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INDEPENDENCE. Mo., Monday, Jan. 16.

The New-Mexican Mail, with Santa Fé dates to the 12th inst., arrived here yesterday, (Sunday.)

The mail came by the Rattom-Mountain road, to avoid the Indians, who are encamped on the Bear River, some 25 miles off the old road.

Mr. BENT, at Bent's Fort, informed the mail party that the Kiowa Indians had been there to obtain powder and lead, but were refused, and that they threatened to destroy the fort.

Persons who have been to Bear River state that there are some 4,000 lodges of Kiowas and Camanches encamped on that stream.

No Indians were seen on the route except some Cheyennes, who are friendly.

The weather was pleasant most of the way.

The commanding officer at Santa Fé refuses to send escorts with the mails but for a short distance only.

Lieut. BELL, at the Pawnee Fork, sends an escort with each outgoing mail as far as Fort Union.

Business was very dull with the traders on the Plains in consequence of the hostility of the Indians.