

GONE TO WORK RIGHT.

Wm. S. Thomas, Esq., of Dry Creek, was in town yesterday, soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of paying a volunteer company to go out under the direction of John Breckenridge, to chastise the Indians on the head waters of Deer, Mill, and Antelope Creeks. We are pleased to state that he met with very good success: the people evincing quite a liberal spirit in relation to the matter. Other papers, of like import, are being circulated in the lower part of the county, and are meeting with similar encouragement. We understand that about three thousand dollars are already made up, which will probably be increased a thousand more. Much of this amount has been subscribed by small farmers and others who are poorly able to bear so heavy a tax, but they feel that it is their only hope, in order to protect their lives and property. If they are compelled to defray the expense of this continuous warfare from year to year, it will eventually impoverish the people of the East side of the river, and perhaps compel them to abandon their farms and ranches. We still have confidence in the State Government, and believe that if there was time to spare to await its tardy action, it would still afford us the required aid; but delay would prove fatal in this instance; therefore, the people are from force of circumstances, compelled to go down into their own pockets for protection.

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it is impossible for him to render any effective service. The General has but a vague conception of the character of these Indians; two years ago, he wrote, in answer to a petition from the citizens of this county, asking for protection from the Antelope Indians, that he hoped the passage of a company of troops through our county, from Fort Yuma to Oregon, would deter the Indians from further hostilities. We can expect no efficient aid from such a source.

The only hope left this people is the one upon which they have seized, and trust to fate for better treatment in future. Were we a band of outlaws who denied the authority of the courts, or an isolated community where tax-gatherers never come, we could submit to neglect like this without a murmur, but, situated as we are, contributing, as we do, more, perhaps, according to population, than any county in the State, for the support of its Government, we feel that we are entitled to have the protecting arm of the State thrown around us.

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