

THE INDIAN POLICY.

The policy of the government in dealing with its Indian wards, is of a piece with all its other business. The Indian department is run on the old slow coach plan, and the secretary of war as far as Indian fighting is concerned, at least, is a hundred year behind the times. Day after day, telegrams have been sent by the secretary to General Schofield, to "avoid bloodshed." "Avoid bloodshed!" "Avoid bloodshed!" "Avoid bloodshed!"

LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE.

The report of the commission which located the drydock at Port Orchard, on Puget sound, gave as one reason for not selecting the Columbia river that its commerce did not equal that of Puget sound. No consideration seemed to be taken of the fact that when the Columbia river is improved at the Cascades and the Dalles, as is contemplated, the commerce of the Columbia river will be as good as dead.

Senator Mitchell's bill for a boat railway here passed the senate all right but will without doubt be "hung up," in the house. One of the easiest ways of defeating a bill is to have a proper understanding of the currents and counter currents of congress because by them bills are carried safely to their haven or wrecked on a pitiless shore.

Monday's dispatches brought the rumor that General Miles had been killed by the Indians near Pine Ridge Agency. Whether or not this is true, is of course unknown yet; but all the circumstances of the trouble for the past three or four days indicate that it is.

The Union Pacific management state that their company has paid its proportion of the wages and expenses of grading the new line from Portland to the Sound, and that the money due the laborers in Portland, is due and owing from the Great Northern. This is simply untrue.

work, and they should be paid, and that too, by the Union Pacific. It can settle its business with the Great Northern afterwards. In the meanwhile, it is working a hardship on men ill able to bear the delay, and it is throwing on Portland a burthen that taxes her generosity heavily.

LOOKING OUT FOR US.

The following special to the Oregonian from Washington indicates that the department are not allowed to rest on their oars, and that the Oregon delegation is looking after their business and our interests:

The commissioner of the general land office, who is preparing his instructions to registers and receivers on the forfeited Northern Pacific lands, says in reference to the second section that it confirms to the city of Portland the riparian rights and certain land sought to be conveyed by the Northern Pacific Railroad company.

It took a year to get out the instructions to land officers when the Oregon Central grant was forfeited before the land officers could receive entries. It would have taken nearly as long had the Oregon delegation not been so persistent in urging the interior department officials to act in the case of the Northern Pacific forfeiture case.

Added to this the following dispatch of the same day, makes the situation seem much more cheerful:

The secretary of the interior has approved the instructions to registers and receivers of the general land office under the railroad forfeiture act of September 29th last.

The election bill is off, and silver is in the saddle. There seems to be genuine fear on the part of the gold bugs that it will ride the country's finances across the top to the dogs; but the silver men claim to know what they are doing, and insist that free coinage is the proper thing. We do not pretend to know, what effect the passage of a free coinage act will have.

The Washington legislature meets tomorrow that of Oregon next Monday. The fact that they are in session at the same time will enable them to investigate the matter of opening the Columbia river, and to take joint action thereon.

Washington is as much interested in this question as Oregon, in fact more so since she raises considerably more wheat, and consequently has greater need of unlimited transportation facilities. We hope to see a committee appointed from each legislature to meet at the locks, and to examine into the matter of completing them, and of building a portage railroad.

These committees can probably agree upon some plan of action and the two states by uniting can do something towards obtaining that relief which the general government seems indisposed to grant.

Secretary Blaine does not seem to have given entire satisfaction to the administration in his handling of the Behring sea question, and it is feared that his position is such that only war or a square back down can settle it. It is unfortunate that so untenable a position has been taken, and if this country is in the wrong, it is big enough, and we hope his manliness enough, to say so.

The Washington legislature meets today, and will be ready to begin active business probably by next Monday. One of the first things it should attend to is the appointing a committee to examine into the matter of obstructions to navigation of the Columbia, especially at the Cascades locks and at The Dalles.

OUR UNARMED MELITIA.

While congress is agitating the matter of Coast defenses, and the question of protecting property from a foreign enemy thereby, and the Navy department is building immense warships lately for the protection of our harbors it might be well for the state governments to look after their internal affairs.

NO BATTLE YET.

All are anxious to attack the Hostiles. Gen. Brooke Establishes Headquarters at Wounded Knee.

THE PRESIDENT TURNS THE RESERVATIONS OVER TO THE CARE OF THE ARMY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The president has approved General Miles' suggestion that the Standing Rock, Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River and Tongue River Indian reservations be temporarily placed under military control.

COL. FORSYTHE IN COMMAND.

The Cant of Non-Fighters in Washington Fail to Keep Him Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—General Schofield said this morning that the court of inquiry for the further investigation of Colonel Forsythe's action at Wounded Knee creek had been dissolved but he had no official confirmation of it.

THAT STEAMBOAT LINE.

The board of trade made both the woolen mill matter and the proposed steamboat line, the special orders of business for their meeting Saturday night. Both matters are important, but in our opinion, the steamboat line is the most important measure to the whole people, that has ever been before them.

RAILROAD OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Election by the Astoria & South Coast Railroad Directors.

ONE THOUSAND HOMELESS.

A Fire in New Jersey Leaves a Large Number of Hungarians Destitute.

NO GHOST DANCE FOR THEM.

GETHER O. T. Jan. 7.—The great ghost dance which was to have begun today at Red Rock and in which the representatives of many territory tribes were to participate, is a fizzle.

A Big Fire at Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 7.—Fire this morning destroyed the building occupied by the New York Dry Goods Co., provision and grocery establishment. Total loss \$105,000; partly insured.

HE GETS THE INDIANS.

President Harrison Approves General Miles' Suggestion and Turns the Indian Reservations Over.

The Ghost Dancers at Guthrie Fail to Material and the Attempt is a Failure.

After Investigation of the Wounded Knee Affair General Forsythe is Restored to Command.

WHY WAS FORSYTHE REMOVED.

His Downfall Creates Amazement in Army Circles.

OMAHA, Jan. 5.—The Bee has the following from its staff correspondent at Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., via Rushville, Neb.:

The suspension announcement of General Forsythe came like a flash and creates amazement in some minds. Official mouths are closed to all inquiries on the subject. It will probably become known to the general public, however, later on.

THE BURLINGTON TO REACH KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7.—The officials of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City railroad announce that an agreement has been reached with the Burlington road whereby the trains will, within a few days, be running over that road into Kansas City.

THE DEADLOCK UNBROKEN.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 7.—The deadlock in the house of representatives inaugurated yesterday over the election of speaker, continues today.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE CONVENE.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 7.—The thirty-seventh general assembly of Illinois convened in regular session at noon today.

JURY BRIBER PARDONED.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—Gov. Waterman has granted a pardon to D. J. Creighton, convicted of jury bribing.

THEY WANT TO QUIT.

The Indians See their Game is Up and Begin Surrendering to General Miles.

Seventy Hostiles Came in to General Miles—More to Follow.

HOW HE WAS KILLED.

General Miles Details How Lieutenant Casey met His Death.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—General Schofield this morning received the following telegram from Gen. Miles, dated Pine Ridge Agency, Jan. 8th: 79 Indians came in from hostile camp today. Reports from there are Red Cloud, Little Wound, Two Strike, Big Road and others will come in to-morrow.

WARM TIMES IN NEBRASKA.

A Big Row in the Nebraska Legislature.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 8.—The alliance members took possession of the house this morning. They placed the speaker in the chair and put a record of assistant sergeants at arms around him.

A Permanent Organization Elected at Olympia To-day.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 7.—The state legislature met to-day and effected a permanent organization by the election of E. T. Wilson of Kittitas county, president of the senate; F. A. Shaw of Clark county, speaker of the house; C. M. Barton of Thurston county secretary of the senate; J. G. Nickelson of Whatcom county, chief clerk of the house.

Spokane Wants It All as Usual.

MILTON, Or., Jan. 6.—At the annual meeting of the stock holders of S. D. A. educational society was held to-day and a special committee chosen to consider plans for establishing a new college in the northwest. Spokane Falls has already offered donations of land and cash valued at thirty-six thousand dollars.

Died Like the Brave Man He Was.

LEAVANWORTH, Kan., Jan. 5.—A letter from Pine Ridge agency details some hitherto unknown facts concerning the death of Captain Wallace at Wounded Knee. He was found at the entrance of an Indian lodge, with five dead warriors lying near him, each corpse showing a bullet wound.

New Hampshire Legislature.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 7.—Both houses of the legislature were called to order. In the house Clerk Jewett proceeded to call roll of members prepared by him. Included in the roll were the names of all "entitled" members.

General Spinner's Funeral.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The funeral of the late General Francis Spinner, the famous "watchdog of the treasury," was held at Mohawk this afternoon at the Reform church. There was a very large attendance, and many officers and attaches of the treasury department were present.

The Railroad Presidents.

New York, Jan. 8.—A meeting of railroad president assembled here this morning. President Miller of the St. Paul road presided. At noon President Cable came from the conference room. He said only the routine business had been transacted so far and that a friendly feeling had been manifested by all those present.

Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 8.—Wheat steady. Cash 90 1/2 @ 90 3/4, May 97 3/4.

San Francisco Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 8.—Wheat buyer 90, season 1.49 1/2.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The firm existing under the firm name of Brooks & Beers is this day dissolved by mutual consent of the retiring of Mr. S. L. Brooks. The business will be carried on by Messrs. G. F. Beers, and R. E. Williams under the firm name of "The Dalles Mercantile Co." The new firm will pay all liabilities and collect all debts.

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