

# OLD CAMP SITES ARE LOCATED

## Effort to Locate General Sibley's War time Trail Has Pro- ven Successful.

Fifty-one years ago last week Gen. Sibley engaged the hostile Indians in battle near Tappan. In the general's forced march from the fort at St. Paul in pursuit of the Indians, he and his men camped twice in Foster county. The first camp was established near the James river, probably east of Bordulac. It was named Camp Olin in honor of one of the officers of the expedition. The next night camp was pitched on what is now section 16, in Pleasant Valley township in Foster county. These camps were made in the county fifty one years ago last week. A few days later Gen. Sibley's men overtook the Indians and decisively routed them in a battle near Tappan July 24.

To preserve the camping places on this expedition across the state as far as Bismarck in 1863, Dana Wright and Alexander Steinbach of Jamestown and Hugo Riebe of Kensal, were at Carrington last week in an effort to find an early settler who might know the exact location of the Camp Olin that was pitched near the James river. They were unsuccessful in locating the only one camp now unknown of the camps established between Lake Jessie and Bismarck. From here the men went by auto to the James river region to endeavor to find traces of mounds that were thrown up every night in the new camp by the soldiers. The camping place in Pleasant Valley township, known as Camp Kimball, was definitely located some time ago.

The entire route of the army, is now almost completely established. Only one camping place is missing. The permanent camp was established near Atchison at Lake Jessie about three miles south of Binford. There the cripples and sick were left by General Sibley, when he began his hurry up march on the Indians. He had with him 2,000 soldiers. The Indians whom he engaged a few days later were estimated at 3,000. The expedition against the Indians was organized in 1863 to punish the red skins for the massacres they had committed the year before.