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## THE BATTLE OF VALVERDE.

### Additional Particulars—Communication with Fort Craig Cut off by the Texans.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 20.

The following dispatch was received here to-night :

KANSAS CITY, Tuesday, March 18.

GEORGE T. BEALE, bearer of dispatches to Washington, brings advices from Santa Fé to the 3d inst. He confirms previous accounts of the battle near Fort Craig on the 21st ult. The Federal loss was 62 killed and 346 wounded. The Texans captured six of our field pieces. Col. STEELE commanded the Texans. The Texans were at Socorro, 38 miles north of Fort Craig. Col. CANBY'S command was concentrated at Fort Craig. Nothing has been heard from them since the 25th, all communication being cut off. A large amount of Government property was destroyed at Albuquerque to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy. Four hundred and fifty Texans, with two pieces of artillery, entered Albuquerque on the 2d. Major DONALDSON, commanding the district of Santa Fé, was preparing to abandon that place, and fall back to Fort Union, on the 3d. Mr. BEALE met three companies of Colorado volunteers, under Lieut.-Col. TAPPAN, at Hole-in-the-Rock, fifty miles south of Bent's Fort, en route for Fort Union. Seven more companies had crossed the river above. They would meet at the Purgatory, forty miles south of Bent's Fort. Mr. BEALE left this morning for Washington.

St. Louis, Thursday, March 20.

A correspondent of the *Republican*, writing from the camp near Bent's old fort, New-Mexico, March 6, says it is supposed that the rebels, after their victory near Fort Craig, will march directly on Santa Fé and Fort Union. All the valuable property in the Department is being concentrated at the latter place, and all the available force is being rapidly forwarded there to defend it.

The property amounts, it is said, to several million dollars. Col. Slough's First Regiment Colorado Volunteers left this camp yesterday, and will reach Fort Union by the 12th of March, in advance of the rebels. Fort Union is a strong fort, and a thousand men can hold it against the combined strength of the rebels. Col. CANBY is still supposed to be at Fort Craig, with twelve hundred regulars and a body of Mexican volunteers, who, however, are not relied on.

The *Santa Fé Gazette* says that Capt. McRae's Battery was captured in the battle near Fort Craig, in consequence of its support, consisting of two companies of regulars and two companies of volunteers running away when the Texans charged on it, resisting the efforts of Col. CANBY himself, to rally them; also, that Capt. LORD'S Dragoons refused to obey the command to charge the enemy. The charge of the Texans on the battery is described as being very brilliant and terrible. They were armed principally with Colt's six-shooters, and although scores were killed by McRae's grape and canister, they marched steadily on, killing every gunner but one or two.

### OUR LOSS AT PEA RIDGE.

St. Louis, Thursday, March 20.

The official list of the Federal loss at the battle of Pea Ridge is as follows: killed, 212; wounded, 926; missing, 174.

### A SKIRMISH IN MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Thursday, March 20.

On the 10th inst., Lieut. J. D. JOOK, of the First Iowa Cavalry, with 30 men, encountered a band of marauders posted in a log-house and barn in Lafayette County, Mo. The enemy were defeated after a short engagement, in which they had nine killed and three wounded. Our loss was one killed and four wounded.