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From the Front.

HORSE PRAIRIE MONT., Aug. 16 1877.

ED. TELLER:—On the morning of Aug. 9th Gen. Gibbon with 6 companies of the 7th Infantry overtook and completely surprised the Indians on the Big Hole at 4 o'clock A. M. The surprise, although effectual, in improving from 75 to 100 Indians was not as complete as it may have been; but well enough. The Indians captured a howitzer and 2,000 rounds of 45 calibre ammunition. The former has been found, the latter not yet; but there is hardly a doubt but that we shall find a portion, (the cal part I mean) before long. After the batttle I went over the field and the sight was the most horrible and sickening I ever beheld. The banks of the creek where the waters had washed away the bank causing it to tumble over and in the space between the caves and the bank was litterly lined with the festering, half putrid corpse of the infernal redskins. Tuhoothoolsu, or whatever his name is, the war chief that is credited with planing the whole thing, the one they had in the guard house at Lapwai is most certainly slain and his head is cut off for ethonological purposes and will soon decorate the surgical department at Washington, nor was this the only place where the bodies were found, for on the flat where the village stood many bodies were found in holes wrapped up in blankets and robes, among them Joseph's two squaws and his son. The scene was fearful, yet satisfactory. The Indians the day after the fight made a long march up to Horse Prairie, 6 miles from Bannack city, and there killed 8 men and 10 Chinamen. They are now in Lemhi valley killing everything they can find. Howard is in hot pursuit and will catch them sure. The Montana volunteers have turned out nobby under command of Mr. Clark Baker of Deer Lodge. Everybody from the general down to the cook of a pack train is intent on vengance. The greater part of Gibbin's command volunteered and are with us. Look out for stiring news.

PARKER.

An Incident of the Civil War.

The *Oregonian* publishes the following reminisences of the "unpleasantness" which it says has been going the rounds of the press: "At Fair Oaks, while standing in the very tempest of death, with his sword uplifted in command, Gen. O. O. Howard had his right arm carried away. That night, after Howard had suffered amputation, and was lying spent and racked with pain in a box car which was to take him to Washington, Kearney, who had lost his left arm in Mexico, drew near, and, looking into the car, said: "Howard, old boy, I'm sorry for you—sorry with all my heart; but, Howard, I have just thought of something. When you get to Washington, buy a pair of gloves; send me the right and keep the left yourself, and I will divide the cost with you, and hereafter we will live more economically.' And turning away, Kearney muttered: 'That is better for him than praying, and then Howard can beat me praying anyway.'"

Captain Bainbridge's Statement.

SALT LAKE, Utah Aug. 25.—The following is the statement of Capt. Bainbridge, commanding Fort Hall: Left this post 2 P. M. on the 19th inst., for Gen. Howards command, with an escort of 10 soldiers and 50 Bannack and Shoshone scouts, authorized by Gen. Sheridan. Reached Gen. Howard at 1 A. M., the 22d inst., having marched 150 miles. Howard was directly on the hostiles' trail one days march in the rear. I marched with him one day and left him 15 miles south of Henry's Lake, which place he intended to reach the same day. The hostiles are badly demoralized. There are not to exceed 200 fighting men of them. I found the freighters and ranchmen along the Montana stage road in the valley in a demoralized condition. Freighters who were on the road between Sand Holes and P. valley at the time the hostiles struck there had left their wagons where they happened to be, in most instances loaded with valuable freight, and had taken their stock to places of safety. In one instance I found two wagons, one loaded with metallic cartridges, and another with powder but the hostiles had not disturbed them. As soon as I passed over the road freighters commenced moving again. Believe hostiles have disturbed no freight on the road. Howard was pleased to get the Indian scouts, and thinks they will do him good service. Howard and command are having a severe campaign, but all seemed in good spirits, hoping to finish the hostiles in a short time.

CHICAGO Aug, 26,—The *Tribune's* Washington special says government does not fear a general hostile combination of the Indians against the whites in the northwest, which some persons predict. The hostility between the tribes, especially between the Sioux and others, will prevent it.

There is no intention of relieving Gen. Howard from command. The secretary of war thinks he is doing the utmost possible with a few troops he has.

List of Casualities of Gibbon's Battle.

After Gibbon's battle the bodies of 41 Indians, children and squaws were found 15 whom were bucks. Among the latter were Rainbow, who wanted to burn Camas, Black Tail, "rich in horses and money," and Tuhoothoolsu, the chief directer. The following is a complete list of Gibbon's dead and wounded: Killed—Company A, Capt. Logan, private Smith; Company C, First Lieut. Jas. H. Bradley; Company D, Corporals Isaac Eisenhart and Wm. H. Payne, musician Michael Gallagher; Company E, private Matthew Batterly; Company F, privates Wm. D. Pomeroy and James Muggins; Company G, Frist Sargeant W. H. Martin, Corporals Robert E. Sale and Dominick O'Connor, private Gotlieb Mantle and John O'Brien; Company H, privates McKenzie and L. Dake; Company I, Sargeant Michael Hogan, Corporal Dan McCafferty, private Henry Brouts; Company K, First Seargeant Fred Stroth, musician Thomas Steinbecker, Artificer John K'eiss; Second Cavalry, Company L, Sergeant Ed. Hogen. The officers wounded number five; Gen. Gibbon, slightly; First Lieut. Wm. L. English, seriously; Second Lieut C. A. Woodruff, slightly; First Lieut. C. A. Coolidge slightly. The citizens killed are L. C. Ellicott, John Armstrong, David Morrow Alvin Lockwood W. Campbell and Mitchell Thirty inlisted men and citizens were also wounded.—*Standard.*