

NO DANGER.

Whenever an Indian war is on hand, though it be a thousand miles away, the land is always filled with rumors of danger, from Indians hitherto friendly.

Some trivial circumstance at such a time is often construed as a threat or menace, provoking fire, ambush, and scalping knife and general devastation.

That the uprising of Joseph's band should effect the Indians on the Klamath Reservation seems unreasonable for they have no association or even communication with each other and no interests whatever in common.

It is not reasonable to think that these people did not realize the situation fully, and it was perhaps the influence of a few whites in whom they had confidence as well as an intelligent forecast of the future which saved the Lake country from utter desolation.

These things are a part of the history of the country and we cannot gainsay them, but our antipathy to this fading race will scarcely allow us to admit that these people stood by our sides as friends and allies in the darkest days that were ever known to the settlements in Lake.

AN OLD TIME HERO.

Mr. Marion Scott of Smith river, made us a pleasant call one day this week. He was on his way to Sprague river, Lake county, for his health.

"When the land first Awoke from its wilderness."

He was a man not only remarkable for his courage and enterprise, but for the heroic firmness with which he always mentioned his honor. It is related of him that while a member of the Missouri legislature, long before he came to Oregon, a member from St. Louis wanting his aid in carrying out some favorite scheme, offered him a bribe.

A TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS.

WILLIAMS CREEK, July 29, 1877.

EDITOR TIDINGS:—Lest the reading public may come to imagine there is no spot worth visiting on account of its great natural wonders and mountain scenery, in Southern Oregon, except the Cascade region, I send you a few notes of a trip into the Siskiyou.

Our party was made up of ladies and gentlemen of Williams Creek, Josephine county; but it would take up too much space, and might trench upon their modesty just a little, to describe each member personally.

"Oh! he who knows His heart is weak, from Heaven should pray To guard him 'gainst such girls as those."

An admonition, by the way, which "old stagers" who have long since learned "how sublime a thing it is to suffer and be strong" will not sufficiently heed.

The course of our journey was up the right hand fork of Williams Creek past the newly built saw mill of Messrs Akers & Co., past several good looking homesteads of ye hardy settler, then up the gradual and easy grade of the low mountain that divides the waters of Williams and Sucker creeks, across some of the branches of Sucker creek, then up the long and steep ascent of a spur of old Grayback, on the summit of which we made our first camp.

For fear of encroaching too much on your space, I leave out many of the incidents of our journey; but for the information of young lady tourists hereafter, I have some sage advice to offer, to-wit: If when riding in a mountainous region, your animal is taken with a sudden disposition to kick with all four of its feet at once, in a spasmodic effort to repel too warm a greeting from a kind of insect noted for the wearing of a yellow jacket, (here's the advice) dont jump off your horse and run back and stand right over the nest, as a place of safety.

One of the young ladies of our party tried it, and she reports it not a gratifying success. I give this caution no less out of sympathy for the supposed cavalier who may be in attendance upon the young lady, than for the young lady. There are many trying circumstances to be met with in the lives of most "men on the border," but to have to stand by and realize—not see—that the prettiest girl "these eyes have seen" is dexterously vibrating her drapery, in a frantic effort to resist the spirited attack of exasperated yellow jackets, and not be permitted to render needed assistance in the unequal contest, for fear of adding to her embarrassments a mortification more stinging than the stings of the yellow jackets, is to encounter an emergency that puts one's intellect to its most trying tension, and calls for the exercise of a sagacity and nice sense of the proprieties not often "dreamed of in your philosophy."

In such an extremity, to borrow from Joaquin Miller: It seems to me there is more that sees Than the eyes in men. You may close your eyes You may turn your back and may still be wise In the sacred and marvellous mysteries.

From the summit of old Grayback may be had a view of mountain scenery not often beheld. In ordinary seasons it has snow on some of its slopes the year round, proving that it rears its "bold and blackened cliffs" almost as high as Mt. Pitt. Many snow white spires, in addition to Mts. Pitt and Shasta, are discernable from its lofty eminence. As far as human vision can pierce the "ambient air," an unbroken panorama of diversified mountains, peaks, valleys, hills and dales, is spread before us like planetary spoils before some mighty conqueror.

From its western slopes flow the tributaries of Althouse and Sucker creeks—streams well known for their mineral wealth. From its eastern edge Applegate begins its graceful horseshoe curve to reach the ocean. On the south is the rushing, foaming Klamath, and on the north, nestling in lovely, golden grandeur, is the modest valley of Williams creek. "The elements of empire" here are something more than chimerical, they are visible to the naked eye.

Our second day of adventure took us to the newly found cave on the west slope of old Grayback, and here we might have wandered

"All day as day is reckoned on the earth Within those dim and awful aisles"

had we only taken the precaution to get there with the day's commencement. As it was, we had to content ourselves with four or five hours of most delightful work at exploration. I presume the cave resembles in many respects, most all other caves in a limestone region. We traversed many different apartments, got lost repeatedly, but do not pretend to have given it any thing like a thorough examination. A stream of excellent water flows out of the cave, up which we first commenced our explorations, but finding the upper chambers more comfortable, we confined most of our time to an investigation of them. Formations of a stalactite and stalagmite character are numerous and of almost infinite variety. Notwithstanding Byron's "Curse of Minerva"

our party could not resist despoiling this Josephine county wonder of many of its most beautiful curiosities. We named the cave Elijah's Cave, in honor of its discoverer, Elijah Davidson. It was first discovered one year ago last fall, but never explored until July 1877. To those who have never been in a cave it is a curiosity well worth beholding. It is well ventilated in the upper chambers, the atmosphere is cool and pleasant, making the cave a pleasant resort during warm weather.

We did most of our exploring by pitch light, but candles are preferable on account of not making so much smoke.

Leaving the cave we had numerous and some almost serious, adventures on our return, which I had best not take up space relating. The ruggedness of our route was such as is not often traversed by members of the gentler sex, yet their courage rose gradually with the occasion, and although the laws of gravity and the perversity of some of the riding animals, to say nothing of the perversity of some of the riders, had the effect of precipitating one or two, very unceremoniously over backwards, and down the mountain, no accidents of a fatal character chanced to attend us. We all got back safely with our spoils from the under world, and are now engaged wondering that we left as soon as we did, and wishing we were once more back to the scene of our subterranean adventures.

THE IDAHO WAR.

(Condensed from dispatches to the OREGONIAN.)

The following is from Lewiston Aug. 1st: Yesterday Indian Joe and his family, who have been with the people at Sate creek all through the Indian troubles, and proved true and faithful to the whites, returned from Kamiah, where they had been sent to ascertain the movements of the hostiles. His squaw says the Indians of Kamiah told her they were going across the mountains by the Lola trail with their stock and families, and when they got them in a secure place they would return and fight the soldiers. She also states that before leaving Kamiah they went to a friendly Indian's camp, drove off all the young squaws, beating them with clubs, and forced them along like so many cattle. They also came back and robbed them of everything they could find, and all their horses of any value; and further stated that the hostiles are to be reinforced by other Indians from the other side of the mountains when they return. Her statements are considered reliable by those who have known her. This morning Lieut. Wilcox with 30 men started to go across Salmon river to ascertain if any hostiles remain there. It has been seen in that direction, and the object is to hunt them out and destroy all supplies.

August 2.—It is now believed by old acquaintances of Joseph that he will put away in safety his stores and extra horses and return to Camas prairie, returning by Elk City Payette trails, which are much more easily traveled than the Lola. This trip can with forced march be made in about seven days. He has asserted his determination to burn the grain on Camas prairie and then arrange his plans to go to Wallowa, and the opinion is prevalent that he will attempt it.

Two officers with a guard of twenty men, in charge of thirty-three Indian prisoners—twenty-two bucks and eleven squaws and children—started from Lewiston on the 1st, by steamer, for Vancouver, where the Indians will be imprisoned until some permanent disposition of them is made by General McDowell. They are very quiet, fearing they are going to be hanged.

Linkville Land Office.

We have received a communication from Lakeview signed "Many Citizens" referring to the statement that the order for the removal of the land office to that place had been suspended at the instance of the senators composing the Grover investigating committee, and reflecting quite severely on the senators for taking such action. The statement was made to us in the first place by a prominent man who claimed to have received reliable information to that effect from Portland, and we thought we had no good reason for doubting it. Since then we have scanned the general news closely and have become convinced that the report must be a mistake and consequently that the removal will take place according to advertisement. Under the circumstances "Many Citizens" will pardon us for not publishing the full text of their communication.

AN AWFUL HORROR.

After the high fever of excitement was somewhat allayed in Pittsburgh after the great riot, it was discovered that fifteen wounded men had actually been burned alive in the Round House. While the fight was going on between the mob and the state troops in the Round House, the latter carried their wounded into the cellar, where they left them as they fled before the fire fiend. The wounded men unable to help themselves of course soon perished in the flames. Let us hope that the fearful consequences of the reign of terror in Pittsburgh and Baltimore will not soon be forgotten by the American people and that when a like affair is again threatened, the law abiding people will come to the front at once and nip the illegal proceeding in the bud.

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