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Charged With Trespass.

THE CASES AGAINST EASTERN OREGON STOCK MEN IN THE U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

Among the cases on the United States Circuit Court docket, for trial at the present term, are a number against stock owners in the eastern part of the State, who are charged with allowing their cattle and horses to graze upon land within the boundaries of the Malheur Indian reservation, situated in Grant county. These charges were made through information secured by Agent Riddle and filed with the Department of the Interior, and Prosecuting Attorney Mallory commenced the suits in accordance with instructions from Attorney-General Devens. Two of the cases have already been decided, and the defendants, James Shepherd and Jessie Walker, of Hansen Valley, found guilty, judgment being rendered by default and a verdict of \$300 given the government. Among those whose cases are yet to be tried is one against the firm of French & Glenn, of St. in' Mountain. In this State, who, it is said, with about 2,000 and 25 head of horses on the reservation for grazing purposes. The defendants in this case have been denied, and Mr. French is now in this city attending to the case. The nearest line of the Malheur reservation is 55 miles from French & Glenn's place and the immediate country surrounding Stein's Mountain offering far better grazing places for cattle, the firm has no need of driving their stock to the reservation for feed, and the charges preferred against them by the informer, they say, cannot be sustained. Mr. French has been compelled to make two trips to the city in connection with the suits brought against him, and has been put to the expense of traveling and subsisting in so doing. The last time he having to go with him a number of witnesses substantiate his denial of the charge made against him and his partner. Similar charges are made against Peter Steiner, of Harney; J. S. Miller, of Stein's Mountain; and Tod Hunter & Devine, of White Horse; against him the same information has been filed. In case of conviction the government receives one dollar for each head of stock sworn to have been grazed on the reservation and of this the informer gets one half which would seem to stimulate him to improve his shining hour to the best advantage. All the defendants in the above mentioned are well known in the State, and during the Bush administration were maintained by the depredations of the various agencies on whose grounds they are said to have trespassed; the loss sustained by French & Glenn alone being nearly \$100,000. There has not been an Indian living on the reservation since the war, and Bluehart is superintendent of a reservation without a redskin on it. Each and every one of these men are doing more for the good of the country than ever the government has, and what little protection was afforded the settlers and stockmen by the government has been removed by the abandonment of Fort Harvey, leaving them, now, that the Indians are incorporated in our country, to the mercy of the Indian agent and those worse than the redskins or agent, the informers, who in order to get the money out of the government file their charges indiscriminately, and where perhaps may be guilty endeavor to increase their amount of "blood money" by including every man in the country who has a dollar, in the same crime. —Former.

Such is the policy of this great moral reform administration, a continuation of which the people are asked to inflict upon themselves. Truly does the Indian policy of the Republican party commend itself to the favorable consideration of the intelligent American voter. Look at the facts in the above case—two years ago the Indians from the Malheur Agency broke loose from their reservation, murdering and plundering throughout the surrounding country; many honest, industrious settlers, fortunate enough to escape with their lives, were reduced to a state of abject poverty through this ruthless, homes destroyed, stock stolen and themselves with their families thrown upon the world to shift for a living as best they might. Instead of aiding these men to retrieve their lost fortunes this Republican government rewarded the hostiles for their felonious deeds, forgave them everything, and placed them upon a new reservation in accordance with their wishes. The Malheur reservation, comprising an enormous tract of land, has since that time been without a single Indian occupant, and when these men who lost so much by the war attempt to make some little use of the pasture which grows and dies for the want of stock to graze upon it, orders come from headquarters to prosecute them for the act and take from them the remnant of property which the war left in their possession. The men who are trying to build up the country, to establish homes for themselves, their wives and their children, and who risked their lives for the defense and protection of the country, are to be robbed of their little all left after the raids of the savages—one-half to go to the government and one-half to some worthless scamp, perhaps, who is too trifling to do anything for himself, and hopes to make a living by sucking the blood of honest, worthy pioneers.

This state of affairs might happen with us at any time, as it has, indeed, happened in the past, with regard to the Umatilla reservation. Any poor man whose case might go upon it to pasture, or any one of these settlers seeking to make a living by the hard and laborious life they have to lead, who may turn his team out to graze at night upon the Indian land is liable to be arrested, taken to Portland, under orders from Attorney-General Devens, and fined a dollar a head for each transgression. These are the acts of a party which asks the people for further lease of power. This is the party which opposes the opening of this reservation now, and prevents an act of justice to the settlers of this country which a Democratic Congress would be only too willing to grant did not a fraudulent veto stand ready to meet them. This party through the milk-and-water policy of the Secretary of the Interior even rewarded, as it were, the Utes for their murderous war in Colorado, and which is responsible for the Indiana troubles in the country for the last fifteen years. General Windfield Scott Hancock has dealt with Indians for more than thirty years, he has met them in the field and in council, he has commanded Indian departments, he understands their character and the sort of management they require perfectly, and when he is elected and inaugurated the country will witness a satisfactory and very different solution of this troublesome question.

The dandies who preside over the Weston *Lester* say they have a character and reputation to sustain. The pole cat has the same kind of character and reputation and sustains it in the same way and with the same material.

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Exodus of the Piutes.

Under leave of Sec. Schurz, Sarah Winnemucca is to lead her people forth from among the Yankomas and take them back to the Malheur reservation. From the *Malheur Record* we clip the following:

On Friday of last week, Sarah, in company with her brother, Lew Winnemucca, called upon our aid to the extent of informing the people of Eastern Oregon and Nevada that they are welcome to return to their own country. Stories have been told to her that the people of Eastern Oregon would kill her people if they passed through, but if it is true, the Piutes now here will go even if only to meet death, rather preferring to meet the grim destroyer quickly rather than encounter another season of lingering death at Fort Simcoe. Sarah has the permission of the Secretary of the Interior for her and her people to return.

We interviewed Sarah as to the cause which has led her people to exodus of the Piutes. We requested her to state her views. The defendants in this case have been denied, and Mr. French is now in this city attending to the case. The nearest line of the Malheur reservation is 55 miles from French & Glenn's place and the immediate country surrounding Stein's Mountain offering far better grazing places for cattle, the firm has no need of driving their stock to the reservation for feed, and the charges preferred against them by the informer, they say, cannot be sustained. Mr. French has been compelled to make two trips to the city in connection with the suits brought against him, and has been put to the expense of traveling and subsisting in so doing. The last time he having to go with him a number of witnesses substantiate his denial of the charge made against him and his partner. Similar charges are made against Peter Steiner, of Harney; J. S. Miller, of Stein's Mountain; and Tod Hunter & Devine, of White Horse; against him the same information has been filed. In case of conviction the government receives one dollar for each head of stock sworn to have been grazed on the reservation and of this the informer gets one half which would seem to stimulate him to improve his shining hour to the best advantage. All the defendants in the above mentioned are well known in the State, and during the Bush administration were maintained by the depredations of the various agencies on whose grounds they are said to have trespassed; the loss sustained by French & Glenn alone being nearly \$100,000. There has not been an Indian living on the reservation since the war, and Bluehart is superintendent of a reservation without a redskin on it. Each and every one of these men are doing more for the good of the country than ever the government has, and what little protection was afforded the settlers and stockmen by the government has been removed by the abandonment of Fort Harvey, leaving them, now, that the Indians are incorporated in our country, to the mercy of the Indian agent and those worse than the redskins or agent, the informers, who in order to get the money out of the government file their charges indiscriminately, and where perhaps may be guilty endeavor to increase their amount of "blood money" by including every man in the country who has a dollar, in the same crime. —Former.

The Doctor was telling me that all we have belonged to the Indians here. That is all beef and flour. That the government had given us anything. [Sarah said that she had given to the contrary in Washington.—Ed. *Barker*.] There is something here now which he says is true, but which has already been paid to those who have worked [What is it? Let her tell the whole story.—Ed. *Barker*.]

"Oh, we are to go back, and will leave Fort Simcoe on the 2d of July. We don't know what time we will get to the Dales and a good many of us will have to walk."

The above is signed by Sarah, Lew and Frank Winnemucca, Chief Leggends, Paul Day Two Chief and Pinto Joe.

A Severe Rebuke.

In course of his eloquent remarks made before the recent Illinois Democratic State Convention the Hon. Lemuel Trumbull addressed a rebuke to the Rough-and-Tumble party, infamously stronger than the candidate who may be created a nominee by a majority of one vote at Chicago, his upon his. The impossibility of a weak or foolish choice is guaranteed when 492 out of the 738 representatives of Democracy in Convention assembled agree upon a stand-and-beaten.

WHAT THE GENERALS THINK.—A New York paper which warmly supported Gen. Grant's candidacy prints a dispatch from Galena, Illinois stating that Grant will repudiate Garfield and support Hancock. Grant says: "General Hancock has the clearest record of any man in the United States." General Sherman was asked by a reporter what he thought of General Hancock's nomination. The General replied that he did not have anything to do with politics. "But if you will sit down," he added, "and write the best thing that can be put in language about General Hancock as an officer and a gentleman, I will sign it without hesitation."

On the 31st of January, 1879, President Hayes wrote to Collector Arthur: "I regard it as my plain duty to suspend you in order that the office may be *honestly* administered." On the same day John Sherman wrote to Mr. Arthur: "Great abuses of administration have continued and increased during your incumbency, and 'bribes and graft' have been received by your subordinates in several instances in the custom-house, and you have in no case ever reported the effort to correct those abuses." Both of those modern civil service reformers think now, that Mr. Arthur is a good enough man to fill the office of Vice-President.

It was under Gen. Hancock's administration at New Orleans, when that commander had made up his mind not to enforce the reconstruction laws, that "nigger killing" was introduced as a political method, and soon after it became a pastime. "The civil authority" that refused to punish such crimes was that authority to which General Hancock insisted that the military should be kept strictly subordinate. The oppressed classes received no protection from Gen. Hancock during the whole period of his administration in the south; and herein lies the secret of his popularity with the dominant party there.—*Oregonian*.

We say Gen. Hancock found the people of New Orleans ground between the upper and nether mill stone, carpet-baggers and niggers, with the help of the military, had overridden all law. Out of clause, Hancock brought social order, and civil law again holds sway.

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Father Walter on the Stand.

A Richmond, Va., special reports Bishop Keane as saying that he happened to be in Washington a few months ago, when the charges as to Gen. Hancock's connection with the Surrat case were reiterated, and Father Walter stated in the most emphatic language that there was no truth whatever in the charges. Father Walter was the spiritual adviser and confessor of Mrs. Surrat.

THE ABANDONED VESSEL.—The British bark *Orion*, reported in a dispatch from London as having been seen abandoned, had a cargo of railroad iron for the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, sufficient to lay thirty-five miles of track. No loss will be entailed by the company, as the cargo was fully insured, nor will the completion of the road be delayed, as the rails can be replaced in San Francisco.

The Supreme Court has made their selection of terms as follows: W. P. Lord, C. J. E. B. Watson, 4 years; J. Waldo, long term.

OREGON KIDNEY TEA.

Read the following testimonial, sent from persons 2,000 miles away, when we have known but few on the reservation for advertising purposes. The defendants in this case have been denied, and the letter is signed by all the head men of the Piutes, and as follows:

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