

THE PONCA DIFFICULTY AND DISGRACE.

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The Secretary of the Interior had arranged to pay the Indians a sum of money against her inadequate for the purchase of their lands, on the condition that they would settle in the Indian Territory, and to finish up the business several of the Ponca chiefs were conveyed to Washington, where, under some influence which does not yet come to the surface, they have been induced to accept the terms which have been offered, although they know that they are almost giving away their property and agreeing to live in a country which is utterly desolate to the remnants left of their tribe.

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The particulars of the treaty and the steps taken by the commission appointed by the President to inquire into the matter, will be found in the telegraphic report of the proceedings.

The one "Ponca" way of settling this difficulty is to pay the Sioux for that portion of the land ceded to them that belongs to the Poncas; settle the latter on their lawful claims; stock their farms, give them agricultural implements, school facilities, and in every possible way reimburse them for the wrongs they have suffered, no matter what the cost.

It is to be hoped that General Crook and his associates will be able to unravel the tangled skein which has been wound about the Ponca chiefs and to see that justice is done to them. They are now but feeble folk, and there is little danger of their being able to do anything when they discover that they have been deceived. They are now but feeble folk, and there is little danger of their being able to do anything when they discover that they have been deceived.

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CHAS. A. DUNN, Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, Colorado, December 24th, 1880.

Editor Desert News:

We started from home November 10th, with the expectation of going to New Mexico to grade where the climate was warm and delightful, but instead of that we were landed in the top of the Rocky Mountains at an altitude of 10,000 feet, temperature about 20 degrees below zero, and there we had to work for the railroad company through mud, snow, and sleet, and in the face of a howling wind.

The company that came before us under the name of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, leaving them in a worse predicament than we were in. We have just got out of bondage, and are 15 miles west of the summit, working under our contractors, Chas. End Ferrin, who are forcing them to make us comfortable. We are not going to our expected destination this winter.

Our advice is to all those who expect to go to the climate of Mexico this winter, do not be deceived in the manner which a great many have been.

JOHN S. JOHNSON, ALMA SHINGLETON.

And sanctioned by the majority of the company.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The New Religion (newspaper) office is burned.

The South Brooklyn oil works burned, with 25,000 gallons of oil.

The Prince of the Meridier, arrested by the Turkish, has been released.

The Advance (newspaper) block at Ogdenburg, N. Y., burned today.

Vandey's furniture store at Paterson, New Jersey, burned. Loss, \$45,000; insurance, \$35,000.

Jews in Germany are avoiding appearing on the streets, and many are preparing to emigrate.

Governor Porter, of Indiana, is mentioned for Secretary of the Treasury and would accept.

The Southside Railroad office, Petersburg, Va., and the Southern Times office, Summit, Miss., are burned.

A fire at Elkhart, Ind., this morning destroyed almost the entire business part of the town. Loss, \$34,000.

A locomotive on the Long Island Railroad went down an embankment and Geo. Rich, the engineer, was killed.

In the billiard match at Paris for the championship of the world, F. X. Faure won, making 3,000, while Schur had 2,000.

Chief of Police Hayes, of St. Louis, was shot fatally while arresting a man named Smith, a disorderly character, last night.

Mrs. Henry Johnson was burned to death by fire in her dwelling on Front Street, Trenton, N. J. Her husband is arrested.

The story that Blaine is to enter Garfield's cabinet is again revived, and this time in a more positive manner than ever.

The name of ex-Senator Orin is mentioned in connection with the Secretaryship of the Interior, as the successor of Schurz.

James Madison, Tarleton, consultant and expert on the subject of the grade of the railroad, died from pneumonia at his residence in Washington last night.

Three men, while attempting to cross a railroad track in a wagon, near Walker's Grove, Miss., were struck and instantly killed.

A return match between Eichen and Vignaux, for \$20,000, was fought at St. Louis, and was decided by a unanimous decision in favor of Eichen.

The Vermont Legislature, after passing a bill to tax telegraph and express companies, has passed a bill to tax the same.

Frank Mitchell, of Knoxville, Tenn., who married a girl, after ten days' absence, was sentenced to day to 30 years in the penitentiary.

The Russian Minister at Athens has been summoned to St. Petersburg, to enlighten the Czar on the Greek question and receive instructions.

The Edison Telephone Company, of London, advertises that it has exclusive patent rights in the telephone, and will proceed against infringers for any infringement of the same.

Corporal Norman, of the Second Artillery, at Fort Monroe, was drowned by the capsizing of a boat. His companion was picked up, but died soon afterwards from exhaustion.

James Howard was found this morning dead in a room at the depot in Tucson, Ariz. A state of intoxication was run over by the engine.

Jerome R. Sullivan, a well known journalist of the Morning Star, died of Bright's disease at the St. Louis Hotel, aged nearly forty years. He was born at Buffalo, N. Y.

J. W. Baxendale, of Boston, aged 24, who had the financial department of the shoe manufacturing of a dealer in Boston, was found dead in a room at the depot in Tucson, Ariz. A state of intoxication was run over by the engine.

Two hundred and fifty men of the 94th Regiment, marching from Lyndenburg to Peckton, South Africa, have been attacked and overpowered by the Boers; 120 were killed and wounded and the rest being taken prisoners.

During the late night of December 24th, a fire broke out at the Rockaway Beach, near the depot.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The British Disaster at the Cape.

A correspondent at Durban, reports that the 94th Regiment was in charge of the Cape, and that the British Disaster at the Cape.

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