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The New Commander.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who is to succeed Brigadier General O. O. Howard in command of the department of Columbia, is complimented as follows by the Bismarck Tribune. "The Northwest loses in the person of Miles one of its truest friends. His interview at St. Paul shows that he never neglects an opportunity to speak kindly of the people of the Northwest—of its people and its prospects. Because this is so, it is possible that being called to a higher station he may be able to do us more good than he could have done by remaining. Croakers may say what they will, the Indian troubles are practically ended. It only needs common sense in management, and justice in treatment, to end forever the Indian troubles of the United States, and Gen. Miles deserves much credit for the long strides made by our government toward the point where this hope may be realized. Give the Indian something to live for, and punish him certainly and severely for his crimes, and his thoughts will turn from war to home and family. There are no people on earth more warmly attached to home and friends than the Indians, and none have greater pride in their possessions. Gen. Miles has taught them to respect the government; urged them to learn to labor, and encouraged them to break their tribal relations—to be men; to become citizens. With little force and great kindness he accomplished far more than has heretofore been gained at the sacrifice of thousands of lives and millions of treasure, and he leaves this district with the love and respect of every man in it. They will watch his course in the future with interest and pride.

It is stated that the $3,000,000 appropriated for the census bureau, will be insufficient to carry the work through, and a further appropriation will be asked for.

It is proposed to lay two American Atlantic cables, to be controlled in America and not in England, and the entire amount of funds requisite for the undertaking has been subscribed. Jay Gould, in New York, has led the project.

The telegraph dispatch to the effect that letters and newspapers are received in the city of Mexico from San Francisco in six days, if directed "via Galveston, Texas, and the Morgan line," would seem to be progression. It is a statement made by an American living in the city of Mexico, and we take it for granted as being a fact. The announcement seemed to "knock the ground from under us," so to speak, says the Alta, bringing us within less than a week of the Halls of Montezumas. And here we have been living so near to our next neighbor, yet being in the matter of receiving or sending news, farther away than the people of Europe, the Germans, English and French, who have been allowed to secure nearly all the trade of that country, which naturally belonged to our own merchants and traders, or should have done so. When such oversight and obliviousness of what should have been patent to every trader and merchant, is considered, this country may well feel gratified that some of our railroad magnates and capitalists have started out in dead earnest to unite the two nations by lines of steel rails, which we hope will also serve as cementing links in the chain of international friendship and mutual benefit.

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Gen. Andersons Trip.

Concerning the recent trip of Gen. Anderson, chief engineer of the Northern Pacific, from Glendive, in eastern Montana, to Spokane falls, a buckboard journey of 800 or more miles, a Montana correspondent of the Pioneer Press says:

There was nothing notable in Anderson's trip until he reached the Rockies west of Helena. There he found a new pass Priests', recently discovered. It has great advantages over the old Deer lodge pass, and will probably save the company many miles of the costliest railroad building. In western Montana, Anderson had to abandon his buckboard and mount a pony, accompanied by a guide on another pony, with one hundred pounds of flour, bacon, and a pair of blankets each for their spring mattresses, for a couple of weeks. The veteran engineer, without escort, explored the divisions of the Northern Pacific. He safely scaled all obstacles, found a feasible route, met the boys working on the Pen d'Oreille division, and passed down the Columbia river to Portland. He started from Portland last week for San Francisco, and hence by rail across the continent. The discovery of Priests pass is of great commercial value to Helena, as it brings the Northern Pacific and its interests to the Denver of the northwest.

School Examination.

Teacher: Are pro and con synonymous or opposite terms?

Pupil: Adverse.

Teacher: Illustrate the difference between them.

Pupil: Progress and congress.

Teacher: Correct.

—Sutro says he did n't go to Carson to make a senatorial fight.

—"My serment shall stand on dese three pints," said a colored preacher not many Sundays ago: "1, the expoundin,' 2, the enlargin'; and 3, the arousin'."

—A certain lawyer was compelled to apologize to the court. With stately dignity he rose in his place and said: "Your honor is right and I am wrong, as your honor generally is." The judge hardly knew whether to feel happy or fine the lawyer for contempt of court.

—Carlyle lent the manuscript of his history of the French revolution to a friend, through whose negligence a servant used it for kindling a fire. He says that for three days and nights he could not sleep, but was like a man daft. Then he went into the country and for three months did nothing but read Marryats novels. Then, he says, "I set to and wrote it all over again; but I dinna think it's the same; no, I dinna think it's the same."

—From the almost daily reports of robberies occurring in the small towns of the valley, and other sections, it is evident that there is an organized gang of thieves working the country, and residents of the different places should keep a vigilant guard over their premises. The recent robberies at Oregon city and Scio, and the attempt to rob the safe of a hotel at Vancouver, is doubtless the work of an organized gang.

—"When you drive a nail into a wall, clothes press or closet, to hang things on, drive it through a spool up to the head. Select a spool large enough, so that the nail will not split it." This is the sage advice given by an exchange. Now just imagine a woman on a three-legged stool, spool in one hand, hammer in the other, and a nail in her mouth. One or the other must "go to the wall," and the chances are it will be the woman.