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The military force under Col. Rodgers was disbanded at Placerville, on Friday last. An attempt was made to cross over the spurs of the mountain to the emigrant road, but the Colonel was compelled to abandon that route on account of the snow. We have been informed that a number of scouting parties were daily dispatched from the main body, some of whom had sharp skirmishes. After a skirmish one of the Delaware braves (attached to Col. R.'s force) came into camp with six feathers in his cap, indicating that he had dispatched six of the Indians.

It will be observed that the miners in Grass Valley take a different view from that of the "Times," concerning the Indian affairs in that section of the country. They, it is presumed, are well informed with regard to their situation and wants, and do not desire the impertinent intermeddling of those who do not and cannot know anything of the condition in which the frontier towns are placed.

As far as can be ascertained, fifty-nine Indians have been killed by the troops in their different skirmishes.

Col. Rogers has succeeded in driving the troublesome Indians from their large rancherias back into the mountains, where it is impossible, on account of the necessary expense that will be incurred, and the difficul-

pense that will be incurred, and the difficulty of transmitting provisions through the snows, to reach them.

The probability is that since the force is disbanded, the Indians will return from their fastnesses, and that during the winter we shall hear of frequent depredations and murders committed by them. Mr. Johnson, foreseeing this, has procured several of the Delawares and a number of whites to remain on his ranch, where he intends protecting himself, irrespective of any government assistance. The people of Grass Valley, as is stated in another column, are preparing also to protect themselves through the winter. Some of the Indians have probably been driven South, whence we have received news of murders which they have committed.

It is very desirable that a force should be kept in El Dorado county, and a military post established there. The State can not be expected to incur the heavy expense incident upon this, and steps should be taken by Gen. Smith towards extending the protection of Government troops to American citizens while laboring in the mines.

The probability is, that such will be the insecurity of life and property in the frontier mines at the heads of the Mokelumne, and north to the heads of the American, that the mineral resources of that section of California will not be as fully developed this winter, as has been anticipated. Many miners who intended to spend the winter there have already left.

THE PRESS OF OREGON.—Nothing is a stronger indication of the effect which California is having upon Oregon than the general increase and prosperity of the press of

eral increase and prosperity of the press of that Territory. The Oregon Spectator, the oldest established paper there, is flourishing finely under its new administration, and comes to us loaded with facts and news which give us an insight into the general condition and prosperity of the Territory. Nor is its companion, "The Western Star," behindhand in this respect. The Star, by the way, is a new paper, vol. 1 no. 1 of which is before us. It is edited by John Orvis Waterman Esqr., and published weekly at Milwaukie by Mr L. Whitcomb. It comes out under the Democratic banner, (as the phrase goes) and as a Democratic sheet we cordially extend to it the right hand of fellowship. May the Star, the News, and the Transcript long labor together for the prosperity of that great country upon the Pacific which is yet in-embryo.

The Star informs us that the material for the new Whig paper to be called "The Oregonian," was in the river near Portland. We may expect to see the marks of Dryer's pen soon.

The Spectator says:

IMMIGRANTS IN THE MOUNTAINS.—From some of the immigrants who have just arrived, we learn that there were some fifty wagons and teams in the mountains. We regret, very much, that during the snow-storm of last week, a large number of the cattle belonging to the teams perished. The snow fell to the depth of 10 inches, which so completely covered up the little grass there was, and which, together with the fatigue incident to traveling, proved too much for the weak condition of the stock; many of them sank down, never more to rise to the bidding smack of the well applied thong of the hardy and wayworn traveller.

Relief meetings have been held in Portland and other places, to send the immigrants assistance.

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“ Milwaukie, as a town, is but little more than one year old, and numbers more than five hundred inhabitants, with fair prospects of a rapid increase. There is in this place, a good school, post-office, tin-shop, three stores, printing office, warehouse, three taverns, two saw-mills, a saw-mill and grist-mill being built, also a steamboat for the river navigation between Oregon City and Pacific City, touching at every point where there is business.”

PLENTY OF EMPLOYMENT.—The planking of K street will give immediate employment to a large number of laborers. The contractor, we understand, had made calculations to be ready to go to work as soon as the Council gave him authority, and hence will be ready with a large number of hands this morning. He will doubtless require an immediate reinforcement, and those who wish employment should apply early, to be sure of success. The work will probably be commenced in several places simultaneously.