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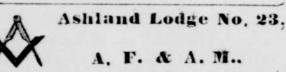
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following brave old poem. He obtained the copy from Gen. John F. Miller, of Salem, who wrote it from memory. Both gentlemen participated in the famous battle, which is the theme of the gifted author

Albert Pike: From the Rio Crande's waters To the icy lakes of Maine, Let all exult! for we have met

The enemy again. Beneath their stern old mountains, We have met them in their pride; And rolls from Beuna Vista back, The battle's bloody tide:

Where the enemy came surging Like the Mississippi's flood; And the reaper Death, was busy, With his sickle, red with blood.

Santa Anna boasted loudly,

That before two hours were past. His Lanciers through Sahillo Stould pursue us thick and fast. On came his solid Infantry!

Live marching after line; Le! their great standard in the sun Like sheets of silver shine. With thousands upon thousands;

A forest of bright bayone's Gleamed fiercely in the sun. A regiment of fugitives Is fleeing from the field, And the day is lost if Illinois

Yea! with more than four to one,

And brave Kentuckians yield; Ah! Third Indiana You have bravely wiped away The reproach, that threw another corpse Refore your State tc-day!

Harding is slain! McKey and Clay The last time see the sun! And many another gallant heart, In that last desperate fray, Grew cold to its loved ones far away.

Still sullenly the cannon roured, But died away at last; And o'er the dead and dying Come the evening shadows fast;

Rose the cold moon s si ver shield; And patiently but picyingly Looked down upon the field. C releas of his wounded;

Neg'ectful of his dead;

Despairingly but sull-nly.

That night Santa Anna fled. SCRAPS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

HISTORY. DASCOVERY OF GOLD AT SCOTT'S BAR AND YREKA-MURDER ON INDIAN CREEK-STEELE'S EXPEDITION IN PURSUIT OF MURDERERS-FIGHT AT BIG BAR, ETC.

The Agent threatened to arrest the whole party, and send them to Oregon City for trial, unless the Indians were discharged. The order was still refused and the two Indians placed under guard, with instructions to shoot them on the least attempt at escape or rescue. Mr. Steele then placed his other six men behind trees, separated within supporting distance of each other, so as to prevent the Indians from getting in their rear, and cutting off their retreat, he had run about fifty paces, and they and then with his Indian guides Tom, Jack and Bill, took his place in the He was brought down by a shot from council with Joe, Sam and the other Mr. Steele's pistol, just as he came out Indians. Sam then informed the Agent on the bank, on the opposite side of that before he would talk, the white the river. men must stack their arms some fifty | The Indians on the opposite bank move, unless the Indians, who were as well armed as the whites, should also be required to dispose of their arms in a like manner. Judge Skinner refused to require the Indians to stack their guns, and the council commenced,

master of the situation, refused to give cross back and have a talk among them. selves, and return in a short time. On reaching the opposite side, however, he holloed back saying he would not return, and defied the volunteers. Capt. Lamerick immediately ordered his men to resume their arms. He divided them into two detachments, sending one under his Lieutenant, to a ford about a half a mile below, and took the other under his own command about the same distance above, and gave orders in the case of any difficulty occurring between Steele's company, which remained at

to. He went and was gone about half operations at Big Bar. an hour, when the Indians which were

Judge who still refused to permit Tom | the women and horses to themselves. to point out the murderers. that the Agent should use his influence | came into their country, and that it to procure the guilty Indians, the keen | was determined to prevent any more eyes of Jack observed two Indians at a | whites from coming in. But the Shasdistance, going over the hills in the tas and Scott Rivers bad failed to join direction of Klamath lake. These In- them, and they had to give up that imdians were followed shortly by another portant enterprise for a time. Upon who proved to be Scarface. The first inquiry, it was learned that the Iudian two were soon identified by Jack, as the killed by Bill, was the messenger sent two they were in pursuit of. The In- over by Sam to arouse the Shastas and dians remaining on this side seeing | Scott Rivers. Very little doubt is enthat the fugitives were discovered in their flight, began immediately to prepare for battle by endeavoring to hide behind trees. Steele ordered his men to intercept them in this move, as he had the advantage of the timber. At this juncture, Martin Angel, a citizen of Rogue river valley, interceded, and the Indians that were left on this side of the river (the chiefs had all crossed over), agreed to deliver up their arms to him, and go into a log house and remain prisoners until they should send after, and bring back the fugitives. Mr. Angel undertook to get them into the house, but as soon as they had passed Steele's men, they ran to gain shelter behind some large pine trees hard by, and had they succeeded, the little party of whites would have been exposed to fire without any show of shelter. . The orders were given to fire on them, which was promptly responded to by the men, and the fight immediately became general. The Indians soon retreated, and the volunteers followed them to the water's edge, killing thirteen of their number. Steele soon discovered that Lamerick's men had not crossed the river, and the Indians, who were securely sheltered by the underbrush on the opposite side, were pouring in a heavy

them, and that they had shot one, after were shooting at the other in the river. vards back, indicating the place. The discovering so few men left to meet Agent, who was evidently afraid to re- them, made an effort to cut them off, fuse anything to the Indians, ordered by throwing a body of warriors into the whites to do so, without consulting a chaparral thicket through which the volunteers. Capt. Lamerick being they had to pass. Their plans in this under his jurisdiction, felt under obli- were thwarted by the timely arrival of gations of duty to do so, and ordered Mr. J. Lackey, who was hastening forhis men to comply with the order. Mr. | ward to render assistance. He met the Steele refused to comply, and entered a Indians as they were entering the thickprotest against such a hazardous et and shot and killed the foremost one which so disconcerted them, that they

immediately retreated and left the way

fire on his men, ordered a halt. He

also discovered Lamerick and his men

marching in the direction of the settle-

ments, for the purpose of protecting

exposed families against the threatened

outbreak of the Indians. Steele imme-

diately returned to where he left his

guard that the Indians had made a

charge for the purpose of releasing

of retreat open. News reached them that evening that, during the council, a party of Indians had gone down the river, surprised and Steele's men and the Indians retaining killed a party of miners. Arrangements were made that on the following Sam, evidently feeling that he was night. Lamerick should cross and take possession of the lower side of Lower up the refugees. But he proposed to Table Rock, and hold the pass, and Steele go up the river with his company some twenty-five miles, and commence scouring the underbrash along the river, and drive the Indians down to Lamerick's company. This movement was a successful one, and before next night they had them all surrounded. They then called for quarter and offered to make peace. Judge Skinner, the Agent, was then sent for, ; and peace was concluded with old Joe and Sam, which was adhered to, draulic claim in Josephine county, and until the Galice creek massacre in [v3no7tfs | the Bar, and the Indians, to immediate- December following. Tipsie Ti-ee.

ly cross over. The Agent asked time however, remained in the mountains to go over and make one more effort to and continued the conflict. Several affect a compromise, which was agreed | travelers were killed by him during the

After the treaty was concluded, old this side of the river, near Steele's posi- | Sam informed the volunteers that if the tion, began quietly crossing back one | Shasta and Scott, River tribes had by one, and in a short time there were broke out as he expected, he would not over fifty left. Steele placed two not have treated with them; that he of his men, McLeod and Galvin, to had sent at man asking them to guard the river and permit no one to break out, and that he had only talked cross until the Agent should return, to give his messenger time to get over and sent the Indian boy Tom, over to and arrange for a general uprising. If notify him what was transpiring. He he had succeeded, he said he would soon returned, accompanied by the bave killed all the white men and kept He further said that the Modocs and While Steele was urgently insisting | Klamaths had agreed to kill off all who tertained that, if he had escaped, a general outbreak would have ensued, in-

> cluding all the tribes of Northern California and Southern Oregon. After the close of the treaty, Steele and his company returned to Yreka. On their arrival they found Capt. Ben. Wright and his company of Indians. He had met the refugees on the Klamath, after their escape from Big Bar, captured and taken them to Yreka. In the meantime, the citizens of Yreka had obtained traces of Scarface, who, though not an active participant of the outrages, was known to be the principal investigator in the bloody work. A movement was set on foot and he was intercepted and captured on his way

to Salmon river and hanged. As there was no legal tribunal to try the prisoners captured by Capt. Wright, they were taken over to the mouth of Indian creek, near where the murder was committed, to be tried by a citizen's jury. In order to give effect to the proceedings, and impress the Indians with the fact that only the guilty would be punished, the Shastas were called together to witness the trial and its results. Upon the prisoners being examined, it appeared from their confessions that one only was directly guilty. As it was hard to make the Indians understand why an accessory should be punished, it was decided to hang the principal and set the other free. The sentence was executed in accordance with the decision. The Indians expressed themselves satisfied and peace was two prisoners and learned from the

OUR JOSEPHINE COUNTY TRIP

While enjoying the hospitality of Gov. Briggs' comfortable home, he took us over his premises, showing us the commodious barns and arrangements for feeding sheep, of which he has a large band. His orchard was planted in 1855, and contains the largest trees we have seen on the coast. We measured one tree of the waxen variety, 71/2 feet in circumference, which had seven branches above the forks, averaging 21/2 feet around, aggregating 171/2 feet in all.

At Waldo, we found things not as they were at our last visit, 12 years ago, but showing an evidence of recent improvement, caused by the new interest taken in the vast gravel beds in that vicinity. Mr. Newman, who represents Oakland, Cal. capitalists, is now prospecting to bring in a water ditch from Illinois river, to work gravel mines near Waldo. This enterprise promises to be a very profitable invest-

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