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THE NOR'-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, April 16, 1885.

The many subscribers and patrons of THE NOR'-WESTER felt no doubt disappointment at not receiving our last week's paper, but we must claim their condescension owing to the non-arrival of new material we were forced to stop one issue. Unfortunately it seems one month is required to get freight from Winnipeg here, which is decidedly more than we calculated upon, consequently we are the sufferers. We wish to assure our many friends that every precaution will be taken in the future to avoid a repitition of a break in the circulation of THE NOR'-WESTER, and by still pushing forward in that line of demarkation chosen by us, by showing up advantageously this country and its improvers, trust to continue gaining the confidence and approval of the public, and receive that hearty support from them which we have heretofore been the recipients of, showing that we are strictly identified with the future prosperity of this province and the will to stand up and say what is right and just, thus fulfilling the sphere of journalism as required by the surrounding community, and by facts, not sensationalism, gain the respect of all.

Raising and drilling volunteer corps seems to be the rage, and many are the individuals who start such organizations hoping to be a prominent figure in its enrolment, and of course a patriotic desire to fight for their country, and no doubt prove of valuable service. But there must be more or less time lost in attempting to drill such a hastily organized corps to give it even a faint idea of discipline before going to the front. Without being considered derogatory to such movements, we might suggest seasonably the Government would get a troop out of this district, and south of it, of men who have had to shoot on sight, and to this day are held in dread by the Indians, although they are at present following peaceful occupations, but properly encouraged would to-morrow organize and go to the front, and be better able to teach the rebels a severe lesson if not wipe them out altogether, and we dare say that if offered proper renuneration would not think twice about it. Because they are men who have passed through the vicissitudes and dangers of this country in the past, so do they know the value of life, and would sooner remain inactive than seek service under the present arrangements, which are hardly up to to Indian warfare, for it must be termed such, and tensified by the half-breed element, and it requires men who understand and have been used to a prairie life to deal a decisive blow. Time will show if a similarity to the Boer campaign, does not take place if the authorities are too over confident, nothing like looking the solid truth in the face to do any good, or vice versa and come out second best.

To whom do the laurels belong, is it to the east we must look for officers for our volunteer corps organizing in this district or should not some consideration be shown, in favor of those who have been residing in this part of the country for some years and not only better acquainted with this country and its advantages and disadvantages in a military sense, combined with a similar experience to those appointed, because they have held commissions or won commissions in different Canadian corps, whilst there are so many men amongst us who not only have the same knowledge gained by former connection with such eastern corps, and with some insight into the requirements for this country through residence in this portion of the North West. Are their claims to be ignored? Can it be expected that in being slighted their co-operation can be expected, much less be subjected to subordinate positions? Then by their natural apathy be stigmatised as unpatriotic, which will necessarily occur under the present arrangement, and it requires but half an eye to discern the superiority of one class of men over the other, which must be ranked in favor of those who know how to get over the ground. There seems a strange mixture of ideas as regards these matters and many others present indigent to our district that for versatility beat conception. In many things we appear to be looked upon as infantile and incompetent, and in others, expected too much of. Job would be puzzled for patience if living amongst us, but perhaps in the event of possible Fenian troubles in the east as rumoured they will look to us for officers.

The *Montana Wool Grower*, a journal published for the benefit of sheep ranchers, is redolent with valuable hints on the proper and profitable raising of sheep, and to those who have gone into the business on this side of the line, would do well to study this excellent work, and gain much information from its carefully compilled columns. The two principal evils that seem to beset the flockmasters are cases of poisoning which so far are not definitely explained, but theorized in supposition of certain poisonous weeds which remain to be discovered by tests. Some ranchers have been led to think it is from licking alkali, but such results only occur where the sheep have been kept from a salt lick for a week, and then allowed free access to a bed of alkali resulting in a number of dead sheep the next morning, but it is stated that when you have an abundance of alkali there are fewer cases of poisoning and the sheep will not look at salt, and to counteract the effects of alkali poisoning use vinegar. It must be remembered that where there is no alkali sheep should be fed with plenty of salt. The last and probably the greatest evil, especially during the lambing season, is the thieving coyote who owing to his voracious appetite for lamb, creates great havoc unless deterred by using a dummy man to scare them away from the flock whilst feeding—and the application of a little whiskey in warm water will restore a chilled lamb, and a gallon of such is of great assistance in time of lambing. Space will not permit of our dealing lengthily on this important subject, but can aid flockmasters by recommending this valuable work to their consideration and perusal, so they need only applying to the River Press Publishing Company, Fort Benton, to obtain the above work.

The old adage of "tis an ill wind that blows nobody good" bids fair to be beneficially verified as far as Calgary is concerned, in the fact of our having some three hundred of eastern volunteers stationed here with the possibility of more, to defend us against probable Half-breed or Indian attacks. Perhaps we do not look at the revolt as seriously as our eastern contemporaries do, but probably it is owing to the fact of our being distant from the present troubles, and although we have many Indians near us, there is as yet no indication of trouble from their quarter. Still the entire white community will feel more secure in the knowledge and the actual presence of a large armed body of men to protect us should any outbreak occur amongst our dusky tribes. But as a greater benefit to the town as representing so much new capital will be of great advantage, and no doubt our merchants will ere long admit the judicious fact, and within this natural protective security, outsiders will learn that they can come to Calgary for amusement and health just as placidly as they would go to the south, and by coming here see for themselves how, if anything, the reports east, "as far as this place is concerned" of North West troubles is more than amusing. One would imagine from the tenor of some reports that the parties writing them had as much knowledge of the immense size of the North West as we have of the North Pole, and run away with the idea that all known places are in or closely about Carlton, but for their information it may be said that this Town is a very long way from the present difficulties and very little advantage would be gained by the rebels travelling as far as here for nothing but probably sore feet, and if we mistake not a retreat would be made northward amongst inaccessible timber and a snow clad region to evade pursuit and there is where the difficulty will arise, but it is to be sincerely hoped that the Government will stamp out effectually this rising, and if needs be deal such a severe blow that its occurrence may never happen again in Canadian history, and especially settle the vexed Indian question at once and forever. There is certainly plenty of enthusiasm exhibited by our Canadian volunteers to up and at them, eager to knock the rebels sky high and unmercially they can do it and will. Then when once more peace reigns over the great Lone Land, the returned warriors will tell their friends what a splendid country it is out here, after all doing more good in advertising its advantages than any pamphlets, besides the number that will virtually remain to follow peaceful occupations and form the vanguard of our deservedly great immigration.

TWO HORSETHIEVES HUNG:

Birch Creek the Scene of a Neck-Tie Party last Thursday—Opening the Season Rather Early.

The annual free-pass-over-the-range season for horsethieves has opened rather early this year and should prove a warning to all others to desist before being compelled to do so by means of a rope in the hands of a few resolute men. Birch creek lays claim to the honor of hoisting the first of the season, which occurred last Thursday, the particulars of which were furnished us by a friend.

On Wednesday of last week two men, bearing the names of Felix and Macdonald, made their appearance in Dupuyer, claiming to hail from Fort Macleod, N.W.T., and were looking for purchasers for a number of horses and mules, which they had with them. The bringing of horses from the Northwest Territory into Montana, is something very unusual, and created a suspicion at once in the minds of the good people of Dupuyer that all was not right, and a party of four, well mounted, started after the horse traders, for the purpose of making an investigation, and overtook them at Birch creek, and in answer to their inquiries concerning the stock were given no satisfaction. The Dupuyer parties considered their actions suspicious enough to warrant their arrest, but the traders thought otherwise, and as a precautionary measure, took possession of Kipp & Thomas' saloon, which was near by, and defied arrest. The pursuing party, although in the majority, thought it best to be discreet, and after posting sentinels to prevent the escape of the birds, secured the re-inforcement of some twenty men armed with Winchesters, and the next morning turned them loose on the shack. After the first volley the besieged displayed a flag of truce, and marched out into the hands of the 'committee.'

After a thorough and impartial investigation it was shown beyond a doubt that the men were horsethieves, and that the stock in their possession was stolen. It was decided to take them to Benton, and there give them the benefit of the law, but one of the party, known as Felix, declined the hospitality furnished at the jail, and gave his captors to understand that he would rather 'camp on the trail,' and the magnanimity of the Birch and Dupuyer people—which knows no bounds—kindly consented to the change, and also consented to allow his partner to 'camp' with him. They accepted an invitation extended to them by the committee to take an active part in a neck-tie sociable during the day, and consequently they were given a decent burial about one mile above the store on Birch creek last Saturday at 10 a.m.—Sun River Sun.

The West Virginia Redmen, of infamous memory, are again engaged in their outrageous work. Last night Frank Archer, living in the eastern part of Jackson county, was taken from his home by a dozen disguised men, who tied him to a tree and beat him with hickory withes until he was unable to walk, the flesh of his shoulders and back being almost torn from his bones Archer managed to make his way to his home after being released, and to-day was sent across the river into Ohio by his friends. Rev. Mr. Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church at Point Pleasant. In the adjoining county of Mason, has also incurred the ill-will of the Redmen, and has been warned to leave town under penalty of being tarred and feathered.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Hoboken maiden lady has a parrot that can say in a deep, bass voice, 'Who's little duckey is 'ou!'

Not Venus, but the Maid of the Mist, should be the ideal of feminine beauty; for mist, you know, is death to bangs.

It is said that Japanese women have never seen and do not know the use of pins. But then who cares about hugging a Japanese woman.

A lady and gentleman accidentally touched each other's feet under the table. 'Secret telegraphy,' said she. 'Communion of soles,' said he.

The new domestic says she has no objection to going out to take the air, but she kicks abominably if she is asked to take the air when she goes out.

While Herbert Bismarck was in London he may possibly have come upon a hair restorative that his worthy parent may place confidence in. In this event, there will be no war in Europe.

A doubtful compliment: Effie—'What! Is that the beautiful Miss Jones? Why, I admire you more than her, Mamma!' Mamma—'Oh, my dear!' Effie—'I think she's perfectly hideous!'

A toper followed his wife's remains to the cemetery. Kind friends tried to comfort him. 'Poor woman,' he said between his sobs, 'it's the first time we've been together without quarreling.'

Wife—'Old Mrs. Bentley told me confidentially this morning that she expects shortly to become a grandmother.'

Husband (absent minded)—'Is it possible! That old woman!'

The language of flowers: Poor Charlie sighed and said: 'My favorite flower, my dear, is forget-me-not.' 'And mine,' she said, 'is marigold,' and then poor Charlie knew the game was up, and got.

MACHIAS, Me., March 13.—Colby Pest, of Jonesboro, shot and killed his father-in-law, John Feeny, in mistake for a wild-cat.

This will stop these stupid accidents in future since they have found the pest.—ED.

An American Sunday school teacher asked her class:

'For what purpose did God give man his different senses? Why are we given eyes?'

'To shut 'em up when we go to sleep,' said the dull boy at the foot of the class.—Texas Siftings.

Ouida says: 'A girl's love must never be begged, but conquered.' Too much stress must not be placed upon this statement, however. We do not say that Ouida would misrepresent, but she must have forgotten, you know. One can not remember forever the experiences of one's youth.

Uncle John—Well, Jimmy, have you enjoyed yourself to-day?

Jimmy—No, I haven't. I've had a miserable day.

Uncle John—Miserable day? How's that?

Jimmy—Aunt Betsey told me to eat all the dinner I wanted, and I couldn't.

'I'm down on roller skates,' said a young lady while with a party of friends the other afternoon in the candy store. 'Yes, I noticed you were yesterday when I saw you at the rink. You seemed to be down most of the time.' And then all the spiteful sisters of Eve giggled at their innocent sister.

'That is a lovely horseshoe ornament,' remarked young Kellogg while calling on an East New York girl, pointing to a horseshoe over the door decorated with forget-me-nots and daisies. 'Pooh! that's no horseshoe, that's Emma's old false teeth that she trimmed up,' shouted the young brother who was behind the piano.

A Scotch preacher saw his wife asleep in the kirk, and he immediately stopped in the midst of his sermon, and shouted: 'Susan, Susan! I did na marry ye for yer wealth, since ye had none; and I did na marry ye for yer beauty—that all the congregation can see; and if yer hae not grace I hae made a sore bargain wi' yer.' She slept no more.

A lady attended a masquerade ball a few evenings since, and insisted on wearing a black domino, much to the disgust of the gentleman who had invited her. The excuse she gave was, 'Well, you see, Charlie, my husband died only a week ago and it would not look well for me to appear at such a public place in anything but black, and you know people will talk.'

Scott McGinnerty, of Dallas, had a very pleasant talk a few days ago with Prof. Smith on scientific subjects.

'Do you know, Mr. McGinnerty,' said the professor, 'that it is a well-established scientific fact that blonde-haired women have much more violent tempers than black-haired women?'

'Do you think that, is so?' responded McGinnerty.

'There is no doubt about it.'

'Well, I've always suspected that my wife dyed her hair, but now I know it.'—Texas Siftings.

Minister—I learn that a number of the young men in town have formed an anti-swearing society.

One of the Young Men—Yes, sir. We bind ourselves not to make use of a profane word for a year under a severe penalty.

Minister—A most praiseworthy idea and one that I warmly recommend. The prevalence of profanity is truly deplorable. May I ask what penalty you have established.

One of the Young Men—Yes, sir. The member who breaks over is compelled to set up the drinks for the entire crowd.—New York Sun.

The beautiful influence of the modern cooking academy will penetrate the interior of our best households, in spite of all endeavors to return to the good old-fashioned cooking of our mothers. 'That looks very nice indeed,' remarked Mr. Fitzroy to his better half as he uncovered the breakfast dish. 'What is it?' 'That is the new cook's speciality. Tripe smothered in crumbs of bread.' 'Well, I should say so,' as he made an unsuccessful attempt to cut it. 'It's mighty tough.' 'I don't see. The cook had a diploma. She ought to be a good one.' 'Oh, that accounts for it. She's fried the diploma.'

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NOR'-WEST

Montana.

River Press—

Col. J. H. Rice recovered raflroad company for injuri on route from Chicago to K months since.

A couple of hard characte and a man named Byrant, e Boozeman jail last Saturday. awaiting trial for killing Bo stone last December. Burns but Byrant is still at large.

Lloyd, the man who was s few weeks ago by Arthur is i ly. He expects to be around a few days.

Alexander Stavely Hill, D. M.P., principal owner in the company of the Northwest t since his return to England trip to the Northwest publis titled 'From Home to Home Wanderings in the Northwest 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.'

Dan Dutro has succeed in photograph of the belle of the

Our jail will receive an add alleged horse thieves in a day

Sun River Sun—

Ranchmen are busy putting crops.

A number of cases of scarlet ported in town.

Mr. Speers, of Minneapolis, well man, is at Great Falls an the plant arrives, will commen of a well, which will practical fact whether or not artesian w cess in northern Montana.

John Largent received o quails last week of the lot Territory, from Tennessee; and trouble and expense of putting fortable house for their occupa the dodgasted critters turned o but two.

Dr. Herbert Smith, who had his limb broken some mo horse falling on him, and who h under treatment at the Post recovered sufficiently so as to turn to his home at Choteau. F chances were against his recover ful treatment pulled him throug are pleased to note that he is about.

Kamloops.

Sentinel.

Weather fine, and preparations ing and plowing going on in eve Trees budding freely and the hill picking for cattle.

Captain August Menanteau h to Mr. Chase's to where the 'Sp was frozen in last season, and it the boat will soon be liberated. said to be pretty thick aroun Lake to the present.

The medical profession is well in Kamloops just now. The doctors and one dentist in t general health of the people vicinity is excellent, and the alluded to have no complaints o

We learn there is considera Kamloops Lake, but is liable to off any day by the current or a the river.

While Thomas Carland and W bert West, two young men fro way work, were returning from upon the ice, Wednesday of last broke through. Some white m Chinaman from Mr. Lemmy's ca to their assistance and only the who was light, could get over the and he handed poles to the m water. Carland took hold and s getting out; West was chilled not hold the pole, and soon went ice. The body has not yet been Deceased was a native of Massac for some time employed at railwa

The Chinaman that so gallantly the rescue at the risk of his own presented by the men in Mr. Lem with a purse of $40.

New Westminister.

Guardian—

Several officers on board the st of H.M.S. Satellite, lately station Moody, were engaged during the in surveying Burwell Bay, where perial Government intend to erec cent dry dock. It will be of suf mension to accommodate the la ship afloat, a very different work dock at Esquimalt, which is scar enough to contain a good sized vessel. Fortifications of great str be put up and the dock will be by a fortress and several great gu

On Monday last, at 8 o'clock in ing, a man who appeared to be cal steady, led a steel grey along Fr The horse's hair was long, and too the horse had just got out of the the gate of Irving's wharf the ma ed to mount, but the grey was wi and kept the stirrup moving so fa man failed to find it with his l length he succeeded in getting h and by a quick movement tried to the saddle; but he only got beh the horse's back. The grey bo the air, the rider went to one side the other, then over the saddle to neck, and finally he rolled ove street; but he held the reins f was pulled to his feet by the start He patted the neck of that horse pered in his ear; the horse stood man mounted, and both went like through the gateway to Irving's hundred men and boys followed i to see the fun, but they searche for the horse or the rider. The hide himself in some hook, but