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Indian Outrages in Oregon **Fifty Whites Murdered.**

The news from Oregon and Northern California is terrible. The *Yreka Union* comes literally loaded with accounts of bloody rencounters between the whites and savages, and of brutal outrages committed by the Indians, indiscriminately upon men, women and children.

A train having been robbed on the summit of the Siskiyou mountains, and a number of persons, including several women and children, having been murdered, a party of white tracked the perpetrators up Butte Creek and thence to the Reservation, where they surrounded the savages on the night of the 7th inst., and on Monday morning at day light a deadly fire was opened upon them, killing about thirty Indians, together with a few of their squaws and children. Ten whites were wounded, all slightly, with the exception of Maj. J. A. Lupton, whose wounds are thought to be dangerous.

The following appalling news furnished the *Union* by Messrs. Patterson and Thompson, is the latest information from Rogue River Valley:

On Tuesday morning, 7th inst., a large party of Indians collected and started down Rogue river, killing every white man who happened to fall in their way. At Evans' Ferry they found two or three men whom they murdered, and then left the river for Waggoner's, on Louse Creek. Just before they reached W.'s they were met by a party of packers with a large train, who saw from their appearance that there was something wrong with them. Presently the Packers looked back and saw Waggoners' barn on fire, and heard the screams of women and

children in the house; they then cut loose their packs and ran for their lives—the Indians pursued them closely, killing one of their mules.

They counted in their flight the bodies of 17 white men who had been murdered along the road. Many of these were teamsters, and their loads had been scattered in every direction by the Indians, in searching for ammunition and liquor. From Waggoner's it appears that the Indians, now nearly all drunk, again started down Rogue River, burning and murdering as they went. On Wednesday they were overtaken by Maj. Fitzgerald with 80 men, and a battle fought, in which 30 Indians and 10 soldiers are reported to have been killed.

Mrs. Waggoner and child were murdered, and five other families along the route pursued by the Indians are said to have shared the same fate. The whole number of whites who have fallen, from the best accounts, is between 30 and 50.

We also have news by way of Portland, to the effect that Major Haller has been surrounded by the Indians at a point about 25 miles from the Dalles. Haller's position is upon a hill, with ravines and brush around him. His troops and animals have been without water for 48 hours. The Indians are constantly firing upon them. He was enabled to send a messenger through the camp of the Indians in the night, who safely reached the Dalles. Lieut. Day was to leave at once for the seat of war with the remaining force at the Dalles, numbering about 150 men.

Maj. Haller it is said, has made a call upon the Governor for 1000 men. This we think is doubtful.

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