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### **Wholesale Massacre of Whites by Indians ---Fifty Killed.**

In addition to the startling intelligence received a few days since of murders committed in the northern portion of the State by Indians, the Yreka *Union* of Saturday, furnishes us with the subjoined painful information. It appears that nought save extermination is in store for the savages of that section of country:

On Tuesday morning, 9th 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 Waggoner'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 Waggoner's barn on fire, and heard the screams of women and children in the house. They then cut loose their packs and run for their lives. The Indians pursued them closely, killing one of their mules.

They counted in their flight the bodies of seventeen 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 Major 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 already fallen, from the best accounts, is between 30 and 50.

#### Later from Mexico.

A correspondent of the *Alta* writing from the City of Mexico, September 29th, says:

I can give you to-day a more complete picture of Mexican politics than in my last letter.

The different parties have stopped in their career to upset the Provisional Government, and appear quietly to submit to the election of a President, which has to take place by the convention convoked for the 4th October at Guernavaca. The respective decree is signed by Gen. Alvarez, who certainly preferred this small town to the city of Mexico, where his personal influence would have been entirely lost.

The different candidates proclaimed are:

Gen. Alvarez, now at Iguala.

“ Comonfort, now at Guadalajara.

“ Harooy Tamaris, now at San Luis.

“ Melcher Campo, now at Monterey.

“ Santiago Blanco, now at Guanajuato

“ Manuel Robles, now in this city.

“ M. R. Palamos, now in this city.

“ Licenciado la Llave, now at Vera Cr'z.

Of all these candidates, I think Comonfort has the best chance, being sustained besides by the principal papers in this city; however, he is a new man, and only known by his energy during the late revolution. His enemies had brought out a fulminating accusation, making him and Alvarez participators in a premeditated sale of some departments to the United States. But Gen. Alvarez on one side, and the American Minister on the other, have published long manifestoes, calling said assertions vile calumnies, and Mr. Gadsden finished his declaration in the following forcible manner, saying: “The diplo-