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JOSEPH ASKS TO SURRENDER, A RUSE.

Monday, July 16, 5 P. M.

Message from Gen. Howard arrived at 4 P. M. to the effect that on the morning of the 15th Joseph sent word to Howard that he wanted to surrender himself, that he was not to blame in this war, that he was forced into it. He did not speak for the rest of the hostiles. We did not see Howard's dispatch but are informed that Howard did not place much confidence in Joseph's sincerity in the proposition. The above we gather from official circles.

By Nute Thomas who left McConville's volunteers at 6 P. M. yesterday we learn the following, to wit:

He says substantially that McConville with his volunteers, and Jackson with his cavalry were ordered to proceed down the Clearwater to Dunwell's Ferry and cross and come up behind Joseph, that they had proceeded about five miles this side of Kamia when a messenger overtook them from Gen. Howard with dispatch saying that Joseph had sent in word to Howard that he wanted to surrender himself and go upon the reservation, and upon the receipt of this a halt was ordered, and that before Thomas left at 6 P. M. word had come that while Joseph and Howard were parleying Joseph's force made their escape and Joseph himself followed them. It was thought by some that they had gone via the Lo Lo trail, and by the greater part that they had crossed the Weipe camas grounds and gone towards the forks of Clearwater, that Howard now had become convinced that Joseph's proposition to surrender was only a ruse to gain time for his force to get away. Thomas says that James Lawyer does all the carrying of messages between Howard and Joseph. Thomas was with McConville on the night of the 10th when the Indians attacked the volunteers at 1/2 past 12 with about 116 warriors and fought till daylight, stampeding 43 of their horses leaving most of them on foot. The evening before the attack the friendly Indians notified them that Joseph was going to attack them and cut them off that night, the next day he was going to attack Howard and whip him, then they were going to Lapwai and Lewiston and clean them all out and then go back to Salmon river. On the receipt of this news of a purpose to attack McConville fortified on a small hill, preparing several rifle pits and bringing his animals inside his fortified lines, and all hands waited the attack. It was made and the boys having the advantage of position stood them. The Indians fired about 100 shots the first volley, but without any other effect than to so frighten the horses that they broke their ropes and stampeded. Several of them being killed. The next morning the boys counted 116 as they rode off towards Joseph's camp. Finding themselves a foot they sent to Jim Lawyer to furnish them other horses from his band of the friendlies, and received the answer that Joseph had forbidden his doing so on the penalty of his attacking the friendlies and cleaning them out at Kamia. At one P. M. on the 11th Joseph attacked Howard, the result of which attack we have given. Thomas says in the two days fight 12 soldiers were killed and 28 wounded, two of the wounded died before they arrived at Grangeville.

The Kamia Indians report from 17 to 70 of the hostiles killed. No soldiers saw more than four dead Indians. Thomas says that while coming in he

saw smoke from fires in the direction of the forks of Clearwater and he is of the opinion that this smoke is caused by the hostiles whom he thinks are moving in that direction. Basha and a boy who was with him as cook for his train were killed in the fight with Howard's command.

THE WAY IT IS DONE.

In the *Standard* of the 9th and *Oregonian* of the 10th is a full account of the fight of the 4th and 5th claimed to be special telegrams to these papers and no credit given to any other journal. It is all embracing more than a column in each of these papers the language of the *TELLER* extra of July 7th. We wrote the account from Morrill's statements made to us in our office. Morrill was an eye witness. We sent one of these extras to the telegraph office at Walla Walla and one to the telegraph office at Wallula. The telegraph operator either sent the matter over the wires without giving us credit, else these journals were anxious to induce the public to believe that their correspondents who are at the front furnished the information. We like to accommodate both the telegraph offices and the press with the news early for the benefit of the public, but as we get no pay from either, we like to have the credit due to us. The *Boise Statesman* has published any amount of matter connected with this war as special dispatches to the *Statesman* every sentence of which was composed by us and published in extras of *THE TELLER*, and yet the *Statesman* of the 10th has the effrontery to attempt to lie us out of the fact. Such is the *Statesman* venality. It is true that when the news of the outbreak first reached Lewiston on the 15th at 7 P. M., our Saturday's edition of the 16th was worked off and our mails made up, but before the mail left on Saturday morning of the 16th, and within 24 hours after the killing of Norton 60 miles distant from Lewiston and within sixteen hours from the time the Mt. Idaho boys who first made the discovery, learned of the killing, we had the account of the killing issued in a *TELLER* extra, and when the mail and express left Lewiston at 5 A. M. we sent an extra to each of our exchanges, the *Statesman* included, enclosed in a letter envelope, also one to the telegraph operator at Walla Walla and yet the following is the shameless audacity and arrogant claim of the *Statesman*:

"The Lewiston *TELLER* of June 16th, published within 40 miles of the scene of Indian murders committed on the 14th, contained no intimation of any trouble. If any one on that day had told the editor that an Indian war was imminent, he would have scouted the idea as a ruse to keep immigrants out of North Idaho. The *Statesman* of the 19th contained telegraphic accounts of the massacre before they appeared in the San Francisco dailies and in time to reach its readers in North Idaho before *THE TELLER* knew that there had been an outbreak."

The impudence of such a journalist would induce him to "steal cents from a dead man's eyes."

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"To our friends of Astoria, Oregon. We as a community thank you heartily.
Very truly yours,
L. P. BROWN."

GRAIN.—Several loads of grain came into town Monday from "over North."