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The Sacramento Tribune of Sunday last

The Sacramento *Tribune* of Sunday last publishes the following, which was furnished that paper by express, and is clipped from an Extra of the Yreka *Union* of the 5th instant. It appears to be later than the news brought by the last arrival from Oregon, and published by us at that time ;

**INDIAN FIGHT AT COW CREEK CANON—18 WHITE MEN KILLED, AND 25 WOUNDED—400 SOLDIERS AND VOLUNTEERS COMPELLED TO RETREAT!**

Capt. Pierce communicated the startling intelligence this morning of a pitch battle having been fought at Cow Creek Cañon, Rogue River Valley, on Wednesday last, between about 300 Indians and 400 regulars and volunteers, under Capt. Smith, U. S. A., of Fort Lane. The fight commenced at 1 o'clock p. m., and continued till 10—the Indians retreating all the while, and firing back upon the whites. At length it was deemed necessary that steps be taken to provide for the wounded, and a halt was ordered, when the Indians rallied and commenced firing upon the men, to whom prudence dictated the course of retiring to an open space where a more effectual stand could be made, which they accordingly did. It was then ascertained that 18 of the Captain's men had been killed, and 25 wounded—some mortally, others dangerously, and a few slightly. A message was then dispatched to Captain George, at Althouse, who started immediately with 80 volunteer recruits. He would join Capt. Smith on Thursday, at an early hour, when it is expected that a renewal of the encounter will take place.

Capt. Smith is highly spoken of by both the citizens and volunteers under his command. The course pursued by him, the determination

and zeal manifested, have called forth the encomiums of all—and it is said the coolness manifested by him upon this particular occasion elicited the admiration of all present.

On Thursday last a scouting party of six returned with intelligence that about 250 Indians were in the vicinity of the heads of Antelope and Butte creeks. Capt. Thomas Smith, with about 100 men, immediately started out, and it is feared that a serious encounter would take place. The attack, it was expected, would be made on Saturday or Sunday last. News of the result is hourly expected.

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