

CROOK'S CAMPAIGNS. Review of the Seven Years' Military Service Among the Indians of Gen. George Crook.

Result of the Pacific Policy Pursued After the Terrible Custer Slaughter.

Cheyenne letter Chicago Times.

It may be broadly stated as an axiom that the most important military services are not those in which the most blood has been shed...

The mind of the unthinking observer is so generally dazzled by what are known as brilliant victories...

Such a criticism is especially pertinent to the Indian operations, engaging the attention of our army since the commencement of the present century.

of a constantly aggressive and not always considerate civilization; to determine dispassionately and accurately wherein our treatment of the red man has been defective...

Several years ago, when Gen. George Crook first assumed command of the military department of the Platte, the rich valleys of the Loup and Platte were scarcely settled...

It is not to many years ago, and yet the intervening time has been so replete with prosperity to this happy commonwealth...

Senator Allison, the chairman of that commission, ought to be in a position to give some definite and trustworthy ideas upon the inflamed and hostile state of the Indian feeling...

FULLEST MEED OF GRATITUDE is due. He alone, it may be said, comprehended the inability of the army to cope with the formidable force of natural-born soldiers opposed to it.

Arapahoes, Crows and Utes, have no equals to-day in the whole world as light cavalry. Passing their whole lives upon horseback, trained to the fullest dexterity in the use of the repeating rifle...

THE MAIN FEATURES of the campaign and its results alone must claim our attention in this writing. The accuracy of Crook's cool, exact determination of the enemy's power received a startling endorsement...

To follow through the remainder of that dreary campaign, with its fruitless waiting and watching for the reinforcements which even in coming would count for but little in a contest with the wily foe in their front...

In the very audacity of this plan there was an assurance of success, which swept away the objections of timid critics. It was known in the army, and is known to-day as "Crook's plan."

but the scheme to bring in Indians who had just been on the war-path against us, or who belonged to bands then in hostility, struck all as chimerical and insane. Crook had tried it with abundant success in California, in Washington territory, in Oregon, in Nevada, and with brilliant results against the hitherto indomitable Apaches of Arizona.

Strong in his conviction, he set to work. "You can't do it," said the "old-timers," who opposed this innovation principally because it wasn't laid down in the "Tactics and Regulations"—"you can't do it." But I did it—I did it in Arizona," replied Crook.

those who persisted in hostility. He showed, in a quiet and unobtrusive way, a lively sympathy in the welfare of the Indian and a compassion for the injustice from which he too often suffered. When he struck, as strike he did in the following winter, he struck hard.

LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS to avert the shedding of blood. Crazy Horse, convinced of the desperate straits to which his people were reduced, moved to Red Cloud agency and there submitted, early in May, 1877.

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INDIAN PACIFICATOR as able and successful as George Crook we should be glad to know it; and in the long list of officers on the rolls of our army there be one to compare with him in fruitful, arduous and unobscured service among the wildest of our savage tribes...

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Explained. "Now," said the justice to the witness, "you will please tell precisely how it happened." "Yes, sir, I'll try. The prisoner and that man were eating dinner at the same table, and they got to quarrelling, when the prisoner put up with a dab of mashed Irish potatoes and hid that other man on the head with it."

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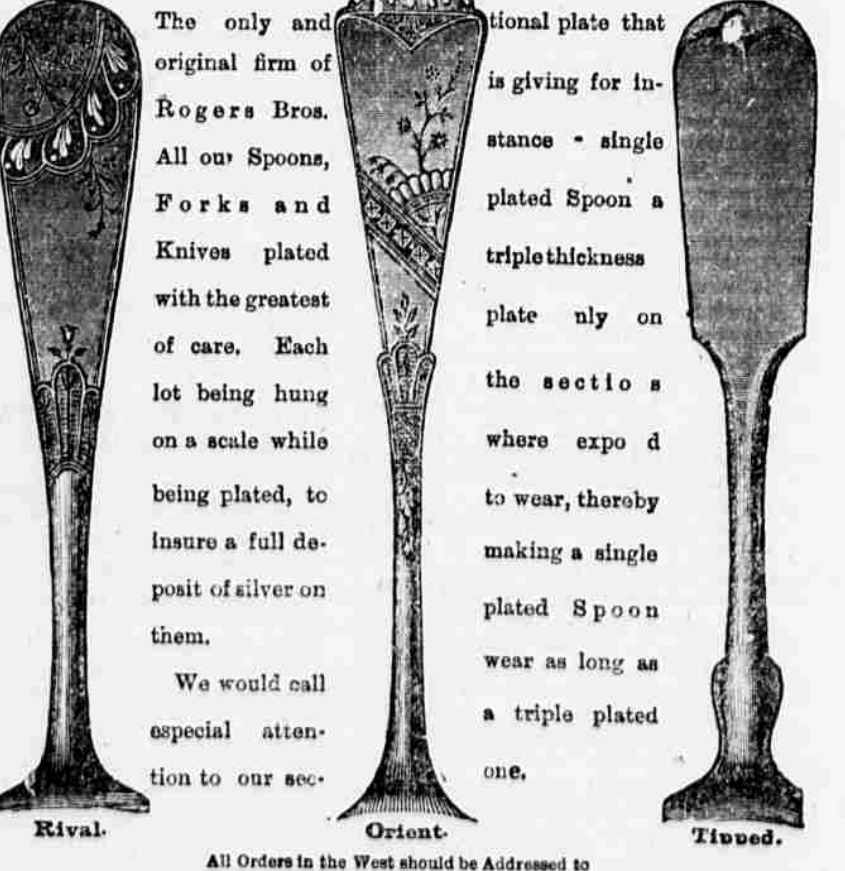
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