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Gen. Crook Endorsed.
WASHINGTON, May 9.—War department officials do not share the apprehension manifested in recent telegrams from Arizona and Texas, that Gen. Crook's command has been defeated by renegade Indians whom he has pursued into Mexico. No reports have been received at the department from General Crook, and the greatest confidence is reposed in his ability, even with comparatively a small force, to successfully route the enemy. It is reported that the engagements in the Sierra Madre mountains, between the Mexican troops and Indians, resulting in the defeat of the latter, is a source of some chagrin to army officials. They are delighted that the renegades have been punished, but it was hoped that the United States troops might, on this occasion, be the first to administer a lesson to the raiders. Of late years the Mexicans have been most successful in the work of exterminating these ferocious savages.

Late dispatches from Washington have given the impression that Gen. Crook has in some way violated the contract between the United States and Mexico in crossing the border, and that the war department has repudiated the general's action. Several dispatches have intimated that a court-martial awaits General Crook on his return. It is learned in the war department that Gen. Crook has in no respect, as far as known, exceeded the terms of the contract between the United States and Mexico, whereby troops of each country are permitted to cross the border in pursuit of savage Indians. The pursuing party are, by the terms of the convention, to remain on the soil of the adjacent nation till the trail is lost or a decisive battle fought. The main object in requesting a new convention is that the old one will expire in August and there is danger that it may adjourn before a new engagement can be contracted.

Timber Land Decision.
WASHINGTON, May 9.—Secretary Teller rendered a decision today, in which he holds that the act of June 30, 1878, which permits the sale at the minimum price of \$2.50 per acre of lands valued principally for their timber and unfit for cultivation, does not apply to timber lands which may be rendered susceptible to cultivation, by ordinary farming processes. Such lands, the secretary says, are not within the purposes of this act. It is the intention to embrace within its provisions timbered tracks only on broken or rugged mountainous districts, with soil unfit for ordinary agricultural purposes, when cleared of timber.

Why do Animals Need Salt?
Professor James E. Johnston, of Scotland, says: "Upward of half the saline matter of blood (57 per cent.) consists of common salt, and this is partially discharged every day through the skin and kidneys. The necessity of continued supplies of it to the healthy body becomes sufficiently obvious. The bile also contains soda (one of the ingredients of salt) as a special and indispensable constituent, and so do all the cartilages of the body. Stint the supply of salt, therefore, and neither will the bile be able properly to assist digestion, nor the cartilages to be built up again as fast as they naturally waste. It is better to place salt where stock can have free access to it, than to give it occasionally in large quantities. They will help themselves to what they need if allowed to do so at pleasure; otherwise, when they become 'salt hungry,' they may take more than is wholesome."

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Among the Seminoles.

The Seminole Indians, who have quietly retreated as civilization advanced since the days of the disastrous wars, when they exhibited a courage worthy of a noble race in the presence of the United States soldiers superior to them in numbers, are going the way of all savages before the strides of civilization. There are probably 300 or 400 of them, and they wander in small tribes, each of which has a chief. They all owe allegiance to one great Tallahassa, but there is little or no government. They live an entirely useless life. Chief Tallahassa raises a little sugar cane and corn, but he is the only member of the tribe who makes any attempt at agriculture. The rest live by hunting and fishing. They capture alligators, otters, bears, deer and other game, and sell their skins; but they spend most of the money they get for whiskey.

They are small in stature, pure copper color, with more regularly formed features than their sturdier brethren of the north. The dress of a brave is a breech cloth and an ordinary calico or check shirt. Their head-gear is wonderfully picturesque. A brightly colored shawl is carefully folded and pressed out flat, and then coiled into a turban a foot or more in diameter. Fancy feathers and other ornaments are placed in the turban, which is worn like a Turk's. Its bright colors and curious shade suggests a coincidence in taste with Mexican and Peruvian Indians. The squaws are exceptionally pretty and petite. They are lighter in color than the braves, and are very coy and modest in the presence of a white man, probably because they seldom see them. They wear two garments, a short calico skirt, which covers only a portion of their brown well-shaped limbs, and a very contracted jacket, which barely covers their prettily shaped bosoms.

They wear all sorts of ornaments, alligator teeth, curious bones, wild hogs' teeth, and cheap jewelry, which the brave purchases in the town before he begins drinking. Like all Indian women, they do nearly all the drudgery, but the braves are generally kind to them. The children are delicate-looking little things, but the papooses are really beautiful babies. These Indians go from place to place in a cypress dug-out, which is wider than the regular Indian canoe, and which they usually row instead of pole, owing to the fact that the water in this country is deep. They do not do away with the pole entirely, however. An Indian in the bow of the boat rows one oar, and another sits in the stern with a pole, with which he rows and steers. The sharply cut dug-out glides quietly through the water, the speed being quite wonderful. The boats go 300 miles into Lake Okechobee, and a Florida Indian is as happy in one as he is on shore.—*Corr. Philadelphia Press.*

The Siuslaw.
The Siuslaw river, flowing in a westerly course, empties into the Pacific ocean in latitude 43 deg. 38 min. north. Its principal tributaries are the North Fork and Lake creek, both of which enter from the north. The former enters below the head of tide water, and the latter seven miles above, and are nearly equal in size to the main stream at their junction. Tide water extends up the Siuslaw twenty-five miles, and the volume of water flowing in at the head of tide, is about 3,000 cubic feet per second. The width of the river at the mouth is one-third of a mile. Passing up stream, the channel gradually widens for four miles, forming a small bay, three-fourths of a mile wide. Thence it gradually narrows to the head of tide water, where it is thirty rods wide. The channel is free from mud flats or drifts and is confined within smooth, permanent banks.

The average depth of water, in the distance of twenty-five miles of tide water, is forty feet, and there is but one point where the depth is less than twenty feet. This point is situated fifteen miles up stream from the mouth, and here fourteen feet of water are found at low tide, or twenty feet at high tide. At the mouth of the river, on the bar, there are thirteen feet of water at low tide, or from eighteen to twenty feet at high tide. The distance from deep water inside, to deep water outside the bar, is very short, only about five hundred feet. The entrance is peculiarly easy, from the fact that the channel extending from deep water to deep water, runs out to sea at right angles to the line of the breakers, so that a vessel in entering is not thrown sideways to the breakers and consequently not in danger of being beached. The character of the country along this river is mountainous and densely covered with forest and undergrowth. Immediately along the river and its tributaries, there are numerous small level valleys or bottoms of the most fertile soil, suitable for the production of fruit, vegetables and the cereals. The hills are all of sufficient fertility to subserve grazing purposes, and there are many good locations for dairies to be found, when the country is once opened.

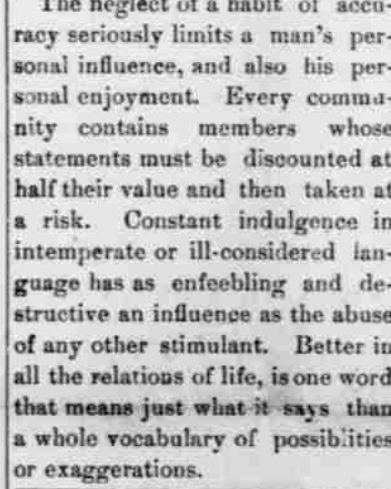
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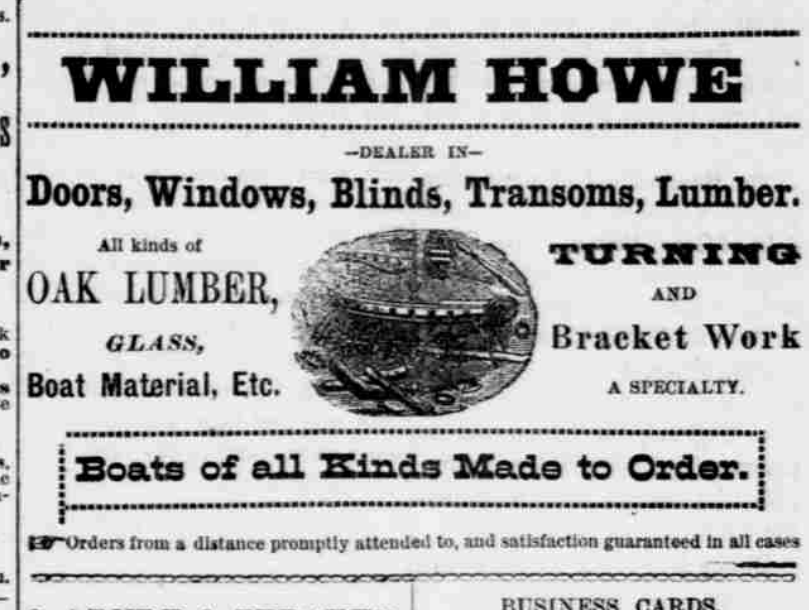
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