MODOC WAR INCIDENT.

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April 11, 1873, and a beautiful morning. As our men approached the place of the Indians, five or six in number came out from the rocks on the other side. They all wore blankets and it was under these that their guns were concealed. When the two sides met, all shook hands in friendly greeting and entered the tent. They were only there a few minutes when we saw a man rush out of the tent, and then another and another. Then we saw puffs of smoke, and we knew what was on. Without waiting for the command every soldier sprang to his feet, rushed down the hill and grabbed his gun. We lined up instantly and went to the rescue on the run. On the way we met Riddle and his wife, Wi-ne-mah, running for their lives, in fact that the Indians had taken several shots at them.

A GHASTLY SIGHT.

"Upon reaching the place a ghastly sight was presented. In a short time the Modocs had stripped two of their victims, General Canby and Dr. Thomas of everything they wore. and Meacham, who was left for dead, only had on a pair of red flanuel drawers. His scalp had also been partially torn from his head. The soldiers were wild for revenge and would have charged right into the lava beds, but cooler headed officials prevented it-and it was well that they did, for none of us would have! gotten out alive. The bodies of the dead were conveyed back to camp. long time.

PREPARED FOR NIGHT CHARGE.

"The command had a signal station above camp and General Wheaton was at once signalled from this point to march that night at exactly midnight and meet our command in front of the Indian stronghold, from which point it was intended to attack the Indians and kill or drive. The government has withdrawn them into the lake.

hour. We had to go in single file in posed to be placed in a reserve. We order to get through the rocks and do not know how the people of Lake boulders. We were fully four hours county look at this proposed reserve, in making the trip, and had just but it appears to us in looking at about consummated it when a solo the map that the government has dier fell over a boulder and accidents overdone herself a little in this latest ly discharged his gun. This gave the proposition. Lake county was alarm to the Modocs. They had al- bound to become one of the wealthready been on the lookout, but so far lest counties in the state, but the had not discovered us.

SOUNDED LIKE DEMONS.

"When the gun was discharged an away when another one took it up, and another, until the whole promontory rang out like the din of a thousand coyotes. A desultory firing began and daylight soon dawned. Then the three days' battle of the advanced, joined by General Wheaton's command on the other side of the line, and we concluded that the work was about finished. We expected them to surrender at any time, when, to our surprise, they began firing upon us from the rear. In some manner they had slipped through our lines, and broken up into squads, and hidden among the favn rocks: like snakes, pouring as deadly fire into everything that approached them.

"The story of the finish is well remembered. No one who has never been in those lava beds has any conception of the country. To give an idea of the location, a handful of Modoes killed 47 out of 60 men who dared to enter the place, and the Modoes did not receive a scrutch. But those who have read the history of those times are familiar with the results.

"The Modors were the most intelligent Indians in the Partile country. and therefore, when aroused, were

the most dangerous. They were feared by all of the other Indians. We had a lot of Warm Spring Indians join our command, and they were always vamping for Modoc gore until we found the Modocs. Then they stayed close to the soldiers. When there was a Modoc Indian in the neighborhood, the Warm Springs Indian seemed to lose all the nerve he had. I remember, one day, we cut two Modoes off in an opening from their main band, and ran them down and killed them. There were about 30 Warm Springs Indians with us, and you ought to have seen them that night! They placed the scalps of the Modocs on a pole, inaugurated a first class war dance and kept it up all night. They had never gotten close enough to even get a shot at the Modocs either."

OLD EGAN

"There were many errors published about the Indians and history of those times," continued Mr. Fitzgeraid. "The story that old Egan was 'one-eyed' is all bosh. I saw Egan every day or so for months, and be not only possessed two keen eyes that saw everything that transpired about him, but he was one of the handsomest Indians I ever saw. When we were stationed at old Fort Harney, Egan was at peace with the government and visited us frequently from the Malheur reservation. He was as proud as Lucifer, also. He was a great poker player and on one visit got into a game with the boys and lost all be had. He told them that he did not care for the loss but he plead with them not to tell of and Meacham was restored after a the loss. They promised, but it soon leaked out through the country and it nearly broke Egan's heart.

"But this only brings up a bundred tales of those olden times," said Mr. Fitzgerald, as he was called aside by

Lakeview Isolated.

(Princyttle Review.)

from settlement a large amount of "We marched promptly on the land in Lake county which is prowithdrawal of the vast amount of lands will greatly cripple it.

Lakeview, the county seat of Lake Indian scout hidden in the rocks be county, which is one of the most low us gave a yell that I shall never prosperous towns in Oregon, is enforget! It was the characteristic tirely surrounded by the reserve shout of warning of that tribe. The and they are left in an isolated posiechoes of the signal had not died tion with no prospects of having their surrounding country settled up if this reserve stands as it is, and their city will in the future stand completely isolated.

A rsserve may be needed in that section, but if it is, it would appear lava beds began. Step by step we to us that it either should be greatly modified from the now proposed lines or else the government should take in the rest of the country. It should not be left in a half-way. condition as it now is.



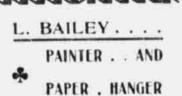
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