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The Oregon Indians.

Mr. Skillman, of this paper, writing from Yreka on the 29th, gives the following latest advices in regard to the movements of the United States troops, now on the war path against the Rogue River Indians.

Maj. Fitzgerald and Capt. Smith are both in the field hunting the hostile Indians of Rogue River valley. There are also some volunteers on the road which leads from Rogue River through the Cañon into the Umpqua valley.

The last attack by the Indians, of which reliable accounts have been received, was made upon Lieut. Kants and ten men under his command, while exploring for a trail or road from some point on the Coast (perhaps Port Orford) to the Rogue River valley. They were attacked about 40 miles from Fort Laue. An express was sent into the Fort from Lieut. Kants, saying that two of his men had been killed and himself shot, the ball striking a memorandum book in his breast pocket, doing no serious injury.

When Mr. K. fell the remaining eight men took to flight and the Indians drove off all his animals, with provisions, &c.

It is reported (doubtful) that a pack train bringing the goods of Messrs. Maury & Davis, of Jacksonville, to that place, was attacked, and two men with the train were killed, and about seventy-five mules and as many or more loads captured by the Indians.

From the last Yreka *Union* we have news of startling interest in regard to Major Haller. His troops, after being surrounded in the Yakuna Indian country, fought for fifty hours against an

overwhelming body of savages. They then charged through the savage horde, and retreated to the Dalles, with the loss of all the animals, provisions and camp equipage belonging to the expedition. One cannon was spiked and left behind.

In the battle and retreat, nearly one-fifth of Maj Haller's force was either killed or wounded.

The Indians are represented to be well armed, brave and resolute, and far more numerous than had been supposed.

Lieut. K. says many of the Indians were mounted. They had previously murdered three men on Cow Creek.

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