Pen Portraits of Modoc Chiefs.

The following description of the personal appearance of the Modoc murderers is given by a correspondent of the San Francisco *Bulletin:*

CAPTAIN JACK.

Captain Jack, the chief of the tribe, and author of the villainous plot, is a full-blooded Modoc of about thirty years of age, though he looks much older. He has a good head, though like all Indians, the forehead is low and retreating. His complexion is dark, being a bright copper-color, and his eyes are black, full and piercing. His hair is long, hanging down to the shoulders, and his face is entirely destitute of beard. His mouth is large, and its shape indicates firmness and determination, though it by no means denotes cruelty and baseness—traits which Jack seems to possess above all others. In manner he is cool, self-possessed, and very dignified. He insists on being treated with the greatest respect by all with whom he comes in contact, and the chief ruler of 40,000,000 of people could not be a greater stickler for official etiquette than is this miserable savage. He never smiles. His greeting of his visitors on the occasion of the visit referred to was a splendid exhibition of indifference and haughtiness, notwithstanding at the time he was so ill he could not stand up. Before this act of treachery he was believed to be the soul of honor. Settlers in the neighborhood who had many dealings with him said that they never knew Captain Jack to do a mean or base act, nor would he knowingly permit any member of his band to do one. If any of the ranchmen ever complained of any act of peculation or other annoyance Jack was sure to visit punishment upon the head of the offender. He was elected chief of the tribe two or three years ago, and 'Squire Steele, of Yreka, acted as judge of election—a fact which has always made Steele Jack's fast friend. He was the last man in the tribe who it would be thought could be guilty of so base an act—an act entirely out of keeping with his past character.

JOHN SCHONCHIN.

John Schonchin, a brother of "Old Schonchin," Jack's predecessor in the office of chief, is a man about 40 years old. He is a lighter colored man than Jack, but is a great deal stouter, being broad-shouldered and quite corpulent. His hair is long and straight and his eyes small and expressionless. His face is pleasing in expression and he is much less determined in look than the younger chief. Schonchin is a rival to the place occupied by Captain Jack, he believing that he had a hereditary claim to the Modoc throne. Consequently he and Jack have not been on the best of terms, though in their horrible plot they seem to have worked together. He is the man who shot Meacham and inflicted the wounds from which the latter is likely to die. Schonchin, in all these peace negotiations, has been more exacting in his demands than even Jack himself. On the occasion of Steele's first visit to the lava beds, he was less friendly than any of the others. He even went so far as to accuse Steele of wishing to "talk with two tongues," and the latter had to make him a sharp speech in reply to prevent a recurrence of the insult.

BOSTON CHARLEY,

the man who shot and instantly killed the Rev. Dr. Thomas, is a young Indian about 22 years of age. He is practically white and his complexion quite clear. Hence the name of "Boston" given him by the Indians, which signifies white. He has no history at all, and gained no prominence in the tribe until the peace negotiations began, when he acted as messenger. He was one of the young savages who came out to Fairchild's with Steele and party to talk to General Canby about the first of March. The General treated them all very kindly, and their return for this, is his brutal massacre. "Boston" was believed to be one of the best dispositioned Indians in the tribe. He was good-humored, always laughing and talking, and seemed to like the whites better than the Indians. He was one of those indicted by the Oregon Grand Jury for the killing of the settlers, but he was known to have had nothing to do with that matter, being on the west side of the lake at the time.

HOOKA JIM.

This is one of the worst Indians in the whole tribe. He was the leader of the band who committed the murder in December. He is young, not over 21 or 22, but is large and powerful. He is not a Modoc proper, but belongs to a band of Indians known in Siskiyou as the "Como-Twashes." They are composed of remnants of several tribes, and have long been regarded as thieves and murderers. Two of them are in the Lava Bed—Hooka Jim and the "Doctor"—and even Captain Jack was said to be afraid of them. This Indian has a bad face. He, too, was one of those who came out with Steele, and was the only one that the *Chronicle* correspondent felt uneasy with, when on one occasion on the route he was left far behind alone with him. It was getting late in the afternoon, and the party had yet ten miles to ride, when they struck the "divide," a gap in the mountain to the south of Little Klamath Lake. There were five whites and fourteen Indians. Steele and Fairchild led the party and as they came out of the trail and struck the Lost River road, Steele put spurs to his horse and the whole party started for home on a gallop, the Indians riding along heavily armed, with their feathers and fox tails flying like so many pennants. They yelled and howled, and the party came down the slope like flying Tam O'Shanters. Something getting wrong with the *Chronicle* man's saddle, he stopped to fix it, which took nearly twenty minutes. Hooka Jim and Curly-headed Jack, another Indian that it would not do to trust far, seeing the correspondent stop, rode on a few hundred yards and stopped also. When the latter mounted he saw his own party fully two miles ahead going like the wind. He started on a run to catch them, and then the two Indians joined him, and all three went down the valley on a dead run. The Indians rode their ponies one on either side and seemed to be highly tickled at the correspondent's somewhat unskillful handling of his horse.—Then they began a series of movements designed to frighten the latter and make him deposit his precious burden in the sage brush, and once Hooka Jim, with a yell, deliberately spurred his pony directly against the horse—a movement that nearly accomplished the desired object. On the whole it was an uncomfortable ride, and the reporter breathed much freer when he came up with Steele.

BLACK JIM.

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GHOSTS.

BY J. G.

A very remarkable detection of [illegible] through the alleged appearance of [illegible] occurred in 1724.

A farmer, returning home [illegible] Southana market in Warwickshire [illegible] peared by the way. Next day [illegible] sented himself at the farm house [illegible] the wife if her husband had come [illegible]

"No," she replied; "and I am [illegible] utmost anxiety and terror."

"Your terror," said he, "cannot [illegible] mine; for last night as I lay in bed [illegible] awake, the apparition of your [illegible] band appeared to me. He showed [illegible] eral ghastly stabs in his body, which [illegible] lying in a marl pit."

The pit was searched, the corpse [illegible] found, and the stabs, in number [illegible] tion, answered in every way to the [illegible] tion given by the ghost-seer. To the [illegible] spectre had named a certain man [illegible] culprit; and this person was [illegible] prison and brought to trial at Warwick [illegible] the crime, before a jury and [illegible] Chief Justice Sir Robert after[illegible] Raymond, who was succeeded [illegible] Sir Philip Yorke. The jury would [illegible] have brought in a verdict of guilty [illegible] checked them by saying:

"Gentlemen, you lay more [illegible] allegations of this apparition [illegible] will bear. I cannot give credit [illegible] kind of stories. We are now in a [illegible] law, and must determine accordingly [illegible] and I know not of any law which [illegible] mit of the testimony of an apparition [illegible] yet, if it did, doth the ghost appear [illegible] evidence. Crier," he added, "[illegible] ghost."

The farmer's spirit being thus [illegible] moned in vain, Sir Robert argued [illegible] the jury on the hitherto unblemished [illegible] acter of the man accused, and [illegible] serted a belief in his perfect innocence, [illegible] adding, "I do strongly suspect [illegible] gentleman who saw the apparition [illegible] himself the murderer, and knew [illegible] the stab and marl-pit without any [illegible] natural assistance; hence I deem [illegible] justified in committing him to [illegible] til further inquiries are made."

The result of this was, that [illegible] ing his house sufficient proofs of [illegible] were found; he confessed his crime [illegible] was executed at the next assizes.

In the list of the officers of the [illegible] third Regiment, when serving in [illegible] Cornwallis in America, and then [illegible] First West York, will be found [illegible] of Captain (afterward Sir John) [illegible] Sherbrooke and Lieutenant Geo[illegible] ward. The former had recently [illegible] Thirty-third from the Fourth, [illegible] Own Regiment. These young [illegible] similar in tastes and very attached [illegible] spent much of their time in [illegible] society, and when off duty [illegible] apart. One evening Sherbrooke [illegible] Wynward's quarters. The [illegible] they were seated had two doors [illegible] led into the common passage of the [illegible] barrack, the other into Wynward's [illegible] room, from which there was [illegible] of egress.

Both officers were engrossed [illegible] Sherbrooke, on raising his eyes [illegible] suddenly saw a young man [illegible] years of age open the entrance [illegible] vance into the room. The [illegible] ghastly and thin, as if in the [illegible] a mortal malady. Startled [illegible] Captain Sherbrooke called Wynward's [illegible] tention to their noiseless visitor [illegible] moment the lieutenant saw him [illegible] ashy white and inexpressible [illegible] ere he could recover, the figure [illegible] both and entered the [illegible]

"Good God—[illegible] claimed Wynward.

"Your brother!" repeated Sherbrooke [illegible] in great perplexity. "There must [illegible] mistake in all this. Follow me!"

They entered the little bedroom [illegible] tenantless; and Sherbrooke was [illegible] certainly not soothed by Wynward's [illegible] ing his conviction that from the [illegible] believed he had seen a spectre; [illegible] mutually took a note of the day [illegible] at which this inexplicable affair [illegible]

Wynward at times tried to [illegible] himself that they might have been [illegible] by the practical joke of some [illegible] cer; yet his mind was evidently [illegible] assed by it, that when he received [illegible] occurred, all had the good [illegible] hold comments, and to