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By the Steam Ship Columbia, we have news to the 26th ultimo. From the *Statesman* we clip the following:

**SERIOUS OCCURRENCE.** General Palmer passed through Servalles yesterday. He has effected treaties with all the Southern Indians.

From him we learn of the following melancholy occurrence. On the 26th ult., at the mouth of Rogue River, an Indian shot and wounded in the shoulder a miner of the name of James Buford.—The Indian was arrested by Ben Wright, Indian Agent, and examined by a Justice and bound over. The miners were anxious to lynch the Indian, and declared their purpose to do it. U. S. troops were sent for to assist the officer, and eleven men were sent down. With them the Indian was placed in a canoe, to be taken to the Council ground, and from thence to Port Orford to await the sitting of the Court. It was about dark that the canoe started up the river. They had not been gone long before another canoe was heard approaching them, in which the forms of three men could be distinguished. They paddled alongside and fired, killing the Indian in custody and another Indian that was paddling. The soldiers then fired upon the attacking canoe, and killed the three men instantly. They proved to be James Buford, who was shot by the Indian, Mr. Hankins, partner of Buford, and one O'Brien—trader. The last named had a wife at Whalesburg, at the mouth of Rogue River.

An inquest was held upon the bodies of the three men. Great excitement prevailed among the citizens.

**LATEST NEWS FROM GOV. STEVENS.**—W. H. Pearson, Esq., of the Government express, arrived in this city on Thursday last, direct from Fort Benton, which place he left on the 30th of August. Mr. P. has made the trip from the Dalles to Fort Benton and back to this city, a distance of two thousand miles, in thirty-five days. Gov. Stevens and party were all well, and would remain at Fort Benton until the arrival of the supplies and goods, sent out as presents to the Indians. Commissioner Cummings arrived at Fort Benton from St. Louis, *via* Yellow Stone river, on the 10th of August. A party had been sent out to invite the Crow tribe to the council ground, with the view of making a treaty between the Crows and the Blackfeet, Grosventres, Pagans, Bloods, &c. The Blackfeet, as is well known, have for a long time been at war with all the neighboring Indians, as well as hostile to the whites.

Mr. Pearson thinks the prospects of a treaty with the Blackfeet are favorable.