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TWO WEEKS LATER FROM OREGON.

[PER ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS.]

The steamship *Peytona*, Capt. Sampson, arrived last evening, from Oregon, bringing us full files of papers to the 27th ult.

The following is her

### Memoranda.

Steamer *Peytona*, Capt. Sampson, crossed the Columbia river bar at 8 A. M. on the 1st, arrived at Port Orford at 8 A. M. on the 2d, left at 9; reached Crescent City at 4 P. M., left at 6; arrived at Trinidad at 10, left at 11; reached San Francisco at 8 P. M. on the 31. Running time 50 hours.

### Passengers.

Mrs J Perkins and child, Mrs Lance, Mrs Church, E S Dill and wife, McLaughlin, J Stansfield, J Wright, S Meyers, J A Wilt, J Delpe, J T Dow, H B Dow, J M Crowell, Dr Steinberger, S Frabu, W S Fitch, W F Whitesides, S B Pontner, J Wilkinson, M James, Capt. Van Bergeu, J S Pittell, and 54 in the steerage.

The regular political campaign has commenced in earnest.

An agricultural society is about to be organized.

The weather still continues cool, with an occasional "streak of sunshine," denoting that the bright orb of day is still rolling on, notwithstanding the cloudy and disagreeable atmosphere of the past week.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**—Gen. Palmer, the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon and Washington, has just returned from a visit of near two months among the Indians. He informs us that he succeeded in getting all the Indians in the Rogue River vicinity to go on to the reserves under the treaty, with the exception of Tipsey's band. From Deer Creek and Illinois River the Indians have all removed; and there is now no tribe or band between Jacksonville and Crescent City. He found the Indians on the Coast rather quiet. On the Coquille River, however, there had been some disturbance, in which two whites and several Indians were killed. The real murderers were afterwards found, and after trial hung.

He left Mr. Parish, Indian Agent, with his party, at Port Orford. He met 200 Port Orford Indians in council. The chief complained that the whites ill treated their women, by coming about their lodges in the night, and, in case of denial, the whites would threaten to shoot them.

case of denial, the whites would threaten to shoot them. At Gen. Palmer's request, Gen. Wool has detached 24 men for Port Orford to keep the rowdies quiet. He thinks the number of Indians in the Port Orford district does not exceed 2000.

**LIEUT. MULLEN AND PARTY SAFE**—A rumor was put in circulation that Lieut Mullen and party, who were engaged in the Northern Pacific railroad exploration, had been killed by the Blackfeet Indians. We are glad to be able to state that the rumor is without foundation.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS.**—On Saturday last, two Indian boys of the Shasta tribe brought two scalps into town, and exhibited them to the Indian agent, representing them to be the scalps of old Topsy and his son, whom they said came to the cave on the evening previous with the horses which were stolen a few nights before, and some of the plunder that was taken on the Siskiyou mountain, when Mr. Gates was killed. They said that Topsy proposed to join them against the whites, and that they killed him—that they have the stolen stock, and are willing to give it up. It is very much doubted by many as to the scalps being those of Topsy and his son, but it is certain that they were a part of the party who committed the depredations on the Siskiyou mountain, as they were tracked to the spot and the horses found, by the U. S. troops and the De Chute Indians. This transaction, and the promise of Shasta Bill to give up the man who committed the recent depredation on the river, dissuaded Lieut. Bonycastle from pitching into the Shasta's; and he returned to Fort James, with the understanding that the culprit was to be delivered to him at that place.

On Tuesday night, Capt. Goodall, Mr. Wm. S. Mendenhall and Mr. Coffin, went to the Cave for the purpose of bringing the Shasta's in. On Wednesday afternoon, near the ferry on the Klamath, the Shasta's were attacked by a party of whites from Cottonwood and the De Chute Indians, in which skirmish Shasta Bill and two other Indians, and one white man by the name of Crary, were killed. The De Chute Indians are said to have taken the plunder of the Shasta's, some squaws and children, and fled for their country. If this is the case, they are a brave (?) set of warriors—and their war dance more hideous than their war.

The remainder of the Shasta's are said to be without provisions or camp equipment of any kind, and have taken the war path against the whites.—*Yreka Herald.*

**FIRE.**—A small house belonging to Mr. Coggeshall, situated on the San Pablo road, about three miles from Oakland, was destroyed by fire on Monday last. The cause was accidental and the loss but trifling.

**MR. WEBSTER'S ESTATE.**—According to an advertisement in a Concord, N. H., paper, Geo. W. Nesmith, Esq., of Franklin, (Old Salisbury,) is appointed a "Commissioner to allow the claims of creditors against the estate of Hon Daniel Webster," which is decreed to be administered as an insolvent estate!