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large, and that is about as much we can stand just now.

THE INDIAN RAID OF 1864.
Woodhull, Chase Co.. Kas., the Editor of the Courant:
The pen may be mightier thav nations are in war; but when th Red man of the West wants blood
the pen is not thought of, ant, of course, it becomes necessary to us eword, musket, mountain howitz ers, or even an old flint-lock rife
would be considered a God send would be considered a God send
providing you could get nothing better.
I believe it was in August, 1864 that Cow Creek Ranch was sur Cbeyenne Indians. There wa also, a wagon train about a mile from the rancb, and they, also were surrounded. Thers were
about twenty thee wagons in the about twenty tive wagons in the
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kind of cirele or corral; and the stock was kept inside of this corral while every teamster would be un der his wagon watching the firs opportunity to shont Mr. Red Man providing he would come elose
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I suppose, Mr. Elitor, that you know what a monstrous size a story
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tion. It was reported that there tion. It was reported that there
were ten thousand Indians coming and that they were going to kill everybody in the setulement, and burn Council Grove; and that the noted Kiowa Chief, Santanta, was leading them. The name Santanta Was enough to scare the settlers. They had heard of his crael mur
ders along the Sinta Fe trail. He Wa, Very theacherous, and the ver sound of his name was ennugh
make one's blood chill. How rap idly the news spread of their apBrigadicr Gencral of the Mi itia, wand be sen: au order to Col. W. S. Smitb, of Cottonwood Falis. to bave his men ready for action, Col. Smith made no delay, but Went to work in military style and issued an order for all men able tor action to make proparations to emp. cil Grove, and about fitteen trom Diamond creek. John O'Bryne was Captain of the squad from Diamond creek. Cbare county tur-ni-hed about thirty men, command ed by Col. Smith. Men in those pears that was, ab least, it appears that way, when sixty-five thousand hostile Indians. Nevertheless, in due time they arrived at the Little Arkansas Ranch; tut it was a terible disappointment; everything appeared to be "quiet on the Potomac," as the old saying had
it during the war. When all the troops arrived on the sappose field of battle Col. Smith proceeded $t 0$ appoint his officere to fill the va-
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 About noon of the first day that hey were at the Little Arkaneasbey wore all eating dinner, if it ould be called such; and west of he ranch, about a half mile, there a hill. An ox train was making
is appearance. "Indians," said me fellow, and the whole outfit ow to arms. They were nearly 11 mounted on their horses before bey discovered their mistake. No loubt if the Colonel could have round out who made the false
larm he would have given him drum-head court-martial. What night before tattoo the Colonel issued an order for his reg.
inent to bo ready to start back nent to be ready daylight. On their way back home how the poor email garens snd mellon patches suffered in Marion county; one tellow was a mellon patch with a mellon under each arm. I suppose ho was inkıng that evorything was fair
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nything us fellows do," was the nswer; and the fellow walked off with his forage. Tre Colonel was ompelled to order a forced march in order to ea er the fields of the armers in Marion county. Then roubles began, sure soough; some of the men satd that they were not a the voluateer service and they
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Clonel orderod the forced march to ave the fields of the fea setiers on he frontier and his name as a multaly man; but thungs looked Coomy; a mutiny raised in the giment, which could not be sup ressed. Finally the regiment broke up, and every fellow went ame of J. S. Doolittle, A. S. Howid and E. W. Pinkston? were they dit? They were the last to come in. It was understood atter the rogiment was disbanded that they
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ollow: "Did you hear any news" "No; did you?" "Yes; I heard the boys' had a fight with the In diansat Cow creek, and drove them back." "Hurrah, for the 'boys!' I knew that they could whip them.' I wonder it any of them got hurt." Yes, they say that two or three
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