

loss of all their horses and property. There are still human bones, and among them parts of skulls, that mark the spot where this deadly strife took place.

Two Indians came into the camp, who were said to be friendly, having often visited the Company's parties. One of them had a kind of coat of mail, to protect himself from arrows. It resembled a strait-jacket, and only covered the body, leaving the arms free. It was made of sticks as large as a man's thumb, woven together so closely as to resist the force of arrows. It consisted of two parts, fastened together with shoulder-straps at the top, and secured around the waist at the bottom.

On the opposite bank of the Rogues' river some Indians were seen at a fire; but on the discovery of our party, they removed farther from the river. Shortly afterwards, a small dog belonging to them came down to the river bank, when a man, by the name of Wood, took his rifle, and, contrary to the orders and rules of the camp, shot it. Lieutenant Emmons had discharged the man a few days before for some misbehaviour, and he would have been turned out of camp, if there had been any place of safety for him. It was now sufficiently evident why the Indians had removed immediately out of gunshot. During the night, the Indians collected within hearing of the camp, and had a war-dance.

Most of the gentlemen of the party had suffered exceedingly from attacks of the ague; the chills were very violent while they lasted, and several were obliged to stop for an hour or two during their continuance. This became a source of uneasiness to the whole party; for it was necessary to pass on rapidly, and not delay the main body more than was unavoidably necessary: the sudden and great atmospheric changes which constantly occurred, tended to aggravate, if they did not produce, these attacks: the thermometer during the day frequently standing above 80°, and at night nearly as low as the freezing point.

On the 27th, they proceeded along the bank of the river. The Indians were observed to be gathering, and were heard to utter yells, on the opposite bank. After a while, a large band of them were seen near a rocky point which encroaches upon the river, and where the path came within the reach of their arrows. The party now had strong reason for apprehending an attack; Lieutenant Emmons, therefore, took such precautions as were necessary to clear the path from any dangers, by throwing a detachment on foot in advance of the main party. Here the high perpendicular bank confined the path to very narrow limits, rendering a passing party liable to be seriously