

**Letter from Orleans Bar.**

ORLEANS BAR, Dec. 5th, 1863.

ED. TIMES:—At a time when the people of Humboldt and Klamath counties are somewhat exercised regarding Indian affairs it may be interesting to your readers to learn that the hostiles have made a forward movement and changed their base of operations to the Klamath. Last Tuesday the notorious "Big Jim," with whose band Capt. Ousley had the engagement at Willow creek, together with four of his warriors, marched up the Klamath in open daylight and passed within easy gunshot of the town of Orleans. They were all armed, dressed in Government clothing, and so completely did the boldness of their movements disarm suspicion that they were followed by a young gentleman formerly a volunteer in the U. S. service, who took one of their muskets and very much to their disgust, commenced putting them through the manual. Information from the Klamath's soon enlightened the community with regard to their true character and a company of citizens under Mr. T. H. Rector started after dark and followed them to the mouth of Salmon, arriving there just in time to see the house of J. M. Sims in flames and to see the red devils fire a few parting shots after setting fire to the bridge crossing the Klamath at that point. On Wednesday Lieut. Hempfield arrived from

Fort Gaston with a detachment of C. M.,  
and although as usual the enemy was  
not to be found, Maj. Taylor has the thanks  
of this community for the promptness  
with which he responded to our call for  
assistance. Several cabins have been  
broken open and robbed within a few  
days and although the majority of the  
Klamath tribe are well disposed towards  
the whites it is feared that there is a suffi-  
cient number of disaffected Indians among  
us to bring on a general war.

In haste, A. A.

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