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Captain Pierce communicated the startling intelligence this morning of a pitched battle having been fought at Cow Creek Canon, Rogue River Valley, on Wednesday last, between about 300 Indians and 400 Regulars and Volunteers, under Captain Smith, U. S. A., of Fort Lane. The fight commenced at 1 o'clock, P. M., and continued until ten—the Indians retreating all the while, and firing upon the whites. At length it was deemed necessary that steps be taken to provide for the wounded, 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 eighteen of the Captain's men had been killed and twenty-five wounded, some mortally, others dangerously, and a few slightly. A message was then dispatched to Capt. George, at Althouse, who started immediately with eighty volunteer recruits. He would join Capt. Smith on Thursday, at an early hour, when it is expected a renewal of the encounter would take place. On Thursday last, a scouting party of six returned with intelligence that about two hundred and fifty 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 a serious encounter would take place.

On Friday, a body of Indians were seen crossing Shasta Valley from the neighborhood where the fight occurred, and shaping their course for Scott's river, by the mountain trail from Scott to Shasta valley.

STILL LATER.—From the *Shasta Republican* we gather the following additional news (dated November 6th,) from Yreka:—"At the fight on Cow Creek Canon ten men were killed and thirty wounded. Lieut Crooks came from the scene of action this morning, with a dispatch from Capt. Smith to — Judah, who immediately leaves with his men.

CLIMATE OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—A late number of the *Puget Sound Courier*, a