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Change of Commanders on the Rio Grande.

The following order has been issued by Gen. Hancock:

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, New Orleans, La., Dec. 30, 1867.

Special Orders No. 222.

1. The 41st United States Infantry, Brevet Brigadier Gen. R. S. Mackenzie, commanding, now stationed on the Rio Grande river, Texas, will be replaced by the 26th United States Infantry, Brevet Major Gen. A. McD. McCook, commanding, as soon as practicable. The transfer will be made gradually, as the companies of the 26th United States Infantry can be relieved. Brevet Major Gen. Reynolds, commanding district of Texas, will give all the orders necessary for executing the details of this movement, and will assign the 41st United States Infantry to posts according to discretion.

On his arrival at Brownsville, Brevet Major Gen. A. McD. McCook will relieve Brevet Brigadier Gen. Mackenzie, of the command of the sub-district of the Rio Grande.

By command of Maj. Gen. Hancock.

GEO. L. HARTSUFF, Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL: NATHANIEL BURBANK, Second Lieutenant, 37th Infantry, Brevet 1st Lieutenant, U. S. A., Acting A. A. G.

The New York Times on Butler.

When Gen. Butler was sneeringly alluded to in Congress last week, as the "hero of New Orleans," he sprang to his feet and "protested once for all," saying that he was not the hero of New Orleans, but "I do claim to be the *hero of New York* in the election of 1864. They had an honest election then, which they have never had before or since." It is painful to think that there are contestants for all Gen. Butler's claims of every kind. It will be remembered, when this question was up before, that Gen. Dix put forward some claims to credit for preserving the peace in New York when it was threatened at the particular time referred to. As commander of the department, he issued all orders for the stationing of the forces, for the disposition of troops, and for maintaining order throughout the city. He never for a moment ceased his authority in these matters, even when Gen. Butler took up his quarters at the Hoffman House, and ordered several citizens to appear before him and answer for their conduct. If Gen. Butler ever did any more than this we should like him to produce the record of it, and thus give some color to his being the "Hero of New York." By the way, we remember he delivered a somewhat celebrated speech in the City Hall Park, in which he hurled certain odoriferous Chinese missiles at the heads of the Five Pointers who had assembled to smell them. Possibly it is this exploit that he alludes to.

THE LUSUS NATURÆ OF THE ALASKA COAST.—Alluding to the fisheries on the coast of our newly acquired Russian possessions, a Sitka correspondent of the Tribune, says:

I must not omit to mention the existence and peculiarities of another fish—one not mentioned in the "books"—which is found in great numbers in the coast rivers, from the Nass to the Stickeen. It is spoken of as the "oolikon" by the Hudson Bay Company, but is generally known as the "small fish" or "candle fish" by coasters. It appears annually about the first week of May, and Mr. Ainsley the pilot of the John L. Stephens, says that on some days he has known it difficult to row a boat across the mouth of the Nass river on account of the dense mass of these fish in the water. Sometimes an adverse tide or heavy wind lodges tuns of them upon the shore. The Indians know of their arrival by the flight of the birds northward. They seldom continue over fifteen days, and during this time the natives from Fort Simpson and all the adjacent regions hasten to "the feast of fat things." This fish is six to eight inches long, in form resembles the smelt, has a shining and almost transparent appearance, and of all the finny tribes is the most fat. Its fat has not the oily, rancid taste of the other fish, but has the sweet taste of fresh lard. The Indians store great quantities of it, and if well cared for it remains sweet for months. When they are dried the Indians often turn them to a novel and practical account—burn them in place of candles. They give a clear, brilliant light, and are not liable to be blown out by the wind. Mr. Manson, the superintendent at Fort Simpson, says that the tail should be lighted instead of the head, and that each fish will last about fifteen minutes. In a dark night the men who took natives for guides used to reckon a mile of travel for every five fish burned.

Another *lusus naturæ* of the Alaska coast is the mammoth crab, found in the waters of Cook's Inlet and Prince William's Sound. Were it not well authenticated, one would hardly credit its size. It measures full six feet from tip to tip of its claws. Capt. Lemanshefsky, of the Alexandria, caught eight of them, and found that he could put the bodies of only three in a barrel. The legs are about the size of a man's wrist, and are filled with palatable meat. They are not numerous. Having the structure of the common crab, their size fits them for a deeper and safe home in the ocean.

Mr. F. Poole, a wealthy Englishman, has paddled himself in a canoe, since July last, a distance of 2000 miles. He started from Liverpool, and after paddling along the coast and out in the Irish Sea for several days, he touched at many points on the Lancashire, Westmoreland and Cumberland coasts, visiting the majority of the English lakes in his frail boat. He then proceeded round the coasts of Wigtonshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Ayrshire, occasionally landing and making a geological survey of the country, till reaching the Frith of Clyde, in which he staid for several weeks, exploring the bays and lochs of the frith and of some of the western islands. Returning to Glasgow, he paddled through the Forth and Clyde Canal to Grangemouth, whence he sailed to Leith. The canoe in which Mr. Poole accomplished his voyage was built for him in Canada, by a tribe of Caughuawaga Indians, and is composed entirely of one sheet of birch bark, beautifully sewed and admirably moulded. The canoe is very light, weighing, when empty, only sixty pounds, and measures fifteen feet six inches long, with a breadth of beam of three feet six inches, and is one foot three inches in depth. In this frail boat Mr. Poole, as a geologist and mining engineer, voyaged for eight years among the rivers of British North America to the Rocky Mountains, across which he carried it, and paddled thereafter down the many streams arising on the west water-shed of the Rocky Mountains down to the Pacific. By its means he proceeded to Queen Charlotte Island, which he explored, having been the first white man who set foot on the island. During all his wanderings among the islands off British Columbia, he paddled no less than 18,000 miles, and in the course of one of his geological surveys, he was the only surviving member of a party of eighty-six, Europeans and Indians.

A BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF SNAKES CAUGHT BY A NEW YORK GIRL IN THE COUNTRY.—In August last, Prof. Agassiz sent a gentleman to the Androscoggin to collect specimens of, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. The representative of the great naturalist was taken sick, and had to go home before his mission was accomplished.

Sympathizing with his keen disappointment, a young New York lady, who was spending the summer down east, proposed to him to leave her a jar of alcohol, and she would fill it with her favorite snakes. He did so, and she sent the professor a lot of beautiful creeping things, among which there are forty-two different species of the snake genus.

She says it is the easiest matter in the world to take a snake alive, and describes the process, which is about as practicable as putting salt upon a bird's tail. There's no telling what a New York girl can't do! Forty-two snakes taken alive! Strong-minded women and weak fanged reptiles! Dr. Holmes ought to write a new Elsie Venner. She says sometimes they were so beautiful that she hadn't the heart to capture them. That once she came upon a group—a mother and her young—basking in the sun at noon.

At the first alarm, the mother opened her mouth, and all the young ones glided down her throat. After she (the lady) had concealed herself and remained for a while, the snake mother, thinking there was no longer any danger, opened her mouth and the family glided out again. She hadn't the heart to interfere with this happy family, presided over by such maternal care.

The chief engineer who is conducting the surveys for the bridge between New York and Long Island has found rock foundations for three out of four piers, without going below low-water mark. The fourth pier will stand on a rock eight feet below low-water mark. The bridge is intended to cross Blackwell's Island, in the East river, and the spans will vary between 700 and 800 feet.

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