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LATER FROM OREGON. By the brig Susan Abigail, eight days f

By the brig Susan Abigail, eight days from the Columbia river, we have received a copy of the *Oregonian* of the 17th November. The telegraph line between Oregon City and Portland is in operation.

THE CALIFORNIA.—The Pacific Mail Steamship California arrived safely at Fort Vancouver on the 16th of November, from San Francisco, Nov. 6th. Among the passengers were Gen. Wool and staff, consisting of Major Cross, Maj. Lee, Maj. Townsend, Maj. Reynolds, Capt. Keyes, Capt. Cram, Lt. McKewer, Lieut. Bonnycastle, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lee.

The *Oregonian* of the 17th says: "Gen. Wool, U. S. A., has arrived at Vancouver. It is supposed he will take command in person of the forces now in the field. It is to be hoped he will do so." The same paper adds: "Gen. Wool and staff leave to-day for the Dalles."

The steamship California will leave on Sunday or Monday for San Francisco, via Puget Sound. She goes to the Sound for the purpose of conveying U. S. troops.

INDIAN BATTLES.—The *Oregonian* says of the battle fought on the 3d November, on White River, by Lieut. Slaughter and Capt. Page, that it lasted all day, and that thirty Indians were supposed to have been killed. The next day, Sunday, Nov. 4th, another fight took place, in which several Indians were killed, and one white man severely wounded. On Tuesday, Nov. 6th, Lieut. Slaughter, who was in advance of the volunteers, was attacked at the crossing of White River. John Eagan, the guide, A. Perham, and three regulars were seriously wounded. The Indians were dispersed. An express had arrived at Steilacoom, bringing the bodies of Moses McAlister and Miles, who were killed a few days before. Dr. Barnes (who was supposed to have been killed) escaped with a light wound, and was rescued by the troops. Down the Sound the Indians were laying the country waste, murdering men, women, and children, and burning the houses, barns, &c. On the Payallup River, near Seattle, several had been killed—among them were H. H. Jones and wife, G. King, wife and two children, W. H. Buman and wife, Mr. Cooper and others. One woman was said to have killed with her own hand three Indians before she was killed.

The whole Sound country is in imminent danger. People are leaving the back settlements for places of more safety.

The United States Revenue Cutter *Jefferson Davis* was at Steilacoom, and would stay there to protect the town. The Indians had declared to attack the *Decatur* at all hazards, and were assembling in great numbers, and much excitement prevailed.

YAKIMA CAMP.—Maj. Rains writes from this point, Nov. 12th, to Gov. Mason, that they had been there "without a battle, except a skirmish four days since, with some Indians who defied us as we approached the Yakima river. We thought at first it was a prelude to a big battle with the whole of their force, and forded the stream to an island with our mounted troops—18 dragoons and 8 pioneers. Here we commenced the action, firing on the enemy, and ordered up our artillery and infantry to ford the stream. Our troops made a rush into the water, but being on foot, tried again

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