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**SATURDAY MORNING OCT. 20, 1855.**

**SUMMARY OF FORTNIGHT'S NEWS.**

Among the events most deserving of notice—certainly the most important—the Indian troubles at the North stand prominent. It is estimated that fifty white men have been killed in Rogue River Valley within the past two weeks. This may be an exaggerated estimate, but the names of many murdered men are given, and the ascertained facts are sufficient to give ground for serious alarm. Two battles are recorded. In the first, forty Indians were killed, together with Major Lupton, who commanded the volunteers fighting against them; and in the other, thirty Indians, and ten United States soldiers. Disturbances with the Indians exist throughout the extreme Northern portion of this State, in Oregon and in Washington, and it is manifest to every mind that they have combined together for the purpose of killing the whites, and the knowledge of this has driven the whites to a determination to “exterminate” the Indians. The result is easily foretold, but humanity shudders at the bloodshed which precedes it.

The mining news is interesting. Wherever water can be obtained the miners have been unusually successful. Some astonishing strikes are mentioned. The quartz mills are doing better than ever, and some of the tunneling operations in the vicinity of Iowa Hill are too marvelous to be detailed.

The *John Hancock* brings later news from Petropouloski and the Amoor river. The Russians were in great force on sea and land, and anxious to meet the Allies. The English fleet had endeavored to enter the Amoor, but failed in finding the passage. The British steamer *Baracouta* had captured the Bremen brig *Greta*, on which were 140 Russian officers and soldiers. The *Greta* was taken