

THE EUGENE CITY GUARD.

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INDIAN WAR.

We have a repetition of the Modoc massacre in the recent outbreak of the Nez Percé and Salmon River Indians, the result of which, up to the present time, is the butchery of from sixty to one hundred white persons. It seems a strange intimation has possessed the Federal authorities or an utter disregard for the safety of the lives and property of those who have settled on the borders of the Indian country. It is experience is worth anything, it certainly has taught us the folly of treating Indians as we would intelligent white men, possessed of gratitude, humanity and regard for the rights of others. Fear is their only restraint. Human life, with all savage tribes is no more sacred than that of the animals which constitute their daily food. War, with them, is the only path to honor, the overthrow of their enemies their greatest triumph, and to accomplish this, treachery, hypocrisy, and all the cunning of savage nature are deemed legitimate. Without provocation and without warning, to burst upon a peaceful village, slaughter and pillage the inhabitants without regard to age, sex or condition, instead of exciting horror and indignation, becomes a subject of rejoicing, and the perpetrators are regarded as having won especial merit. Justice is something they neither appreciate nor comprehend; humanity, beyond a regard for their peculiar tribe, pity and remorse are emotions scarcely known or considered a tribute to women, and disgraceful to manhood; the policy of distributing annuities deemed by them as mere bribes to keep the peace and as prompted by a craven spirit; hence, they are ready on the slightest provocation to murder and plunder a people who are so ready to purchase peace.

We are no advocate for extermination. We believe in treating them with justice and humanity but with a firm hand. They must be made to understand that swift punishment follows such outbreaks, and that donations are made to relieve their necessities and not as a tribute to purchase their good will and forbearance. Their actual grievances should be redressed promptly and their causeless discontents suppressed as with the authority of a master, and not with the appearance of inability or unwillingness to enforce our demands. It is time that public opinion in tones that enforce compliance should demand that our frontiersmen and their families be protected from butchery, and no longer sacrificed to a mad and sentimentalism that endues a creature, savage by instinct, and rendered still more so by habits and circumstances well suited to develop his savage nature, with the qualities and emotions of civilized man.

KILLED AGAIN.—The New York Herald says: "The recent speech of Tilden has not only killed himself, but the Democratic party." That's too old. Radical editors have killed the Democratic party 197,416 times in the last fifteen years, but before they can bury it, the perverse old fellow jumps up and kicks their oracular predictions into eternal smithereens.

CONFESSION.—"Two months without bayonets," says the Republican Governor of Nebraska, "have done more than ten years of bayonets." One by one the bloody shirt hucksters unwillingly acknowledge that the Democratic policy which de facto Hayes was compelled to adopt is right.

Important Decision.

LAW OFFICE OF JAMES MANDEVILLE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9, 1877. EDITORS GUARD: This is the gist of the Stark vs. Starr case. Ordinarily, if to-day a man gives a quit-claim deed, but gets a better title to mortgage to the same land, the quit-claim will operate to convey only the title he had when he executed it, and the better title acquired afterwards will not be affected by the quit-claim. In this case, however, where the title was in the Government, but the parties expected to get a title in fee, whenever they executed a quit-claim deed they parted with their entire interest, and no matter if they afterwards secured a patent from the United States, their interest in the land nevertheless was extinct, and the patent would inure to the vendee and not to the vendor. Mr. Justice Field said that this opinion was one of the most important that he ever delivered, and it will for all time settle certain questions in Oregon. So I send it to you, as it will interest many of your readers.

JAMES H. MANDEVILLE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DOUGLAS COUNTY, Or., June 10, '77. ED. GUARD—I am no politician, but seeing the shameful means by which the Republican party is trying to hold its strength in this and other Western States, I am disposed to mention a few facts relative to the condition of affairs South, etc. In 1865, when the proclamation of peace was heard throughout the length and breadth of the land, the people of the seceded States thought they were to have secured to themselves the rights of person and property. Alas! how sadly mistaken. War with all its horrors, its garments rolled in blood, the lamentations of its orphans, the shrieks of its widows, was better, oh! a thousand times better than the peace which followed it. An ignorant and hate-bred race was given the right of suffrage; constitutions were overthrown; law-abiding citizens were dragged into prison; corrupt and unprincipled men from every clime rushed in to plunder and steal the hard earnings of the people; Governors sold themselves at prices that would have shamed a negro in times of bondage; judges were necessary to the most glaring crimes; jurors were bought and sold like herds of sheep and cattle; and the whole land was filled with men convicted of the most daring frauds ever recorded in history. For ten long years this state of things existed; when the negroes had done their worst, and the star of hope had almost set, redemption came. The murky cloud that overspread our political sky so long has vanished, and to-day the local self-government of Louisiana, South Carolina, and the other Southern States, are recognized by the General Government. The cause that produced this wonderful change and reformation are known to all who are willing to investigate the matter. It is a fact known to every student of American history that so long as the National affairs remained in the hands of the Democratic party, peace and prosperity reigned supreme. But just as soon as a change of administration took place bad men rode into power. As the Government passed back into the hands of Democracy, we again note the happy results. States are again restored to their former positions; thieving politicians are driven from office, and the posts of honor are filled by honest and capable men. Blaine, Conkling, Morton and other corrupt and unscrupulous men failed in carrying out their deeply concocted plans, and the Southern States have shaken off the fetters, that so long bound them to the earth. Mr. Tilden's unauthorized agent is carrying out the principles laid down in the Democratic platform much better than the usurper, or any body else anticipated. No more will the Southern people listen to the homed phrases that have so often ensnared the unsuspecting. The old adage that a "drowning man will catch at a straw" is as true to-day as when first uttered. The talk of resurrectoring the old Whig party is just like the Peter Cooper move—all bosh. The Democratic party has had experience enough to teach them the result of every such action taken by the Republican party. Not much will they bite this time. The Republicans have been making promises and contracts ever since their first organization, and to the knowledge of every thinking man, they have been breaking them the whole time. Their fidelity is known to all. Too often has the poor, helpless negro been deluded by the promises of a mule and forty acres of land. Though ignorant and superstitious, he has learned to know his friend and his foe. He has learned to know that Democracy means good government and a due regard for every citizen, whether white or black. Why the negro will vote as his former master does, is a question that has troubled the Republican office seeker. The reason is obvious. He has learned that his old master is his best friend, and his Republican overseer is his most bitter enemy. Pleading words and fair promises from the carpet bagger have become as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal" to the darky. Now because President Hayes has been carrying out the policy of Samuel J. Tilden, such men as Wade, Hipple-Mitchell, Blaine & Co., are opposing him. And Mr. Editor, as we have mentioned that compound name, H. M., I will here state that it is surprising that the Republican journals in Oregon are so inconsistent. In one column they bitterly denounce Mormonism and in another they say that Hipple Mitchell ought to be re-elected to the U. S. Senate. "Consistency is a jewel." The people are greatly mistaken when they think that the Southern States will change their politics during the next three years. Of late, Republican strategems have failed to win. It is no wonder that they are trying Whigism. They will try every other issue by the next Presidential election.

Very respectfully, "AN IMMIGRANT."

INDIAN WAR.

We glean the following news in regard to the Indian outbreak in the upper country from the Oregonian: Last Saturday Capt. J. C. Ainsworth, President of the Oregon Steam Navigation Co., received the following telegram: WALLULA, June 16th, 9 A. M. CAPT. AINSWORTH—Indians murdering settlers about Mount Idaho. Steamer necessary for safety of life, to convey troops from Wallula to-morrow. Please give necessary instructions immediately. (Signed) M. C. WILKINSON, Aide-de-Camp to O. O. Howard, Gen'l. Commanding Dept. Later in the day a dispatch was received from Walla Walla to the effect that a man named Ben Norton, living on Cottonwood Creek near Canas Prairie, had been murdered by the Indians, and that his wife had been maltreated—having both of her legs broken. A report had also been received at Fort Lapwai that there was a general uprising of the Indians near Mount Idaho, and they were massacring the settlers in that region. The messenger who brought the news to Fort Lapwai had been captured by the Indians and wounded. Mount Idaho is situated on Three Mile creek about 60 miles southeast of Lewiston. Norton's place is 18 miles this side of Mount Idaho and 48 miles from Lewiston on the Mount Idaho and H. M. nearest neighbors live about 10 miles distant. WALLULA, June 18.—The Alimota from Lewiston has just arrived and brings the following Indian news from the Lewiston feller's extra: Thursday's stage brought down the news that the Indians, embracing Joseph's band and the Salmon River Indians, were assembling on Canas Prairie and were making demonstrations of hostilities. Friday morning news came that Larry Ott and three other white men had been killed on Salmon river near the mouth of White Bird, and that the settlers on Canas Prairie had become so much alarmed that they were gathering at Mount Idaho, and asking for troops to come to their relief. No troops were ordered upon the request. About 5 P. M. of Friday an Indian messenger came through to the agency with a letter from L. P. Brown, Esq., to the effect that the Indians had made an attack upon the settlers on the prairie; had killed Ben Norton, John Wilson and Lewis both her legs; shot Mr. Moore through the hip; had badly wounded Norton's son, aged about eleven, and mortally wounded a Mr. Day; had attacked all the teams on the road and forced the men to abandon them, and at the time of writing had possession of Canas Prairie and the surrounding country, and were in attack upon that town, and demanded immediate aid to be sent to their rescue. On Friday evening at 8 o'clock a military force of 100 troops, 20 friendly Indians and several citizens left the Lapwai garrison under command of Col. Perry for Mount Idaho. It is reported that Capt. Ainsworth, Secord, Henry Elfers and four children, Harry Mason, Henry Elfers and the Warrens expressed an opinion that the Indians had been killed so far as known; that the whites had killed White Bird, the chief of his band, and his family. The troops with 150 men from Mount Idaho encountered the Indians at the head of White Bird Canyon; troops dismounted and left a few soldiers and the twenty friendly Indians to hold their horses. The Indians opened the fire upon the troops and fighting was continued for some time. The friendly Indians became alarmed, and the soldiers guarding the horses could see that the Indians were retreating; that the Indians were fighting below Chapman's. After the arrival of Col. Perry a dispatch came to the effect that he arrived at Mount Idaho on Saturday morning and found the reports of killed true; that the Indians had gone to Salmon River; that the troops were in pursuit of them in hopes of overtaking them at the crossing. 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