





# The Ponca Sun Dance

The Ponca Indians on the reservation near White Eagle, Ok., have just lately held their annual sun dance, a ceremony that always attracts more or less of a crowd of curiosity seekers. Two hundred members of the tribe, including a number of squaws, took part in it and nearly 1,000 of the tribesmen shed the light of their contentment upon a weird scene. Besides there were a goodly number of whites present, while neighboring tribes of Osages, Kaws and Pawnees helped to swell the motley crowd of spectators.

White Eagle, head chief of the Ponca, was master of ceremonies. He is a magnificent specimen of his race, standing over six feet high, erect as the center-pole in his tent and with a face betokening much intelligence and force of character. The dignity he displayed throughout was worthy of a Roman emperor, and not only did he inspire his own people with awe, but he called forth the admiration of all the visitors.

The scene was both unique and picturesque. The white tepees of the Indians stood in a large circle on the prairie some distance east of the government agency buildings. To the northward flowed the Arkansas river, whose course is marked by an avenue of rugged bluffs clothed in verdure. On the summits of some of these bluffs, fires had been kindled and the smoke rose from them in blue circles and spread itself over the landscape, giving the semblance of a genuine Indian summer. Large herds of cattle were grazing on the plain, and the twinkling of their bells, mellowed by distance, came faintly to the ears of the listeners. In front of the tepees the braves sat stolidly smoking their pipes, while within the squaws were busy preparing viands for the approaching feast that ends the ceremony.

A Time-Honored Observation. For three days and nights the sun dance continues. Once a powerful tribe on the frontier, the Poncas hold to the traditions of their fathers with unusual tenacity. The sun dance, being the principal festival of the year, is especially observed, and its observance has become, through long continuance, imperative. Time and environment, it is true, have modified some of its characteristic features, but in the main it is precisely as it has been for a century or more. The custom came to the Poncas from the Sioux long ago, but even at this day in essential details it is the same as the sun dance of the Sioux. The Poncas say that the dance is an invocation to the Great Spirit through the power and



majesty of the sun for an abundance of food in the coming year and for preservation from disease and evil spirits. It also expresses gratitude for whatever good fortune has come in the past. The literal significance of its customs and of the decorations and equipments of dancers is difficult to learn. Even the most capable students of the sun dance have told little else than how it was performed, advancing into perplexing uncertainties when they attempted to tell why this or that thing was done. However, the motives that prompt its observance are not far removed from those that influence the whites in their observance of a day of national thanksgiving.

A Pale-Faced Guest. For the observance of the sun dance a level plain is selected. A circle is made of the tents of the Indians and within this the ceremonies take place. On the recent occasion the entrance to this circle was from the east, toward the rising sun, the tepees facing toward the center. First the customary council of the head men was held to decide upon the program. Only the head chief and his band chiefs have the right to sit in the council of their own volition and the honor of an invitation seldom conferred, is greatly coveted by Indians whose status is simply membership in the tribe. Unless invited the latter are not even permitted to approach the council tepee.



## Lawton Is Booming.

Lawton, Ok., is a town which grew from a small settlement to a town of 300 another lot of 300, with 36 saloons here and there by government agents, who had planned a night and morning.

Lawtonites began to build in the town. Stakes had been here and there by government agents, who had planned a night and morning. Sprinkle fine salt over the road, the great London authority, stoutly advised his patrons to eat them with great liberality. He also advises the use of strawberries, oranges, grapes and pears for gout and kindred diseases. Oranges are invaluable as complexion beautifiers; no cosmetics will be required by the wise matron or maiden who makes free use of this delightful fruit.

Two Much Money in Steeple. A church economist of a practical and somewhat eccentric turn of mind has estimated that nearly \$45,000,000 has been invested in non-productive, non-essential and purely ornamental church buildings in this country, chiefly in the form of steeples. If this feature of ecclesiastical architecture were dispensed with, according to his estimate, the amount represented in steeples alone turned into the regular channels of church beneficence, the religious denominations would be relieved for a long time to come of the necessity of making frequent and imperative demands for money for the support of their mission boards and other established agencies for promoting religious work—Leslie's Weekly.

Vulgarity. The essence of all vulgarity lies in want of sensation. Simple and innocent vulgarity is merely an untrained and undeveloped bluntness of body and mind; but in true, bred vulgarity, there is a vulgarity, there is a dreadful callousness which in extremity becomes capable of every sort of bestial habit and crime without fear, without pleasure, without honor, without pity. It is in the blunt hand and the dead heart, in the hardened conscience, that men become vulgar; they are forever vulgar, precisely in proportion as they are incapable of sympathy, of quick understanding, of all that, in deep insistence on the common but most accurate term, may be called the "touch" the touch faculty of body and soul, andness and fullness of sensation beyond reason, the guide and sanctifier of reason itself—John Ruskin.

Place for a Cheap Man. A Memphis man was contemplating a visit to Washington, and never having been in the capital, asked a friend about the best hotel for him to stop at. The friend, who was an old Washingtonian, said: "How much do you want to pay a day?" The other thought a moment and replied: "Oh, I suppose about a dollar and a half." "Well, then, my friend, I think that the best thing you can do is to report to the police station for lodging."—Memphis Scimitar.

Charlemagne Liked Perfume. Charlemagne is said by his biographers to have been extravagantly fond of almost any kind of perfume. One of his courtiers said that the approach of the Emperor could always be detected by the odor of perfume that invariably accompanied him.

### IT CURED A BAD HABIT.

The Smart Practical Joker that the Tables Turned on Him. "I never indulge the practical joke habit," said a gentleman who recently visited New Orleans, "and I have a good reason for taking no sort of stock in such things. There was a time in my life when I was fond of playing pranks, and I have turned some clever tricks along this line. But it was several years since I made my last effort. It was living in a small town in Arkansas and at the time was boarding with an aunt who was even fonder of the practical joke than I was. Along about Christmas time a young man came out to the town in which I lived to spend some time with friends. He was a dapper sort of a fellow and was just at that period of life when the gold watch and chain were more impressed on him as being the most important thing in the world. My aunt was quick to perceive his weakness. She hatched a plot. I was to slip into his bedroom and steal the watch and chain after he had fallen asleep. The night was fixed, and my friend retired about 10 o'clock. He always hung his vest, which contained his watch and chain and other valuables, on the bedpost at the head of the bed. My aunt knew exactly where I could find it, and about 10:30 I slipped stealthily into the room, found the vest and began to rifle the pockets. My friend raised up quickly, as he ran his hand under his pillow. 'Bang! bang! bang!' I was shot three times, with the revolver pressed almost against my breast. I could feel the holes in my back where the bullets had come out, and the blood was trickling down my spinal column. My aunt came rushing into the room. 'My God!' she said. 'Auntie, I'm shot!' She got the camphor bottle. 'I told her the bullets had passed clear through me and had rolled down into my shoes. They could start it no longer, and to my amazement, my aunt and my friend broke out into perfect spasms of laughter, and by degrees the real situation dawned upon me. My friend had expected my visit. He had extracted the lead from three cartridges in the pistol, and turned the tables on me, since that time I have played no jokes."

### ARTIST'S SUMMER HOME.

On Top of an Oak Tree This Man Lived. One could scarcely conceive a more unique plan for a summer home than that adopted by artist D. Orrin Reinberger, whose home is a few miles north of Springfield, Ohio. For a house fifty feet from the trunk of a majestic oak, secluded in a grove, he accepted the lower end of the field, a man whose profession demands that he should be in the country.

## Pictorial Humor



HE—Do believe care would kill a cat.  
SHE—Probably so, but a cat don't care.

**Fashion's New Fad.**  
"What is the nature of this new-fangled malady which they call the golfing spine?"  
"That," responded Cynthia, "is easy. 'Golfing spine' is what the old man used to have after a hard day's plowing, but he called it backache."—New York Times.



**YE CANDID FRIEND.**  
Scribner—"I wish I knew whether the editors read my poetry or send it back without looking at it."  
Friend—"They don't read it."  
"You think so because they always decline it?"  
"Because they always decline it with thanks."



Her View of It.  
"Yes," said the girl in blue, "she protested vigorously, and still he kissed her."  
"Now, doesn't that just show the luck that some girls have?" asked the girl in white. "I've tried it twice and I got the blues both times."—Boston Herald.

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SATURDAY, October 5th, 1901

The News is for sale—cheap for cash. Write or call at once and investigate.

Two snakes have been killed in THE NEWS office this week, and the force has signed the pledge again.

The drouth is becoming serious in this Western country and unless rain soon comes great loss of stock will result this winter.

The Brackett people must have some of the proclivities of the feline race, for no matter where or how long they roam, they always come back.

The weather reporter of the San Antonio Stockman and Farmer says it has rained all over Southwest Texas! Yes sir, rain fell here some time ago. Your news is belated.

Some mules are still wearing their straw hats; but the average mule, of course, is not a slave to fashion.—Houston Post.

Yes, and some jackasses are still wearing their long ears.

Other witnesses of the day were Capt. Jewell, who was commander of the cruiser Minneapolis during the Spanish war.

The force of public opinion is irresistible. The thugs, thieves, gamblers and hold-up artists must leave Houston.—Post.

Our county officers are hereby warned to keep their eye on all Houstonians that happen this way.

OUR exchanges in the Fifteenth are doing a lot of worrying as to who will be our next congressman. Dibrell and Garner will probably be the strongest men, but since all the papers are hurrahing for a candidate, THE NEWS will just hurrah a few for Hon. Ike Martin of Uvalde.

Lives of printers all remind us, honest toil don't stand a chance. The more we work there grow behind us, bigger patches on our pants. On those pants once new and glossy, now of strips of different hue, all because our subscribers linger, and don't pay up what is due.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON. Office Chief Commissary, San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 1, 1901. Sealed proposals will be received here until 11 A. M., Nov. 1, 1901, and opened, for furnishing and delivering Fresh Beef and Mutton.

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BASE BALL.

Last Saturday's game between Eagle Pass and Brackett was a good one and viewed by a big crowd from the town and Post. The game was called rather late and only seven innings were in favor of Brackett.

Villasana, Schmidt, Rountree, Carlisle, Parsons, Kelso, Garoia, Tremble, Oldham.

BRACKETT. H. Veltman, Roth, R. Rose, Geo. Herzing, Will Allen, Nipper, Radigan, Kepler, John Stadler, John Dooley.

Eagle Pass, runs—Villasana 1; Schmidt 2; Parsons 1; Kelso 1. Brackett, runs—H. Veltman 2; Roth 2; Nipper 1; Radigan 1; Dooley 1.

Geo. Herzing pitched and John Stadler caught until he was badly hurt, the ball striking him on a finger, which will disable him for some time. Jos. Veltman umpired.

In the evening the Eagle Pass boys were tanned a ball at Ross Hall which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

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Horse cart race—Contestants, Sergt. Dross and squad, Sergt. Hart and squad. Won by Sergt. Dross and squad, time 3-4 of a minute.

Running high jump—Contestants, Bennet winner, highest jump 53 inches, Harper, second, Davis, Baumil, Spaulding.

Wheelbarrow race—Contestants, Hicks winner, Linderman, Jones, Walkden, Burns.

One hundred yard dash—Contestants, Butler, winner. Crill, second, Harper, Murphy, Davis. Mounted wrestling—Bolling winner, Jordan, second, Sergt. Leo, Bothy.

A number of horses for the cavalry have recently been purchased from citizens of Kinney county. Horses must be four years old, 15-1-2 hand high and weigh not less than 950 lbs.

Two soldiers of the Twelfth Cavalry died at the Post this week, one from C, and one from F troop.

Stricken by Paralysis.

Henderson Grinnett, of this place, was stricken with partial paralysis and completely lost the use of one arm and side. After being treated by an eminent physician for quite a while without relief, his wife recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and after using two bottles of it he is almost entirely cured.—Geo. R. McDonald, Man. Logan county, W. Va. Several other very remarkable cures of partial paralysis have been effected by the use of this liniment. It is most widely known, however, as a cure for rheumatism, sprains and bruises. For sale at Holmes' Drug Store.

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