

THE ASHLAND TIDINGS.

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OUR PRESENT INDIAN POLICY.

In dealing with this subject, we do not wish to be understood as having any personal feeling in the matter. Should we have occasion to refer to individuals connected with the Indian Department, we shall do so, not to cast odium or blame on the individual, but to show what, in our opinion, is absurd or unpolitic in the so called Peace Policy.

When a white man becomes a robber, we send him to the state prison; when he commits murder, we hang him. Under the present policy, when a lawless band of diggers sweeps down on some unsuspecting neighborhood, slaughtering men, women and children, the telegraph flashes the news to every town and hamlet in America, that another Indian war has broken out. Immediately, all available troops are ordered forward, a peace commission appointed, and a grand effort is made by means of prayer and persuasion, to induce them to come in and accept of more blankets and provisions.

We desire now to refer to one feature of the peace policy, or perhaps I might say a parasite that has fastened on it and become so intimately connected, that it would be vain to deny that it had become a part of the policy. I refer to the fact that the various agents who have control of the Indian, are instilling into their minds that they, (the Indians) have been and are still being deeply wronged. Those who know Indian nature, know that this is just the course to arouse a demon in a savage breast.

We are aware that this is a grave charge but if we were not able to substantiate it, we would not make it. We have authority which the advocates of this policy cannot go back on. It is from their own organ, The Council Fire, published by A. B. Mescham, Washington, D. C. This paper is filled with lamentation and wailings of the wrongs which it claims, have been done to the Indians. To read it, and believe it, one must come to the conclusion that the white man is the savage, and the Indian his innocent victim. If this only fell on the ear of the white man, its results might not be so serious; but when we find that it is regularly read to the Indians, we need not wonder at the restless condition of all the tribes at the present time.

From the June No. of the Council Fire, I extract the following: "True, there are but few Indians who can read or write for themselves, but they can hear and talk and think, and feel. They will get the words sent them; through their paper."

We are not accusing these men of corruption, or moral wrong doing; on the contrary, we believe them, as a class, to be honest and sincere, but laboring under the hallucination that savages under arms can be overcome by kindness and prayer.

J. C. FREMONT.

Who is not glad to know that J. C. Fremont, in the day of his need, has been appointed Governor of Arizona; not only on his own account, but, equally so, on account of his talented wife, daughter of one of America's greatest statesmen, Thos. H. Benton. Those who have reached the middle age of life, remember yet, with what a thrilling interest they read the brilliant adventures of young Fremont, as he threaded the mazes of the desert and mountains, to open up the untold wealth of the Pacific coast, to American civilization. Through all the vicissitudes of this perilous journey, among hostile tribes of savages, over sterile plains and waterless deserts, did the brilliant young adventurer accompany her husband, sharing with him each hardship, and cheering him on to final success.

I ask again, is there an American with a heart so calloused with party bitterness, that he is not proud to know that our country has remembered J. C. Fremont.

THE TIDINGS.

Now that the Tidings has become one of the permanent institutions of Southern Oregon, having long since passed its experimental days, we wish to say a few words to our patrons and friends.

We desire to call their attention to the fact that the Tidings publishes more matter than any other paper in the county; and that it is the only paper that has regular correspondents in every portion of Southern Oregon.

The Tidings, being free from all alliances with party or sect, has only the general interests of the people to look after. Instead of bending every circumstance or incident to the advantage of any particular class or party, whose opinions or interests differ from others, it will endeavor to give facts of public interest as they occur, regardless of all special interests of individuals, sects or parties. We can, therefore, confidentially call on our friends to lead us their good will and personal aid to advance the interests of the Tidings.

We are sure that a very little exertion on the part of our friends, would double our present subscription list in a short time. We assure our personal friends that our interests are thoroughly identified with the Tidings; what is its interest, is to our interest, and it shall be our constant effort to make it worthy of any good words, or patronage they may bestow on it.

BUSINESS.—The third volume of the Tidings is now under full sail. It has a long journey before it. Its employees must have rations and clothes and a few dimes for the 4th of July. All this must be provided for by the five or six hundred subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current volume. We therefore most respectfully, but earnestly urge our patrons to come forward and settle up. It is a small amount to them, but everything to us. Please do not delay in attending to this matter.

KLAMATH INDIANS.—There are continually being circulated rumors that the Indians on Klamath and Yainu Reservations have left, or that there are signs of disaffection among them, and many other sensational reports. We desire to say that after careful inquiry we have found that there is no foundation in these reports whatever. The story is quite improbable that these Indians, who refused to take up arms with their kindred at the Lava Beds, should now ally themselves with their natural enemies. These Indians have for the most part comfortable homes, improved lands, and many cattle and horses, and therefore cannot afford to go to war.

Too Bad.—Great lamentations are being made on account of the removal of the military headquarters, of the Department of the Columbia, to Vancouver—because, forsooth, "Portland society will lose some of its brightest stars." Besides it is "so hard" on those thin skinned gentlemen, whom our nation has brought up in the lap of luxury. Those vulgar garrisons are not fit for the abode of any officer above the rank of post commander.

Official Returns of Josephine

Table listing official returns of the recent election in Josephine county, including names and vote counts for various offices such as Congressmen, Governor, Secretary of State, etc.

Table listing names and addresses of individuals associated with the Tidings, including S. A. Borough, A. J. Adams, P. R. Pratt, etc.

INDIAN WAR NEWS.

(From OREGONIAN and CHRONICLE dispatches) SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—No letter has been received at military headquarters this morning. The impression at headquarters is not very sanguine as to an early and successful termination of the war. Military men familiar with the situation say that the position taken by the Indians in the Stein or Juniper mountains is one from which it will be difficult to dislodge and impossible to capture them. General Howard has under his command all to 852 men, which is considered hardly adequate for making quick and decisive work of the campaign. General Crook still remains at Fort Hall, and will not move westward to take an active part in the hostilities. He has but 200 men at Fort Hall all of whom are required to hold the Indians on that reservation in check, and he considers he will better assist Howard by keeping the Indians under his control well in hand, than by marching to the front.

SILVER CITY June 18.—Chief Winnemucca has returned to B-nard and Whipple's camp on Owyhee river. He says the hostiles are killing hundreds of cattle and leaving the carcasses to rot. The hostiles have left Stevie mountain and are moving towards Harney valley, thence to M-linear agency and Snake river and will probably keep on until they effect a junction with Columbia river Indians, which addition to their forces will, they calculate, enable them to sweep the country. They are determined to retain the Pit-co prisoners until they can get a sufficient number of arms from white men they kill to arm them. Egan is rebellious and his horses and arms have been taken from him and his Indians. Camp Harney will probably be captured by the Indians to-morrow, and if so, there will be a terrible slaughter of whites, congregated there for protection. Nothing heard from Howard since yesterday. He does not expect a junction with Seward's forces, the party accompanying him from Camp Lyon could easily be captured by the savages. The general situation is critical, and the massacre that will be perpetrated, but fair to exceed in number those of the Nez Percé war.

SAN FRANCISCO June 22.—A Palisade dispatch says 25 well armed Indians crossed the railroad track at Argenta this morning going north. Constant reports come in from the line of theureka and Palisade railroad of small parties of Indians passing north, nearly all such armed.

A Silver City dispatch says the Umatilla Indians have all left their reservation. The Blue mountains are full of them.

[This is probably idle rumor. Latest advices from Umatilla reservation indicate nothing of the kind. We hear of no departure of Indians from there. The Pendleton Independent of Thursday says the agent M. J. C. rnoyer has received orders to keep the Indians on the reserve, and no Indians away from there without his pass are entitled to protection.—ED. OREGONIAN.]

SILVER CITY, I. T., June 24.—The advance troops of Gen. Howard attacked the hostiles Sunday 45 miles from Harney. B-nard bore the brunt of the engagement; three killed on our side. The battle took place at Curry creek. Howard has sent all troops possible to the front. Colonel Robbins and two soldiers were killed. Couriers rode two hundred miles to furnish Howard news of the battle and asking for reinforcements. Maj. Egbert at Camp Lyons has been notified to protect the Winnemucca road and give battle to the hostiles fleeing in the direction of Owyhee. The probabilities are that the hostiles have met with a severe repulse.

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