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THE UTE COMMISSION.

How Indians Come to Salt Lake After Arms, Ammunition, Etc.

Salt Lake Tribune.

The secretary of the Ute Indian commission was met by a Tribune representative last evening, and having just returned from the Ute country, was asked what would probably be the result of the taking away of the military from Fort Thornburg upon the Indians, to which he replied: "Well, I have not had experience sufficient among the Utes to say; but, judging from the expressions of those who know them, there will be little to fear. The Ute commission was not agreeable to the change, and of course the Mormon settlers and others who have farms in the vicinity of Fort Thornburg, and who had derived considerable income from the sale of grain, hay and vegetables, will feel somewhat disappointed. The troops which came from Thornburg had been in the field for over a year, and as I understand it, come to Fort Douglas to winter, to perhaps return in the spring. Among the Utes there are several chronic grumblers who would have promoted trouble long ago had they any following among the natives. They may become somewhat bolder and more 'sassy.' The Utah and White River Indians cultivate considerably, and all of the Indians are much elated at the idea of having their country irrigated, as is proposed by the commission, and which has already been approved at Washington. There is not a sufficient quantity of grass and water for the Indian ponies, and if it is not provided for them they will certainly go where it can be obtained, regardless of consequences."

"Is it proposed that they shall go to farming?" "That is proposed; but it will lay aside his rifle and knife to take up the hoe and spade. It is not the nature of the native. A great many of them say they will live in a house if provided, and farm in given suitable agricultural land and the implements. The commission has recommended abode buildings for such of them as will live in a house. It has long been customary with them to burn the abode and effects of any of their number who dies, and the idea is to give them a hut they cannot destroy by fire. It takes a long time, though, to work off such superstition."

"How many do they number?" was asked. "About 3,000, including the Southern Utes. There are about 1,400 of the Uncompahgre, who are by the way, said to be pretty 'good Indians.' The Utahs and White River number about 1,600. They are all well armed, mostly with sixteen shot repeating rifles, and they have always on hand a full supply of ammunition. For the first time, I met a number of them in your city here, the other day, buying box after box of cartridges. There should be a law making it a punishable offense for any man anywhere to sell them ammunition and arms. They cannot buy on the reservation, but they can come to Salt Lake and haul away guns, cartridges, etc., by the wagon load. The law should punish the man who sells them and reward the informer. The authorities caught a man named Davis selling them 'honors' down there a short time since, and to the credit of the county, arrested him, bound him over and shipped him to Provo to be tried. The Utes become very mean when intoxicated, I am told. I have never met any of them in that condition."

"Have you seen any pretty squaws among them?" "There is the widow of the late Mr. Oursy who is pronounced good looking. She at one time lived in a house and conducted a cooking store. She has a couple of thousand dollars in money and a 900 set of silverware among her possessions, now in care of the agent at Oursy, though she has gone back to her native customs, and runs wild with her people."

"When will the commission get through?" "Congress has limited the work to a year. The money has been appropriated to improve the condition of the Utes, and no doubt in another year there will be plenty of grass and water on the reservation, and good results will follow. The present secretary of the interior is a western gentleman, who understands the condition of those Indians, and seems determined to see that they shall be justly dealt with according to the spirit and letter of the law. I see by an article reproduced in your paper that I have been promoted to 'colonel.' None of that, please. In my country they tax a man ten dollars for wearing a title he hasn't earned."

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OLD BATTLES RENEWED. The Fitz John Porter Case Exciting a Fresh Controversy Among Officers.

A communication in The Army and Navy Journal a recent date says: The society of ex-officers of the Army and Navy of Cincinnati, in the interest of truth and the vindication of history, was induced last winter to ask their vice president, Gen. J. D. Cox, to deliver an address on General Pope's campaign in Northern Virginia. In response Gen. Cox repeated, in a slightly changed form, his "Review of the report of the advisory board in the case of Gen. Fitz John Porter," which he had furnished, with injunction of secrecy, to Gen. Garfield, for confidential use in congress against Porter.

Members of the society, and other ex-officers of the army in Ohio denounced, in the press of Cincinnati, the address as ex parte, the production of an advocate, and as confusing history. And some members, in their late quarterly meeting, presented a petition and resolution asking that one of its members (Col. C. W. Moulton) address the society in reply to Gen. Cox. But the petition was refused, and a resolution (offered by Gen. Cox) was passed, virtually prohibiting a reply and the presentation of any and all productions, unless the writer had been a participant in the events he described. The same

if, passed in time, would have excluded Gen. Cox's address, as he was not in Gen. Pope's campaign; but his address, having been delivered, it was too far to expect that a reply or discussion would not have been prohibited in the society by the voices of such intelligent and prominent officers as Gen. M. M. Forbes, the president of the society and justice of the supreme court of Ohio; Gen. A. Hickenloper, a vice president and lieutenant governor of Ohio; and Gen. J. D. Cox, vice president and ex-governor of Ohio, and ex-secretary of the interior under President Grant—the last named having delivered the address to which a reply was desired.

The questions naturally arise, could these members have regretted the delivery of Gen. Cox's address, the errors of which had been pointed out to Gen. Cox by Gen. Porter, when it was in the hands of Gen. Garfield; or did they fear the effect of the truth of history as established, after months of investigation and study of all the facts, by such intelligent and experienced officers as Gen. Schofield, Terry and Getty, and promulgated at home and abroad by the historians John C. Ropes, Count de Paris, and Major F. Mangold, of the German army?

We rested until lately under the belief that the most of the important questions relating to the Pope campaign in Virginia, during the last few days of August, 1862, had been settled by the report of the Schofield, Terry and Getty advisory board; but the late refusal of the society of ex-officers of the army and navy of Cincinnati to permit a reply to Gen. J. D. Cox's address, or discussion of it, has caused members of the society to present several important inquiries in the press of that city, one of which, as to whether there was a general battle on the 29th of August, we will undertake to answer.

In proof of a general battle on that day a member of the society quotes as convincing Gen. Pope's dispatch of August 30: "We fought a terrible battle here yesterday with the combined forces of the enemy, which lasted with continuous fury from daylight until after dark, by which time the enemy was driven from the field which we now occupy." By reference to Gen. Pope's testimony before Gen. Porter's court-martial it will be seen that by "the combined forces" he meant Longstreet and Jackson," but he insisted that Longstreet's forces were not on the field till very late in the evening, and then only a very small part. In his official report Gen. Pope says: "The troops were suffered to rest in their positions and to rejoin the main body with ammunition. From 12 o'clock until 4 very severe skirmishes occurred constantly at various points on our line, and were brought on at every indication that the enemy made of a disposition to retreat."

"About half past 5 o'clock I directed Gen. Heintzelman and Reno to assault the left of the enemy." Then Gen. Heintzelman's report has a severe fight, which was followed about 6 o'clock by a part of King's division. Gen. Schurz says: "The attacks were frittered away by isolated efforts of small parties." And Gen. Heintzelman testified that the attacks were a series of "rapids" by brigades with occasionally a division.

Gen. Lee and Longstreet state that Longstreet's forces were posted on Jackson's right at an early hour in the day (29th), but were not engaged till just at dark, when Hood's division only attacked Pope; also that they held the field of battle till near day-break on the 30th, when they first drove under cover of the woods, first destroying the artillery captured from Pope.

"Another member" and "X" and "other members" seeking information through the columns of The Commercial and Enquirer, of Cincinnati, will learn much of real history if they will study the report of the Schofield board in the case of Gen. Porter, and a judicial reply to Gen. Cox would enlighten them on all points.

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SNAKES IN DEADLY COMBAT. A Terrible Battle Between a Python and an Anaconda.

Baltimore Sun. At 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning, as the private watchman at the Dime Museum was going his rounds, he had his attention attracted by unusually loud noises coming from the third story of the building. Upon hastening thither he found the python, the largest snake in captivity (seventeen feet) in deadly combat with an anaconda, twelve feet long. How long they had been fighting the watchman does not know, but he says that at the time his attention was attracted by the noise up stairs until 7:30, his hour for going off duty, they kept up a continuous warfare.

When one would miss his aim and strike the side of the cage the sound could be distinctly heard on the ground or the auditorium floor. The python, after many fruitless bouts with his opponent, seems to have gathered all his strength for a final attack, which was made. The anaconda was ready, and placing themselves in an almost upright position, they made for each other with fearful rage. After having carried on their deadly combat for fully six hours, the python made a last desperate lunge and succeeded in getting the anaconda's head in his mouth to the length of at least three feet, and holding it in this position for some time, at last commenced to coil itself around the anaconda until it actually ground and mashed the life out of it. The watchman says he never wants to witness another such a battle. He had no key to the cage, and even if he had, it is doubtful if he would have had the temerity to undertake to separate the reptiles.

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