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.....In 1865 Col. Kirwin, with a regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, was sent to the frontier (sic) to protect settlers. He established a post between Bow Creek (then the middle Fork) and the North Solomon, a short distance above their confluence. It was called Fort Kirwin. - There being no settlers within 100 miles miles. needing protection, and the country swarming at that time with hostile Indians, he abandoned the post. In 1870 the first settlers of Kirwin discovered remnants of a stockade and portions of an army wagon on this site.