

A Test of Loyalty.

We last week mentioned the fact that some of the Portland merchants in sending out their bills to creditors, endorsed upon them the words, "To be paid in U. S. gold coin," and are since informed that the legal tender notes of the government are in such bad repute below as to have already fallen to a discount of fifteen per cent. on the dollar, and that they are being hoarded about in the commercial and business circles, having been subjected, like any other circulating medium, to the scheming traffic of exchange. We are surprised to learn that a people who are inclined to boast of their loyalty to the government, who claim to be willing to "vote the last dollar and the last man" in the defense of the country, and who set themselves up as the embodiment of the purest patriotism, should upon the very first opportunity afforded to prove their professed devotion, throw off on the government, and by their refractory conduct practically nullify its provisions. We say we are surprised to learn that professedly loyal people should so readily fall into the ranks of Wall street brokers and shavers in this traitorous crusade against a species of currency which has been pronounced to be legal tender by the law making power of the country, and which therefore must obtain general circulation. And why is it that the circulation of these notes has taken in the outcast this equivocal direction? At first thought, it is difficult to determine. It is not deemed an ungodly, "wild cat" currency, for certainly Union men have faith in the final triumph of the government. It cannot be based upon any reasonable objection to paper currency as a circulating medium, because for all practical purposes the notes are just as good as the gold.

The truth is, this depreciation of the value of the notes is purely a matter of brokerage, and has had its origin among money-changers and schemers. And it is humiliating to see how pliant the American people become, and how willingly they yield to the contemptible dictum of these shabby usurers, when such conduct avoids the loss of a few dollars in business transactions. It is a burning disgrace to the nation and the people, and a most severe reflection upon their patriotism. It is not only the duty of the people to do all in their power to uphold the credit of the government, but it is their manifest interest to do so. The government becomes responsible for the redemption of every dollar of this paper, and upon the maintenance of the government and its responsibility rests the safety and success of all business operations. It would be bad enough at any time to see legal tender notes of the government brought into disrepute and discount, but at this particular time, when the nation is being straitened to its utmost tension, and when an opportunity is afforded the people to contribute to its maintenance by promptly upholding its credit, it is a most pitiful and humiliating spectacle.

Particulars of the Killing of the Grand Ronde Indians.

Corporal Almon, of Company E, has kindly furnished us the particulars of the fight between the detachment of soldiers sent out to the Grand Ronde Valley by Col. Steinberger a few weeks since, with orders to arrest and bring to the post certain leaders of the tribe of Indians who were threatening to molest and drive off the settlers in the valley. Capt. Curry reached the camp of the Indians late in the evening. They had encamped in a small valley about three miles north of the Grand Ronde, and having heard of the contemplated movement of the soldiers thither, were preparing to remove their camp to some more safe place in the mountains, when the soldiers came upon them. The Captain immediately made them acquainted with his errand, and the leaders agreed to be prepared in the morning to accompany him. Early the next morning an Indian was despatched for the horses, but was seen by one of Curry's men to drive them from the camp across a ravine near by. The Indian returned with the report that he could not find the horses. Again at Curry's request, an Indian was sent out, attended with the same result. They had now succeeded in driving the horses to a spot where they deemed them safe, when they boldly refused to comply with the agreement of the night previous. The leaders were inside of the camp, including Dreamer, the chief and two sub-chiefs of the tribe. With two or three men and ropes, Capt. Curry entered the camp for the purpose of securing them in order to bring them in by force. The moment he stepped inside, Dreamer drew a pistol and fired at him, but without effect. Almost simultaneously the Captain fired, killing Dreamer, when the chief fired an ineffective shot, and immediately received two balls from Curry's pistol. Upon hearing the firing the Indians outside, to the number of fifty or more, opened fire upon Curry's men, which returned, killing three of the Indians. Upon this the Indians hastily retreated, leaving four of their number dead and one or two wounded. After the occurrence, Capt. Curry camped two or three days at the lower end of the valley, during which time he held a "wa-wa" with some of the friendly Indians, chief Tim-ti-mah among them. They are reported to have declared themselves satisfied with the result, and no danger is apprehended of further trouble to the settlers. We understand the settlers, however, have petitioned the commander of the post to station a company of soldiers in the valley until quiet shall have been restored. There may be no danger of further depredations, but under the circumstances a descent upon the settlers is liable to occur at any time.

The Umatilla Agency.

We publish to-day a communication from Mr. Charles Goodnow, who for nearly a year past occupied the position of head carpenter at the Umatilla Agency. It will be seen that in the communication he makes several charges against agent Barnhart for defrauding the government in various transactions. Mr. Goodnow is a gentleman of unquestioned veracity, and as such the charges he now makes, or those which he may make in the future, are entitled to the confidence of the public. But the truthfulness of those he has already preferred rests not alone upon his own veracity, as he has in his possession certificates from disinterested parties known to have been cognizant of the facts, which amply attest the truth of the charges.

Believing these charges to be true to the letter, and placing confidence also in further statements made to us by reliable men touching the conduct of affairs by agent Barnhart, we are forced to the conclusion that a stupendous system of fraud and peculation has been diligently practiced upon the government by said agent from the time he came upon the reservation until he left it. In this distinguishing feature of the agent's management, he has most beautifully illustrated the truth of the statement made by Senator Nesmith in his recent speech upon the Indian appropriation bill, wherein he said: "Mr. President, if there is any one department of our government worse managed than another, it is that which relates to our Indian affairs. Mismanagement, bad faith, fraud, peculation, and downright robbery, have been its distinguishing features." Whether the Senator had his eye particularly upon agent Barnhart or not, is perhaps an open question. The fact that the statement has been so accurately verified by the conduct of said agent, looks a little significant. That Senator certainly has as intimate an acquaintance with Barnhart as did the people in general, and was entirely competent to utter a prediction which should have a literal fulfillment. Possibly other agents have had an eye to personal emoluments, but we are satisfied none of them have so such a remarkable degree as in this instance, devoted their whole energies and laid every within their reach under contribution to further their own private interest. By a system of peculation which ramified every department of the reservation, he succeeded in pocketing thousands of dollars in the brief period of eight months, at the same time only entitled to a salary of fifteen hundred dollars a year. He is charged with keeping upon the reservation an open store for trade and traffic. This is not only in violation of the law, but it is unparalleled in the experience of Indian agencies; and their management has certainly never been any too free from "frauds and peculations." From this store, he daily retailed to miners, packers and Indians, the government goods which were sent forward as annuity.

putting every dollar of the money in his own pocket, thereby cheating the Indians out of the actual necessities of life, for which they have been taught to depend upon our government, and of course swindling the government out of the amount of his transactions of this character. By this system of palpable injustice, and by the willful and uncalculated killing of one of the Indians when it was his duty to defend and protect, he has thus early brought himself to disrepute in their estimation, and to the mortifying alternative of leaving the agency for his own safety. We are informed that he does not intend to return, and for the credit of the country and the welfare of the Indians, we sincerely hope he will not. At the present time the management of the affairs of the agency is in the hands of Mr. John S. White. We shall doubtless refer to this matter in future issues, and give publication to some certificates more fully showing to the public the infamous character of this model agent's transactions.

It is to be wondered at that under such a system of management, the Indians upon our reservations have no confidence in the agents, and but little faith in the pledges of the government? Who can blame the Indians for not being satisfied with such treatment, and for desiring rather to subsist themselves upon lands which they claim, owing to these manifest frauds in our treatment of them, have never justly passed from their hands? Again, how aptly and forcibly the following paragraph from the speech above referred to applies to the management of the affairs of this agency:

In the meanwhile, the treaty stipulations in the Department of the Senate; and when, after years of "large claims in quality and quantity, if not entirely absorbed or stolen by the dishonest agents of the government, in violation of their management or delivery, the Indian, robbed of his hunting ground and his home, has seen all the vicissitudes of the white man, his sons of his virtue, and knows nothing of the government except the frauds and injustices which he has suffered at his hands, becomes a vagrant, and either from necessity, or from a desperate determination to follow his arms to fall by the more just hands for contained in the miserable wretchedness of the reservation trader.

WARREN'S DISCOVERY.

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Latest from Warren's Discovery.

Messrs. J. W. Seaman and J. Bradford, who arrived in this city on Thursday evening from the new mines south-east of Florence, have kindly furnished us the following items: There are about 200 men at work in the mines. It having been so short a time, however, since the opening of the mines that but little can yet be said in relation to the operations of miners in general. They know of some twenty claims open which were paying from one to five ounces per day. One claim on Summit Flat, owned by Messrs. J. Bradford, J. Smith, S. J. Seaman, and J. Cushman yielded in one day 82.790. They worked sixteen men and four rockers this day, the majority of the men being engaged in stripping. This claim is the richest yet struck, and is the exception and not the rule. The largest yield on this claim was forty ounces to one rocker in a half day. Miners were at work on three rockers, namely: Smith's Gulch, Warren's Gulch and Summit Flat Gulch. Reports of new diggings being found in the vicinity were every day current. Mr. Bradford was one of the discoverers of the mines, and gives his opinion that they are extensive. Of this, however, he is not prepared to speak positively. He thinks they may safely be set down as "ounce diggings." He disposed of his one-fourth interest in the claim above referred to for \$2,500.

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