

# The Democratic Times.

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COL. ALVAN C. GILLEM.

The Portland *Bulletin* gives a brief sketch of this gallant officer, whom Gen. Canby has placed in command of the forces to operate against the hostile Indians in the Modoc country, which will not fail to be interesting to our readers. The data is received from a reliable source. Col. Gillem is a native of Tennessee, and was appointed from that State to the Military Academy at West Point as a cadet, whence he graduated in 1851. He was brevetted Second Lieutenant of the First Artillery in July of that year, and served in Florida against the Seminoles. He thus learned early how to fight Indians. He was made full Second Lieutenant in December of the same year, and promoted to a first Lieutenancy in March, 1855. On the breaking out of the civil war he took sides with the Union cause, and in May, 1861, was raised to the rank of Captain, and served as Brigade Quartermaster in Kentucky. He bore himself gallantly in the battle of Mill Springs, at the defense of Fort Taylor, and in numerous other engagements through the war, and was meantime brevetted as follows: Major, in January, 1862; Lieutenant Colonel, December, 1864; Colonel and Brigadier General, March, 1865; and Major General, in April of that year, just at the termination of the conflict. His regular rank is Colonel, to which he was raised July 24, 1866, for meritorious conduct. In December, 1870, he was transferred from the Eleventh Infantry to the First Cavalry. Colonel Gillem acted as President of the Convention to revise the Constitution of Tennessee and reorganize the State Government in January, 1865. He has won enviable distinction in the field, and is in full vigor of life. We look for decisive work at his hands against the rebellious Indians in Southern Oregon, and hope soon to be able to chronicle their severe chastisement and a permanent peace.

### Report on the Modoc Outbreak.

The *Bulletin* says that in response to a call from the Senate for information concerning the origin of the Modoc outbreak, the acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs has furnished a full statement, which has the merit of impartiality and correctness. The statement corroborates the account given by the TIMES of the origin of the difficulty; shows that Jack's band left the Reservation to which they had been removed by treaty, went back to the country which they had agreed to give up, and terrorized the settlers, and that finally the Commissioners ordered their removal, by force, if necessary, back to the Reservation from which they had decamped. To the execution of this order resistance was made by Jack's band, and hence the Modoc war. This statement by the Commissioner disappoints these people at the East who had made up their minds that the Modocs were a guiltless set of innocents.

### Our Modoc Platform.

We respectfully submit for the consideration of the Peace Commissioners the following principles in reference to the Modoc question. In our judgment, no treaty should be negotiated with the murdering Modocs, now in open hostility to the United States under the leadership of Captain Jack, except upon the following basis, viz:

1. Unconditional surrender of Captain Jack and all his followers to the authorities of the United States.
2. The murderers of settlers, or those suspected of being concerned in that crime, to be surrendered to the civil authorities of this State for trial, and executed, if found guilty.
3. The transportation of the remainder of the Modocs to some distant reservation far removed from the scene of their former murderous career in the region of Tule Lake, the Klamath Lake basin and Lost River.

### Gov. Grover's Protest.

We call the attention of our readers to the pointed protest of Gov. Grover, addressed to the Peace Commissioners, published in this issue. We cordially endorse every argument offered therein, and it undoubtedly meets with the hearty approval of ninety-nine hundredths of the citizens of Southern Oregon.

### Appointments.

Governor Grover has made the following appointments: J. F. Miller, Henry Klippel and Samuel Brown, State Capitol Building Commissioners; Sylvester C. Simpson, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Lafayette Lane, Code Commissioner, vice Simpson, resigned.

### Presidential Vote.

Of the whole number of citizens entitled by law to vote in November last, 3,579,798 voted for Grant, 2,842,428 for Greeley, 23,408 for O'Connor, 5,008 for Black, and the balance, estimated at 1,142,760 voters, mostly Democrats, stayed away from the polls.

### THE PEACE COMMISSION.

#### Protest from Governor Grover.

Henry H. Gilfrey, Esq., Gov. Grover's Private Secretary, was last Monday dispatched to the Klamath Lake basin, with the following important communication to the Indian Peace Commission, which assembles at Linkville to-day:

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
Salem, February 10, 1873.

To the Commissioners appointed to conclude peace with the Modoc Indians—Gentlemen: As the State of Oregon is deeply interested in the results of the pending Indian Peace Commission, I desire to express to you a few suggestions bearing upon the subject about to engage your attention.

From official reports made to me, and from other reliable information, it appears conclusively established that the massacre of eighteen citizens of Oregon on the 11th of November last was committed without provocation and without notice—cutting and shooting men down in cold blood at their homes and in their fields, one by one, as they were found, by Indians who had not been attacked by the soldiery nor otherwise molested, and who could speak our language and were personally acquainted with their victims. The homes and farms of the slaughtered settlers were upon lands to which the Indians title had long since been extinguished by treaty. These acts I hold to be deliberate and willful murder. Over such offenses I conceive the civil authorities of this State constitute the only competent and final tribunal. I desire therefore to protest on behalf of the State of Oregon against any action of the Commission which shall purport to condone the crimes of the Modocs or compound their offenses.

The people of Oregon desire that the murderers shall be given up, and be delivered over to the civil authorities for trial and punishment.

As to the land on Lost River, which some have suggested should be surrendered to the Modocs as a peace offering, allow me to say that these lands lie wholly within the State of Oregon, and within the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon; that the Indian title to these lands was extinguished by treaty, fairly made, through the Oregon Superintendency, between the Modocs and the General Government, on the 14th day of October, 1864. They have been surveyed under the direction of the Surveyor-General of Oregon, and the surveys were long since approved by the General Land Office. These lands have been extensively taken and are now occupied by bona fide settlers, under the homestead and pre-emption laws of the United States.

The Commission will therefore have no more power to declare a reservation on Lost River, including these settlements, to make the same a basis of peace with these Indians, than they have to provide for their establishment upon any other settled portion of this State.

For the interests of Southern Oregon, and for the future peace of our southern frontier, I will express the hope and confidence that the project of a reservation on Lost River will not be entertained by the Commission, and that the Modocs will either consent to return to their own reservation or to be assigned to bounds beyond the settlements.

With great respect I am your obedient servant,

L. F. GROVER,  
Governor of Oregon.

### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The public debt increased \$403,000 during the past month.

Another terrible earthquake in India. Five hundred persons killed.

Insurrection is still rampant in the northern provinces of Spain.

The Democracy of Connecticut are organizing for the coming election.

Ex-Governor Geary, of Pennsylvania, died suddenly of apoplexy recently.

One hundred people have been frozen to death in England in the last few days.

More frauds (\$10,000,000) have been unearthed among the Controller's papers, New York city.

The expenditures of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874, it is estimated, will be about \$250,000,000. This includes the interest on the public debt.

New York city had 32,647 deaths during the year 1872—an increase of 5,500 on the previous year, or an increase in one year of 20 per cent, which is simply appalling.

In northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and further west and north they had the coldest weather ever known there yesterday morning. The mercury in some towns ranged down as low as 35 and 40 degrees below zero.

The motion for a new trial in the Stokes case has been denied by Judge Boardman, and counsel for the defendant proceeded to apply for a stay of the proceedings before Judge Davis. The chances for Stokes are being whittled down to a very fine point.

### Indian Insolence.

Men who own stock in the Modoc section have lost thousands of dollars every year in the killing of their cattle by Indians, besides buying their good will in leasing the land they had no legal right to claim. The Yreka *Journal* says that Louis Land, after taking up a ranch on Government domain, had to pay the Indians horses, provisions, etc., to a considerable amount, before they would permit him to build a cabin. Other settlers also, had to make similar compromises, in settling on the public land anywhere around Tule Lake.

### INDIAN WAR NOTES.

Frank Trimble, who was killed in the battle with the Modocs, formerly lived in Albany.

Two or three portable boats have been brought down to the Modoc country from Portland, having been transported in sections.

About 40,000 pounds of commissary, hospital and ordnance stores were forwarded last week to the troops in the Modoc country.

The Klamath Reservation contains 768,000 acres. Isn't this large enough, without giving the Modocs 3,000 acres more on Lost River?

The weather in the Modoc country has been rather severe of late, and recent advices say that Big Klamath Lake, Little Klamath Lake and Tule Lake, are all frozen over, so that they can be traveled on.

The Indians at the various reservations are all quiet at present. There is at present but a small force stationed at guards at Fort Klamath, which will undoubtedly be increased as more troops arrive.

If the Peace Commissioners settle the Modoc Rebellion on the Indians' terms, the formation of the proposed new county east of the mountains will forever be postponed, and the prosperity that otherwise awaits that section, and Jackson county generally, destroyed.

The *Statesman* says that ten tons of munitions of war have been forwarded to the Modoc country from Fort Vancouver, to lie in store at headquarters till the Peace Commissioners get through with their force entitled, "The Modoc Missionaries, or How to Reward Good Indians."

In the San Francisco *Bulletin* of January 31st is this: Captain Piute Charley, of Humboldt, lately received a letter from the old Chief, Winnemucca, requesting him to join him, with fifty of his bravest men, to go on some kind of scouting or war expedition up North. Captain Charley declined.

The boats in course of erection when the Volunteers left the Modoc country have all been completed, but as the lakes are all frozen to a great extent, will be of little use at present, as well as the boats that were taken down to Link River from Fort Klamath to assist in transporting troops and supplies.

The Umatilla Indians, according to the report of Major Conroy, their agent, are doing reasonably well. He says that the Indians seem to take considerable interest in the Modoc war, and are anxious to hear the news from Captain Jack and his followers. He says that as a general thing the Indians are peaceable and well disposed.

The Portland and Salem press have the sincere thanks of the people of Southern Oregon for their able condemnation of the absurd manner in which it is proposed to settle the Modoc difficulty, and thus virtually turn the tide of immigration which will naturally flow to the fertile valleys of the Lake country.

Here we have it: The Salem *Statesman* says that if the General in command against the Modocs wants a "dead sure thing" on the Indians, we suggest that he send Sam Colver out to the lava beds and let him inveigle them into listening to his lectures, or one of his poems. If they would fight after that, then they are no gentlemen.

A Salem paper announces that Mons. Agapius Honcharenko, a cheerful Frenchman of San Francisco, makes known to the world that he wants the skulls of dead Indians. If Agapius is not particular about tribes, we suggest that he be permitted to take the skulls of Modocs. If he will take them as they run, it will obviate the necessity (?) of a Peace Commission.

A dispatch dated Yreka, Feb. 10th, says: Company E, 12th infantry, under the command of Lieutenant Wright, from Fort Gaston, arrived here this evening after a severe march of fifteen days, via Klamath and Scott rivers. Colonel Wingard, Paymaster, will pay them tomorrow, and on Wednesday they proceeded to the front. The company is in excellent condition, considering the hardships it underwent, only two being unable to march.

On the 27th of January Gov. Booth, of California, telegraphed Senator Cole, asking if the government would accept two companies of sharpshooters to be organized in Siskiyou county, with power to elect their own officers, for three months' service against the Modocs. On the 29th Senator Cole replied that the Secretary of War had referred the communication to the President, who declined to accept. Had the proposal been accompanied by a bull-pup, or even a box of cigars as a present to Grant, it would undoubtedly have met with more favor.

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The men that were wounded in the late battle and taken to Fort Klamath are all doing well. None are in a dangerous condition except Geo. Roberts, one of Fairchild's men, who had two bullets extracted from his forehead and temple. They are under the treatment of Dr. Skinner, the military surgeon from Vancouver, who is said to be an excellent physician.

A dispatch dated Yreka, Feb. 7th, says that David Horn, who took General Gillem to the front, returned this evening. He reports all quiet there. The troops arrived at Van Bremet's Hill on Tuesday evening in good condition. The General had established his headquarters temporarily at that place; would confer with General Wheaton to-day and then determine whether he would establish his headquarters permanently there. There are now 200 men at Wheaton's camp and 100 with Bernard on Clear Lake. Capt. Perry's Company is divided between Dorris, Fairchild and Small's places, for the protection of the settlers. At Lost River Col. Wheaton has built storerooms and blacksmith shops, and is building some boats for the transportation of stores to different points on the lake, and also to place howitzers upon, if it becomes necessary to attack Capt. Jack's position in the lava bed again. Jerry Crooks, who was wounded in the fight of January 17th, died last week. Lieut. Roberts is also in a critical condition. The rest of the wounded are doing well. It is reported that the Company of Infantry from Gaston are coming via the Klamath and Scott rivers instead of Salmon river.

### OREGON.

Epidiotic gone from Portland.

Laura D. Fair is coming to Oregon, to lecture on "wolves."

Only 24 divorce suits pending in virtuous Multnomah county.

The printers of Oregon are, generally, contributing to the Greeley Monument.

As good pitch, for rosin and turpentine, as any in the world may be found in Oregon.

J. D. Burnett, of Douglas county, has saved 180 lambs, this season, from a flock of seventy-two ewes.

Portland has a gentleman of the chivalrous school who is in jail for entertaining a desire to fight a duel.

The appropriations for Indian service in Oregon this year is \$113,000, and exceeds those of last year \$50,000.

A Lin county man who tried to lard a mule into pulling the other day, now says that compulsory education is a failure on that animal.

A copper cent of the first coinage in America, in 1803, is among the archives of the County Clerk's office of Multnomah county. It came from Ogden.

East Portlanders stand on their heads with delight because they have a cat named B. Gratz Brown who eats popcorn and candy and can lick her ear.

Keeney, who killed Pelton at the "neck-tie party" at Harrisburg, hasn't yet been found. He is afraid of being called on to figure conspicuously at a neck-tie party of a different sort.

The stages now leave Roseburg in the morning, allowing passengers to rest at that place one night, after the two hundred miles of railroad ride, before starting by wagon.

The Board of Education for the State of Oregon, under the law approved Oct. 29th, 1872, effected a preliminary organization in Salem on Friday, Mr. Simpson having qualified as Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Board consists of the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Superintendent.

Says the *Mercury* of February 7th: "We saw, Wednesday morning, the largest pair of beef cattle seen in Salem for a long time. They were a fine pair of fat steers, the smallest weighing 1,650 and the largest 1,800 pounds; or an aggregate of 3,510. At four cents a pound they would bring \$140.40; which is a snug little pile of coin to salt for so small a lot. The cattle were purchased from a Polk-county gentleman, by Mr. Smith of the City Market."

The *Corvallis Gazette* says: "Mr J. Foster, of Benton county, has just returned from the Summer and Goose Lake country via San Francisco. He left the former place about the middle of January, and brings favorable reports. There are quite a number of Benton country families out in those regions, and all appear to be contented and hopeful. The winter has been mild and stock was doing well. He killed a yearling steer of the range (picking for a small one), which weighed 650 pounds—out of which he got 100 pounds of tallow. Mr. Foster has a large amount of stock out there—and thinks that country well adapted to stock raising."

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