

OVER AGAIN.

Came the summer, came the autumn,
With its hoar frost and its rain.
Passed the cold and snowy winter—
Then 'twas springtime once again.

—[Leah.

A BORDER REMINISCENCE.

Indian Raid on Montana Ranchmen in 1870 and the Punishment of the Redskins.

The following story of frontier life was written by a United States army officer now on duty in Montana, and is a recital of the facts as given by ranchmen who took part in the encounter:

Three trappers, named Hall, Lockie and West, left the settlement of Wolf Point in June, 1870, with the intention of hunting and trapping on the Musselshell river.

The second day out, when about sixty miles up the Musselshell, they struck an inviting spot in the brush, where they pitched their tents for the night.

They took six horses for pack or saddle animals, as the occasion might require, and rifles, ammunition, tents, etc.; in fact, a complete camping outfit.

The savages were first ferried across to the opposite side in the following manner: Four or five of them were tied together, and a long rope attached to each bunch.

Jeff Sago, who received the warning, turned his gaze in the direction indicated, and discovered a black object almost on top of the boats, which bore a strong resemblance to a man on horseback swimming the river.

Under cover of the smoke Taylor and his companions sallied out and wet the grass in order to prevent the fire from burning up the ranch, which was built of lighter and dryer material than the one further up the river.

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After Taylor had finished his narrative a general consultation was held. So hot was the station-keeper over the loss of his property that he and his two drivers joined the little band, which brought the number up to thirty-four.

It was about half an hour before dark when the party believed themselves near the Indians. No tree nor timber of any kind was in sight—nothing but the flat prairie which stretched away on every side until lost to the view.

The savages were squatted by the fire enjoying their meal, with no suspicion of the danger lurking so near them, when suddenly through the still night air the fatal signal burst upon their startled ears.

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Where e'er its loved ones dwell.
In cities, or in cottages,
Through'd haunts or mossy dell.

FASHION NOTES.

Bangs and bangles still hold their own.

The Moliere plastron in various forms is much worn.

Spanish girdles of embroidered velvet are exceedingly stylish.

The Newmarket bonnet bids fair to have a long run of popularity.

Pale amber and cypress green are fashionable combined in French dinner dresses of Turc satin and velvet.

Embossed velvets in the colors of Persian cashmere are made elegant mantles for visiting dresses, and are trimmed with a deep border of ostrich feathers, usually brown or red in tone.

Suisse belts of dark velvet are worn with cashmere house dresses by young girls. The bodice is a full blouse, gauged on the shoulders before and behind, and panniers drape a plaited skirt.

The most successful evening bonnets are light shades of velvet with embroidered crowns worked with chenille or beads.

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The Sioux Reservation.

The Sioux reservation, a large portion of which is to be thrown open to settlement, includes 33,000 square miles, lying between the Missouri river and the Black Hills country.

No sign was made by the whites to disturb the quietness of the camp, but each man, according to a pre-arranged plan, took his post on the rim or edge of this natural basin, so that it left the Indians completely surrounded.

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The City of London.

The city covers 122 square miles, and its streets would extend 2,600 miles if thrown out in one continuous line, the limits being fourteen miles in length and eight in width.

The Milwaukee and the Northwestern have paid the Indians \$5 per acre for the land which they need for their right of way, and bills are now pending in the senate for the ratification of these agreements.

The opening of the reservation, however, will probably not occur as soon as expected or desired, owing to the fact that the proposed bill reaffirms the treaty of 1868, which provides that no treaty with the Sioux shall be binding unless ratified by three-fourths of the adults.

When a stock raiser finds himself in possession of a valuable herd of cattle, he is in bull-headed luck.

another year at least. The members of the Dakota delegation in Washington are provoked at the delay, and are not at all pleased with the proposed bill on account of its too liberal provisions for the Indians.

An Independent View.

It is curious how closely the "solid north" matches the "solid south" so much talked of. Sixteen southern states make up the solid south, and sixteen northern states make up the solid north, the six remaining northern states making the real debatable ground.

Table with 2 columns: State, Solid rep. north, Solid dem. south. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

THE UNCERTAIN STATES.

There remain six debatable states—California, with 8 votes; Indiana, 16; Nevada, 3; New Jersey, 9; New York, 35, and Ohio, 23.

On the tariff question New Jersey must probably be counted on the republican side. About Indiana the tariff reformer democrats have no doubt.

The republicans believe they can carry Virginia and North Carolina this fall, and the great increase in the last two or three years of northern settlers in Florida gives them strong hopes of that state.

Thus from Michigan there were no democrats in the last congress, but six in this; from Iowa there was but one democrat in the last congress, but there are four now.

An Honest Collector.

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A Family Jar.

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Nebraska Crop Reports.

We present herewith the reports returned to us from 27 counties, embracing the oldest and most thickly populated portions of the state. From the reports returned and the character of the correspondents I feel assured that the reports are as nearly correct as can be made, except by a careful canvass of each county, which for a lack of means at our disposal is impracticable.

DANIEL H. WHEELER, S. S. Agent.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

Proportion of corn crop of 1883 on hand March 1st, 1884, 39 per cent.; amount retained for consumption in state, 60 per cent.; amount sold outside of the state, 34 per cent.; proportion of corn, good and bad seasons, estimated, merchantable, for the past ten years, 81 per cent.; the proportion of the crop of 1883 that was merchantable, 57 per cent.; proportion of the crop on hand that is merchantable, 28 per cent.; proportion on hand that is unmerchantable, 20 per cent.; corn yet in the field, ungathered, 15 per cent.

He Declined the Offer.

A short time since a certain aspirant for journalistic honors who resides in Ottawa, wrote to the proprietors of a leading Chicago daily offering his services as editor-in-chief for \$2,000 per annum. A few days later he received a reply, and was greatly delighted to find that the opening lines of the letter accepted his offer; but he was not, however, so delighted when he read the remainder of the letter and found that the editor would be required not only to write editorials and exercise a general supervision over the paper, but also, when occasion might require it, to fulfill the duties of night editor, city editor, reporter, foreman, business manager, mail clerk, pressman and devil; and that at times he might be required to work day and night for several days at a stretch.

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