

Scout With Lieut. Baldwin In Panhandle

In 1874 Is Contributor To NEWS.

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(Editor's note: Last year The News published an account of a thrilling ride of Lt. Frank D. Baldwin through this Indian-infested country in September of 1874. Three civilian Scouts were with him. One of them was Lemuel T. Wilson, now of Jacksonville, Ore., and through the courtesy of General W. C. Brown of Denver The News is privileged to print a series of Wilson's accounts of his experiences with the Miles campaign of 1874 in the Panhandle. Readers are advised to clip and retain this never before printed historical material.)

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By Gen. W. C. Brown

In 1874, the Kiowas, Comanches and Cheyennes left their reservations in Indian Territory determined to dispute the right of the white buffalo hunters to kill buffalo for their hides - a practice which bid fair to deprive the Indian of a source of livelihood which he had enjoyed from time immemorial. It was the final struggle of these tribes against the white man.

The scene of these activities was in the Panhandle of Texas. The supply base of the buffalo hunters was at Adobe Walls on the Canadian River in what is now Hutchinson county. It had been originally built by Bent and St. Vrain in 1830, but abandoned in 1840.

General N. A. Miles in August, 1874, was directed to organize at Fort Dodge, Kansas, an expedition to proceed against the