

The Kiowa - Comanche Opening.

THE LAST OPENING.

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I.

THE PROCLAMATION.

Thanks to the Ruler of our Nation,
Who issued forth his proclamation,
That this fair land, which since creation,
Had been the scene of desolation,
The Red Man's home or reservation,
On August sixth -- no defalcation --
Would open up for occupation,
Without vexatious litigation.

II.

THE REGISTRATION.

All must attend the registration,
Whate'er might be one's inclination,
However great the aggravation;
In line each chose his own location,
But marched to booth in just rotation;
There filed his written application,
And made his solemn declaration.
Great was the mighty aggregation,
Of heart's all full of expectation,
Who looked through this conglomeration,
And said with ringing exclamation,
"A home is mine for habitation!"
Perhaps, in his imagination.

So men beyond our computation,
 With many trials, much tribulation,
 Complied with rule and regulation,
 And placed their names in tabulation,
 Believing some concatenation,
 Or strange uncertain combination,
 Would place their names for publication,
 With those who drew homes. Jubilation!

III.

THE DRAWING.

See three great men of reputation --
 Dale, Richards, Dyer -- deputation --
 Upon a great, high elevation;
 There now's the crowd in concentration;
 The wheel goes 'round in swift rotation;
 To some brings sweetest realization;
 To others deep humiliation.
 Then came a pause for contemplation,
 An hour for thoughtful rumination:
 But through the land at every station,
 Were men in bright anticipation,
 Were men in great solicitation,
 All anxious for some information.

IV.

THE NOTIFICATION.

Without a halt or hesitation,
 Cards are mailed free with regulation,
 Each off to its own destination,
 Conveying the denomination,
 Each man drew in the registration.

V.

SELECTING CLAIMS.

Then came the rapid emigration,
 Of men of ev'ry avocation,
 Condition, race and coloration;
~~The rich in ^{gl}hefty ostentation;~~
~~The poor in humble degradation.~~
 They went o'er vale and undulation;
 Each sought the very best location --
 One of the greatest valuation.
 Some took claims for remuneration,
 Some took claims to get recreation,
 Some took claims, too, for cultivation;
 While others took claims for speculation.

VI.

SETTLEMENT.

Then came the final termination
 Of six months given as probation,
 To get on claims for habitation:
 It was the common observation,
 And not the least exaggeration,
 One-half, on mere solicitation,
 Without the slightest hesitation,
 Sold out, for cash consideration.

VII.

CONCLUSION.

Fair land! complete thy reclamation
 From hostile, savage domination,
 From cow-boys' rude and long Spoilation:

Mark now, thy solemn dedication
 To homes for future generation,
 To business, trade and transportation,
 To church and civic federation,
 To freedom, truth and education.
 All honor, praise and adoration
 To those who wrought this transformation;
 By deeds well worthy emulation,
 They've won our highest admiration.
 To all in this great congregation,
 Be blessings in continuation;
 To one and all, congratulation;
 Farewell to this, our Celebration.

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