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### A SCOUT'S FATE.

A Brother's Remains Discovered After Four Months' Search.

[Deer Lodge New Northwest, Feb. 7]

Last spring Mr. Silas Leonard, of Butte, passed through here on his way to the Yellowstone country, his errand being to discover, if possible, the remains of his brother Joseph, who had been killed by Nez Perce Indians in 1877. The brothers first came to Montana in '67. Joseph left here for Washington Territory in '69, but returned to this country in a short time. While in Helena, during the Nez Perce raid, he heard that Silas had been killed by Indians. He determined to avenge his death, and in August, 1877, went to General Sturgis and offered his services to that officer as a scout.

General Sturgis at once sent him with two others—a man named Groff and a California Indian—to the Yellowstone Park to warn tourists of the approach of the hostile Indians. While in the performance of this duty the party was suddenly surrounded by the Indians. The Indian scout was killed, Groff was shot through the neck, and Leonard's horse shot under him. He at once secured the Indian's horse and attempted to escape, but the animal was also killed before he had gone any distance. He then attempted to make for a canyon some distance away, and Groff, who, in spite of his wounds, had remained on his horse, coming up just then, Leonard mounted behind him, and the two made their way into the canyon, where they dismounted and concealed themselves in the rocks until the Indians left the vicinity. They then started for Fort Ellis, which place they reached in about a week. Groff was left there to be treated for his wounds.

On reaching the post Leonard was given dispatches by General Frost, to be conveyed by the scout to General Sturgis, who was supposed to be in Clark's Fork canyon. The troops had gone to Ruby valley, which fact was unknown to the parties sending the dispatches. Mr. Leonard went immediately to the place where he supposed he would find the command, but instead, was discovered by the Nez Perce spies, who undoubtedly saw his approach, and lay in wait for him, and he was killed by them.

On hearing of the disappearance of his brother, Silas, who was in Portland, Oregon, came to Montana and started to search for his remains, not doubting but that he had been killed. He went to the Yellowstone country, found that his brother was last seen when leaving the post with dispatches for Sturgis. He commenced his search May 28th and continued it until September 1st, when his convictions that his brother had been killed were made positive by discovering his skeleton. He was able to recognize it by the teeth, which were curiously formed, and filled in a peculiar manner with gold. He had on his person at the time between \$700 and \$900 in gold coin, which had been taken. His skeleton was found near a clump of willows near the river, and about sixty miles from the Crow agency. The flesh had evidently been eaten from the bones by wild beasts and the skeleton dragged some distance from where his clothes were found. The latter were in good preservation after having lain so long, and an examination of them showed three bullet holes—one in the leg, another through the hips, and still another through the chest. The skull also showed that the scout had been shot through the head.

In a pocket in the coat were found the dispatches given him by Major Frost for General Sturgis, and a private letter for the latter. The dispatches were destroyed only where the blood from the wound in his side had reached them, and are somewhat faded from having lain so long, but still can be easily read. A check was found torn to pieces near the spot. The pieces were gathered up and sent to Lieutenant Varnum, at Fort Lincoln, Nebraska, who recognized it as being one issued by him to Leonard. During his long and wearisome search of

over four months, Mr. Leonard discovered several skeletons, showing that his brother was not the only victim of the Nez Perces while in that part of the country. He gave all he found a decent burial. The remains of his brother he brought to Crow agency, and they were interred at that post.

### ALEXANDER'S ESCAPE.

St. PETERSBURG, April 14.—The would-be assassin of the Czar is now undergoing examination. A full official account of the affair says: Toward 8 o'clock this morning as the emperor was taking his customary walk, a respectably dressed man, wearing a military cap with cockade, advanced toward him, and as the emperor approached nearer, drew a revolver from the pocket of his overcoat and fired four shots at him. The assassin, before submitting to his captors, fired another shot, slightly wounding a person in the crowd. A great throng which had assembled, enthusiastically cheered and congratulated the emperor, who thanked them for their proofs of fidelity on such a painful occasion. He said that he knew that he had the support of all respectable people. He hoped that God would grant that he might complete his task, which consisted in promoting the welfare of Russia. The emperor, after the foregoing speech, drove to the palace without escort. Afterwards he drove without escort to Kasan cathedral to return thanks for the preservation of his life. When receiving congratulations of officials of the empire at noon, the Czar was so much overcome by his enthusiastic reception as to be unable to speak for some minutes. On recovering from his emotion he said: "This is the third time God has saved me." It is supposed the emperor's assailant took poison before his attempt, as he vomited after his arrest. Poison was also found under his finger nail. Antidotes were administered. It is thought that the man was in the employ of the ministry of finance and an agent of the internationalists. The sultan and all European sovereigns telegraphed congratulations to the Czar. The emperor's assailant gives the name of Skolof. He is a retired functionary of the ministry of finance and is about 30 years old. He fired at the emperor within two paces. After the first shot the emperor approached Skolof, who fired again and ran. Various accounts given as to the exact number of shots are conflicting. An officer of the police, with drawn sword, pursued Skolof. Three more men then joined in the pursuit. Skolof shot at them, shattering the jaw of the detective. Finally, a gentleman knocked Skolof down and held him until he was secured by the officers. One thousand one hundred and forty revolutionists have been arrested in Russia within the last fortnight.

Levi Livingston, a young man who grew from childhood to man's estate on the banks of the classic White river in King county, and afterwards fell into evil ways, has just died in the penitentiary at McNeils Island, where he was serving out a sentence for counterfeiting. He seems to have become mixed up with a gang of counterfeitters in Oregon, several years ago, who manufactured bogus silver half dollars. He narrowly escaped the penitentiary at that time, but came back to this Territory and again engaged in the illegal work, was detected and sent to prison. He was respectably connected.

It is asserted by the Cincinnati Commercial that Eads' jetties are a flat failure, and that the expenditure of \$3,000,000 has actually made the entrance of the Mississippi river no deeper than before. The statement is supported by presentation of abundant testimony, which shows that vessels drawing twenty feet passed up when there was neither dredging nor jetties, and deeper vessels cannot pass now.

### Northern Pacific Railroad.

Senator Grover of Oregon has introduced a bill in congress which proves that the time for completion of its main line shall be extended ten years upon conditions which are in substance as follows:

First, that the company shall within one year of the enactment of this bill commence work on the main line at or near Umatilla, Oregon, and complete not less than 25 miles of its road eastwardly every year thereafter, and shall construct a total or at least 100 miles of main line within two years from the same date, and not less than 100 miles of main line each year thereafter, including the 25 miles per annum expressly designated.

Second, that the main line between Portland and Umatilla shall be constructed on the south side of the Columbia.

Third, that with the exception of lands heretofore earned by the company, all agricultural lands within its grant shall be open to purchase from the company by actual settlers in tracts of 160 acres each at the price of two dollars and fifty cents per acre. Extension of the time and continuance of all former rights and franchises are also made conditional upon requirements that the company shall complete the road around the Cascades of the Columbia river within two years, and around the Dalles of the Columbia within three years from the enactment of the bill, and that in the use of these postage railroads the company shall make no discriminations or excessive charges against any person or corporation.

All lands heretofore withdrawn for the branch line are to be restored to the public domain, except for a distance of twenty miles north of the portion now completed from Tacoma to Wilkeson, Washington Territory. The bill embodies the provisions of the house bill of last year, protecting the rights of homestead and pre-emption settlements made prior to receipts of the orders of withdrawal as local land offices, and, in conclusion, authority is reserved for congress to amend or repeal this act at any time, having due regard for the rights of the company, and to provide by law against discriminations and excessive charges.

For the sake of making a point against the proposed California constitution the San Francisco Alta in a few words tells more truth about this country than it has published before during all its career of thirty years. It says: "Oregon has the capacity to accommodate ten times as many inhabitants as she receives, if they are only able and willing to hew a fortune out of her fertile valleys, her inexhaustible forests, her incomparable fisheries, or her unexplored mineral deposits. Oregon has a constitution. Her laws are equitable, stable and constant. She is not to be brow-beaten by the threats of an uninformed, irresponsible rabble. California's extremity appears to be Oregon's opportunity at this moment. Oregon has placed herself on record as a conservative, peace-preserving, property-protecting community; and, while we deplore California's present loss, we rejoice that it is our nearest neighbor's gain."

The Seattle Intelligencer says: "Mr. T. G. Wilson, who recently shipped 100 barrels of potatoes to Honolulu, per barkentine Jennie Pitts, will ship ten tons more to the same place by the Camden. Our dealers, who have invested in potatoes to any extent this season, will lose heavily. Among others, Mr. T. G. Wilson has 300 tons stored in San Francisco, unsold, and for which he can find no market. Six weeks ago, potatoes were worth 75 cents per bushel delivered here, now they are a drug in the market at from 30 to 40 cents."