

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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Indian War Letter.

From the special correspondence of the Standard, dated Sept. 2d, from the front, we collate the following: I am now in the great National park, and should take great pleasure in describing it in all its sulphuric splendor, but as people have already been pretty considerably lectured on this subject, and as at the present writing he sublime scenery that surrounds a beer store, with its odor of schweitzer, would be far more enchanting to me, I hardly feel like thrusting scientific talk or sulphates upon an unsuspecting public. Should any of your readers want to know anything about the great "national laboratory" they will have to get a book and read it up.

On entering the park, we began picking up half-starved and ragged white men, who had escaped from the Nez Percés. A party of seven men and two women, the latter by name Mrs. Cowan and Ida Carpenter, from Radersburg, Montana, were captured on the 24th ult., all the men getting away after being taken twelve of fourteen miles; the women being taken to the Yellowstone river, where they were secretly liberated by the new chief, Poker Joe.

Yesterday, a discharged soldier from the 2d cavalry, named Irwin, came into camp, having just escaped from the hostiles. He reports that the Indians are not forty miles away from us, having been lost for several days in the pine forests. There are two hundred and sixteen fighting bucks in the hostile camp, besides the boys and squaws, who use guns at time of battle, all of whom have four or more horses. Joseph of the Wallowa valley has evidently been supplanted as chief, Irwin saying that he sits quietly around, speaking to no one, poorly clad, and taking part in the menial work ascribed to squaws, such as packing mules and building fires. The new chief looks like a half-breed, and is called by some, Joe Hale, and by others, Poker Joe. He is a Nez Perce who has lived east of the Lolo trail for years, and is well known about Virginia city and Bozeman, in fact he sent word by Irwin to a man named Kennedy to look after a house and lot of his at the latter place. He has been uniformly kind to captives, and it is owing entirely to his influence and kindly suggestions that so many of them escaped.

Just before Irwin escaped from them four Nez Percés had been sent to the Crow reservation to endeavor to induce that nation to join them in the war against the whites. Poker Joe told Irwin that if they could only draw the Crows into the fight they would annihilate the soldiers and get "heaps things," but if, on the contrary, these old allies would refuse to don red paint, then his plans were even unknown to himself.

At present, among the Nez Percés, a captive, is an old man named John Shively, a miner who has prospected all over the Pacific coast, and is said to have a great many friends there. He is retained by the hostiles as a guide, and is watched very closely. He was very anxious that his name be published and some efforts made to recapture him.

As for ourselves, we are plodding along like the weary plowman, trying by small marches of fifteen miles a day to effect a union between ourselves and the supply train, which is a day or so behind us. The poor management of our supplies so manifest while under the charge of Col. Weeks on the other side of the Lolo trail, has begun to re-manifest itself, but in this case we can blame no one except

General Howard, whose energy and desire to catch the Indians makes him forget all about such insignificant affairs as clothing and food.

At present it looks very much as if we would be kept on the plains all winter, unless some of the department commanders help us by heading off our game. Sherman has telegraphed us to keep on after them until the end—and we intend to do it. We will come home by the Pacific railroad and steamer.

Joseph P. Hale.

Joseph P. Hale, the man who owned the piano factory lately destroyed in New York, together with a hundred lives, by fire, turns out to be a fine scoundrel. His business was counterfeiting pianos and loaning money at usurious rates. A correspondent says:

You do not appreciate, possibly, the extent of this bogus piano forte curse, but there are thousands who have felt it keenly. I have had a poor widow come to my office to thank me for exposing Hale. She was a music teacher, and had saved up \$600 in nine years. With that sum she was swindled into buying one of his pianofortes and it became worthless on her hands in four weeks. She cried bitterly as she told me about it.

Hale is uneducated, but has remarkable natural ability. His personal habits are irreproachable, as he never drinks, never smokes, and is of the few professors in the Methodist church who do not hide their religious light under a bushel. There are those who doubt his being so very wealthy as he is commonly reputed, but unquestionably he is rich. Piano-forte making is less his business than money lending—is, indeed, rather a convenient cover, enabling him to get good information for use in that latter line. He is known as a borrower as well as a lender, but his thrifty way is to borrow at 6, 7, and 8 per cent., to loan again at 16, 17, and 18 per cent. A certain well known manufacturer, not very long since, paid him 2 1/2 per cent. per month for a time, on a considerable amount, and suffered still more in spirit, if not in pocket, from the old man's garrulously telling all about town of the transaction. This year has hit Hale hard. He is said to have lost \$47,000 by the recent failure of Von Minden, his general agent; \$25,000 by the failure of Redfield, a Texas agent; \$20,000 by the failure of Shaw, an auctioneer in Montreal, who tried there to rush the bogus "Thalberg" piano-forte upon the Canadian market; and several thousands more by smaller failures, probably in all fully \$100,000, of which he will not be likely to get back more than a small percentage, and that after long waiting. His actual loss by fire has been heavy. He had in the factory on the day of its destruction, about 2,500 piano-fortes, finished or in process of construction, a fair average value of which might be, at \$60 each, a total of \$150,000. The factory itself, with all the machinery which it contained, may fairly be set down at \$100,000. The indirect damage to his trade by the time that must elapse before he can put any more of his manufactured goods upon the market, during which he must lose a certain portion of his customers, may be estimated at about \$50,000. In all, the fire has hurt him to the extent of \$300,000, or very nearly that amount, against which he has only to set about \$55,000, so far as is known, of insurance in companies, some of which at least, will hardly pay him dollar for dollar without a struggle.

ANOTHER FRAUD.—Believing it to be the duty of the press to expose frauds and thus prevent the practice of impositions upon the public, we publish the following from a letter from Clackamas county: "I desire to warn your readers against a man who is traveling through the country selling the right to make, use and sell 'Dr. Duvall's burning fluid.' He claims to furnish a receipt for the manufacture of an article superior in every particular to the best brands of coal or kerosene oil, and also claims that his fluid will not cost more than one-half as much as common oil. He further claims that the fluid or oil is entirely harmless and will not explode. At this place we proposed to take the right of him and give security for the payment of the required amount, if it was as represented when made, at the end of a week, it taking that long to manufacture

the article by his receipt; this he refused. We then offered to take the right and receipt of him and let him guarantee his work, giving security; this he also refused. We found, in experimenting, that it generates gas very rapidly and will ignite from a lighted match held more than an inch away from the oil. Look out for him and his oil and try it well before investing. If it is good, let him guarantee it; if not, let it be condemned before he causes mischief."

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