

The New Northwest

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 12, 1878.

APOTROPHIC TO ROBERT HOOB.

The following poem was written by an Oregon pioneer, Mr. Nathan Pease, as will be seen by the date, twenty-two years ago. It had been published several times, and we have been asked to give it a place in our columns, which we cheerfully do.

THE INDIAN WAR OF 1856-6.

Camp Cornelius was situated in a fine grove of cottonwoods, near where Mill Creek detaches from the hills. Here we remained much of which time in March, '56, during which of which time we had to depend for subsistence principally upon cattle and horses left behind by the Indians in their hurried flight.

Arriving at the above point, the train was stopped by a band of Indians, and although the fifteen or twenty packers defended the property with commendable bravery, they were ultimately compelled by greatly superior numbers to abandon animals, cargo and all to the enemy.

Previous to this attack, not a hostile had been seen for weeks, and where they so unexpectedly came from, or whether they escaped with their booty, no one knew. Toward the last of February, two Indians were arrested in camp, charged with being spies.

On the 27th of March an attack was made on the Cascades, which resulted in the utter extinction, for the time, of the entire settlement. To old Skio, previously mentioned, belongs the infamy of the conception, as well as the execution of this, the most terrible massacre of twelve months war. This noted savage, with the sagacity that characterized every transaction of his life as a warrior, patiently waited and watched until the volunteers were all far away, and the handful of regulars that had been at the Cascades during the winter had been removed, and, with those who had been in winter quarters at Fort Dalles, had taken up their line of march toward Walla Walla, when suddenly he fell upon the unprotected settlement.

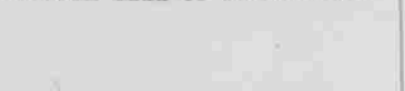
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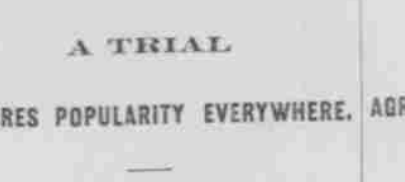
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