as it might have been, the rainy weather undoubtedly keeping many away. Several Democrats were on hand, however, and the debate was opened by Mr. Hall, who spoke for the Democratic club. He was followed by Mr. Hodgson, who spoke for the Republicans. The principles of the two great parties were plainly set forth by the speakers. The meeting was addressed by Judge Henderson, Mr. Hall and Mr. Hodgson.

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