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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

AN APPEAL FOR THE INDIANS.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Secretary Lamar has received a letter from General McCook, ex-governor of Colorado, relative to the power of the government to prevent illegal occupation of lands on an Indian territory. The writer asserts that the law declares that the secretary of the interior has full control of all Indian affairs, under the laws, subject to direction by the president; that certain contracts may be made by individuals with Indians relative to services in procuring the payments of claims, but no authority exists for making contracts of any other nature, and if made they are null and void; that no purchase, grant, lease or other conveyance of lands, or of any title or claim thereto, from any Indian nation or tribe of Indians, shall be of any validity in law or equity, unless the same shall be made by treaty or convention, entered into pursuant to the constitution; that only the United States can make any contract with an Indian nation or tribe, whether by purchase, lease or otherwise, and the United States can do so only by formal agreement; and that the president may employ the military to remove trespassers from the Indian lands.

General McCook substantiates the above points by citations from the revised statutes, and declares that the United States can make agreements respecting Indian lands only with the Indians themselves, and not with third parties, and only with the Indians by agreement ratified by congress.

Notwithstanding the positive prohibitions of the law against the leasing or conveyance of lands by Indian tribes, much of the land in Indian territory set apart for exclusive occupation, General McCook says, are in possession of white men, under leases from the Indians, who had no power to lease, and with the tacit recognition of the interior department (under a former administration), which he believes had no power to recognize or assent to any such lease or possession.

The spirit of a long and eloquent appeal with which the latter concludes is contained in the following quotation: "Being as the leases unquestionably are, wholly unauthorized and illegal, as well as imprudent, should there be an instant's hesitation in dispossessing them, and in the summary exercise of all the power and authority of the government in dispossessing the holders under them?"

BAD NEWS FOR LAND GRANT ROADS.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Commissioner Sparks, of the general land office, is to-day reported to be working out the details of a land order, which will, if promulgated, create a sensation among land grant railroad officers. It is nothing less than the overthrow of the indemnity land system, by the operation of which it is charged that settlers have been largely injured, and railroads correspondingly benefited.

The nature of previous bureau rulings, which the commissioner proposes to modify or rescind, can be illustrated in the case of the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, which last year was compelled, upon appeal of the state of Kansas, to surrender over 8,000,000 acres of land that had been set aside for it as indemnity or shortage in the land area granted to that road. It is charged, for instance, that lands are unjustly withheld from settlement by allowing roads to file maps, and then to seek other and more favorable routes. The land over which later maps are made may have a large number of settlers thereon. Many of these are threatened with ousting, on one technicality or other, and the roads claim indemnity for all losses by acceptance of settlement rights. The practice has been to grant indemnity without regard to safe guard or time. It is now proposed to make general in their application the rules laid down in the Kansas case referred to.

It is understood that the Northern Pacific is especially aimed at in the expected order. This route in Washington territory has several times been changed and modified, and a large number of settlers are interested in resisting the corporation's claim to indemnity.

CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The United States consul at Marseilles has informed the department of state that cholera has again appeared in that city and in Toulon. A general exodus from Marseilles has begun. He reports that the apparent death rate is below the average.

GENERAL NEWS.

GREAT DAMAGE TO CROPS.

PAOLA, KS., July 5.—Another heavy rain storm visited this vicinity last night, continuing all through to-day. It seems general throughout eastern Kansas and western Missouri. As this is the sixth day of almost continuous cold rains, the work of gathering the wheat crop is brought to a standstill. Wheat in sacks has been ruined and estimates place the loss in Kansas alone at 1,000,000 bushels, besides damage to grain yet in the fields. Corn will probably sustain little injury, but is backward twenty days, as compared with the latest season for twenty years. The state board's last estimate of 10,000,000 bushels of wheat was based on illegal improvement in southeastern Kansas, which was expected to partially offset disasters in the great wheat belt of the center. This estimate took no account of the week's storm and immense damage to stacked wheat on the more favorable localities. Further west there is no wheat to be injured by storms or anything else. Fears are now entertained that potatoes will rot in the ground. Minor crops will suffer in like ratio. It is not drought, but too much rain and cold that injures Kansas this year.

A WATERPOUT'S MAD PRANK.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., July 5.—This morning near Weldon, 150 miles west of here, a freight train was struck by a waterpout. The engineer saw the waterpout approaching, bounding along like a rubber ball, tearing up the earth and uprooting all vegetation in its way. He reversed the train, to avoid the waterpout, whose course was tortuous, with the column inclined and with a rotary motion. Just before the spout reached the line of the road it changed its course and spun along parallel to the track with frightful velocity. When opposite the train the waterpout burst, deluging the engineer, fireman and brakeman, who abandoned the train and climbed some trees, to avoid the wave of water, eight feet high and one hundred feet wide. The locomotive and fourteen cars were raised bodily and carried nearly 200 feet from the track, while the road had been completely obliterated. No one was hurt. The extent of the damage is not yet ascertained.

THE OHIO STRIKE.

CLEVELAND, July 6.—Twelve hundred striking iron workers marched into the city this morning and drew up at the general offices of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company. Several men spoke to officials of the company in Polish and English, demanding a return to the old wages and semi-monthly pay day. W. B. Chisholm, manager of the mill, said the wages decided on to be paid July 1 would be adhered to as long as business was in its present depressed condition, and that a settlement in full for wages every two weeks was not possible. Our managers at the works are instructed only to employ such men as are best fitted for the successful operation of the works. The last sentence was called out by a demand of the strikers that if they returned to the works none of their leaders should be discharged.

THE INDIAN TROUBLES.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—General Schofield has forwarded to the war department a dispatch from Colonel Bradley, in which the latter says the Mesquero Apaches in the vicinity of southeast New Mexico, are becoming restless because their supplies are giving out. At present they have nothing but beef and short rations. In communicating the above dispatch to Adjutant General Drury, General Schofield said as there were as many Indian difficulties as the troops were able to handle, he thought if the Indian bureau would not furnish supplies to these people that the army had better feed them out of their stores and charge the amount to the Indian bureau. Secretary Lamar consented to this proposition, and General Schofield was directed to issue rations from the military stores at posts where trouble is threatened.

THE CHEYENNES.

WICHITA, July 6.—The Eagle's dispatches from Fort Reno and Darlington, the seat of the apprehended trouble, say: Sixteen companies are now upon the ground. The Indians in speaking of the probability of their being disarmed by the government, say they will die before submitting to that, as it would be death in either event. There is little doubt but that white men have had a hand in working the Indians up to the present warlike attitude. The Cheyennes were considerably excited to-day over the quartering of some newly arrived troops in the vacated Arapahoe school building, and since the accidental killing of an Indian at the lodge their medicine dances have been incessant. The special says such heathenish practices as are now going on daily have not been witnessed in many years, and old Indian fighters say a renewal of these war dances is inexplicable. So far as the presence of sixteen companies is concerned, the Indians seem to care little, believing themselves able to whip a much larger force.

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That Wood.

Those parties who have threatened to surprise this office by bringing wood to pay their subscription to the GAZETTE will do so at once, or forever cease their threats, as it is desired to get wood out and put in the shed before harvest, and because parties who so carelessly threaten to deliver wood after harvest are always prevented from filling their engagements by the early rains and their fall work. Another very important thing for those who deliver wood is to come to the office before unloading the same and learn where it should be unloaded, and after it is nicely corded, come again to the office and see that they are credited on the books for the value of the wood. There is a correct and proper way for persons to do business—those who deliver wood for subscription as well as any other person.

A Friendly Warning.

Know ye, you towns and cities south of us that there is now en-route to you, a wealthy beggar-bilk on wheels. He is a miserable little deformed scoundrel, who works his way around the country on a wheeled chair, freight trains, etc., with a hand organ, and hangs around the principal corners of the city, grinding out his miserable, screeching music, and begging alms. He was fired out of Portland by Chief-of-Police Parrish, and had it been learned before he left that he was paying taxes on over \$15,000—what would be considered a competency by the kind people who pity and give to him—he would have been forcibly ejected from this city. He is not honorable nor deserving of alms and the good people from whom he begs should know his character.—Statesman.

Attention ladies:—To each purchaser of ten dollars worth of dry goods in one bill, I will present ten yards of French Satteen free of charge. S. L. KLINE.

Reports from Buena Vista say rust has appeared among the hops in that vicinity. The rust somewhat resembles that which appears in wheat fields, and is very peculiar in its destructiveness. The vines first turn white, then wither and become black. This pest has been known to prevail among hop vines before. The damage so far is said to be large.

William Schwartz, a German from Brandenburg, Minn., bought 320 acres of land from Jacob Sanders last week; paid the cash for it. The farm is situated about ten miles southwest of Corvallis and is better known as the donation claim of Thomas Skipton. Morris Newton sold 160 acres of land situated on the road to Yaquina, to Thomas Shaw, an immigrant—both sales were consummated through Wagoner & Buford.

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Oats.....	10 to 14
Flour per barrel.....	8 9
Beacon sides.....	9 10
Hams.....	11 to 12
Shoulders.....	5 to 6
Lard, 50 lb line.....	10
Do, 25 lb Kegs.....	12 1/2 to 15
Butter, fresh rolls.....	15
Eggs, per doz.....	50
Apples, green.....	20
Dried apples, Plummer.....	10
Do, Sun dried.....	7
Pistons, pitiless.....	3 00 to 4 00
Hides, dry first.....	10 to 14
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon June 23, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk, of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Monday, Aug. 10th 1885, viz: Winfield S. Gibbs, homestead entry No. 3415 for S 1-2 of S E 1-4 and additional homestead entry No. 3886 for N 1-2 of S E 1-4, all in Sec 4, T 12, S R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land viz: James P. Henderson, Lewis M. Henderson, Joseph Gray and George Mercer, all of Philomath, Benton county Oregon.

22-27 5w L. T. BARIN, Register.

ASSIGNMENT NOTICE.

In the matter of the Assignment of C. F. Alexander, an insolvent debtor. Notice is hereby given that the above named C. F. Alexander has duly made an assignment of all his property under an act entitled "an act to secure creditors a just division of the estates of debtors who convey to assignees for the benefit of creditors," passed by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon and approved October 18th, 1878, and that the undersigned T. J. Buford has been duly appointed assignee of the estate of said debtor and duly qualified as such. All creditors of the said C. F. Alexander are hereby notified and required to present their claims against the said estate in due form under oath to me as such assignee at my office 2nd street City of Corvallis, Benton County, State of Oregon, within three months from this date, viz: June 5th, 1885.

T. J. BUFORD, Assignee of the estate of C. F. Alexander, insolvent debtor. 22-27

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

In the County Court of the state of Oregon for the county of Benton. In the matter of the estate of John Stewart, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Mary Stewart and F. M. Johnson have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of John Stewart, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Benton, sitting for the transaction of Probate business.

All persons having claims against said estate will present them in that properly verified within six months from the date of this notice to us as such administrators, at the office of F. M. Johnson at Corvallis Oregon.

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Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon May 12, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge of County Clerk of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1885, viz: Matthew Kelly, Homestead Entry No. 4437, for the W. 1/2 of S. E. 1-4 and E. 1-2 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 32, T. 10, S. R. 7, W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph Wood, Joseph Skaggs, Morgat R. Savage and Royal Skaggs, all of Summit, Benton county, Oregon.

L. T. BARIN, Register.

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