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THE NORTHWEST POLICE.

Bold Men Who Preserve Order in an Extremely Lawless Country.

Although organized as a civil force, under civilian administration, and as its name indicates, a body of constabulary, the mounted police which the Dominion maintains in its Northwest Territory is more truly military in spirit, discipline and campaigning efficiency than many an organization having a military title. The types of the men composing it indicate an active, athletic set, capable of enduring the hard work of their service, yet fond of presenting a natty appearance on parade or when off duty. They are types evidently belonging to the frontier post and the army drill-yard rather than to ordinary municipal life. Some join through love of adventure, and have perhaps already served in the British army. Chosen carefully for their soldierly qualities, they have a strong corps pride, and when vacancies occur in their number there is little difficulty in finding desirable recruits.

The duties which the Northwest police are called upon to perform are varied and important, and sometimes arduous. Their stations extend west of Manitoba to the Rocky mountains. The Indians and the half-breeds of that region constantly require looking after. The latter, particularly in the Saskatchewan region, have grievances which cause discontent, sometimes breaking out into open revolt, as in Riel's rebellion. It was the mounted police that kept watch on the movements of Riel's followers in 1884, and reported a rising imminent in 1885, and then fought the first battle, about two miles from Duck Lake. Through the campaign, when troops were called on, the mounted police co-operated.

Some of the Indian bands are addicted to horse-stealing, and, on the border, raids occur between hostile tribes for the purpose of plundering each other's herds, while the ranches of white settlers are also sometimes visited. A squad of the mounted police is hurried off, under such circumstances, either to check intended raids or to recover stolen property. In dealing with the Indians of the frontier, firmness, insight and promptness are called for, and the mounted police have acquired unusual skill in this part of their duties. They are, also, charged with executing the laws governing the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Northwest Territory, and this duty is so strictly performed that the Territory has been called "one of the great temperance quarters of the globe."

When the mounted police are massed at Regina or elsewhere for drill or maneuver, with their good horsemanship, in their red coats and light blue breeches, with orange or gilt braid, they form a picturesque body, whose efficiency is at once very apparent. The region controlled by them is really kept in remarkably good order, and one illustration of this is the peaceful and orderly way in which the Canadian Pacific railroad was constructed.—*Harper's Weekly.*

Good Use for Sparrows.

Would it be impossible for someone in high position in society and friendly to the agricultural cause to induce some of the royal blood to try a dish of sparrows? They are uncommonly nice and nearly always wonderfully plump, as well they may be considering that they have such a liking for the best of corn. If they became a popular dish like some of the other smaller birds, which are not half so nice, then there is no doubt they would soon become small by degrees and beautifully less. The bird is, however, too common to be so well appreciated as it might be, considering how meaty and rich of flavor he is. Sparrow pudding is a dish which has probably never yet been placed before crowned heads. In humbler dwellings, however, sparrow pudding used to be a more frequent article of diet than it is in the present day. Work people are too well off to trouble much about sparrows. One chief objection is doubtless the trouble which exists in getting them ready for the table. But the process is simple and easy enough. The skinnet system is the easiest. Let some who are strangers to the flavor of the birds try a dish, and I feel confident that the verdict will be that they are richer in flavor than the lark, the ox-bird, or even the snipe.—*Ipswich (Eng.) Journal.*

The Course of Chicago Love.

"Amelia Sassafraz," said Marcellus Roddy, with an accent of pain in his rich voice, "do you realize the anguish you have caused me by your refusal of my heart and hand? No, you are cold and passionless. You realize nothing."
"You are mistaken, Mr. Roddy," said Amelia, haughtily. "Do you remember the ring you gave me? And the opera-glasses? And the bracelets? And the gold thimble?"
"I do remember them," moaned the wretched young man.
"Well," said Amelia, "I have realized on them all. I give you the pawn-tickets and this bundle of letters. Farewell forever, Mr. Roddy."—*Chicago News.*

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Matters of Local and General Import Gathered from All Sources for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Firewood is scarce at Fresno.

Walla Walla has a postal delivery.

Riverside, Cal., has paid all its city taxes but \$75.

Colusa has four and a half miles of graded streets.

Newcastle's fruit shipment this year was 5,000 tons.

The county hospital at Visalia was burned recently.

The population of Washington territory is 240,140.

The penitentiary at Walla Walla is lighted by electricity.

An olive tree in Tularc has grown eight feet since last August.

Timber claims are being rapidly taken up in Mariposa county.

An apple orchard in Lassen cleared \$6000 the past year from 1500 trees.

Packers are offering at Riverside \$3 a box for navel oranges on the trees.

There were erected at Tacoma last year 1014 houses, valued at \$2,489,572.

The windstorm last week brought down a good many trees in the Mendocino woods.

Yuba county is shipping apples to southern California and sending oranges to the north.

A flume 35 miles long will bring lumber to Selma, Fresno county, from the Giant forest.

The output of gold, silver and copper in Montana the past year is put down at \$60,487,000.

At Walla Walla a dense fog prevailed during the eclipse and at 2 o'clock lamps were lighted.

The police of San Diego is condemned by a committee of the city council as corrupt and inefficient.

S. W. Reed, of Fresno, picked 30 pounds of Flaming Tokay and Emperor grapes from his vine the 1st of January.

Delegates met at Ellensburg, W. T., on the 3d of January and began the work of securing statehood to the territory.

Large plantings of shad and speckled catfish will be made in the streams of Utah next June by the U. S. fish commissioner.

The first ear-load of Oroville oranges was received in Sacramento last week, and two car-loads were being packed at Oroville for shipment east.

N. J. McConnell, chief justice of Montana, has forwarded his resignation to the President, finding the duties of the office too burdensome.

The Teachers' convention which closed at Sacramento recently, recommended kindergarten instruction and the admittance of children four years of age.

The new Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, organized at Los Angeles some weeks ago, is said to have in special view revenge on the Burlington Railroad company.

San Bernardino's grand jury report condemns the county court-house as inadequate and the jail as a disgrace to decency. Slack business management of county officials is also condemned.

The approach of the Southern Pacific railroad toward San Luis Obispo, is giving quite an impetus to travel. The road was completed to Santa Margarita, ten miles distant, and trains running on the 5th of January.

At Bakersfield there is a field of alfalfa from which five cuttings were obtained the first year, and "the ground was so thoroughly impregnated with alkali that the surface is white with the salt."

A flock of nine mountain sheep has recently been seen among the cliffs of Stein mountain, Elko county, Nev. A patriarch of the flock is reported to be as large as a Spanish mule and his horns resemble the gnarled roots of an old cedar.

The lumber cut of Washington Territory the past year was 700,000,000 feet, valued at \$9,000,000. Of this amount, Puget sound cut 450,000,000 feet and shipped by ocean 340,000,000 feet, valued at \$3,700,000. The foreign lumber shipments were \$1,200,000.

Richard Hall, of Dixon, a well-known citizen, early Tuesday morning of last week, while going home from Sacramento, heard the whistle for his station, rushed while half asleep from the car, and stepped off while the train was in motion. He was seriously injured.

Portland shows great progress. Her wholesale and retail trade in 1888 footed up between \$90,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, compared with \$75,000,000 in 1887 and \$42,000,000 in 1883. The manufactures of the city and vicinity aggregate nearly \$14,000,000, and the value of buildings erected \$3,500,000.

David Hart, a blacksmith and training with the Salvation army at Portland, took morphine and told the summoned physician that he had had the drug for two years, but had not had the courage to use it before. He said he wanted something given him to make death easy, and when asked why he didn't jump in the Willamette river, he said he did not know how to swim.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A Brief Mention of Matters of General Interest.—Notes Gathered from Home and Abroad.

Gladstone reached his 79th birthday recently.

A rebellion has broken out in Upper India.

The King of Wurtemberg is in feeble health.

The opera-house of Tyler, Tex., was burned last week.

The Pope last week celebrated the close of his jubilee year.

Minister Phelps will return from England in a few weeks.

Germany does not propose to increase its artillery strength.

The Bulgarian sobranje has granted amnesty to political refugees.

The wife of Major General Schofield died suddenly recently of heart disease.

Collector Hager suggests that the duty on opium be reduced to \$5 a pound.

The date for the Gwedore evictions in Ireland was set and carried into effect on January 2d.

Dr. Carver attempted to break 60,000 glass balls in six days at Minneapolis, last week, but failed to accomplish the feat.

Princess Adelbert, of Bavaria, was seized with hysteria in the Berlin Opera house last week. It is believed that she is insane.

The badly mutilated body of a German was found in Fairmount park, Philadelphia, Sunday. Much excitement was created.

It is stated that further papers relating to the Sackville affair are about to be given out for publication by the British government.

An escaped Soudanese has offered to bring in General Gordon's sword, clothes and papers, which are said to be hidden near Berber.

At the close of a sparring exhibition at Brooklyn, N. Y., last week, a panic occurred and a score or more of persons were injured.

A large gathering at Liege, Belgium, recently, adopted resolutions favoring the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

The daughter of Lawrence Barrett, the actor, and Joseph Anderson, a brother of Mary Anderson, the actress, were married in Boston January 3d.

Johnson Hatfield, the worst of the whole Hatfield gang, in West Virginia, and a ferocious desperado, died last week in Lawrence county, Kentucky.

Slaven, of the American Dredging company, it is stated, assures DeLesseps that he can finish the second section of the Panama canal in twelve months.

F. W. Smith played Santa Claus at his home at Danville, Illinois, Christmas, and enveloped himself in cotton batting, which caught fire and he was fatally burned.

Robert Bonner's famous stallion Startle, the sire of many celebrated trotters, including Majolica, with a record of 2:15, died in New York last week, aged 21 years.

Governor Marble, of Maine, has appointed James G. Blaine among the other commissioners to attend the Centennial celebration of Washington's inauguration in New York, April 30th.

A Christmas gathering at East Prospect, Penn., was thrown from the second to the first floor of the building which had suddenly collapsed. Numbers were bruised and cut, but none seriously.

The London police believe that they are on the right clew to the author of the Whitechapel murders. They have succeeded in locating him in the vicinity of Drury Lane, by tracing letters written by him.

Ira Payne, the American gun expert, now in Paris, asserts that he has discovered a process for the manufacture of gold from an alloy of silver and copper, and is trying to raise funds to start the proper works.

The Ottawa board of trade has petitioned the Dominion government to grant a subsidy to a fast line of steamers from Quebec to Liverpool. The desire is compete with the New York and Liverpool steamers.

Pierre Beauron who was supposed to be dead and whose sisters had been appointed to administer his estate, turned up at Shohola, Penn., the other day and secured orders revoking the letters of administration.

An explosion of gas caused great damage in Boston, recently. Two men were blown 20 feet in the air and Fort Hill square and adjacent buildings received a terrible wrenching. The explosion tore the street up.

The unofficial list of representatives-elect, recently published, shows that 20 Republicans were elected from the following Southern States: Kentucky, 2; Louisiana, 1; Maryland, 2; Missouri, 4; North Carolina, 3; Tennessee, 4. Of these 13 are now members.

The loss of life so far by the burning of the steamer Hanna, near Plaquemine, La., on the Mississippi river, is placed at 24. Of the injured men in the hospital four or five will die. The flags of the steamers in the harbor of New Orleans have been placed at half-mast.

THE AGRICULTURALIST

Newsp Notes Concerning the Farm and of Especial Interest to the Pacific Coast Husbandman.

Be certain that there is plenty of water where the cows are turned out to pasture. Clean, pure water is indispensable to the milk cow.

Never wait for rain when you have a crop under cultivation. Keep right on cultivating and you will be surprised to find how your crop will withstand the drought.

Many farmers in western New York gave up the wool business as unprofitable long ago, but still keep sheep, and say that keeping the mutton breeds is one of the best paying branches of farming.

Tramping upon the hay in a barn often causes horses to refuse it. To pass from the barn-yard into the barn and walk over the hay leaves odors which are quickly recognized by the animals when such hay is fed to them.

Chopped clover-hay scalded is a cheap and excellent food for hogs, and they will thrive on it while growing, with but little grain. Bulky food is necessary for the distention of the stomach, and there is nothing so nutritious for that purpose as the scalded clover.

The price of onions is lower this year than for some time past. This is due to a large increase of area planted throughout the east, and to an unusually large crop; the insects and diseases that usually attack the onion having been far less prevalent this year than usual.

After winter grain is sown there is yet time to remedy defects of soil and exposure. If there is a knoll in the field it is probably the poorest part of the lot, and one or more loads of manure distributed over it will have a wonderful effect, not alone upon the grain crop, but on the grass seeding.

Good cider vinegar is always salable, and it pays to convert the surplus apples into cider for the purpose of making vinegar. The artificial vinegar cannot be used for choice pickles and other purposes for which good cider vinegar only is adapted, and does not, therefore, largely compete with it.

Don't try to crowd 50 hens into a poultry house suitable for only 25, as the larger the flock the fewer the eggs, proportionately, unless they have perfect accommodations. As a rule, small flocks give a larger profit from the same outlay than when numbers are kept that cannot be properly provided for.

Parsnips, salsify and horseradish can remain in the rows where grown, as freezing does not injure them. If they are covered with litter, however, it will prevent sudden thawing around them in the spring. It is too much warmth that does injury in winter to such crops, rather than cold. A few warm days in winter may be more detrimental than beneficial.

The first signs of disease in a flock should prompt the herdsmen to at once remove all animals not affected to a new, clean location. It is better to kill an animal that is suspected of having a contagious disease than to attempt a cure. Delay is dangerous. Precaution in the beginning is better than any work that can be done in attempting to effect a cure after the disease secures a hold.

Most farmers who give no particular attention to horses usually drive with a loose rein. This is well enough with the "old family horse," in whom you have perfect confidence. It is never safe, however, with a young and spirited horse. Never drive such an animal with so loose a rein that you cannot instantly command the situation, whatever happens.

Pork made from a considerable portion of apple diet is peculiarly sweet in flavor. Hogs will fatten more rapidly on sweet apples than sour, if apples are principally depended upon; but if grain is fed with apples the sour will do even better than the sweet, as the acid will assist in the digestion of the grain. It would be better to feed corn for a few weeks before killing, to harden the pork.

In California turkeys are raised in flocks numbering several thousand. They are placed in charge of a herder, who drives them as he would a flock of sheep. They range over miles of territory in a day, and live almost entirely by foraging. When the grain is cut and harvested the turkeys are turned into the immense wheat and barley fields and become fat and ready for market at very little cost.

One article of food cannot supply all the necessary sustenance, because it may lack some of the essential elements and is sure to have some in insufficient quantity. A normal appetite, that sure guide to the wants of nature, craves a variety of foods. It is not necessary to make the ration costly; a little thought will provide a variety in the ration and without greater cost. As to regularity in feeding, it has been amply demonstrated that animals do not thrive so well when fed irregularly as when they get their food at certain seasons.

A practical dairyman gives the following reasons why he was more successful with his cows than his neighbors were: "I'll tell you," said he, "it all depends where a man looks when he feeds his cows. My neighbors all look at the feed; consequently, they easily learn to scamp the cow all they dare to. When I feed I look at the cow just as I would any machine if I was feeding it. You want to watch

PORTLAND MARKET REPORT

GROCERIES—Sugars have fallen 1/2c since our last report. We quote C 7/8c, extra C 7c, dry granulated 7 1/2c, cube, crushed and powdered 7c. Coffee firm, Java 25c, Costa Rica 17 1/2c, Salvador 18 1/2c. Arbuckle's roasted 23c. In canned table fruit, assorted, 2 1/2c 2 1/2c per doz; pie fruit, assorted, 2 1/2c 2 1/2c 1.30, 8c 3.75.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams are quoted at 14c, breakfast bacon 14c, shoulders 10c, Eastern meat is quoted as follows: Hams 13c 10c, breakfast bacon 13c, sides 11c.

FRUITS—Green fruit receipts 1253 bxs. Hard fruit is scarce, and the supply of apples not equal to the demand. Apples 50c 75 per bx, Mexican oranges 3 1/2c, lemons 2 1/2c 6.50 per bx, bananas \$3.50 4.50, quinces 40c 60c.

VEGETABLES—Market well supplied. Cabbage 4 1/2c per lb, carrots and turnips 3 1/2c per sack, red pepper 3c per lb, potatoes 3 1/2c 4c per sack, sweet 1 1/2c 2c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Receipts 405 pkgs. Sun-dried apples 4 1/2c per lb, factory sliced 8c, factory plums 7c 9c, Oregon prunes 7c 9c, pears 8c 10c, peaches 8c 10c, raisins 2 1/2c per box, Call oranges 4c 8c, Smyrna 18c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Butter receipts for the week 174 pkgs. Fancy creamery 35c per lb, choice dairy 35c, medium 17c 30c common 20c, eastern 24c.

EGGS—Receipts 179 cases. Oregon 27c, eastern 25c.

POULTRY—Chickens \$14 4.50, for large young and \$1 4 75 for old, turkeys 12 1/2c 14c per lb, ducks \$5 7c per dozen, geese \$9 10.

WOOL—Receipts for week 200,800 lbs. Valley 18c 20c Eastern Oregon 8c 11c.

HOPS—Receipts for week 1276 lbs. Choice 12c 14c.

GRAIN—Receipts for week 94,200 cts. Valley \$1.35 1.40, Eastern Oregon \$1.30 1.40. Oats 34c 35c.

FLOUR—Receipts for week 6730 bbls. Standard \$4.75, other brands \$4.50.

FED—Barley \$23 per ton, mill do \$18 18.50, shorts \$16.50, bran \$15.50, baled hay \$13 21.5, loose \$12 15.

FRESH MEATS—Beef, live, 3 1/2c 4c, dressed 7c, mutton, live, 3 1/2c 4c, dressed 7c, lamb \$2.50 each, hogs, live, 5 1/2c, dressed 7c 7 1/2c, veal 6c 8c.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

—This is the advice of Dr. John Hall to theological students: "The way to get out of a small place is to be very efficient in it."

—To divert at any time a troublesome fancy, run to thy books. They presently fix thee to them, and drive dull care from thy thoughts. They always meet thee with the same kindness.—*Fuller.*

—There are four great evils of today which are sapping our sociological life, and not the least of these is the craze and the curse of intemperance, indiscriminate novel-reading.—*Christian at Work.*

—"We all do fade as a leaf." But how beautiful are the fading leaves! As the beauty of youth fades from our cheeks, and the beautiful form of early manhood bows under the weight of years, are we gaining in moral beauty and increasing in spiritual strength?—*United Presbyterian.*

—Upward of 2,000,000 of the youths of India are to-day receiving a liberal English education. For the most part it is purely secular. The spread of Western knowledge is opening the flood-gates of infidelity, of non-religion, leaving the people in a state not only creedless, but Godless.

—What we are doing for the children to-day, we are doing for the Nation tomorrow. This is the teacher's field of work, and it is a grand one. Let the politician work upon the grown-up man all he may; he can do little, after all—that is, in improving them mentally and morally. They have passed the plastic stage. But there is hope in the children. Those who would do good to humanity will be most successful who take the children by the hand. The teacher is the true state-builder.—*The School Journal.*

—"One man's food is another's poison," is a saying long admitted to be true as regards the body. It is more decidedly true as regards the mind. The books which are healthy food for one intellect may prove ruinous to another. They who prescribe courses of reading for relatives or friends are generally disappointed in the result. Perhaps no better plan for the education of a boy can be adopted than that suggested by Dr. Johnson: "Teach him to read and turn him loose in a promise."

—"The only 'neglected genius' in this country is the genius that neglects himself.

—"Many weaknesses of human nature are distorted virtues.—*Mail and Express.*

—"Endeavor as to live that when you are yourself you will not be ashamed of yourself."

—"Be content to do the things you can, and fret not because you can not do every thing.

—"A wink is as good as a written prescription to a knowing soda-water clerk.—*Hotel Mail.*

—"Though a man must be sincere in order to be great, he need not be great in order to be sincere.

—"Some people are so feeble-minded that they never have a will of their own until they make it.—*Western Ploverman.*

—"The ends must always justify the means. If the ends are mean, it won't justify you; leave it alone. If the end don't pay, drop it.

—"Character, like porcelain-ware, must be painted before it is glazed. There can be no change of color after it is burned in.—*Bucher.*

—"In order to appreciate success we must know failure, and our greatest successes consist not in never failing but in persistently conquering such failures.

—"We are prone to forget what we do know; whereas we should consider that whatever good thing we know is only so far good to us as it is remembered to purpose.—*Richard Cecil.*

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