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CONFIRMING SUSPICION.

General Crook's report of operations among the Apaches during the year confirms a long-time rankling suspicion on the part of the public that the troubles with that tribe, as with nearly all others for a quarter of a century, are due to bad treatment by the agents and broken faith [illegible] view of the [illegible] Indians had not only good cause for revolt, but were quite patient to endure their cruel treatment as long as they did without leaving the reservation. It is the same old story—"plundered of their supplies, and that too by the very officials appointed over them by the Interior Department for the special purpose of doing that the Indians might not be plundered and wronged." Hayes "they speak with bitterness of nearly all their agents." We can well believe this—believe, also, that they have ample cause in this bitterness of speech. It has for long years been the rule so [illegible] Indian agents to take care of their own fortunes first, and if anything intended for their wards is left to bestow it on them with a grudging hand. It is probable that this was the exact state of affairs at San Carlos agency. And, if so, it fully explains the motive of the agent there in so strenously protesting against the restoration of the Apaches captured and brought in by Crook to their old quarters. If they had been forced to revolt by the rascally treatment of the civil officers put over them, it was natural that the rascals should not want them to return and explain the rascalities.

What this report says about the estimation in which Indians are held by the border men of Arizona is applicable to bordermen generally, whether in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming, Montana, Dakota or Texas. They do not regard it as a crime to shoot an Indian, much less a capital crime. A thousand such murders might be committed without [illegible] ing up the [illegible] are along the [illegible] the murdered [illegible] one white be killed [illegible] and instantly [illegible] along the line flag [illegible] idly for the annihilation [illegible] whole tribe to which the [illegible] Indian belongs. All lesser [illegible] against the Indians are [illegible] venial and not worth talking [illegible] if the agent steals from the [illegible] tractor, who is a borderer, [illegible] es ed in the larceny, helps [illegible] it, and the outside ruffian [illegible] applaud, because the more [illegible] be stolen in this way, the [illegible] the chances of another [illegible] the expenditure of [illegible] money among them to [illegible] Another prolific cause of [illegible] tent and hostile conduct [illegible] reservation Indians is the [illegible] whites who hang around the [illegible] cies everywhere to concoct [illegible] secure reservation land, or [illegible] the treaty rights of the tribe.

This is the fault of congress [illegible] the government. It is a fault [illegible] exists in the bone and marrow [illegible] our absurd Indian policy. [illegible] laws allow white homesteaders [illegible] pre-emption settlers 160 acres [illegible] land if not within a railway grant [illegible] belt, and if within such belt then [illegible] only eighty acres. And this allowance is only to persons 21 years of age and upward. But without regard to age or sex we allow an [illegible] erage [illegible] to [illegible] any [illegible] coun- [illegible] all be [illegible] same [illegible] of the [illegible] Given [illegible] te and [illegible] as [illegible] them [illegible] the Indian [illegible] settled [illegible] territory of Utah [illegible] become a law that [illegible] governed [illegible] commissioners [illegible] President [illegible] Taylor down [illegible] over the pre- [illegible]

[illegible] Texas, said [illegible] man during [illegible] about to commence suit [illegible] court against the United [illegible] the value of slaves owned [illegible]

original [illegible] ms undivided, it em- [illegible] settlement of the coun- [illegible] try and the [illegible] advantages of schools. Where the [illegible] claims have been divided and [illegible] up into small farms, good are [illegible] country is prospering [illegible] advantages [illegible] especially [illegible] the general [illegible] or to what we [illegible] states. The [illegible] wheat, barley, [illegible] vari- [illegible] the season [illegible] small grain [illegible] the first of [illegible] the way [illegible] their crops as [illegible] Some time wheat [illegible] is sown in June and pastured and let go until the following year and it makes a good [illegible] Fall and spring wheat [illegible] As regards fruit it is an excellent climate for all kinds raised in the temperate [illegible] they do not usually do well here. The average crop of wheat is two [illegible] bushels to the acre, though [illegible] crops of thirty and forty a [illegible] other crops in proportion. [illegible] price of wheat is from fifty to [illegible] ty cents per bushel. Considerable attention is paid to the raising of [illegible] which is made by feeding [illegible] to the raising of horses and cattle, especially is the last industry profitable in the foot hills of the mountains where pasture land are more abundant, however the gathering of the cattle from the timber range is so difficult that it discourages many from pursuing the business.

Returning to Salem after a ramble of several days over a part of Salem prairie, Howell prairie, the Waldo hills (which is a good body of wheat land of a reddish nature), and through some of the timber regions east of the city, we boarded the train for this place, which is one of the oldest towns in the state, situated near the head of navigation. The town boasts a population of about 2,000 souls.

A number of elegant and [illegible] buildings of note give evidence of [illegible] Albany is a town of some importance. A large canal [illegible] Willamette is [illegible] nish, furnishes the town with an excellent water power; several flouring mills and other industries seem to be doing a thriving business. The prairie lying east of the town is very fine. It is some 15 miles in width, and 50 or 60 miles long, and well improved. Lebanon, 13 miles east of Albany, has a population of six or seven hundred. It boasts of having one of the finest Academies in the state.

Rodaville, four miles southeast of Salem, is a place of some note as a watering place, there being a strong soda spring there.

Having spent nearly a week in rambling over the Albany prairie enjoying the hospitality of the good, whole-souled people of the country, and improving the opportunity to learn much of the resources of the state, as well as of Linn county state in general.

[illegible] Twenty miles west of Salem the country gave us an opportunity to see considerable of [illegible] This valley, the Willamette, lies in a northern and [illegible] direction from the Columbia to the California mountains, about 175 miles. The [illegible] mains border on the west range on the west [illegible] width of from twenty [illegible] the northern end principally timber [illegible] rough and ragged [illegible] the mountains, [illegible] rich and some very [illegible] south the country [illegible] come to a variety [illegible] and level o[illegible] and wood [illegible] over white [illegible] ablings across [illegible]

[illegible] are mostly [illegible] are covered [illegible] of pine and [illegible] south of here [illegible] which to remove [illegible] considerable expense and [illegible] The grubbing of the underbrush, is done mostly by bands of Chinamen who go from place to place taking jobs at five to fifteen dollars per acre for simply grubbing. We are told that to get these heavily timbered lands in a good state of cultivation, it will cost from $70 to $100 per acre to do so. The prairie lands are the most productive and have been in cultivation now from thirty to forty years. The farms are mostly enclosed and divided into fields by the use of such fashioned worm rail fences. We noticed one farm with unusual high fences, the rails laid up over eight feet high. We inquired of a genial driver why this man built such an unnecessary high fence. He told us the owner of the farm said he done it to keep out preachers and women. It is needless to say he is an old bachelor and an iron bound infidel. An evolutionist, possible, that originally without a mother and a genius in human form without a soul. Such men, we trust, are few and far between.

There has been one drawback to the prosperity of this country and that was the large tracts of land donated to the first settlers of this part of the union. It seems Uncle Sam thought it would require a good bait to get any of his children to come and settle up the country, so he agreed to let every settler who came here forty or more years ago have a mile square of land, and as it was unsurveyed, they could take it in any shape they pleased. The old pioneers came flocking in and took up "blankets" claims, picking out all the choice land. After the government surveys were made these donation claims stood initiate. The lines run like a drunken man's pathway, and of course disorganize anything like regularity in roads or fences, and as many of these old settlers, or their heirs, hold on to the

[illegible] and located on the [illegible] fifty-three miles south of Portland. The town is situated on a level prairie, rolling timber land and some brush land is seen north and east of the river. The town is well laid out, streets 100 feet wide, and present a neat appearance. The business of the place is mostly of a local nature, however there are three large flouring mills with a capacity of 1,000 barrels of flour per day and a considerable trade is carried on in supplying other markets with flour. Several fine school buildings ornament the town and considerable interest is paid to education. In company with a mute friend, Mr. Jacob Hover, we attended the mute school, where we found twenty mutes in attendance. The exercise of writing compositions and sign reading were interesting. The whole school repeated the Lord's prayer in concert in the silent language so peculiar to the deaf and dumb. Rev. P. S. Knight is the principal and Mrs. Scott, of Ohio, a mute, is head teacher. The asylum for the insane has just been completed, and the inmates, some 400 in number, removed from Portland to their new quarters. It is a fine building [illegible] that cost about $500,000. The State capitol building [illegible] nearly [illegible] and half a million [illegible] is a building [illegible] appearance [illegible] $100,000. The [illegible] A large [illegible] buildings of note give evidence of [illegible] Albany is a town of some importance. A large canal [illegible] Willamette is [illegible] nish, furnishes the town with an excellent water power; several flouring mills and other industries seem to be doing a thriving business. The prairie lying east of the town is very fine. It is some 15 miles in width, and 50 or 60 miles long, and well improved. Lebanon, 13 miles east of Albany, has a population of six or seven hundred. It boasts of having one of the finest Academies in the state.

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REVERENCE.

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Learning to The Blind.

A [illegible] schoolboy to be [illegible]

A CLEVER BURGLAR.

He first rubbed his [illegible] with a towel to remove all traces of a [illegible] and then applied a [illegible] of mutton tallow. After this [illegible] liberally rubbed in every portion of his [illegible] to prevent the paint and other [illegible] from injuring the skin, he [illegible] position of chalk and [illegible] gave him an exceedingly ghastly [illegible] face, his head being completely [illegible] by a white cloth. When [illegible] satisfactorily accomplished and [illegible] got covered, he took off the [illegible] ing tallow and lamp black and [illegible] his spots with a delicate camel's [illegible] previously having held it [illegible] flame of a candle until it was [illegible] the proper condition. Hardly [illegible] rally spotted and [illegible] he placed a [illegible] over the face, and [illegible] a cone shaped figure [illegible] mouth and freely [illegible] and the effect of [illegible] was that no [illegible] to whether in the [illegible] the mirror, and [illegible] effect, he donned [illegible] many colors, [illegible] at his last journey [illegible] to the canvas, ready at the [illegible] signal to tumble into the ring with a bound, a somersault and his [illegible] ringing shout of "Here I come ahem.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

Wells, Fargo & Co. have established an office at Grants Pass and moved the agent at Glendale, Geo. Engle to that place.

[illegible] Bath boy, watching his sister iron a piece of work with bird's nest of corpuscles in enamels on it—I say, sister, it [illegible] no use to iron so long on those eggs [illegible] on 'em."

Geneva and Its Watches.

Geneva, like other cities, has its specialities, and its first and greatest is its manufacture of watches. The Geneva watch has attained a world-wide celebrity, and though probably no better than those of American manufacture, they are decidedly more popular, and are in demand to a ridiculous extent. One cause of their show windows. Their cabinets of ladies' watches is especially fine, and their prices vary from $20 to as high as you care to go, and you are quite sure of a good article if you pay for one. Another specialty is music boxes, which large quantities are sold every year. There are several establishments where that is their exclusive business, and they put them up in all styles and sizes. There are cabinet pieces, [illegible] gilt and bronze, [illegible] ranging in price from [illegible] up to [illegible] higher. Geneva is [illegible] of them [illegible] Paris. [illegible] and [illegible] for the [illegible] Clarke [illegible] of the business. [illegible] Switzerland, they are [illegible] to be done to be [illegible] and pack them for market.

Charley Ross.

Christian K. Ross, the father of Charley Ross, is quoted as saying: "Since my children I have ever received of barley where he was stolen was the [illegible] for a ransom of $20,000. If I had had that I would have had him [illegible] back. As it is I have spent [illegible] in money and [illegible] I have expended more than [illegible] children in the search, some of them have been stolen, but none of them [illegible] Charley."

Queen Victoria.

The Duke of Bedford, speaking at an Oddfellows' dinner at Exeter, England, said: "In this country there are so many institutions for the relief of all charity, so that no man need [illegible] if he chooses to be [illegible] It would be a good thing for the prosperity of man with [illegible] if he [illegible] the real [illegible] of Buckingham, and some feeling that he was below the other.

A [illegible] asked "What do you feel [illegible] Well, do we feel [illegible] no cows, and, if we [illegible] exchange, old newspaper wrappers, and original manuscript poems, or go hungry. Sorry the taste of anything else [illegible] get out of this country.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

As Miss Jenkins walked the groom [illegible] The lily into her [illegible] and [illegible] chains he [illegible] against the wall, as a warning of what she may expect if she does not behave well.

Lauren Ann, children for mischief, protested that Susan (the servant) had persuaded her. Said papa, "Tell me exactly what Susan said." "She said, 'You push that chair, miss, if you dare.'" "Then's my very words," interjected Susan. "And, pursued the little culprit, "I dared, so I pushed."

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