

**Letter from Fort Gaston.**  
FORT GASTON,  
Jan. 22d, 1864.

Editor Times:—Judge Carey, Sheriff  
McHown and other gentlemen of Orleans  
Bar arrived here to-day, bringing later  
intelligence from South Salmon. By  
them we learn that the Indians in their  
late raid killed six men and wounded an  
unknown number. Many Chinamen were  
killed and robbed. Two stores were en-  
tered and sacked; large amounts of am-  
munition taken among other articles.  
The stores were owned by Dunphy and  
Brown, and were located on South Sal-  
mon. The names of the killed are as  
follows, as near as I can learn: John  
Tengue, Robt. Roberts, Jesse Stacey,  
Italian Frank, George Brown, of Parker  
Creek, W. B. Lenters. Aaron Percell is  
known to be dangerously wounded.

The miners to the number of fourteen  
or fifteen banded together, as soon as the  
presence of the Indians was known and  
fought them through the greater part of  
Saturday and Sunday last. The Indians  
made three desperate charges on Salmon  
bridge, but were as often driven back by  
the sturdy miners. The Indians were fi-  
nally beaten back and scattered in all di-  
rections. Several of their number were  
wounded and three guns captured. All  
honor to the brave men of Salmon.

The band was headed by Handsome  
Billy and Ceonaltin John, Big Jim stay-  
ing behind to keep an eye to the soldiers,  
and Hosler's band. As usual the Ind-  
ians dodged around the soldiers and are  
now in the valley again.

Private Mankins of Co. B was visiting  
Mr. Jonathan Lyons, farmer of the val-  
ley, yesterday, and during his stay was  
called upon by Handsome Billy and Frank  
who at once proceeded to give him a good  
sound cursing, ending by one taking him  
by the back of the neck and the other  
bringing his gun to bear; Mankins was  
only saved by the interference of Lyons.  
Billy produced a large purse of gold dust  
and any amount of ammunition, boasting  
that he had captured the same on Sal-  
mon. Frank had received a ball through  
the left arm.

Lieut. Middleton has returned—not an  
Indian was seen. No word from Capt.  
Ouelcy. As ever,  
NEELY.

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