

Salem Oct. 16th, 1855.

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There were news received from Sublimity to day to the effect that about 2500 Indians are banded and are near the outskirts of the settlements in the Forks of the Santiam river. There is not an Indian to be seen through the country. They have all left -- there was one Indian reported to me this evening, that had just come from the forks of the Santiam, for the purpose he says of seeing a squaw that is living about four miles from town, on the farm of John Martin, this Indian is a relative to the squaw, her husband has been gone some time, and has no doubt joined his tribe -- I think this Indian will be brought into town in the morning if he can be found for the purpose of finding out concerning these Indians on the vicinity of the Santiam, and to ascertain if possible their intentions, they consist of the Clickatats, a few of the Klamaths, and other tribes, are said to be well armed, principally with bows and arrows.--

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Chester N. Terry

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