

half of track could be laid down in one day.

We were then invited into Captain Clayton's car, and introduced to Major North, who commands the Pawnees, who invited us to accompany him to his camp, where he would show us a lot of Cheyenne scalps obtained by his men. But presently the Major-General's carriage came thundering back from Augur's camp, in a cloud of sand, and it was seen at once that the special car would start, without regard to absent reporters or any other characters./p.196

The commissioners at the Council Ground--Arrival of the Indians--White Captives restored to liberty--Night Scenes and Incidents--A German Bohemian and a Veteran--The Grand Council--"Swift Bear's" Oration--Commissioner Taylor's Address--Sharp Speeches of "Spotted Tail," "Man-afraid-of-his-Horses," "Pawnee Killer," "Turkey Foot," and "Big Mouth."

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKS, September 18th, 1867.

The Commissioners intend to hold a grand pow-wow to-morrow with the Brule and Ogallalla Sioux and Cheyennes.

In the latter part of the month of July your readers may remember the account sent you of the capture of three women and two boys from a settlement near Fort Kearney. Through the runners sent to the camps of the hostile Cheyennes, by Mr. Patrick, the Indian agent, word was conveyed to the captive females that negotiations were pending for their deliverance from captivity. Invitations were also sent to the chiefs of Cheyennes, Ogallallas, and Brule Sioux to come to the Grand Council at North Platte, and bring their captives with them to exchange for a squaw and a male child who were taken in the late affair at Plum Creek. Spotted Tail, the chief of the Brules, used his influence to draw the Indians to the pow-wow. All went on satisfactorily. The Commissioners in due time arrived at Omaha; they started west, arrived at North Platte. The Indians/p.197/had not come. The Commissioners, having an eye to pleasure as well as business, took the train for the end of the track, where they had an opportunity of admiring the method of railroad construction on the Union Pacific, and then returned back to North Platte, where we are at present.