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FOR THE SCENE OF WAR IN OREGON.—Gen. Wool, accompanied by his staff, and the disposable U. S. troops in the State, left on the 5th for Oregon on the steamer *Columbia*. The *San Francisco Herald* gives the following arrangement of the campaign, together with the names of the officers who are to conduct the formidable war which now rages in Oregon:

The forces under Gen. Wool is to be concentrated at two points—one division, the operations of which Gen. Wool will direct in person, at Fort Dalles—and the other at Fort Lane.—The General proceeds from this place on Tuesday, on board the steamer *Columbia*, for Fort Humboldt, and thence to Fort Dalles, from which point he will direct the operations against the enemy. He takes with him the company stationed at the Presidio, under command of Capt. Keyes, and another company from Fort Humboldt. The General is accompanied from this city by Major Cross, at the head of the Quartermaster's Department; Major Townsend, Assistant Adjutant General; Captain Gram, Topographical Engineers; and Lieutenants Bonnycastle and Arnold, his immediate Aids. Large quantities of ordnance, subsistence and Quartermaster's stores, are being speedily shipped on board the *Columbia* for the use of the expedition.

There will be then concentrated at Ft. Dalles the following force: the company from the Presidio; a company of the Fourth Infantry from Fort Humboldt; one company of the First Dragoons, under command of Major Fitzgerald, who proceeds from Fort Lane to join the expedition; and all the disposable force of the district comprising Fort Vancouver and Fort Dalles, under Major Raines, who has already taken the field.

For operations against the Rogue River and neighboring Indians, there will be concentrated at Fort Lane one company of the Fourth Infantry, under Lieutenant Underwood, who has orders to proceed from Fort Reading to that place; one company of Dragoons, under Capt. Smith, and one company of the Fourth Infantry, commanded by Captain Judah, who is

already in the field.

The utmost activity prevails at Benicia in the embarkation of mules, horses, stores, etc.

FURTHER FROM THE INDIAN WAR. — The *Shasta Courier* gives the following further intelligence respecting the Indian difficulties in that region :

Mr. Skillman, of this paper, writing from Yreka on the 29th October, 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 Captain 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 canon 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, whilst exploring for a trail or road from some point on the coast (perhaps Fort Oxford) to the Rogue River Valley. They were attacked about forty miles from Fort Lane. An express was sent into the Fort from Lieutenant 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 killed, and about seventy-five mules, and as many or more loads, captured by the Indians.

CENSUS OF ILLINOIS.—The *Springfield Journal* publishes returns from four counties—those whose progress has not been very rapid since 1850—and the average at the same rate gives the State a population of 1,180,000. This would be an increase of nearly half a million in five years. But the *Journal* thinks the returns will show a still larger population, and place Illinois the fifth State in the Union.