

confidence in the integrity of Mr. Sprague, although he may not carry out our views in every vote which he may give.

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GEN. WOOL.—We have been informed that it is the intention of the old veteran, Gen. Wool, to visit every military post in California and Oregon during the approaching summer. We are rejoiced to learn this fact, as we are persuaded he can only by personal observation, gain much of the information so important for him to know, in regard to the relative condition of the Indians and whites in this and other portions of his command.

From the same source we learn that Colonel Wright, commander of Fort Reading, has been ordered to make a reconnoissance of the Pitt River country, with a view to the establishment of a military post in the very midst of the numerous warlike bands of savages inhabiting that section of our county. The actual presence of a proper military force in the heart of the Pitt River country, would without fail prove a certain check upon the thieving excursions of those savages. The establishment of Fort Reading on Cow Creek was a great mistake—a mistake which, united with the neglect of Government to furnish the officers of that post with any practicable force of men, has thus far resulted to the serious injury of our citizens, as well as to the discredit of the military. Col. Wright, when called upon for assistance against the Indians, has seldom been able to comply, for the simple reason that he had not the force at his command. This state of things we have been assured, however, will soon be obviated.

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THE STEAMBOAT COMBINATION.—We understand that the owners of the steamboat *Shasta*, which we announced last week was to run to