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A MYSTERY IS SOLVED.

The Murder of Twenty Chinamen on Snake River.

The following article is now going the rounds of the papers:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—The mystery surrounding the finding of the bodies of twenty Chinese in Snake river, Oregon, in 1887 has been solved. The bodies all bore gunshot wounds, showing they had been murdered. The Chinese consul instituted an investigation, but was then unable to find who committed the crime. Consul Bee now makes public the following statement, dated Walla Walla, August 31, 1891:

"I, Hugh McMillan, now of Walla Walla, Wash., but formerly of Imnaha, Wallowa county, Or., make the following statement, to the end that justice may be done the interested parties. I make this statement from a statement made me by my son, Robert, aged 16, just prior to his death, and by me then reduced to writing. In the latter part of April, 1887, my son and Bruce Evans, J. T. Canfield, Max Larue, Frank Vaughan, Hiram Maynard and Carl Hughes were stopping in a cattle camp, four miles from Snake river. My son and Evans, Canfield, Larue and Vaughan went to a Chinese camp on Snake river. Canfield and Larue went above the camp and Evans and Vaughan remained below. The whole party were armed with repeating rifles and revolvers. There were thirteen Chinese in the camp, and they were fired on by the party above the camp. The unarmed Chinese retreated, when they were fired upon by those below the camp. Twelve Chinese were instantly killed, and one other caught afterwards and his brains beaten out. The party got that evening \$5500 in gold dust. The next day eight more Chinese came to the camp in a boat. They were fired on and all killed, and their bodies with the others, thrown into the river. The party then took the boat and went to another Chinese camp, about four miles distant, where thirteen Chinese were working on the river bar. These were all shot and killed, and the bodies thrown into the river. The camp was robbed, and \$50,000 in gold secured. My son was present only the first day, but was acquainted with the facts, as they were talked over by the parties in his presence. The circumstances here detailed occurred on the Oregon side of the Snake river, in Wallowa county, near the northeast corner of the state. The Chinese consul-general in this city will at once communicate these facts to his own government, and it is probable steps will be taken to punish the murderers.

To the people of Wallowa county, the revival of this old story seems peculiar and some of its statements absurd, especially the announcement that steps will probably be taken to punish the murderers. The principal facts in McMillan's confession are not materially different from those brought out at the circuit court trials, in this county three years ago. Indictments were found against all the parties mentioned above, and all that were tried were acquitted. Evans, Canfield and Larue were never apprehended after the indictments were found, having left the country previously.

The Difference.

M. R. Brown, of Corvallis, has made a new strike which gives promise of great richness. From an assay of the ore he got the following returns: Lead, \$33.60; gold, \$2; silver, \$4.86.

The above paragraph is now being printed in the papers throughout the State, and we copy it to show our people what is considered a "strike" which gives promise of great richness" in other mining districts. In the Joseph district such a strike and assay would not attract more than passing notice.

Dr. Meek and W. H. Spease, the two men arrested a short time ago in Pendleton for procuring an abortion on the person of Mrs. Weaver, a widow whose husband was drowned at Arlington some years ago, had an examination last week, which resulted in both being bound over to appear before the grand jury in the sum of \$1000 each. They were unable to furnish bondsmen, and were again remanded to jail.

Some interest is being taken in the matter of irrigation. This is proved by the fact that thirteen states and territories were represented at the convention held at Salt Lake recently. There were 450 delegates in attendance at the convention.

The Nebraska Platform.

The Nebraska Republicans last week met in convention, and adopted a platform that is a pretty fair indication of the grounds on which the party will make its campaign in 1892.

The platform follows: We voice in the restoration of the vigor and statesmanship in the conduct of our foreign affairs under the guiding hand of America's favorite son, James G. Blaine. We approve of the silver coinage act of the present administration, by which the entire product of the silver mines of the United States are added to the money of the people, but we denounce the democratic doctrine of free and unlimited coinage of silver as a financial policy liable to precipitate the people of every city and every state in the Union in a prolonged and disastrous depression and delay the revival of business enterprise and prosperity, so ardently desired and now apparently so near. The free and unlimited coinage of silver would tend to hoarding gold and force the use of cheap money in the payment of wages in every workshop, millfactory, store and farm, and tend to scud down the wages of toilers already depressed and weakening the purchasing power of the dollar which would be used to purchase the product of the farmers. We are in favor of having every dollar as any other dollar. We demand the maintenance of the American system of protection to American industry and labor, a policy that has been identified with every part of our national prosperity, and we admire the genius of that heroic statesman, William McKinley, jr., whom the people of Ohio will make their next governor, in recognition of his magnificent services to the country. We also commend and indorse that policy of reciprocity by which the central and South American stations of Spanish India are being opened up to our trade upon favorable terms, and by which all the surplus products of our country may find a market, and by which all our people shall receive in exchange therefor a long line of products which do not produce the most ruinous competition among our own people nor destroy the developing industries of our country. We are heartily in favor of the general provisions of the interstate-commerce law, and we demand the regulation of all railway and transportation lines in such a manner as to insure fair and reasonable rates to the producers and consumers of the country. We favor such legislation as will prevent all illegal combinations and all unjust exactions by aggregated capital and corporate powers. We insist upon the suppression of all trusts, combines and schemes designed to artificially increase the price of the necessities of life. We indorse the World's Columbian Exposition as an important event in the world's history, and we are in hearty sympathy with every effort to make it a success.

The Government's Tyranny.

Baker City Reveille: A man in Iowa who could not find time to answer the questions of the census taker, in regard to a mortgage on his farm, but took ample time to write an insulting letter to the superintendent of the census, will have an opportunity to consume more time and probably some coin in clearing up the offense before the courts. Possibly there would not be as many growlers about the census if some of the very growlers themselves would have consumed time enough in the first place to answer properly the questions of the enumerator.

What is Good Baking Powder?

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A new variety of wheat known as the new golden is attracting considerable attention among wheat growers. It is a product coming originally from the department of agriculture, and produced in Oregon for the first time in any quantity the present season. The yield surpasses that of little club under like conditions, while it is apparently less affected by dry weather than any other variety heretofore sown in Eastern Oregon.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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Paragraphs by Gabe.

While some of our sister north-western states are complaining of unusually warm weather, we are not struggling much to keep cool.

The last of the annual Indian visitors to the lake took their departure for other pastures early last week.

O high colored child of the forest, Thy calico pony we miss; Though with civilization thou warrest We freely present you with this.

The not peculiarly fascinating weather to which we were treated on Monday, Sept. 28th, was a rather rude reminder of the "wind" up of summer.

According to the annual statement of land commissioner Carter, Oregon has forty-million acres of vacant public lands.

What gives the tint
To the new blown nose;
Is the kerchief a painter,
Do you suppose?

Our people have no cause to complain of the scarcity of money, as they have time in just as great a quantity as the inhabitants of any locality, the bank of England not excepted, and all agree that time is money.

The United States, as a section, is peculiarly favored at this time. Just think of the wonderful crops, to say nothing of the base-ball games and prize-fights.

The hop crop of the Willamette valley is almost a failure by reason of the depredations of the hop louse. If the campaign lies would attack the crop of office seekers in this country, liberty might not thereafter command so high a price as eternal vigilance.

Some of our local weather prophets predict a severe winter, giving as a reason for this information advanced the wonderful crops, as they say hard winters invariably follow a bounteous harvest. This reminds us of the editor who, contrary to tradition, was deterred from his usual occupation of bemoaning his unhappy lot, by his subscribers calling in large numbers and settling for the paper. This was followed by a severe winter, but it did not blight the quill driver as he had of fuel and food great abundance.

GABE GUNNISON.

"The Jersey Lily."

ANGLESIA COTTAGE, L. B. July 2.
Gentlemen: Altho' it is very unusual for me to use any lotions or washes, still, in answer to your request, I have tried Wisdom's Violet Cream and Robertine. The former I consider especially efficacious in cases of roughness of the skin, and I have been using it every day for the last fortnight. I have found the Robertine an excellent preparation in cases of tan, sunburn, etc., caused by exposure to March winds and a July sun.

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When it is Built.

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Mind Reading.

A bashful fellow called on his girl, and they both sat on the sofa, at opposite ends. After a silence of considerable duration, evidently spent by each in hard thought, she summoned up enough courage to ask him what he was thinking about. He, hoping to please her, replied: "I was thinking of the same thing you were." She, turning around, replied, "I'll slap you on the mouth if you try it."

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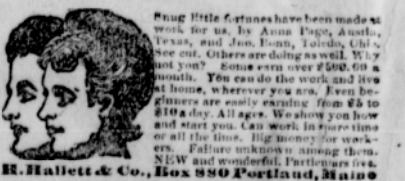
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