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Later from Oregon.

The steamer *Columbia*, Capt. Dall, arrived at this port, yesterday morning, bringing Oregon papers to the 27th ultimo.

The papers speak of the prospect of a general war with the Indians. Murders of whites by Indians, and Indians by whites are not unfrequent. It was generally believed, Judge Hays informs us, that not less than eight white men had recently been murdered by the Indians, on the route from Puget Sound to the Colville mines. The only name mentioned is that of Mr. Mattice, of Columbia.

The *Oregonian* has the following version of the Rogue River disturbance, something of which has been heretofore published:—

About thirty miles from Port Orford, an Indian shot a white man, whereupon the whites in the neighborhood assembled together and demanded the Indian of a sub-Indian agent who had him in charge, to be delivered up to them. The agent refused, but surrendered him up to a justice of the peace for examination. After the examination, which resulted in committing the Indian for trial, a constable with a party of U. S. soldiers under command of a non-commissioned officer, started with the Indian for Port Orford in a canoe. On their way they were met by a party of white men in another canoe, going up to the council ground where the white man had been shot. The white men suspecting that this canoe contained the Indian who had shot the white man, hailed her and requested those on board to stop. The constable and officer in charge of the Indian refused and peremptorily ordered those hailing them to be off. At this juncture, some one in the canoe containing the white men shot the Indian prisoner who was sitting near the constable having him in charge, killing him instantly. The soldiers were then ordered to fire upon the white men, which

men ordered to fire upon the white men, which they did with effect, killing three of the party; the rest escaped to the shore.

Governor Stevens had reached Fort Benton. The rumors of his massacre believed to have been started by the Indians.

The news from the Colville gold mines is to the 27th August. The latest reports are more favorable, representing the gold diggers as doing tolerable well.

The military expedition under Major Haller had returned to the Dalles. The expedition was sent out by the government at home for the purpose of chastising those blood-thirsty Indians who committed the inhuman butchery of the Ward family and party, on the plains near Fort Boise, last year. They captured ten of the murderers, tried and hung four, shot three, wounded one, and brought in two prisoners.

The rate of taxation in Oregon this year is ten cents on each \$100 of valuation.

Miss Pellet is lecturing in Oregon.

The grasshoppers are making sad havoc with the orchards and cornfields in parts of Benton county.

The official vote of Washington Territory, as proclaimed by Gov. Mason, is for Delegate to Congress, J. Patten Anderson, (Dem.) 857; William Strong, (W. & K. N.) 682; Joseph Cushman, (Freesoil,) 44.

On the Prohibitory Liquor Law the vote was as follows:—

Against Prohibitory Law	650
For Prohibitory Law.....	564

The entire vote of the territory, distributed over fifteen counties, is 1502. Rather small vote.

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