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England is negotiating for a back seat among the nations, by conceding to Russia the occupation of Penjdeh. Gladstone seems blind to the tide which will carry India to the feet of the Czar. In the meantime our wheat market is quiet.

Herat has a population about equal to Minneapolis, and is on the proposed grand highway from Russia to India. It is called the Gate of India. It may be that Herat will be a name famous in history, as the scene of a mighty conflict between the despotic barbarians of Russia and the growing, liberal civilization of England.

The Indian who predicted dried up wells, waterless creeks, empty ponds, and general debility for Dakota this year, because such a season occurs every seven years, must have been on a terrible spree, and imagined in his craving for water, to cool his coppers, the exhaustion of the supply. Seven years ago there was no such aridity. Eight years ago the season was one favorable to agriculture. When Sibley passed through our county in 1863, there was a great drouth, but reckoning from that, our time has not yet come. On the other hand a dry winter is generally followed by a wet summer, and from present indications it will be the experience in 1885.

Penjdeh lies in a region claimed by Russia to have belonged to its lately conquered neighbor, the Amir of Bokhara, and therefore should be surrendered to the conqueror. This claim was disputed by the Afghans and their allies, the British, and a survey commission had been appointed to examine the ground and fix the proper boundary, an agreement having been come to that neither party should move until the question was properly settled. Whether the conflict was provoked by the Afghans, as the Russian commander alleges, or was a sheer breach of faith on the part of the Russians, as the English assert, does not much matter.

More than twenty years ago Prince Gortschakoff, speaking for Russia, said that the fleeting sand grains of the steppes were incapable of forming a frontier line, and that only the inhabited and arable part of the country would answer for a solid line of demarkation. The Russians have been pursuing that phantom "solid line" across the steppes until they have pushed across Khiva, Bokhara, and Kokhand to the mountain frontier of Afghanistan proper.

The English and Afghans were willing to compromise on a line which would give the Afghans command of the mountain passes leading into their country; but the forcible advance of the Russians has probably put an end to all discussion of the matter, and only a stubborn war will determine whether the Russians stay their course for the time north or south of the mountains, on the Turkoman side or along the fertile valleys of Herat and Cabul.—Scientific American.

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Road Petition.

Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs. To the Board of County Commissioners, of said County: The undersigned freeholders and residents along the line of the route hereinafter described do hereby petition you to cause to be laid out and opened a public road of the width of sixty feet, as follows: Commencing at the south west corner section 31, township 145 n, range 61 w, and running from thence east on township line to the S. C. & T. M. R. R., except at or near the quarter corner on section 31, township 145 n, range 60 w, make a detour of a few rods north to avoid a small lake. Also, a road commencing at the s-w corner of section 33, township 145 n, range 60 w, running north one and one-half miles to house of H. Schoonmaker, thence from quarter stake on west side of section 28 to quarter stake on east side of section 28, thence to a bridge near the center of section 27, thence to the quarter stake on east side of section 26; thence to quarter stake on east side of section 25; thence to corner stake on northeast of section 25, township 145 n, range 60 w, and thence east on section line to S. C. & T. M. R. R., except a detour to the north in crossing east bluff of the Bald Hill creek, on section 19, township 145 n, range 59 w. Peter Piro, section 28-145-60. W. S. Hyde, section 28-145-60. J. G. White, section 34-145-66. E. D. Bloom, section 36-145-60. Andrew J. Anderson, 36-145-61. Arthur L. King, section 22-145-60. Adolphus G. Lindsey. Duncan Sinclair, 30-145-59. Erik Heyerdahl, section 36-144-60. Charles H. Mosely, section 33-145-00. M. L. Michaels, section 28-145-66. Robert Martin, section 32-145-59. John Francis. Jas. A. Martin, section 36-145-60. John S. Byington, section 24-145-61.

Road Petition.

Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs. To the Board of County Commissioners of said County: The undersigned, freeholders residing within the immediate neighborhood of the route hereinafter mentioned and described for a public road, do hereby petition you to cause to be laid out and opened a public road of the width of sixty feet, as follows: Commencing at the Ottawa bridge road, about 100 rods west of s-e corner of sec. 25, town 145 range 59, thence east on the most eligible route to the side hill of the bluffs on the east side of the Sheyenne river, thence running south following as near as possible the side hills of the bluffs to the quarter post on north side of sec. 8, town 147, range 58, thence to s-w corner of section 24, as near as possible in a southeasterly direction to the quarter post on the west side of section 24, town 147, range 58, thence east to the quarter post on the east side of said section 24. And your petitioners pray that the said road may be laid out and opened according to law. Dated at Romness, this 15th day of Jan., 1885. John Hogenson, Hans E. Hohle. Peter Mathison, E. M. Milla. Ole Pendersen Overbye, Louis Anderson. Martin Johnson, Carl A. Flisseram. John J. Njont, Paul J. Nelson. Amon V. Johnson, Erick Nelson. Nele E. Nelson, Andrew Anderson. John Anderson, Knudt T. Maes. W. A. Rinde, Anonud Johnson. his mark. Ole B. Y. Olson, Glibert Olson. Bert Olson, L. Y. Rinde. T. L. Rinde, Syver Arneson.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 2, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 19th day of May, 1885, viz: Koller Berg, D. S. No. 16,523 for the n 1/2 of sec. 30, township 148 n, range 55 w, and names as witnesses, viz: Gideon Sheldon, Harry Clark, Louis Buchheit, Peter Cameron all of Willow postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 22-17 Jacobson & Ole, attorneys.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 14, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 27th day of May, 1885, viz: Benjamin F. Kuhns, D. S. No. 15,547, for the s 1/2 of s-w 1/4 sec. 2, and n 1/2 of n-w 1/4 of section 11, tp 148 n, range 60 w, and names the following as witnesses, viz: Gideon Sheldon, Harry Clark, Louis Buchheit, Peter Cameron all of Willow postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 18-18 Wm. Glass, attorneys.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., March 14, 1885. Complaint having been entered at this office by Robert Pinkerton against Frank Walcott, for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 9411, dated March 17th, 1882, upon the south west 1/4 section 1, township 148, range 58, in Griggs County, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 8th day of May, 1885, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. 12-17 E. C. GEARY, Receiver.

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