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### MILES ON THE INDIAN QUESTION.

Warm Endorsement of General Miles' Course by One Who Thoroughly Understands the Condition of Affairs.

TOMBSTONE, A. T., Nov. 3, 1887.

EDITOR EPITAPH:—Write in St. Louis last spring, I bought a copy of the St. Louis Republic containing a letter from Herbert Welch, Secretary of the Indian Rights Association of Philadelphia, and as I had been anxious for a long time to see in book form a reliable statement of the outrages perpetrated against the people of Arizona and New Mexico for the last twenty-five years, I suggested to Welch that he employ his time in writing and lecturing in behalf of the people of his own race in Arizona and New Mexico, and stop his miserable acts, and vile misrepresentations of the acts and policy of G. N. Miles in his management of the Indians in this Territory. Welch said his kind, I am sorry to say, have heretofore had too much influence with the authorities at Washington, in regard to the Apache question in this country. If you endorse the sentiments contained in the enclosed communication and can find room for the same in your next issue of the EPITAPH, you will gratify the undersigned. Your efforts to attract capital to develop the mineral and agricultural resources of this country, Cochise, if successful, will result in making the same the most populous and prosperous county in the Territory. Yours Truly,

A. G. KIMBELL.

St. Louis, Mo., April 26, 1887.

EDITOR EPITAPH:—In your edition of the 27th ult., I find an article under the heading of "The Apaches—Their Treatment at Fort Marion—Mr. Herbert Welch Describes the Condition of the Captives." The Republican evidently copied Welch's article from the New York Tribune to gratify the "Indian Rights Association," which being secretary there of, who are waiting their sympathies on a race of banquets in Florida, the adult male portion of whom (most of them) are guilty of the crimes of murder, rape, high-way robbery, and other atrocities unfit for publication.

Welch has labored hard through a column and a quarter of the Republican to fasten on the present administration, for having removed a portion of the Apache Indians to Florida, to prevent further depredations on their part, that method using the only practicable one to put an effectual stop to the same.

It would have been heartless and criminal on the part of the President and his Cabinet had they refused longer to listen to the appeals of the people of Arizona and New Mexico for protection against a race of barbarians who, for more than twenty years past, have been permitted by our Government to commit atrocities and barbarities on defenseless men, women and children, so horrid, cruel and inhuman, as to shock the whole world.

To answer Mr. Welch properly, Mr. Editor, I must beg your indulgence, and of necessity lengthen this article by quoting from his report.

"It is an interesting fact," says Mr. Welch, in his report upon their condition, "and one to which I desire to lay the strongest possible emphasis, that of the ninety men (Apaches), only thirty have been guilty of any recent misdoing (these were with Geronimo on his recent raid), while most of the remainder were employed in our army as regular commissioned scouts, etc."

Now, Mr. Welch, what about this idea you are trying to promulgate, "that of the ninety men only thirty have been guilty of any recent misdoing?" Do you mean to assume the absurd position that such felons as Chato, who is notoriously known in New Mexico, led the band of Apaches who murdered Judge McComas and wife in 1883, and carried into captivity their little son Charlie, was less guilty than Geronimo and his band of murderers and robbers, because that crime was not perpetrated recently? By the way, as you seem to be the friend and champion of Chato, could you not in your next interview, find out from him, "in a confidential way, you know," what disposition was made of that boy—whether he was burnt or quartered, or what was the method by which your innocent friend disposed of him? If Charlie is still alive among his captors and you can contrive to return him to his kindred in St. Louis, you can realize more money than you are now making for your services in misrepresenting President Cleveland, his Cabinet, and G. N. Miles, in the faithful discharge of their duties in their efforts to protect the lives and property of the people of Arizona and New Mexico.

Mr. Editor, I would like to have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Herbert Welch, the Secretary of the "Indian Rights Association." He is in the employ of an association composed of doubtless of ladies and gentlemen of education, wealth and social distinction,

whose kind and generous sympathies (if they endorse the views of their secretary) revolt at the idea of the mild punishment of imprisonment of the Apaches for high crimes and misdemeanors. The members of said association reside in localities far removed from Indian hostilities, and if they should happen to hear of the merciless butchery of a few families now and then on the frontier, they will at once charge the white man with being the aggressor, and if the President interferes in behalf of the white people, and orders the removal and imprisonment of the felons instead of ordering their execution, as the people of Arizona and New Mexico think he should have done, there is a great howl set on foot through the newspapers condemning the President for his cruelty and harsh treatment of the Indians, and the pen, which is "mightier than the sword," is set to "fire the Northern heart" against the policy of the President and his advisors, which is to protect the Indians in their rights and punish them for all acts of lawlessness and outrage upon our settlers.

I must confess that the Secretary of the Indian Rights Association has made out as plausible a case as any lawyer could make in defense of a lot of criminals, who, no one knows better than himself and myself, ought long ago to have been executed for their savage crimes. I mean Geronimo, Chato and other chiefs of the Apache tribe, and the men under them; not the women and children, who were compelled to join them in their murderous raid against the whites. Educate and Christianize them if you can, but for God's sake and the sake of humanity, stop your sickening appeals for sympathy in behalf of a race of breccia-clout assassins, rapists and robbers of your own race, the adults of whom severely ever did an honest day's work in their lives; their abject slaves, the squaws, do all the work and drudgery.

On the assumption that the pecuniary necessities of Mr. Welch have reluctantly driven him into such work, and believing him to be capable, from the ability he has shown in his defence of an utterly bad cause, which is reeking with rot, filth and a total want of sympathy for the outrages perpetrated against his own race, I propose, for one, to aid him in procuring honorable and profitable employment, and pull him out of the mire into which he has descended, provided, however, that he will guarantee his employers in searching after and collecting facts in regard to Indian outrages as faithfully as he has done his work in misrepresenting the motives of President Cleveland and G. N. Miles.

The people of Arizona and New Mexico will contribute liberally to some man capable of collating and publishing, in book form, an accurate statement of the men, women and children (not soldiers, but private citizens), ambushed and stealthily murdered by Apaches during the last twenty-five years—giving the date of the killing and locality, name, age and sex of the party, property stolen and destroyed, as near as can be ascertained, and all facts pertaining to such murders and robberies as might be attainable at the present day.

To my mind, Mr. Herbert Welch can be recommended for such work, provided he can be persuaded to take for his motto, "honesty is the best policy," and furnish correct and reliable statements for publication.

The book would probably contain 1,000 pages, or two volumes of 500 pages each. Mr. Welch would be required to embody in his book the names of the "widows and fatherless children whose lives have been wrecked and futures darkened by the murdering raids of these fiends" (the Apaches), and being the confidential friend and adviser of the Apaches incarcerated in Florida, he could obtain from Geronimo, Chato and other Indians there, a thrilling account of the massacre of several hundred within the last few years, and by using some strategy, such as making his friend Chato believe if he could procure the release and return of Charlie McComas to St. Louis, if alive, and if not, "the manner of his taking off," that he would try and procure his release and let him return to the San Carlos reservation.

Taking all these matters into consideration I have deliberately come to the conclusion that if Mr. Welch will offer his services to the people of Arizona and New Mexico they would be accepted.

He (Mr. W.) would be required to illustrate with pictures such blood-curdling reminiscences as the following—furnished in his correspondence to the Emporia, (Kan.) Republican, by Mr. Will Loomis, the highly accomplished scholar and writer, who now holds (by the election of last fall) the office of superintendent of public instruction in Grant county, New Mexico. This occurred in the vicinity of Mr. L.'s cattle ranch, near Silver City—he being an eye-witness to the hurried scene depicted after it occurred. I copy the following from his letter: "Let us consider just one case, and I will not overdraw it. Just as sundown a family on a lonely ranch have gathered supper. The man is milking a

cow. A little boy of 6 is playing with his sister of 9. The mother sits in the house by the open door with a babe on her lap. She listens to its cooing; she plays with its chubby fist and she kisses its fair brow. Behind a bunch of bushes outside the corral, gropes a dusky form, with its blankets closely drawn, and it peers through the bush, it sees the scene as we have drawn it, and stealthily creeps back over the brow of the hill. Then comes a rush, a wild chorus of yells that no human ear can hear without affright, the crack of the rifle, the gleam of the knife, the gurgle of blood, the crash of a skull and the crackling of blazing timbers.

"Morning comes and some passer-by finds a man's body scalped and bloody, a boy with body dismembered with an axe, a woman stabbed with a knife, breasts cut off, clothing gone, body ravaged; a girl in the same condition as her mother, a mangled babe and a heap of smouldering ruins.

"This occurs over and over again. The authorities know this and they read it every day. What do they think? Do they believe our Western papers lie, or are these little every-day occurrences beneath the notice of the powers that should protect?"

"A man who has seen these scenes, if he be even the thousandth part of a man, can never recall them to memory without feeling his blood boil and his soul cry out: How long shall this be endured?"

Mr. Herbert Welch and the Indian Rights Association, how do you like the picture? If Mr. W. is inclined to act on my suggestion, he can fill his book with the recital of hundreds of such cases. He could style the author, Herbert Welch late secretary of the Indian Rights Association.

Mr. Editor, I will conclude this long article by copying the reply of Gen. Miles to Secretary Endicott for his demand to know the reasons why he desired the removal of the Apaches from Arizona to Florida:

"You ask me why I desire the removal of the Apaches from the Territory. I will tell you in a few words as possible. I ask it in the name of the Territory, whose prospects and progress have been blasted and retarded by fiendish cruelties of these Indians I ask it in the name and in the behalf of the widows and the fatherless children whose lives have been wrecked and future darkened by the murdering raids of these fiends. I ask it in the name of the thousands of lives which have been offered up as a sacrifice to the reservation system. Finally, I ask it in the name of civilization, which can never make an advance in this territory so long as these Indians are allowed to periodically terrorize the country."

Gen. Miles is the first of all our generals who favored the only practicable plan of dealing with this Indian question, that of their removal from the Territory of Arizona, and he has received and is entitled to the gratitude of all the people of Arizona and New Mexico, for his warm-hearted and generous sympathy in their behalf. A. G. KIMBELL.

MR. BULLOCK T. INKS HE WAS S. L. D. Frederick A. Tritle, of Arizona, while stopping at the Gibley House last July, obtained a loan of \$10,000 from Thomas S. Bullock, giving his note for \$5,000, and, as collateral for the balance of the loan, 48,000 shares in the United Verde Copper Company. Some time after, Tritle induced Mr. Bullock to surrender the collateral and to take for the debt 10,000 shares in the Arizona Investment and Development Company. Bullock has heard that the Development Company is a myth, and in a suit to recover his money, has obtained from Judge Donahue of the Supreme Court, an attachment against Tritle's property in this State.

The United Verde Copper Company has also obtained an attachment against Tritle's property in a suit to recover \$8,500 for failure to carry out his promise to pay for coke to be used in smelting operations.—New York Herald.

SALT RIVER VALLEY. There are now under cultivation in the Salt River valley and its immediate vicinity, more than 50,000 acres, and the area is being enlarged with astonishing rapidity. So easy of cultivation is most of the land in this valley, that it is no uncommon thing for it to be cleared of the little brush it bears, and with nothing but the ordinary cultivator run once over it, and sowed to some kind of grass, and in three or four months ripen a good crop without ever having been touched with a plow. The character of the soil is such, and is so exactly alike from the surface to the depth of several feet, that cuttings from raisin grapes are in many cases put into the ground and make a rapid growth without any preparation but a single furrow in which to put them. The description here given of the Salt River valley is equally applicable to the Gila and other adjacent valleys of this whole central portion of the Territory.—Pacific Rural Press.

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Too many people labor under the impression that the newspapers should be par excellence whether they are patronized or not. They expect to see the paper crowded with news, yet they will not contribute a farthing for its support. Very often the remark is made: "I will give you an ad., or a subscription to help you along." Newspaper men are not objects of charity and do not labor as such. They give more than the value received for all the business in the way of advertising they get. Those men who take this charity view of the matter are unmindful of the fact that the advertising columns of the newspaper are the index of the prosperity of their town or city. A live paper, well filled with business advertisements, is indicative of the welfare of the town, and is the best representation that can be made. They attract home-seekers to a locality that would otherwise never come. Capitalists who are in search of land investments are attracted by them. Of course all the investments held the newspaper man, just as a sale of goods aids the business man, but at the same time it benefits the one who advertises to a much greater extent than it does the printer. Any town can have a good paper if it receives proper support. Just so with a business establishment. Advertising has done more to enrich men than anything else in the world. A man who fully understands what newspapers are and what they do, never put in an advertisement to help the printer, but does it to help himself. It is a matter of legitimate business, and not one of charity. Encourage the business interests of the printer, as he encourages the growth and business interests of your town, county and state, and a live, energetic and newsy paper will follow.—Reno (Nev.) Journal.

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