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Further from the War in Rogue River Valley.

Another Battle!—Five more Men Killed.

Rhodes & Lusk's and Cram, Rogers & Co's Express Messengers arrived in town on Wednesday evening, bringing a week's later intelligence from the seat of War. We append the following portion of a letter written us on the 18th from the scene of difficulties:—

On Tuesday last, 22 men from Capt. Goodall's company, started under command of Lt. Ela, as a scouting party. They encountered Sam's tribe in Elm Valley, on Evan's creek. Sam had about 100 warriors, nearly all mounted, and armed with rifles. Lt. Ela seeing his inferior force retreated, at the same time sending an express to Col. A'den's command for a reinforcement of men. From the first position taken by Lt. Ela, they were obliged to fall back some 200 yards, leaving their horses, baggage, and everything but their arms behind. The Indians continued a hot fire upon them for over three hours and a quarter, and succeeded in completely surrounding them. But for the timely arrival of J. D. Cosby's men, there would not have been a man left! The whites lost two men on the first fire, and had two more wounded. In all there were five men killed dead on the field, and three badly, though not mortally, wounded. Those killed were, Isham P. Keath, the only son of a very highly esteemed lady in Yreka; a German named L. Stockberg; Albert Douglass, from Ohio; J. C. Coleman; and Francis Perry, from St. Louis, Mo. Those wounded are Lt. Ela, shot through the hand; James Carroll, shot through the thigh; and a man by the nickname of "Greasy John," shot through the hip.

Sam, the Indian Chief, thinks he is sufficiently strong to clear the whites out of the valley. He mounted the best horse taken from the

the mounted the best horse taken from the whites, and was commanding his men like a Tecumseh. Col. Alden intends to divide the command, and make an attack soon.

When I get an hour or so, I will write the particulars of our whole war.

The *Herald* has the following paragraphs relative to two gentlemen engaged in the fight:—

We learn that Isham Keath, just before he fell, shot an Indian dead at a distance of two hundred yards.

We understand that our townsman, G. W. Tyler, is one of those that are wounded, and that he fought like a tiger.

We are indebted to Adams & Co. for the following paragraphs from a private letter of a subsequent date to the above.

The whole force of our army is now on the Indian trail, and it is supposed they will have a severe battle in a few days.

A treaty is about being concluded between the citizens of Yreka and the Indians in this valley. There will be no danger traveling hereafter, between this place and Shasta.

A portion of the Shasta tribe have come into camp in Rogue River and given up their arms.

THE WORLD IS GIVEN TO LYING.—A writer in the Union, hailing from Tehama but living in Shasta, in illustrating the effect of the Legal Notice Law, says that the Constable of French Gulch had posted notice of sale of a mule, to satisfy an execution, on a tree in the Gulch, and was going to sell without publishing in the *Courier*. He says:

I called the attention of the Constable to the fact that he had violated the law, and advised him, before selling the mule, to have the notice of sale published in the *Courier*, the "legal" paper for Shasta, Trinity, Siskiyou, Humboldt and Klamath. He took my advice, repaired to Shasta City, sixteen miles distant, and gave his notice to the editor. Now comes the beauty of the law. The Constable got to the office on Friday, after the type was set for printing the