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Latest from the Indian War.

On Wednesday morning last we gave the general outlines of a skirmish which took place on the morning of the 3d inst. between the whites and Indians on the Cosumnes. We also gave the names of two or three who were killed during the engagement. We are now able to lay before our readers more definite information with regard to the skirmish of the 3d, as well as news of a skirmish which took place on the morning of the 4th, in which Lieut. Col. L. H. McKinney was wounded.

Capt. Stewart, of Company A, arrived in town yesterday with despatches from Col. Rogers for Brig. Gen. Wiun. Capt. Stewart brings the mournful intelligence that the wounds of Lieut. Col. McKinney were so severe as to cause his death. It seems that he was pierced in the breast by an arrow, but that he had sufficient strength to catch, and hold the Indian who shot the arrow until a young man could come up and kill the Indian. Col. McKinney died in about three hours afterwards. His body was carried to Coloma, where it was deposited in the grave with martial honors.

The following is the despatch from Col. Rogers giving an account of the severe skirmish that took place on the 3d inst.

HEAD QUARTERS, }
Johnson's Rauch, Nov. 4, 1850. }

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I now report to you of a severe action having taken place on the morning of the 3d inst., (yesterday) which lasted for five hours, in which we had but ten men engaged, and the enemy numbered at least one hundred and fifty, and all well armed, that is with rifles and shot guns. Of the Indians there were fifteen killed on the field, and from the numerous trails marked with blood, there must have been a great many very severely wounded. On our part we had two killed, Hugh Dixson, (a Delaware Indian) Calvin Evarts, and one dangerously wounded, the well known guide of Col. Fremont, Capt. Francisco de Allison. The party engaged have served through the whole campaign, though through some neglect, as they were on detached service, their names were not entered on the muster rolls forwarded yesterday. That the men behaved with the greatest coolness and bravery, you can easily presume, from the large odds against them and the duration of the battle.

We are now satisfied that there are white men amongst them. There was one killed in the party that attacked us yesterday. The Indians are rising in all parts of our neighborhood, and I am determined to put them down.

I am sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM ROGERS,
Colonel Commanding.

To Brig. Gen. A. M. Winn, Sac. City.

The following is the report of Maj. E. W. Boons, giving an account of the skirmish on the 4th.

CAMP COSUMNES, Nov. 4, 1850.

Sir: I have the honor to report to you of an action with a party of Indians, number not known, having taken place this morning, between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock, near the north bank of the south fork of the Cosumnes river. Owing to the roughness of the country, and the difficulty of marching troops with any degree of rapidity encumbered with provisions, &c., our foes made good their retreat, with the

exception of one, who was killed by Lieut. Col. L. H. McKinney. I regret to say that that officer was very dangerously wounded in the skirmish. One private, of the mounted company, was also slightly wounded.

We are fully satisfied that we are in the vicinity of a large force, and expect to come up with and punish them in two days, at the farthest.

Two stolen horses were taken, and from what information we can gather, they doubtless have a large quantity of stolen animals

I have the honor to subscribe myself, &c.,
E. W. BOON, Major Comd'g.
To Col. Wm. ROGERS,
Comd'g. El Dorado Co. Forces.

A CASE OF STABBING.—A man named Davis, who has a rancho and lives on the opposite side of the river, stabbed a man by the name of Wm. B. Raney on K street, a few doors above sixth, yesterday evening, causing almost instant death. From what we have been able to gather, it appears that Raney and another person had left mules in the corral of Davis, the day before; and yesterday, a third person came along, claimed the mules and said they were stolen. Davis and the claimant crossed the river for the purpose of finding the persons who had left the mules, and recognizing Raney, charged him with having stolen them. A few words passed, followed by blows. It appeared by testimony before the Coroner, that Raney struck the first blow. After a few blows had passed the deceased put his hand in his breast, and Davis supposing he was getting a deadly weapon, drew a large knife and stabbed him in the left breast, when Raney fell and in about twenty minutes expired. No weapons of any kind were found on his person.

Davis gave himself up to Justice Bullock, but that officer was compelled to hold over the case until this morning.

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Wm. B. Raney, crossed the plains this year; he was twenty-five years old, and resided in Hartsville, Sumner county, Tenn. The remains are at the Coffin Wareroom of Mr. Yeomans. The funeral will take place to day at 12 M. His friends are invited to attend.

COUNTRY McCLUSKY.— The papers below are awarding high praise to Mr. McCleester for his efforts in relieving and curing patients attacked with cholera.

GRAND LODGE—The Grand Master, by an advertisement in another column, appoints the fourth Tuesday in November inst. for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of California. The session takes place in this city.