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FRESH FACTS ABOUT CUSTER'S LAST BATTLE

Major Lee Moorhouse Receives Letter From Man Who Was in Reno's Command.

Perhaps there is no battle in the history of America that is more famous than the battle of the Little Big Horn in which General Custer and his five troops of cavalry, consisting in all of 277 men, were massacred by Sitting Bull and his Indian braves on June 25, 1876. Three names were made immortal by that battle, those of Custer, Sitting Bull and Major Reno, but to the latter there attracts an odium which the lapse of over a quarter of a century has not served to remove.

There has been discussion without end since that memorable date regarding Reno's conduct, some justifying and others condemning him for the course he took. Major Lee Moorhouse of this city, collector of Indian curios and maker of the celebrated Moorhouse photos, has just received a letter from William O. Taylor of Orange, Mass., one of the few survivors of Reno's command, and his comments on this battle show in what light Reno's conduct was regarded by his troops. He does not condemn his leader but he does censure him, disagreeing strongly with an opinion expressed by Major Moorhouse in a previous letter.

The details of the battle of the Little Big Horn are perhaps known to almost every school child in the country. It has been told again and again how Custer and his command were sent against the hostile Sioux and allied tribes and of how he came upon them, thousands strong, encamped for six miles along the Little Big Horn in Wyoming; of how the dashing leader divided his troops into two divisions* intending to strike simultaneously at both ends of the encampment; of how Reno sounded the retreat when he saw a red avalanche pouring down upon him instead of defending his position; and of how Sitting Bull was thus able to send his whole body of warriors against Custer's little band so that none of the latter escaped the savage fury.

Major Moorhouse visited the scene of the battleground a number of years ago and took a series of pictures of the points which played important parts in the tragedy. A copy of the "Inland Printer" containing copies of several of these pictures and a cut of Major Moorhouse fell into the hands of Mr. Taylor in faraway Massachusetts, and, desiring to secure a set of the pictures, he began a correspondence and in his last letter tells something of his own part in the famous battle.

"When as a private soldier in the Seventh Cavalry I took part in the campaign of 1876," he writes, "I was but little more than a boy, had just passed my 20th birthday in fact, and in common with many others if not all of the command, had then no conception of the tribble significance or historical importance of the events taking place at that time. Indeed our only thought seemed to be to get away from that field of carnage. There was no taking of notes or gathering of data out even a decent burial for our dead, and we were civilized Christians. Later years, bringing with it a more mature judgment and a clearer insight into things, have, as a result produced a great longing to know more about the entire affair, especially about the movements of Custer and his five troops in the last two or three hours of their life, hence I have obtained and read all that I could find relating to the battle of the Little Big Horn. I find errors and misstatements in all but the story of Lieutenant Godfrey (now General), whom I remember quite well, seems to me to be about the best yet written, but this is far from being as complete as one could wish.

"Your opinion in regard to Major Reno's holding his position in the

woods," he goes on to say, "is doubtless shared by a great many others who have given the matter some thought, and yet I do not know that I can endorse it. If Reno had have been a man tried in Indian warfare and have had perfect command of his facilities, if Captain Benteen had have been as zealous in obeying orders as he was in personal bravery, the result of the battle might have been very different and I might not be here, but it is very hard to say. There are so many 'ifs' in the question, I suppose it is a very difficult thing for any man, even the most clear headed, to realize in a few minutes the best course to pursue under such circumstances.

"The location from which we started to retreat was certainly a very good one to defend, if one had a few moments in which to size it up and place his men. The former course of the river made a bend there, low and heavily timbered, and the old bank of the river for a distance would have made an excellent breastwork. I sometimes think that Reno had some such intention when he mounted and dismounted the men before he got out of the woods but gave up the idea.

"What a ride that was from the moment we came out of the woods on to the prairie and found 'a thick red line' or yelling Indians pouring shot into us from their Henry and Winchester rifles while they raced us for the bluffs. Over the prairie-dog holes we went, down the old bank of the river to another level and soon the river was filled with excited men and struggling horses. Out of it and up the bluffs we started. Can I ever forget it! It was right there that my horse gave out and refused to move, Indians or no Indians. I dismounted and tried to lead him but not an inch would he stir. The bullets were coming near and fast, my comrades were rushing by toward the top of the bluff, so I gave the horse a hearty kick and started up the slope afoot. I had gone but a short distance when I was overtaken by a comrade named Myers, also dismounted. We walked along close together for a few yards when a shot struck him and he fell dead at my feet.

"A bad place for me! I thought, 'and I had better zig zag,' so I bore off a little to the right and then to the left but ever going up. When within a few yards of the top, another comrade, mounted and having a lead horse, came along and kindly (and gladly, I think) gave me his extra mount so that I soon arrived at the summit where, had congregated most of the men who had escaped.

"The fire of the Indians had slackened if not altogether ceased at this time, and most of the men were lying down taking a much needed rest, wondering what had happened and what was coming next. In a very brief time Captain Benteen, with his three troops, came up to us followed shortly by Captain McDougal's troop escorting the pack train. This was, I should judge, about 2:30 in the afternoon, certainly not later.

"Here we remained unmolested so far as I could see, for nearly if not quite two hours, perhaps longer, then an advance was made in the direction Custer was supposed to have gone. A short distance was covered when the Indians appeared in our front and began firing. The command then returned to near the place where we were joined by Benteen early in the afternoon and we were soon surrounded by the Indians who kept up a severe fire until deep twilight when they ceased. I do not know that I can add anything to Lieutenant Godfrey's account of what followed."

In Godfrey's account is told of the rescue of Reno and his survivors by General Gobbon who arrived from the west with reinforcements. The campaign continued until the following January when Colonel Nelson A. Miles administered a decisive defeat to the warriors of Sitting Bull. That unrelenting old chief with some of his tribesmen retreated into Canada and it was some months before he could be induced to return to his reservation. Later he performed just as modern celebrities do by making a tour of the United States and incidentally collecting a small fortune by exhibiting himself to the gaze of the curious.

Private William Taylor was mustered out of the Seventh Cavalry in June, 1877, according to his letter,

and returned immediately to his home in Massachusetts where he has since remained. He has gathered together an immense amount of data, concerning Custer's last battle, including every bit of literature written about this event, letters from comrades and officers who participated in the battle, pictures and relics from the field. He declares his intention of coming west this next June for the purpose of visiting the field which he upon that memorable June day thirty-five years ago and upon which he left nearly 300 of his comrades dead after a battle that will live in the memory of man as long as the field endures.

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LABOR NEWS AND NOTES.

Chicago heads the list of cities with the largest number of strikers out in various trades.

The strike of the British seamen has been set back to the 24th of May as it is the plan of the leaders to have it affect the coronation plans as much as possible.

Congress has before it several bills whose purpose is to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States. The one carrying the literacy test is being urged by the American Federation of Labor.

During the last session of the legislature Kansas unionists secured a workmen's compensation law, also a law requiring all coal mines to be provided with telephones.

A plan is on foot in Omaha, Neb., to launch a cooperative store. Some of the unions are said to feel that they are not given a square deal by some of the shops of the Nebraska city and it would be better to organize a cooperative store than to start a fight against the existing shops because of their union and non-union affiliations.

The shopmen of the Pennsylvania railroad are hopeful that their troubles will be happily settled. Within a short time no less than 19,000 men have been dismissed by the company between Altoona and Pitsburg, and the result was a strike on the first of May. The men claim that the discharges have been an account of the men being union men or organized, but the company declares that the laying off is simply in accordance with a plan for retraining.

It is not at all certain that the supreme court, which has taken a recess until next Monday, will hand down a decision in the case of the contempt charges against the heads of the American Federation of Labor. Labor leaders declare that unless some conclusion is reached and the matter cleared away, workmen everywhere will begin to give credence to the report that the court is waiting for a tip, not from evidence but from developments.

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Potash Hearing Begins.
Hamburg, Germany, May 10.—Negotiations were commenced here today which are expected to result in an agreement whereby the independent potash interests in the United States will cut loose from the American combine and deal directly with the German potash syndicate. It is believed that the conference will settle the matter, as there is manifest a general determination to arrive at some solution of the vexing matter. The American interests represented in today's conference are separated from the Bradley and Schmidtmann groups. There will be negotiations with the original Schmidtmann group at Brussels on June 15.

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ATHENA PREPARES FOR CALEDONIAN PICNIC

TO BE BIGGEST SUCCESS IN HISTORY OF SOCIETY

Excellent Program Has Been Arranged for the Occasion—Two, Ball Games Between Teams of Blue Mountain League.

(Special Correspondence.)

Athena, Ore., May 9.—The twelfth grand annual gathering of the Umatilla County Caledonian society, which is to be held in this city, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, promises to be the greatest and most interesting gathering that has ever been held since its organization. The program is very extensive and the whole picnic is larger and grander than ever. The annual address will be given by Hon. D. C. Sanders of Milton, Hon. George W. Cross, Mayor of this city, and by the Hon. Geo. J. Cameron of Portland. On the musical program will be Miss Catherine Covach, the popular soprano, and Miss Edna Gates, the favorite contralto, in classical Scotch songs. As usual the artistic dancers in native costumes in reels, sword dances and strathspeys will appear and will be assisted by Frank D. Hennessy in humorous recitations and James Bannon in comic songs. Pipers McDonald and Smith will appear in their soul-stirring bagpipe selections and the Scottish dances, games, songs and stories by the prominent soloists and comedians in songs of Scotland will make an intensely interesting program. The prominent features of the afternoon of each day will be songs recitations and a general social and reunion of all.

In the way of sports there will be two baseball games, one on the afternoon of each day with teams of the Blue Mountain league. Weston plays Athena here on Friday afternoon and Walla Walla plays Athena Saturday afternoon. After the ball game on each day will be a broncho busting contest which will be between the best riders of the country.

The officials of the Caledonian society have also announced that they have secured the services of the Miller amusement company for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which company has ten attractions and a balloon ascension each day. There is 65 people in the company and they assure a good entertainment. On Friday afternoon and evening there is also the Barnes Circus company which makes another attraction for the picnickers. The Scotch concert will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Other News Notes.

The high school track team is training hard this week in preparation for the University of Oregon meet to be held in Eugene next Friday, May 12th, and the team leaves here Wednesday evening for that place. Those going on the team are: P. Payne in the half mile and mile; L. McEwen and M. Hill in the sprints; and G. Dudley in the weights.

The members of the county court were in this city today inspecting the road work going on between this place and Weston. The work is progressing very rapidly and it will not be but a few days more until Athena has completed her share of the work and the machinery will be moved to Weston in order that that city and community may build her part of the mountain road. This road is going to be a great benefit to these two towns and their communities as the road in the winter time gets in very bad shape and is sometimes impassable.

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HILL WILL EXTEND LINES SOUTHWARD

Los Angeles, Cal.—James J. Hill, the railway magnate, who has been carrying on a nation-wide war with the Harriman interests, is about to shift the seat of that war to California by entering this state from the northwest, where he is strongly entrenched, according to the statement today of Robert E. Strahorn, vice-president and general manager of the O.-W. R. & N. company.

Strahorn is the man who, in the employ of Harriman, built the mysterious "romance" railroad in the Northwest, which after six years of construction work and completion of about 300 miles of track, was discovered to be a Harriman interest invading the Hill stronghold in the Northwest.

Strahorn says that Hill interests will not invade California from Denver, one of the Western terminals of the system, but that a great double-track line will be laid from Seattle south through the vast lumber areas of Northern California down to San Francisco and eventually on to Los Angeles.

This part of the construction will come first, says Strahorn, and after that will follow the building of a connecting link in the chain of Hill roads which will give Los Angeles another through line to the East by connection with the Burlington at Denver.

Strahorn refused to say that he has information to the effect that Hill is contemplating the construction of this road from the northwest into California and on down to the Mexican frontier in the immediate future, but he did say that it is a piece of railroad work which may be looked for in a short time.

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CLEAR LAKE LANDS TO BE BIRD PRESERVE

TERRITORY SET ASIDE BY PRESIDENT TAFT

Action Is Believed to Be the First Step Toward Establishing an Immense Game Reserve in Southern Oregon.

Portland, Or.—Wild birds of the state may hereafter take refuge in Clear lake and the surrounding lands for President Taft has declared this a government bird preserve. Clear Lake lies near the California line and the reserve includes 25,000 acres. It was purchased by the government as a reservoir site five years ago.

Clear lake has been one of the best known breeding spots for wild birds for years and is second only to the Lower Klamath lake regions. Millions of ducks nest there each spring. The lake is from 12 to 15 miles across at its widest point. Birds breeding there have not been molested in the past to any great extent except by stockmen who range their cattle and sheep on the nearby lands, but with the steadily growing population of the country, it was recognized that greater protection was needed for the water fowl.

With protection from the hunter, the birds of the Clear lake country may be expected to multiply rapidly and restock to a considerable degree many of the well known hunting grounds of the state.

The action of President Taft in setting aside the Clear Lake reserve is believed to be the first step toward establishing an immense game reserve in southern Oregon, south of Klamath Falls and including the lava bed country along the California line. For a year an effort has been made to have the president set aside the lava beds as a refuge for mule tail deer. This has been fought by the stock interests but is still being considered at Washington.

By adding that section to the Clear lake reserve, one of the finest game preserves in the country would be established and it is believed that it would do much to conserve the game resources of the northwest.

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