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buried together on the battlefield, and those of the Union forces at Fort Craig, with military honors.

On the morrow General Sibley, in the flush of his victory, sent, under a flag of truce, three of his officers to Colonel Canby, who were instructed to demand the immediate surrender of the fort, which demand was promptly rejected. The first of these officers was the Lieutenant-Colonel Scurry, already mentioned; the second,



Colonel Christopher ("Kit") Carson.
(From a wood engraving supplied by the author.)

Lieutenant Tom P. Ochiltree, afterward governor of Texas and a member of the United States congress, the third being Captain D. W. Shannon, who was taken prisoner in a subsequent battle in the territory. It was reported, but not confirmed, that this commission regarded the fort as too strongly defended to be taken by assault or siege at the time. Also, that they were deceived as to the number and calibre of the real cannon mounted on its bastions, for while some of these were metal, the others were

said to be large-size wooden ones—mere Quaker guns.

Colonel Canby, though depressed in spirit by his defeat, resolved still to make all efforts possible with his command to thwart the purpose of the Texans to acquire possession of the Southwest and thus to separate the Pacific Coast from the Union. Subsequent events will show to what extent he succeeded in this determination through his own efforts. At Santa Fé, at that time, the belief that he could be successful with his small number of trustworthy troops was by no means sanguine. The territory's capital turned toward Colorado for help. Captain Gurden Chapin, acting inspector-gen-