

TWENTIETH YEAR.

NO WORD FROM THE HOSTILES

They Make and Break Promises With Equal Facility.

STRANGE SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES.

Moons of Wounded Indians Takes the Place of the Choir's Singing—What Captain Offley Saw on Craven Creek.

PIRE RIGOR AGENCY, S. D. (By Special Courier to Rushville, Neb., Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Another night of mingled anxiety and fear has passed, and a chilly, busy day has broken over the agency.

Notwithstanding the reports at headquarters to the contrary, the Indians have not come in. They have not even reached the mission, as was announced by scouts who reached headquarters last night. Indeed, so far as the best information which may now be had goes, the only reliable fact is that the Indians have started, and that is all.

In the matter of coming into the agency under the present circumstances, time is an element which does not concern the Indian. So many times has he been promised to come in, without keeping the promise, that no man can tell when the final entry will be made.

The Bee correspondent today had an interview with Father Jutz. This gentleman is the Jesuit missionary who induced the Indians to promise to come in last week. He has been in the agency since the battle of Wounded Knee. He was on the point of keeping the promise when the news of the engagement sent them flying back in fear, almost to their present quarters. Said that gentleman:

"I have so often heard that the Indians are coming in, only to be mistaken, that I should believe them no more until I shall see them." The missionary resides at the mission, about five miles from the agency. It was at this place the hostiles were to have camped last night. The gentleman, however, informs me that no Indians were within at least five miles of the place. The failure of the Indians to put in an appearance is a source of disappointment to General Miles, who had expected them this morning.

Last night the general sent a courier to Captain Offley, commanding the second battalion of the Seventh cavalry, stationed on Craven creek. The captain had been ordered to take a position between the agency and General Brodie. He, however, could not find water and was compelled to move forward to the headwaters of Craven creek.

This position was about eight miles from the agency, and afforded an excellent view of the water, the camp of the hostiles, and the camp of the agency. He could have witnessed any movement and reached this place ahead of any detachment of hostiles which might be sent against us. Captain Offley said that while he had been in camp for eight days he had not seen an Indian in the neighborhood. He had been receiving reports for the purpose of aiding in repelling a raid, which also an attack of the hostiles after the hostiles should have returned. His battalion has gone into camp with the first battalion of the Seventh, thus completing a semi-circle on the hill overlooking the friendly camp and commanding the agency. The command consists of E. Iron, Captain; S. C. Johnson, Lieutenant; R. H. Rice, Captain; Henry Jackson and Lieutenants R. H. Hare and T. Q. Donaldson, D. troop; Captain E. S. Goffrey and Lieutenants W. L. Robinson and R. H. Tompkins, G. troop; Captain W. S. Edgerly and Lieutenant E. P. Brewer and J. E. Bell.

The balance of the companies is composed of about two hundred men. In these dispatches of a few days ago, reference was made to the danger in which it was thought the Indian school at this point stood from both treachery and assault. This fact was attested by the escape last night and Friday, of seven of the girls, inmates and scholars. The names of some of these dusky fugitives are: Mary Stittinger, Julia Stittinger, a relative of the latter, and Emily Cloud, a relative of the latter. They were induced to leave by their relatives and friends who have, for some time, hung about the school grounds. Superintendent Wheeler has secured the promise of American Horse to aid him in securing the return of the runaways.

Yesterday and today was observed with but little attention to religious duties at this place. There are two churches, the Presbyterian, the pastor of which is Rev. M. Sterling, and the church of the Holy Cross, Episcopal, the pastor's name being Rev. Mr. C. Cook. In the government school religious services are held generally by the Catholics. In the first mentioned there was no divine service, the windows were barred and to the west was stationed a line of troops and adjacent were several tents of infantry soldiers. In the Episcopal church fifteen women and children lay, some at the point of death, and all in pain, the result of the fight on Wounded Knee. The pews had been torn from the structure. In the Presbyterian place on the other side of which had been the main aisle, was a mattress of horse hair, on which lay the unfortunate. The sanctuary was given up to the groaning little ones, while in the chur three hostiles moaned in misery. On the lacern were rolls of bandages, piles of lint and cloth which had served to staunch the flow of the life tide of the wounded victims. This lacern was presented to the church by the Catholic New York and at it had officiated. Rev. A. L. Southard, Rev. F. L. Washburn, Rev. C. E. Cox and Rev. E. A. Washburn. Neither of these worthy gentlemen, nor those who succeeded them, doubtless ever imagined at least one of the uses to which the desk would be put in this distant country.

The little church is of Gothic design and is beautifully hung with evergreen and Christmas trees. The period of peace and of good will, which has been made memorable by the blood, the spilling of which it witnessed. There was, of course, no service in the church but the little hospice was devoted to caring for the miserable, irrespective of membership, within its folds. In the school Father Jutz said mass and delivered a short sermon. One-half of the war prisoners were Indians, among whom was Red Cloud. The red chief knelt and rose up, genuflected and crossed himself like the other attendants which would be held an English prayer book, which of course he was unable to read. He devoted attention to the pictures of the several parts of the mass, many of which he could scarcely distinguish because of his failing eyesight. In an adjoining room the correspondent found Rev. Father Craft, who was habbed on Wounded Knee. He is recovering rapidly from his injuries, and though a weakly man, promises to survive. On his breast hung the beautiful medal of the order of Sons of the Revolution, which he had received from the commandery of New York, of which he is a member. This accolade

PENSION BUREAU TRANSFER.

Leading Friends of the Soldiers at the Head of the Movement.

BUSINESS WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED

The War Department Much Better Prepared to Do the Work—A Census Bulletin on Church Statistics.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE. 515 FOURTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11. Some of the leading friends of the soldiers have led in the movement which has been agitated in some degree in congress for several years for the transfer of the pension bureau to the war department. They contend that since the war department must furnish all the records for the pension cases it would be a great saving to give it entire charge of the pension business.

Unquestionably the pension bureau would have been taken out of the control of the interior department and transferred to the war department many years ago had it not been for the objections raised by those who would retain positions in the pension bureau. The commissioner and the various assistants would be appointed from the army without cost to the federal government, and many men who were in the interior department would be transferred to the war department. It was never contemplated by the advocates of the transfer that the clerks should be displaced. On the contrary they are to be retained and as many army officers as possible utilized in the routine work of adjusting pension claims. A brigadier-general or colonel would be assigned from an army post to take the position of commissioner of pensions, and three or four major-generals, and a large number of lieutenants, captains and lieutenants assigned to the positions of assistants, deputies, chiefs of division, clerks, etc.

Probably fifty of the higher officers in the bureau—those occupying what are now termed political offices, which are filled with every change of administration—would be displaced for assignments from the army. Then there would be hundreds of clerks, clerks from the line and staff officers, and probably a number of non-commissioned officers would be given pension office duties. In fine, the pension office force should be doubled, tripled, quadrupled, if necessary, without extra cost. The commissioner could simply say he wanted so many more clerks, the secretary of war would make the assignment, and work could be pushed as rapidly as possible.

It has been urged by men in both political parties that the adjudication of pension claims never moved forward more rapidly by the increase of the force; that the chiefs of divisions and commissioner alone could hurry the work by compelling the clerks to work faster; that the latter wanted to draw their work out as long as possible, as to keep their places perpetually. Congress has complained bitterly every time it has been called upon to increase the pension force. All these statements would be ended with the transfer of the pension bureau to the war department. Army officers would have no objection to working in the pension office, showing favoritism or being unfair in their work.

The movement to transfer the pension bureau will be made at the beginning of the next session. From the number of advocates it has now it looks as though it would succeed. I am told by a western member of the house, who was a union soldier and now a good friend of the pensioners, that if the transfer is not made by the end of the session, the pension business will be a shambles. He is authorized and directing the secretary of the interior to employ a sufficient number of clerks for the pension bureau, and to divide all the pension claims within twelve months after the passage of the act. He says it would be economy as well as justice to get through with the pension business, and those who should have pensions should have them at once, and those who are to be denied them should be notified of it as soon as possible. It will be a relief to the pensioners to completion, and the move will be extremely popular.

A NEW WAY TO SETTLE THE INDIAN PROBLEM. "If I had the settlement of the Indian question I would begin it with the dissolution of all tribal relations," said Representative Finston of Kansas to your correspondent today. Mr. Finston has introduced a bill into the house, which would dissolve all the tribal relations of the Indians in the United States, and in a few years the savages will be known only to history. Just so long as we keep the tribal relations, we will have them in the way and suffer from their troubles.

One difficulty with the Indian comes from the white man's greed of gain. We have got the idea that the Indian is not entitled to have a farm of good ground, but should be crowded clear outside the reservation. We have got the idea that the Indian is not entitled to the white man's farm in Indiana. They have the land, and if they do not choose to engage in farming the lands it is their business, not ours. We have no right to reduce their wealth, keep the peace, and give them a chance to make a living and where civilization will come to them without force or effort.

A SETTLEMENT ENDED. CANTON, O., Jan. 11.—A settlement has been effected by a number of prominent citizens guaranteeing the \$25,000 in notes held by Charles Lord, which caused the assignment of the Duober watch case manufacturing company. The notes were given Lord in consideration of a purchase of the Hampden company. All the other parties to the agreement have agreed to the terms, and the works will probably start up in a week. The assets of the company are estimated at \$100,000, and liabilities \$100,000.

A BURGlar Caught. MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Warren Major was arrested here by the city marshal today on a charge of burglarizing a hardware store at Letcher on the night of Monday last. Some of the stolen property was found on his person and he confessed his guilt.

Three Indians Drowned. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11.—White Captain Geary, chief of a tribe of Indians near here, was returning home in a canoe with another Indian and a squaw yesterday, the two boats were overturned, and the bodies of the three were drowned. They were drunk.

A POOR OPINION OF SCIENCE.

Iowa Farmers Have Some Ideas on Agricultural Education.

THEY CLAMOR FOR THE PRACTICAL.

Reorganization of the State School—Feeling Over the Indian Trade in Iowa—The Militia May Be Ordered Out.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 11.—[Special to The Bee.]—The reorganization of the faculty of the State agricultural college by the board of trustees of that institution in this city the past week has been of great interest to the many patrons of the school and friends of the college throughout the state. The work of the institution and results thereof have been hampered for a number of years by disagreements and jealousies between members of the faculty and by dissensions and strikes among the students. The inclination in the recent past seems to have been to get away from the fundamental idea on which the college was established and make it rather a scientific and technical than an agricultural school. This did not suit the farmer patrons who were educating their children there, and there was a general clamor for a more thorough agricultural course. This the board of trustees has set about to do.

Each new book offered. Mr. Sheedy reached for his revolver and fired five shots at the fellow, one of which at least took effect, as the would-be assassin dropped the cane and fled, leaving behind him a trail of blood. Sheedy could not see his assailant distinctly, but believes it to be the same one who shot at him while coming through his front gate last night, and probably the same one who stabbed him about five years ago. Mr. Sheedy is badly cut and bruised, but his injuries are not thought to be serious.

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It Will Take Time to Elect a Senator in Kansas. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Most of the alliance members of the legislature have arrived and the majority of them are in favor of a caucus to nominate a candidate for United States senator. None of them openly oppose this, but it is known that several of them will positively resist it, if governed by the caucus rule. Should they be able to muster eighty-three members, which is a majority on joint ballot, they will be defeated without any delay, but the republicans are confident that this will be impossible and that the election of a senator will not be accomplished for several days after balloting begins. No alliance candidate has sufficient strength to insure a majority of the alliance members should a caucus be held, and these already mentioned have such a rival, aroused that it will be necessary to nominate an entirely new man to secure the united support of the party.

THE FATAL CIGARETTE. It Makes Life a Burden for a Youth in New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—William Hurd, a lad of eighteen, has been under treatment in the Government hospital for lung poisoning, due to a cigarette smoking, may not recover, and is likely to be mentally weak for the rest of his life, if he does live. He began to smoke about four years ago, and in the course of time he got to smoking as many as three or four packages of cigarettes a day. The attempts of his parents to put a stop to the habit, which long ago showed itself to be prejudicial to his health, were negated by him with a cunningly used character of defiance. After acting queerly for some time, he became violent on Thursday night, and when he was taken to the hospital Friday night it was necessary to strap him to his cot to prevent him from injuring himself. His parents have now submitted, but he lies on his cot pale and thin, a pitiful object.

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THE CLEARANCE RECORD.

Financial Transactions of the Country During the Last Week.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The following table, compiled from dispatches from the clearing houses of the cities named, shows the gross receipts for last week, with rates per cent of increase or decrease, as against the several amounts for the corresponding week in 1890:

Table with columns: CITIES, CLEARINGS, PERCENTAGE. Includes cities like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

HIS PERSISTENT ASSAULT.

Third Attempt Made to Assassinate a Lincoln Man. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The third attempt to assassinate John Sheedy, one of Lincoln's wealthiest citizens, was made yesterday before 6 o'clock this evening. The assassin this time called Mr. Sheedy to the door and then attempted to brain him with a penitentiary cane, which consists of a steel rod covered with leather.

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THE EAST OMAHA LAND COMPANY'S PROJECT FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Omaha and Council Bluffs to be Asked to Vote Bonds to Aid in the Construction of Another Bridge.

Among the many gigantic enterprises and industries that are now coming to Omaha during the next twelve months, those of the East Omaha land company outrank the others.

For many months it has been known that in the near future this company contemplated the construction of an electric line, not from Omaha to Council Bluffs, but from Council Bluffs to Omaha, and an investigation followed. The facts are these:

The East Omaha company, with its large capital, aided by John A. Croighton, A. J. Poppleton and J. M. Woolworth of Omaha; Daniel Mearns of Council Bluffs and other capitalists of both cities, have arranged a plan known as the Interstate bridge and street railway company, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000, of which \$1,250,000 has been subscribed.

The officers and directors are as follows: Richard C. Cushing, president; James M. Woolworth, vice president; Henry W. Yates, treasurer; Arthur S. Potts, secretary and general manager, and George A. Fairbridge, A. J. Poppleton and Daniel Mearns.

The first work of the company will be the construction of an electric motor line extending from Council Bluffs to Omaha, and then from Omaha to Council Bluffs, and the electric works, East Omaha, to the corner of Eighteenth and Farman streets, Omaha. The line will be both an Interstate bridge and the Omaha street railway company, which will be held this morning, terminates as is now proposed.

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