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THE NOR-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, April 16, 1885.

The many subscribers and patrons of THE NOR-WESTER feel 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 repetition of a break in the circulation of THE NOR-WESTER, and by still pushing forward in that line of demarcation 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 remuneration 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 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 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 heat 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 replete 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 compiled 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 com-

ing 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 unmercifully 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 McLeod, 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 Birch & Thomas' saloon, which was next by, and a d-d arrest. The pursuing party, a though in the majority, thought it best to be discreet, and after posting sentinels to prevent the escape of the birds, secured the reinforcement of some twenty men armed with Winchester, and the next morning turned them loose on the shack. After the first volley the besetted displayed a flag of truce, and marched out into the lands 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 captives 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 a so concerted 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 social 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 News.

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 whips 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 out.'

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

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

A lady said gentleman accidentally touched each other's feet under the table. 'Sweet telegraphy,' said she. 'Communion of feet,' 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 was 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 quarrelling.'

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, my dear, 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 Peery, in mistake for a wild-cat.

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 Sittings.

Quida 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 Quida was a miserly fellow, but a man 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 spectral sisters of Eve giggled at their innocent sister.

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

A Scotch preacher saw his wife asleep in the kitchen, and he immediately stopped in the middle of his sermon, and shouted: 'Susan, Susan! I did a marry ye for yer wealth, since ye had none; and I did a marry ye for yer beauty—that all the congregation can see; and if yer hair had grown I had made a more bargain with ye.' 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 Sittings.

Minister—I learn that a number of the young men in town have formed an anti-sewing 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 probability of profanity is truly appalling. May I ask what penalty you have established.

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

The beautiful influence of the modern cooking academy will permit us to enter 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. Try a smattering 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 accepts for it. She's tried the diploma.'

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NOR-WEST

Montana.

River Press—

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

A couple of hard characters and a man named Bryant, a Roomman jail last Saturday, awaiting trial for killing Box stone last December. Bryant but Bryant is still at large.

Lloyd, the man who was a few weeks ago by Arthur in jail. He expects to be around a few days.

Alexander Stavelly Hill, D. M. P., principal owner in the company of the Northwest since his return to England, trip to the Northwest published titled 'From Home to Home Wanderings in the Northwest 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.'

Dan Datro has succeeded in photograph of the bells of the Our jail will receive an alleged horse thieves in a day Sun River Sun.

Ranchmen are busy putting crops.

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Mr. Speers, of Minneapolis, well man, is at Great Falls on the plant arrives, will commence a well, which will practical fact whether or not artesian wells in northern Montana.

John Largent received equals last week of the job Territory, from Tennessee; and trouble and expense of putting portable house for their occupant the delinquent creditors turned out two.

Dr. Herbert Smith, who had his limb broken some months ago falling on him, and who is under treatment at the 'Pain' recovered sufficiently so as to return to his home at Clinton. Expenses were against his recovery treatment paid him through arranged to note that he is about.

Kamloops.

Weather fine, and preparation for plowing going on in the trees being freely and the picking for cattle.

Captain August Meunthan to Mr. Chase's to where the 'S' was frozen in last season, and the boat will soon be hauled, it is to be pretty thick around Lake to the present.

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

We learn there is considerable Kamloops Lake, but is liable to 'off any way by the current or a the river.

Wm. Thomas Carland and W. West, two young men from way work, were returning from up the ice, Wednesday of last through. Some white men, Chinaman from Mr. Leamy's on to their assistance and only the who was light, could not overtake and he handed post to the water. Carland took hold and getting out, West was pulled out, but the boat, and soon went ice. The body has not yet been recovered. Deceased was a native of Massachusetts for some time employed at rail way.

The Chinaman that so gallantly rescued the risk of his own presented by the men in Mr. Leamy with a purse of \$40.

New Westminster.

Several officers on board the ship of H. M. S. Satellite, lately stationing Mooly, were engaged during the surveying by Royal B. Y. Imperial Government intent to erect a military dock. It will be of assistance to accommodate the ship afloat, a very different work dock at Esquimaux, which is so enough to contain a good sized vessel. Fortifications of great extent he put up and the dock will be by a force and several great guns.

On Monday last, at 9 o'clock in the morning, a man appeared to be calling, and a man named Gray along. The horse's hair was long, and the horse had just got out of the gate of Irving's wharf the man of his mount, but the grey was not kept the stumpy moving so far as failed to find it with his length he succeeded in getting in, and by a quick movement tried to the saddle; but he only got behind the horse's back. The grey horse the air, the rider went to one side the other, then over the saddle to neck, and finally he rolled over street; but he held the reins in he pulled in his feet by the start. He pulled the neck of that horse over in his ear; the horse stood man mounted, and both went like through the gateway to Irving's hundred men and boys followed in to see the fish, but they searched for the horse or the rider. The horse hid himself in some nook, but

NOR-WESTERS.

River Press— Col. J. H. Rice recovered \$2,500 from the railroad company for injuries received while en route from Chicago to Kansas City a few months since.

A couple of hard characters, Patsy Burns and a man named Bryant, escaped from the Pecosman jail last Saturday. Bryant was awaiting trial for killing Bowman in Livingstone last December. Burns was captured but Bryant is still at large.

Lloyd, the man who was shot accidentally a few weeks ago by Arthur is improving rapidly. He expects to be around on crutches in a few days.

Alexander Stavelly Hill, D. C. L., Q. C., M. P., principal owner in the Oxley Rancho company of the Northwest territories, has since his return to England from his last trip to the Northwest published a book entitled "From Home to Home, or Autumn Wanderings in the Northwest in the years 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884."

Dan Datro has succeeded in procuring a photograph of the belle of the Piegans.

Our jail will receive an addition of three alleged horse thieves in a day or two.

See River Sun— Ranchmen are busy putting in their spring traps.

A number of cases of scarlet fever are reported in town.

Mr. Speers, of Minneapolis, an artisan well known in that city and as soon as the latest arrives, will commence the sinking of a well, which will practically settle the fact whether or not artesian wells are a success in northern Montana.

John Largent received one-half dozen cattle last week of the lot sent to this Territory from Tennessee; and went to the trouble and expense of putting up a comfortable house for their occupancy, when all the deluged critters turned up their toes but two.

Dr. Herbert Smith, who unfortunately had his limb broken some months ago by a horse falling on him, and who has since been under treatment at the Post hospital, has recovered sufficiently so as to be able to return to his home at Clatsop. For a time the chances were against his recovery, but careful treatment paid him through, and we are pleased to note that he is able to be about.

Kamloops.

Weather fine, and preparations for gardening and plowing going on in every direction. Trees budding freely and the hills furnishing poking for cattle.

Captain August Menant has gone up to Mr. Chase's to where the "Spillinscheim" was frozen in last season, and it is expected the boat will soon be liberated from the ice, and to be pretty thick around Sunwapen Lake to the present.

The medical profession is well represented in Kamloops just now. There are four dentists and one dentist in town. The general health of the people here and vicinity is excellent, and the professionals all seem to have no complaints of overwork.

We learn there is considerable ice in Kamloops Lake, but is liable to be carried off any day by the current or a wind down the river.

While Thomas Carland and William Herbert West, two young men from the rail way work, were returning from Tranquille upon the ice, Wednesday last week, they broke through. Some white men and a Chinaman from Mr. Leany's camp started to their assistance and only the Chinaman, who was light, could get over the rotten ice, and he handed poles to the men in the water. Carland took hold and succeeded in getting out; West was caulked and could not hold the pole, and soon went under the ice. The body has not yet been recovered. Deceased was a native of Massachusetts, and for some time employed at rail way work.

The Chinaman that so gallantly went to the rescue at the risk of his own life was presented by the men in Mr. Leany's camp with a purse of \$40.

New Westminster.

Several officers on board the steam launch of H.M.S. Satellite, lately stationed at Port Moody, were engaged during the past week in surveying Bixwell Bay, where the Imperial Government intend to erect a magnificent dry dock. It will be of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the largest war ship afloat, a very different work to the toy dock at Esquimaut, which is scarcely large enough to contain a good sized coasting vessel. Fortifications of great strength will be put up and the dock will be protected by a fortress and several great guns.

On Monday last, at 8 o'clock in the evening a man who appeared to be calm and unexcited, led a steel grey along Front street. The horse's hair was long, and looked as if the horse had just got out of the river. At the gate of Irving's wharf the man attempted to mount, but the grey was wide awake, and kept the stirrup moving so fast that the man failed to fit it with his boot. At length he succeeded in getting his foot in and by a quick movement tried to get into the saddle; but he only got behind it on the horse's back. The grey bounded into the air, the rider went to one side, then to the other, then over the saddle to the horse's neck, and finally he rolled over on the street, but he held the reins firmly and was pulled to his feet by the startled steed. He pulled the neck of that horse and whistled in his ear; the horse stood still, the man mounted, and both went like a flash through the gateway to Irving's wharf. A hundred men and boys followed in hot haste to see the fun, but they searched in vain for the horse or the rider. The man could not hold himself in some book, but the horse!

On the road he looked like a horse that came out of the water, and several persons on Front street say he went back to his native element. It is really a surprising fact that not one of the crowd who were astonished and surprised by the sudden disappearance of the horse and man, ever thought of looking into the river. The horse had no wings; he could not fly, but he could swim like a salmon.

On Sunday evening two ladies tore each other's hair, in the swamp, and destroyed two silk dresses. They are not maids of the forest, but a pair of unfortunate highly-civilized and badly educated pale-faces. One of them laid an information and took out a summons; the other called on one of our embryo lawyers, and advised her. She took out a summons, went some and was sloquent. That limb of the law called on the pair in the evening and assured them that if one was convicted both would be sent to prison for six months. "Could't they send her without me?" was the question asked by the first complainant. "Certainly not," said the embryo barrister. "Then I won't go to law," said the lady, "for I would not be seen in jail with her." The case was settled.

Moosomin.

Now is the time to take the census of the Territories.

A dog deliberately sat on the railway track in front of the train and was instantly killed.

Mr. Hershwer arrived here on Wednesday on his way to Moose Mountain to take care that the several bands of Indians in that section will not join issue with the disaffected ones of the North West.

On Monday night last nearly a hundred citizens turned out and treated an objectionable resident to a "plunge bath" in an adjacent slough. This is the way people live where there is no municipal authority.

Quite a stir of excitement was raised in town on Tuesday evening, when the Alameda stage arrived here, by the report that several bands of Cow Boys were seen hovering on the lines. We may expect to be visited by some of these gentlemen very soon, and between Half Breed and the Cow Boy we may expect to have it pretty lively here this summer.

Mr. Wm. Harris, of the Harris House, had Jacob Kennedy summoned before E. Bokowski, Esq., J. P., for assault. Kennedy was fined \$10 and costs, \$16 75, to be paid in twenty-four hours or 30 days imprisonment in the common jail. This case was watched with great interest by many as the defendant had been threatened with summary measures by a vigilance committee, for this and other offences, and had been let off they would have no doubt carried out their threat.

Major Boulton arrived here on Tuesday evening last for the purpose of buying horses and recruiting men for a troop of Mounted Infantry. He succeeded in purchasing twenty-six horses and engaged six men who are to leave here for Qu'Appelle on Saturday morning next, to join General Middleton's force. The Major has gone to Birtle and Shell River to recruit the balance of the company to the full standard of sixty men. Mr. A. G. Hamilton, of this place, takes charge of the horses from here to Qu'Appelle Station, on Saturday next.

Brandon.

Fifteen of the city's Home Guards patrolled the city all Tuesday night for the first.

Even Plum Creek has been excited over the fact that some Indians there are holding correspondence with a Dakota tribe.

J. W. Donoghue, who lives near Stockton, was unfortunate enough the other day to have one of his eye-balls badly cut with a chip that flew up while he was chopping.

Geo. Webb, of Winnipeg, has leased the Brandon race course for the season, and it is presumed he will make it an interesting resort.

A little girl named Sebastian was burned to death at St. Peter's on Friday last, by the burning of the dwelling while all the other inmates were absent.

Mr. Robertson, a resident some 20 miles south of Plum Creek, shipped on Tuesday, some 20 head of mules and horses to the Rockies, where he is going to engage in cutting for the C.P.R.

A number of boys, and some men, who ought to have more sense, got together near the city hall Monday night to burn Premier Norquay in effigy. At first the appearance of a fire fight prevented them from carrying out their design, but they accomplished their end afterward, when the opposition retired. We think just a little of Mr. Norquay's statesmanship as there is any necessity for, but we certainly think less of such proceedings. Rowdiness never served any useful purpose, and never will.

Regina.

A special train (one private car and baggage car) passed through on Sunday afternoon carrying some of the C.P.R. stockholders who were taking a trip over part of the line. They only went as far west as Moose Jaw, and passed Regina again going east at about 8.30 a.m. on Monday.

On Thursday evening, Mr. I. Smith, acting editor of the leader, left for the front. He had a few days leave from his battalion (90th) to put his affairs in order, and his leave being out he again donned the rifle, green uniform of his corps and became a 'bold soldier boy.' We wish him a safe campaign and lots of laurels.

Last Wednesday P. J. Pot came into town to interview the Lieut. Governor as head of the Indian Department. He seemed very amicably disposed, and said some Indians from the File Hills Band had been to his Reserve and had invited him to go with his young men and join them on their reserves for a big dance, but that he had refused to have anything to do with them and intend-

ed to remain on his own reserve and be loyal to the 'Great White Mother.' On Thursday five young men to the number of twenty five or so, came to town intending to hold a dance, but on it being explained to P. J. Pot that the Government did not wish this to go on, he withdrew his men and assisted for his reserve once more. Mr. McKinnon, the instructor on P. J. Pot's reserve, does not anticipate any trouble with the Indians under his charge, and he lives in the midst of them and surely he is a better judge of their intentions, than those who are constantly talking of anticipating harm, where at present no harm is meditated.

Up to Sunday no news has been heard of Judge Rolan of Battleford. He left that place five or six days since, with the women and children under his care, who were sent away for safety's sake, when the late Indian troubles arose there. The Judge was to come by Swift Current, and as the river is open and the ferry lately taken hold of by our fellow-townsmen Mr. F. P. Timms is in running order, some anxiety is felt as to no tidings of the party coming to hand. It is very probable though, that owing to the state of the prairies and to indifferent transport, the travellers would only be able to make poor time. On Monday, however, came news that Judge Rolan was safe at Swift Current with his party.

Qu'Appelle.

North West Expedition Field Force. Capt. French has accepted the position of chief scout.

A forward movement is expected to-day. Capt. Lay has accepted a position on Gen. Middleton's staff.

Messrs. Finnes and Tregent are scouts on the N. W. E. F. F.

Nearly two hundred teams brought stores into town yesterday for the force.

Father Hugganard informs us that there has been no meeting of half-breeds in this neighborhood, and that they are as peaceful as ever with no signs of agitation amongst them.

About one hundred and twenty-five men of the 90th battalion and one-quarter battery (Winnipeg) arrived here on Monday afternoon, from Qu'Appelle Station, and have gone under canvas.

A band of Indians from the File Hills came down in a body, on Tuesday evening at about half-past six, adorned with paint and the usual ornaments, and as they came they were singing, or shouting, and firing off their friendly volleys. They consisted of the chiefs and representative men of the four bands. They made for Finnes's store and took it by storm, and demanded something to eat, but were denied, but finally gave them a bag of flour. They then went to Col. Houghton, and he took them to the H. B. store and made them presents of flour, bacon, tea, &c. Some of the volunteers were scared, lest they were on the war path and were preparing for an encounter. The next day they again interviewed Col. Houghton, Mr. Dreyer acting as interpreter, and they got more presents.

Indian Head.

The sole subject of conversation here is the Riel rebellion, and everyone seems anxious for the latest news. As may be imagined many false reports are flying about; but, nevertheless, all agree that the rebellion is a very serious affair, and that our brave volunteers will have some hard fighting to do. Many of the farmers of this neighborhood have taken their teams to Troy, tempted, no doubt, by the big pay, and it seems that if the rebellion lasts any length of time that very little farming will be done in our neighborhood. The Bell Farm has sent out forty teams already, and more will follow if necessary.

"Well, Father Brown, how did you like my sermon yesterday?" asked the preacher. "Yes, parson," was the reply, "I haven't a fair chance at them sermons of yours. I am an old man now, and have to set pretty well back by the stove; and there's old Miss Smith's Mrs. Bryant's daughters 'N'ing Bart' all the rest sitting in front of me with their mouths wide open 'a swallerin' down all the best part of the sermon, 'a what gets down to me is putty poor stuff, parson, putty poor stuff!"

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THE NOB-WESTER.

CALGARY, THURSDAY, April 16, 1885.

STILL the demand goes on for men and horses to go to the front as soon as possible.

Mr. RIVERS has sold out his band of horses for the use of the mounted corps organizing.

Mr. KERFOOT drove in a band of his horses for sale. We believe Major Steel bought them readily for his scouts.

If the boys knew I am organizing a scout corps they will all join. O—d.

Not unless I'm made General of it, Tom.

Mr. J. K. OSWALD, who held a commission in one of the Montreal corps, has been appointed Captain of the troop of scouts under Major Steel.

It takes me to do the equine Masz-pa act, on the fiery untamed steed. O—L.

Yes, Kingstonian, but kick the animal a little more and he will stop.

Mr. GLEN, we understand, has engaged Mr. Nutting as bookkeeper and agent at his farm on Fish Creek. The large vegetable crop he has will require extra attention with regard to the selling, etc.

Mr. JACQUES, jeweler, has greatly improved his shop by turning the shop window into cabinet form, for the better exhibition of his new stock of goods, as displayed now and by the effect of the velvet lining is very pleasing.

CAPT. STEEL, of the N.W.M.P., has been promoted to the rank of Major. He, very many friends, will be glad to hear this, as single one of the N.W.M.P. officers is held in higher esteem than Capt. Steel. We congratulate you, sir:

It is from blatter remarks by idiots that all more or less suffer suspicion, and talk about some white men going in with the Indians and raising the town, if anything serious happens, so take a hint and let up or stand an expose. J—t—t.

The Oddfellows are preparing for their first Grand Ball here, to come off on the 27th of this month, and will be a great success to doubt, as the Society is well represented here. That's the sort of Ball we are going to walk to, with a little Scotch reel to it.

Mr. W. WILSON, dentist, returned from the mountains last Saturday, after spending three weeks up there, during which time he got through a good deal of business and eased many a painful toothache, but from all accounts he goes north to ease Indians of all ills.

LAST week's stage from McLeod brought a large number of passengers from that place, amongst which were Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood and family, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Dr. Kennedy. Mrs. Greenwood and children went east by last train. Mr. Greenwood returned to McLeod.

A NUMBER of families have come in from the Red Deer River to reside here for a while. In the eventuality of any trouble with Indians out there the women and children will be out of the way and safe. The men return to the Red Deer to go on with their farming, so the movement must be looked at in the light of a precaution only.

Mr. J. C. WILSON has returned from east of Winnipeg bringing with him a lot of fine milk cows and pigs, just the stock for this country. It is very satisfactory and shows enterprise and confidence on his part. As will be seen by his advertisement in another column he has selected a lot of animals which will be readily bought up. More power to you, Mr. W., your's a stayer.

Mr. KERFOOT informs us that the total loss of sheep by the late prairie fires will be 500. Although every precaution was taken to save them it was unavailing, as the fire came on them from three different directions. Upon enquiry he is led to believe the fires were intentional. If it is the case it is a damnable crime, and to see a punishment could not be meted out to such scoundrels. Some twenty horses were badly singed by the fire—a case where, but they will come round all right.

Mr. M. P. ZIMMERMAN, the contractor for the immigrant buildings here, left on the east last Saturday to look after work of his own in progress at Regina, and expects to return shortly to watch the final completion of his contract here. We understand that at they are to be completed by May 15th ready for expected immigrants. The buildings as they were is as follows:—The main building being 50x50 and two stories, substantially fitted up in every respect. The height of ceilings will be ground floor 12 feet and the upstairs 8 ft. 6 in., giving ample room for a structure of its class. The kitchen will be 12x14 feet, fitted with a range, etc., for the convenience of the occupants and so arranged to give every facility. Hygienically the building should be a success, as proper ventilation has been secured, with proper water closets and urinals. So that with the outside appearance of the house with its veranda extending its entire length will be attractive. Mr. Zimmermann evidently thoroughly understands his business as evidenced by the manner of construction now going on, and is deservedly to be recommended for his good work. The total contract price is \$12,000, and the investment will be beneficial.

At 3:30 Monday afternoon fire was discovered in the residence of Mr. J. S. Gibb

on Stephen avenue, and attracted a great number of citizens who willingly rushed to assist in putting out the flames. Mr. Rodgers of Rodgers & Grant distinguished himself by taking their Babcock fire extinguisher to the scene which proved of timely assistance, and was effectual in quenching the fire to a great extent. Fortunately Mr. Beauprey, water carrier, drove rapidly to the place and gave the bucket in a plenty of water, which speedily drenched the fire. Owing to the great volume of smoke in the building it was impossible to enter to do any work, but by cutting a way from the rear the Babcock was used to advantage. There was no lack of willing hands to help, the Mayor taking the lead we noticed inside the building, and in a short space of time the fire was put out. It certainly was a fortunate thing no wind was blowing at the time or the results may have been very disastrous, from the fact of the closeness of the adjacent houses it is congratulatory it ended as it did. Mr. Gibb loses two fine saddles and set of new buggy harness, besides other minor articles and considerable damage by water to his apartments generally. Examination of the premises afterward plainly showed that the fire originated from a wooden box used for depositing ashes in, which had been smoldering since that morning, finally breaking out. Too much care cannot be exercised in the depositing of such ashes, and if necessary to do so in the house, an iron receptacle of some kind should be used, to prevent fire occurrences, or we may have to bewail the loss of this town.

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been a decided success. We may safely look for many buyers from the north during the coming season.

Kyle Price says that his sheep have wintered remarkably well, there being no losses to record thus far. His band of sheep is located on the Marias, below Fort Conrad—as far north, probably, as any sheep in Montana. They were all brought from Oregon last summer. The fact of these being no losses, speaks well for the manner in which they have been handled.

Mr. Oscar Stevens, of Cass-Butte, has been feeding 3,000 wethers the past winter, with an abundance of good hay—allowing them access to the range in fair weather—with the intention of keeping them in fat condition and driving them to the railroad the latter part of March. He will ship them direct to Chicago with the wool on, thereby bringing Montana mutton into the markets during April. The scheme is a good one, and will no doubt be a financial success.—Argus.

Mr. Taylor, of Bressler, has a small flock in this district, and his experience is that they do remarkably well—the idea that the country is too cold for them being without foundation. Last winter he let them run in the stockyard, and they became so fat that many of his ewes lost their lambs; his greatest trouble this winter has been to keep them from getting too fat. It is worth noting in this connection that all stock in this district are in good condition as when winter first set in, and give no signs of losing flesh from exposure.—Battleford Herald.

Battleford is over 300 miles north-east of Fort Benton, so that Montana is by no means the northern limit of the sheep country. What a market will soon be opened in this Northwest to the wool growers of Montana.

Abortion in Cows.

A correspondent of the London Live Stock Journal sends the following story of how abortion in cows was cured in a not quiet new, but altogether unaccountable manner.

Some eight months since a letter appeared in the Journal d'Agriculture of France from a dairy farmer, who complained of the ravages of abortion among his cows. He stated that the health of his cows appeared to be perfect, that they were giving an average of 2,000 litres per head, their food was perfect and abundant in quantity, the stables were well aerated continually, washed, and every care in their management was rigorously observed. He had consulted numbers of veterinary surgeons, who found that the condition of hygiene was properly observed, and they could give no reason for the epidemic in question. In the year 1879-80, from 30 to 40 cows. In 1881-82, from 40 to 50, and in 1882-83 there were nine cases of abortion in six weeks. During the season in which the letter was written, after the first cases had occurred, and towards the 25th July, the cows were put morning and evening on the pasture in the hope that the change of air would arrest the complaint, but a though everything was done that human ingenuity could devise, and though the cow sheds were used as if they were infected places, the misfortune continued. The cows were lodged in two stables, about 250 yards apart, and without any communication between them. It is a singular fact that they all always commenced in the same stable, and a day or two afterwards was followed by its appearance in a second stable. The cows usually aborted between five and eight months, sometimes producing living calves. The loss was considerable, for it was not only the loss of the calf, but the cows frequently became barren and were difficult to fatten.

The writer appealed to the farmers of France for advice, and received a large number of letters. Among them were two from different parts of the country, in which he was recommended to introduce a hilly goat into the stables, and, struck by the coincidence in the experience of the writer, he determined to try the remedy. The result is now published. One goat was first of all purchased, and placed in one stable, and in due course the epidemic entirely disappeared, although it still continued in the other stable. A second goat was then purchased, and, strange to say, there have been no cases of abortion since. The writer says that he only speaks of an experience of 16 months, and that scientific men will probably smile at or ridicule the course he adopted; but the fact remains that since the introduction of the goats there has been no more loss from abortion upon the farm. He cites a case of a drayman in a large way of business at Bordeaux, who cured a disastrous epidemic of calving, which killed several of his horses, by the introduction of a goat into his stables.

The use of the goat among stock is, of course, not new to English breeders, but there are many who ignore the idea altogether, and are as much inclined to ridicule it as the men of science referred to above. These particulars, however, are given for what they are worth.

How to Fight Riel.

"I'll give you a counter," remarked J. A. Chase, a veteran American and North-western traveler, to a reporter this morning, "those half-breeds are a hard crowd for English regiments to tackle. They don't fight in line like regular troops, but as sharpshooters, and they are all head-shooters, and armed with the best of breech-loaders and repeating rifles. They protect themselves behind rocks and bushes and hide in the grass, and will cater all around the troops and fire, in which every cartridge will count for a life. Those fellows have been trained to shoot for meat. As game has become scarce and smaller they have improved their aim. They have been denied their usual rights and are deeply incensed against the government, and have been filled with intense hostility by the subtle diplomacy and fervid eloquence of the wily Riel until they feel that they are fighting for their homes, and unless they are profligated will

fight to the death. And the government's fear of a general uprising of the Indians is well grounded. They have been availed by their agents somewhat the same as some of our Indians, and having suffered much during this long and distressing winter are now inclined to resent the lack of attention that has been paid to their demands. As grass will come shortly when they can move about with less discomfort, they may be expected to be more aggressive. You may expect them to make some very exacting demands from the government as the price of peace. Should the Cree, Blackfoot and Piegan take the war path and join the half-breeds' resources of the whole Dominion government would be sorely taxed to put them down, for they could muster at least 3,000 well mounted and ably armed warriors whose mode of fighting would tax the tactics of the regulars and the volunteers severely. Neither the Indians or the half-breeds fight in the open field. They know every foot of the broken and brushy ground over which they would invite the military to their line of retreat and they would ambush their pursuers and harass them at every moment. I have traveled through that country myself, and am familiar with its forbidding character. A campaign in the Sultan or in Afghanistan would be a circus-farce in the fierceness of the foe to be overcome and the natural obstacles to be overcome. The idea of organizing a cavalry corps from the rangers of the west for scouts for a good one, as such troops could do much to protect the troops from lurking foes and break up into small bands those troops would be quite available for following them in their forays.

Louis Riel is now about 40 years of age, of medium height, stout and dark complexioned, with dark brown hair and a mustache. He has a well-shaped and somewhat massive forehead, a Roman nose. His eyes are dark, bright and restless. He speaks very rapidly, and