

The Silverton Appeal gives the Standard article, raking Wm. Reid, a preferred column on the 23d.

The Greeks have for 200 years had a monopoly of the trade in dried currants in the London market.

We shall not be the least bit surprised to hear that the order has been issued, within a few weeks; to begin railroad building to Astoria. The day is not so far distant as it was last week.

Portland is now clearing her lower docks for the coming flood. The wheat etc., on the upper docks will also have to be moved soon. Astoria is the only safe place for storing wheat and flour now-a-days.

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INDIAN EDUCATION.

Views of Capt. J. A. Sladen, of Gen. Howards Staff.

I do not think the government schools are conferring any great benefits upon the Indians. They are, of course, not failures, for nothing which seeks amelioration of a race can be a failure, but they are simply unsuccessful in attaining their object. It is with difficulty that the parents can be induced to part with their children, and though they fully appreciate the advantage of a good education, still they seem to regard such an action on the part of the agents as a sort of demand for hostages, and therefore object. Of all the good the schools can spread, not one iota of it influences the brave of to-day. The children of the chiefs and the children of their children may in time become units in the great sum of American civilization, but to expect such a thing during the present generation is to wish for the impossible. Of course the reservation is a thing of the past. No tract of country can now be staked off for the occupancy of the Indians, and the only way to dispose of them is either to banish them to Canada, kill them or scatter them across the continent in townships, surrounded by the influence of law and order. It will be, I think, absolutely impossible to bring all the tribes of Indians and civilize the entire mass. It has been attempted in a few minor instances, where three or four tribes have been commingled, but the attempt has always resulted in an utter and ridiculous failure. Each tribe has its various customs, which has been observed from time immemorial, and each other tribe regards such customs as follies. Hence such squabbles which would continually occur, and which would sometimes result in a general war. If this civilization of the Indian is to be carried out, influences of single characters of worth and integrity must be brought to bear on the savage. Such has been done in the cases of the missionaries, and with signal effect. The influence of the military posts on the Indians surrounding them is and has been uniformly good. The Indians regard the post commandant as a great medicine, and when he is a good man they respect and love him. In the instance of Chief Joseph and General Howard, after the chief had been beaten he wrote to the General and asked his advice, saying in the body of his letter that he regretted not taking his advice before. The soldiers are kept under control by their officers, not alone for the moral of the army, but for their own safety. The Indians always treat the officers with courtesy, and, although they appreciate the fact that they are in a state of war, they nevertheless regard the men with great friendliness. The great evil done to Indians is not produced by the speculations and vices of the Indian agents as much as by the white men who are stock-raisers and hard cases of the frontier. The Indian does not take kindly to trading. He prefers the pony as a means of sustenance—that is he raises horses and sells them to the border ranches, with considerable profit; for the Indian, when he desires it, can be as sharp in a bargain as the most thorough Yankee of the east.

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