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THE HERALD'S devil got so excited over the news that Charley Harris had mounted the editorial tripod and meant to make his local columns shine with wit, that he sat all morning on his stool and would not budge off it till he evolved the following conundrum "What is it that spells itself, with itself?" After practicing on us, and getting "give'er up" for an answer, he decided to emulate the late magnificent offer of the Frisco Examiner by offering a year's subscription to anybody in Drewsey that can answer it before the 1st day of October, A. D., 1889.

THE initial number of the Red Lodge Picket published in Red Lodge, Park co., Montana, dated Sept. 7th, reached our desk on the 15th inst. It is a 7-column folio, all-at-home print, with Messrs. Shelby Eli Billard and Chas. E. Harris as editors and proprietors. As these gentlemen promise their columns will contain each week carefully selected miscellaneous and original matter—spiced with the freshest gems of scintillating uniqueness, we place the new-comer on our list of "Exes" and promise them to copy all of said gems (duly accredited) and give them lots of Harney valley news in return.

THE line of argument used by the advocate of cattle-and-horsemen's "right" to the undisputed use of the public domain for range purposes, as set forth in this issue, by our Silver creek correspondent, and the invasion of those rights by sheepmen, is a curious specimen of the ability of self-interest to define for a man the word "right." Our Silver Creek friend is sincere in his complaint, and has a right to air his grievance, but he must confess the suggestion to use "salt petre and salt" to drive back the sheepman and his bands of sheep from the range, as cold-bloodedly as he with "saltpetre and cold-iron" drove back the Indian and his band of deer, looks odd when set up in black-and-white of public print.

HAD the Indian a right to the exclusive use of this public domain as a range for the deer he used for his personal comfort?

HAD the cattle-and-horseman a right to drive the Indian and deer off the public domain and place thereon stock of benefit to himself alone?

HAS the sheepman a right to drive cattle-and-horsemen and their cattle and horses off the public domain and run sheep thereon for his individual profit?

HAVE homeseekers a right to drive off the Indian and deer, cattle-and-horseman and stock, sheepman and sheep, and locate thereon for personal benefit?

THE Negro of the South, his wrongs as a slave; his rights as a man; his oppression by the southern whites; the noble qualities of the enslaved black and detestable actions of his white owner, since 1840, became from the condition of things, a theme as prolific of soul-harrowing paragraphs in the hands of newspaper men, as the weather is productive of dry news items for the county localizer.

THE condition of things has changed and for a quarter of a century, the Negro has enjoyed the advantages of equal political freedom and education with the whites, but the habit of newspaper writing did not change with it. The blacks of the South are still held up as objects of cruelty at the hands of the whites; the whites are still exhibited as wrong-doers against the Negro in their pursuit of happiness, a drain is still made upon the readers' sympathies for the poor, down-trodden blacks, while righteous indignation is stirred against the whites.

THE effect of such publications on the popular mind is unquestionable prejudicial to the whites of the South, and the reception of truths regarding them.

After spending six months of

leisurely sojourn in the States of Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee, and residing in the latter State throughout the Cleveland-Blaine political campaign, we had ample opportunity for comparing eastern newspaper accounts of serious and trivial occurrences with absolute facts, and were amazed at the extent to which they would go in catering to the morbid demand for exonerations of the Negro and condemnation of the White in all racial differences.

Nothing can be more injurious to the South than such unscrupulous, wholesale misrepresentation of an unfortunate people (and by "people" we mean the entire white population), the story of whose trials, temptations, humiliations and courageous endurance of reversal of an established order of life during the past twenty-five years, will not be written until after the inevitable race conflict is come and gone, and the barbarities of the African (whose wrongs, and gentler phases of disposition alone, are dwelt upon by the writers referred to) force a re-action in favor of the Truth, despite any blinding influences that now conceal her from view.

To say that we foresaw a race war as an out-growth of the condition of things in the South, is as true as that we know one country weekly is helpless to prevent it, yet the late out-bursts in Mississippi and Louisiana show that the conflict is nearer than our best calculations based on the knowledge that the white man is prone to endure, long and patiently, the evil which is, rather than right himself through use of violent measures, had taught us to believe.

Complimentaries.

THE HERALD acknowledges receipt of editor's ticket of invitation to attend the Oregon State Fair.

Also ticket of admission to North Pacific Industrial Exposition dating from Sept. 26th to Oct. 26th, and we certainly would be present on "Newspaper Day," Sept. 28th, were THE HERALD out of its third year. As it's only just cutting its Harney valley eye-teeth we must "stay at home" and look after it.

Also, the courtesy of the new Harney Land Office in supplying THE EAST OREGON HERALD with a copy of the latest "Circular from the General Land Office, showing the manner of proceedings to obtain titles to Public Lands under the Pre-emption, Homestead and other laws. Issued Jan. 1, 1889 from the Government Printing Office at Washington City."

THE GREAT EXPOSITION.

On the 26th of September, the greatest exposition ever held on the Pacific coast will be opened in Portland, and will continue for a full month. The Association has expended \$250,000 on the building and grounds, and every available inch of the six and one-half acres of floor space in the mammoth building has been taken by exhibitors. Liberator, the greatest living cornetist, with a band of fifty of the best musicians of New York, will furnish the finest music yet heard on the coast. A reduction of railroad fares on all lines has been secured, and no doubt thousands of people from all over the Northwest will take this opportunity to visit Portland and see its mammoth exposition. The great live stock show, which will be held from October 14th to 19th, will also attract a great many people.

A Bad Sign.

Corvallis papers are so poorly patronized by the sleepy home merchants that one of them has to run a two column ad. of its own both inside and outside. The papers are all well edited, and in fact are several miles ahead of the unenterprising merchants, who need prodding with a pitchfork. —Albany Democrat.

Salem Journal: Visitors returning from Wilhoit say Mrs. Jack Dempsey. They speak of her as being a modest lady of refinement and intelligence. She avoided speaking about her husband's engagement with LaBlanche and from her general conversation it was inferred that she disapproved of sparring matches, and would prefer to have Jack seek another occupation. Mrs. Dempsey is highly thought of by other sojourners at Wilhoit, because of her good practical sense.

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COMMUNICATIONS BY OUR READERS.

A cordial invitation is extended each and every Reader of THE HERALD to contribute to this department of the paper, on any subject of general interest. We claim the right to accept or reject any part or the whole, but not to change the ideas presented. We prefer articles over the writer's own signature, but non-signatures are admissible. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions advanced by writers under the above caption.

Sheepmen.

EDS. HERALD: I have something to say against the proceedings of Crook county sheepmen on the southwest side of Harney county, that ought to attract public attention of importance to farmers, cattle and horsemen.

Firstly, Crook county sheep are out of their place on Harney county range. And secondly, our County Stock Inspector ought to look out for them and see that they have the passes required by law—I hope we shall see the day before our bunch grass is all gone, that Del. Braton gets his bill allotting sheepmen every odd section in the county, through the third house.

Let us glance a moment at the specimen of the animal kingdom known to the Western World as a sheepman. In one respect he is not unlike other members of the human family, in his aversion to paying taxes, while wanting all the privileges and advantages due a regular tax payer, besides like a fendal lord he wants to ramble around over the public domain paying no taxes for eating the grass off the Peoples' Range, and the first nip, at that.

Not content with the horse range being "sheeped into the ground," these Crook county sheepmen pitch their tents in the places most convenient to themselves and inconvenient to others, as for instance in the horsemen's cabin and corral in his corral.

He plants a dog and a man in camp with a sheep pelt for a pillow. The dog is expected to thrive on coyotes, and when the sour dough and dried apples give out, the herder must live on mutton straight. So you see it takes a good deal of nerve to be rightly constituted for a sheepman.

After the cattleman and horseman have driven the redskins back and stocked the range to its fullest extent the sheepman comes along with his hungry bands of "go-its," and because it is public land, and because he knows sheep can stampede other stock, he asks the stockman to move elsewhere—he goes up to the small farmer who has taken up a homestead and is trying to raise a family in a way they should do, and asks him to stake out his lines, because he "don't want to crowd any body." All he wants is the grass and a little water; he don't ask to run the sheep in the house, but would "like to sleep in the house if the farmer has a spare bed," and the sheepmen calls this "square rights"—Great Caesar!

Shades of our departed cattleman! talk about the man that wanted \$750 in gill and \$2.50 in money to travel through the world on! If he only had the sheepman's gill he wouldn't need any money.

If cattlemen and horsemen do not rebel against this member of the human family, in a few years there will be no other kind of stock than sheep, and they will be not fit for a herder to go on straight. It looks strange that there is no way for a poor man to get some grass for a few cows and horses—there is no hope without a sack of saltpetre and salt.

Yours with respect. S. C. Riley, 9-10-'89.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent—Sept 9)

Tanner will have to go. That this conclusion has been reached by Secretary Noble is the impression of nine out of every ten people one meets here, no matter what their politics may be. It is said that Noble was disposed to look over Tanner's official act, but his eternal talking was the straw that broke the camels back; as one of Noble's friends puts it "Tanner seems to think that instead of being a subordinate of the Secretary of the Interior, he is that official's superior officer." That Tanner will go is extremely probable, but I should not hesitate to wager a big red apple that his resignation will not be asked for until after the Ohio election. Mr. Benjamin Harrison got his political education in Indianan, and is fully aware of the danger there is in attempting to swap horses while crossing the stream.

The Union Iron Works of San Francisco, which built the new

cruiser Charleston, will have to pay Uncle Sam a penalty of \$30,000 on account of failure to demonstrate the amount of horse power called for in the specifications, unless Congress can be persuaded to remit it.

Senator Barlow, who called a conference of democratic leaders in Virginia this week, says everything is in excellent condition in that State and all the indications point to a big democratic majority.

Langston, the negro, who is a contestant for a seat in Congress from the Fourth Virginia district, announces that he will support Mahone, provided that Mahone, the Virginia state republican committee the National republican committee and the administration will support him (Langston) in his contest for a seat in the House. To appreciate the coolness of this announcement it must be remembered that Langston ran for Congress on an independent ticket, the regular republican nominee having been named by Mahone. A democrat was elected and Langston is contesting the seat on the ground that the Mahone people votes cast for him. No matter what Mahone and the rest may promise it is very safe to say that Langston will not occupy that seat in next Congress.

This administration has developed quite a faculty for disposing of Mr. "Nigger" in a manner that is pleasing to the white republicans. It has just designated Lieutenant Alexander, the only negro officer in the army, as a military attache of the American legation at Hayti. Fred Douglas is the minister.

Washington will be designated as the place for holding the American Exposition of 1892 by more than two-thirds vote of Congress. Remember this prediction.

Ex-Congressman Thomas, of Illinois, having declined Ex-Congressman Little, of Ohio, has been appointed to represent this Government on the Venezuela claims commission. The ex has no right to complain of the administration.

Ex-representative and ex-senator Norwood, of Georgia, is visiting Washington. He was asked what he thought the administration would effect by its tariff crusade in the South. His answer was: "Ninety-nine out of every one hundred of the intelligent people of the South are tariff reformers. The Republicans can do nothing with our people on the tariff question." He was next asked what would be the effect of Congress passing a law to regulate Federal elections. His reply was "They may pass their laws, but they will be a dead letter. It is too late to interfere with the affairs of the South in that way. Our people will not regard any legislation intended to place the negro over them. And the sentiment in the North is against it. As a voter the negro is a failure. Some republicans accuse us of repressing the negro vote, because they are not cast. The fact is merely that the great mass of the negroes not knowing the use of the ballot have got tired now that the novelty is worn off, and they do not want to vote, they stay at home."

Washington is preparing to entertain the 50,000 Knight Templars that are expected to attend the Triennial Conclave here next month. We shall treat them so well that they will come again and bring their friends to the great Exposition, three years hence.

President Harrison spent an hour in Washington, Wednesday afternoon, and is expected here again to-night.

Oregon Pacific Tracklaying  
Salem Statesman of Aug. 30th: Deputy Sheriff Frank Wrightman returned yesterday from his trip to the mountains via the North Santiam, and reports that the work of laying track on the extension of the O. P. railroad is to be commenced early next week. Should there be sufficient iron and other track material on hand, and a reasonable force of men kept to work steadily, the road can be placed in good running order clear to the summit before the season compels a cessation of labor. An ordinary track laying gang will put down a mile to a mile and a quarter a day, and two years ago this kind of work was done until the middle of November. It takes eighty-eight tons of steel, or six car loads to the mile, so the reader can see that it is no small matter to have on hand and get to the front the material for an extension of thirty-five or forty miles. Mr. W. had not heard, nor has this writer seen stated, how much steel the company has on hands, so the amount of work to be done this year is uncertain.

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