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from the "big Bar" on Trinity. They
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the Plamath, & the Chaste Rivers
& reported that they found nothing
that would pay for working &
packing provisions so far. & for the
great danger from the Indians
of losing not only their Animals,
but their own lives. They had had
to keep watch day & night, & had lost
some Animals. had one man shot
in the breast, & with his lungs
with an arrow. & had lost another
probably killed by the Indians. The
wounded man I saw, he was nearly well.

The Indians had attempted to drive off their Animals on various occasions, usually when they were first turned out in the morning.

In coming up, the Klammath River the Indians at first come into their Camp sometimes in numbers as large as five hundred, & appeared very friendly. After the white men was missing the Indians came no more to camp, but commenced the next day, stealing Animals, very many of the Indians were shot, & no more intercourse was had with them. Great numbers of fresh Salmon had previously been bought of them. & the whites subsequently found 500 dried Salmon "cashed"

which they took possession of.

While the Indians were playing the Possum & pretending to be friendly they were known to have possession of a Rifle & also of a Revolving Pistol for which they tried to purchase some Lead & Caps.

This party like all others who have learned from sad experience, positively affirm that it will never do to allow even one of them to come into Camp, for they will surely prove treacherous.

This party tried by all possible means to discourage us from going on but when they found we would go they went three miles below & encamped & two came back to learn about our digging & requested that some of them might return with us.

We should have started to day but Mr Blair was taken sick yesterday with Chills & fever. & is not able to travel. One man of the Co^o which joined us is also ill.

On Friday a very fat & large Buck was killed & brought into Camp all pronounced it the fattest & best ever tasted. The fat was about two inches thick on his back.

Sunday August 25th 1850

I am happy to state that we do not travel to day. Yet the reason of our lying by is not that it is "Holy day" but that two men are sick & one unable to go on. A man from the party of 56 who went down yesterday. Came up to camp

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Chaste Valley, Friday, August 23rd

Much discussion was had last night ~~and~~ this morning as to whether we go to Chaste^a or Beaver River. The discussion ran very high ~~and~~ it appeared at one time that the Company (none too large to travel in this Indian Country) would be divided into three parts, one for Chaste River, one for Beaver River ~~and~~ the third would quit the Diggings ~~and~~ go below. A compromise was at length made ~~and~~ an agreement made, to all go first to Chaste, ~~&~~ if that did not pay satisfactorily we would then go to Beaver River. We were first to wait here two days longer to see if the "Ten" would not come up.

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