A VOICE FROM CAMP.

FORT T. F. MEAGHER,
M. T., Aug. 31, 1867.

Colonel Martin Beem, A. A. General, Virginia City, M. T.

SIR: A messenger has just come through from Colonel Howie for ambulance to take care of his wounded. The Colonel has been, and probably is now, fighting the red d—s, with what success I do not know. Colonel Nelson has just started, with all the available force in this camp, to reinforce Howie. I fear for Colonel Howie, however, not on account of his men not being fighters, but his force is small and poorly provided for. He is following directly into the heart of the Indian country, and against the combined forces of Upper Sioux, Blackfeet and Crows. There is now no longer a question but what the Crows have joined the Sioux and Blackfeet, and are bent upon a war of extermination against the whites. The Crows certainly killed Captain Weston and Frank Hodges, and articles have been found in their camp, Boulder, known to have belonged to Brown and his party, probably killed. They have been stationed all summer on the Bozeman road, and only one company of emigrants have reached here from Fort Smith, although it is known that a number of small parties have started to come through and no tidings been heard of them after leaving Fort Smith. How many of these hardy pioneers have been butchered by these fiends and their bones left to bleach upon the plains, or burned to the stake after the "friendlies" had exhausted themselves in their efforts at torturing their helpless victims, no one can tell, but they are doubtless many, yet Sherman says, "peace or war is to be had at our own election." What he means by peace, he perhaps knows—certainly we do not who have lived so long upon the plains, unless it be the few pieces the Indians leave of the brave pioneer who seeks his home and fortune among his kindred and kind away in these mountains. I am not easily provoked to speak harshly of the Government of the United States; I am like a majority of the men who are trying here to protect their lives and future homes—have given four years of the best portion of my life to protect the Government in its hour of peril, yet it seems she has forgotten that service rendered, and forgets that she has friends who have been, and will still be true to her when their service is required, away in Montana, and now while we are in danger refuses to lend her aid. Had it not been for the troops now here, volunteers from Montana, not a living white man would be to-day found in the Gallatin Valley; and even now the red d—s have visited that "garden spot of Montana" and stolen stock—all the stock that the poor squatter in some cases has had for his means of tilling the rich soil of the valley, and forced him to go, perhaps to some other locality and take a new start.

I have the utmost confidence in Col. Howie and his command, yet it is too small to successfully contend with so large a force as is coming up the country in this direction. We must have more men and supplies for them, or more of desolation of homes and murdering of brave men, enslaving of women and butchery of children will be heard of soon. If the Government will not aid us we must protect our own Territory or leave it. Which shall we do? We have a handful of Government regular soldiers in Gallatin Valley, close by the thickest settled portion of the country, where, in case of danger from Indians the settlers can protect them; but they are not prepared to do more than protect themselves.

I have written this in great haste. The ambulance is just leaving to go for the wounded at Col. Howie's command. We are sending every pair of boots we have here to help some of the men there who are barefooted, in getting over the prickly pears. *Do have more sent immediately.* We want two hundred pairs of boots to properly outfit the men. We can get along well enough for other things at present, but *boots we must have at once.*

My opinion is, that the volunteers cannot be removed from here this fall, or before snow falls, so that the Indians cannot cross the mountains, otherwise they will visit the settlements in too strong a force to be resisted successfully by them. The troops are in good spirits, and are gaining every day in discipline and efficiency. Now that we know we have to fight, no farther complaining will be heard, if they only had boots. Every man now knows that he has got to fight, and he goes at it with a will.

Hoping that all the troops now at Virginia and other towns in Montana will be sent to the front at once,

I remain with much respect, your obedient servant,

ISAAC F. EVANS,
Capt. & A. Q. M. 1st Reg. M. V.

P. S.—The three men who have just arrived here left Fort Smith on the 21st. They were armed with the improved breech-loading Springfield rifle, with plenty of ammunition, had one loaf of bread between three of them. Saw this same party of Indians at Clark's Fork, and had to lay up all night, crawling up into the bluff to get out of sight. The Indians saw them when they crossed the river. The Indians fired into the brush and then left—did not see them again until they attacked them at the Boulder, but saw the old camps as they passed. The men traveled the Bozeman road all the way through from Fort Smith. They lived upon berries after the first day—were afraid to kill game on account of Indians hearing their fire; thinks there were at least forty Indians here where they were attacked on the Boulder. These men give the following account of the fight at Fort Smith:

"Twenty-one men, under charge of a Lieutenant lately arrived from the States were putting up hay, when they were attacked by about three hundred Indians. The Indians setting fire to the hay that was cut, they then attacked the haying party, who fought from eleven a. m. until five o'clock p. m., killing thirty and wounding seventeen, who died after they went into camp. This was reported by Crow Indians. The soldiers were confident of having killed twenty-five. The Lieut., one soldier, and one citizen were killed. Three soldiers wounded. One of the wounded men now here, plainly recognized several of this party as Crow Indians whom he had fed and cared for only a few days ago at Fort Smith. This is the payment he receives in return for his kind treatment of the "Government pets" and "Sherman's friends." I. F. E.

Full Particulars of the Recent Indian Fight Near Fort Phil. Kearney.

[From the Omaha Herald of August 15th.]

Intelligence was received yesterday at military headquarters in this city, from Fort Phil. Kearney, of an attack upon a train engaged in the transportation of army supplies, by a very large force of Indians, on the second day of the present month, near that fort.

It was an ox train of thirty wagons, owned by our well-known friend, J. R. Porter, of Plattsmouth, and was protected by an escort commanded by Brevet Major Powell, of the 27th Infantry, and Lieut. Jenness. The attack was made about five miles from Fort Phil. Kearney by a large force of Indians, estimated at from 2,000 to 5,000 in number. Major Powell, behaving with conspicuous coolness and gallantry in the emergency, instantly corralled the wagons, making breastworks of wagon-beds and ox-yokes, from behind which he fought a desperate battle which lasted fully three hours, and until Major Smith, with two companies of troops and a howitzer came to his rescue. The Indians were at last driven from the field, taking all their dead but five. The Indians drove off all the stock.

Major Powell reports sixty Indians killed, and his own loss five men, besides Lieut. Jenness, killed.

The remarkable feature of this affair is the large force of Indians and the gallant defence.

Major Powell deserves all praise for good conduct in the fight. He is, indeed, known to the army for conspicuous valor on many fields of the late war. He rose from the ranks of the Old Army, fighting his way to his present position. At Jonesboro, near Atlanta, he particularly distinguished himself in the action which gave Sherman final victory.

Major Powell, in the battle at Phil Kearney, had the honor to baptize the new breech-loading arm lately introduced to the service. Results show its effectiveness, and it may be well for it that it fell into such hands.

IMPORTANT ORDER—ALASKA TO BE A PART OF THE MILITARY DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.—The following important order was received from the headquarters Military Division of the Pacific, August 13th:

In compliance with instructions from the General in Chief, the Territory ceded by Russia to the United States will constitute a Military District, and will be attached to the Department of California. It will be called the military District of Alaska, headquarters at Sitka. A District Commander will be assigned hereafter.

Companies H, Second Artillery, and F, Ninth Infantry, are designated for the garrison at Sitka. They will be in readiness to embark on the 13th proximo.

The Chief Quartermaster of the Division will provide transportation for these companies, with their supplies for one year. Such transportation to be ready to leave this harbor on the above date.

The Chief Commissary and Medical Purveyor of the Division will provide one year's supply of commissary, medical and hospital stores.

The command will be supplied with a field battery, and also, as far as practicable, with guns designated in paragraph 10, Special Orders No. 67, current series, from Adjutant General's office; also, one year's supply of ordnance stores. The senior officer of the command will make the proper requisitions through headquarters Department of California.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel George H. Weeks, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A., is assigned as Chief Quartermaster and Acting Chief Commissary of the District.

The Medical Director, Department of California, will provide a medical officer for the command and post at Sitka.

By order of Major General Halleck.
JAMES B. FRY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Josh Billings on Gongs.

Josh Billings relateth his first experience with the gong thusly:

I never can eradicate holi from mi memory the sound uv the furst gong I ever herd. I was sitting on the front step ov a tavern in the sitty of Bufferlo, pensively smokin. The sun was goin tu bed, and the hevins for an hour waz blushin at the performance. The Ery kanal with its golden waters waz on its way to Albany, and I was perusin the line botes a flotin by, an thinkin ov Italy (wher I use to liv) and her gondolers and gallus wimmin. My entire sole waz, as it were, in a swet. I wanted to klime, I felt grate, I actually grew. There are things in this life tu big tu be trifled with; there are times when a man brakes luce from hisself, when he sees sperretts, when he can almost tuch the mune, and feels as tho he kud fill both hands with the stars uv hevin and almost sware he was a bank president. That's what ailed me. But the korse uv tru luv never did run smoothe, (this is Shakspere's opinion too.) Just as I was duin my best—dummer, dummer, spat, bang, beller, crash, roar, ram, dummer, dummer, whang, rip, rare, rally, dummer, dummer, dum——with a tremenjus jump I struck the center of the sidewalk, with another I kleared the gutter, and with another I stood in the middle of the street snorting like an Indian pony at a band of music. I gazed in wild despair at the tavern stand, mi hart swelling up as a out door oven, mi teeth was as luce as a string of bedes. I thot all of the crockery in the tavern had fell down. I thot ov fenomenons. I thot ov Gabrel and his horn. I waz jest on the pint ov thinkin ov somethin else when the landlord cum out on the frunt stupe of the tavern, holdin by a string the bottum ov a old brass kettle. He kawled me gently with his hand. I went slola and slola up tu him, he kammed my fears, he said it was a gong, I saw the kussed thing, he said supper was reddy, and axed me ef I wud hav black or green tee, and I sed I wood.

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SEALED proposals will be received at this office until Thursday, September 4th, 12, m., for the following Commissary stores, viz:

Fifty-four thousand (54,000) pounds of flour.
Thirty thousand (30,000) pounds of bacon.
Seven thousand two hundred (7,200) pounds of beans.
Four thousand eight hundred (4,800) pounds of coffee.
Seven thousand two hundred (7,200) pounds of sugar.
One thousand nine hundred and twenty (1,920) pounds of soap.
Six hundred (600) pounds of candles.
Four hundred and eighty (480) gallons of vinegar.
Thirty (30) bushels of salt.

Bids will be received for any or all of the above articles. The Commissary General reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids.

J. J. HULL,
Commissary General, Montana Vol.

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L. B. LYMAN.
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