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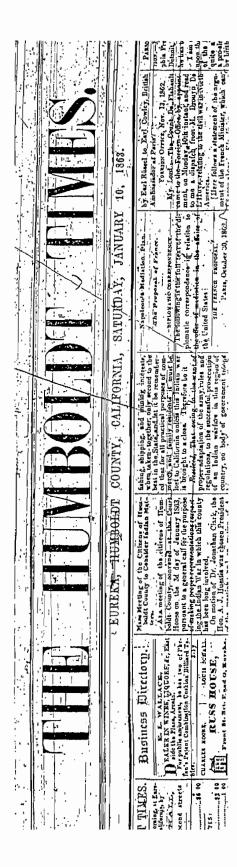
> Remove Him. Many people in this county will not fully understand, without further explanation, all the causes which induced the introduction and passage of the resolution, by the meeting on Saturday last, asking for the removal of George M. Hanson, Superintendent of Indian Affaits. We will state the cause of complaint, as applied to our county. When the presont Humboldt Military District was established, and Col. Lippitt sent here as commander, he deemed it practicable to make prisoners of the Indians and have them removed, by the Superintendent, to some remote locality from whence they could not return. The plan was not a bad one but was inoperative in the Mind river country, where the worst Indiang live, as they could neither be caught nor induced to come in. In the Yager Creek, Ecl river, Van Duzen, Bear river and Mattole sections the troops were suc-- cessful and succeeded in making prisoners of about one thousand Indians. As . fast as they were caught they were placed on the Peninsula, opposite this place, where they were cared for by the military authorities. There they were comfortable and apparently contented, and could have been kept securely by a very small force. When over 900 had been collected, and the Superintendent notified of the fact, he decided to remove them to Smith rivor Oue word for Smith-River Valley. In 1856 Congress established the Klamath Reservation s tract of land e_tending 20 miles up the Klamath river from its mouth and three miles on. cach side of the stream. Troops were sent there, a sub-agent appointed, quarters built, for the Indians and Fort Ter-----wer established. This proved a failure; as the Indians-there-had-always-boonpenceable and fared much worse on the orambs that foll from the pocket of the ī Superintendent than-they had formerly on their own natural resources. Consequently, their numbers decreased rather. than increased until the winter of '61 and -'62 when the flood onried away the cost-of sand upon the valuable cultivated lands of our generous Uncle, where beets, carrots and potatoes were once went to tl vegetate. What of the Indians -romaining irponthe reservation at this time-old, decrep-.ti id lame halt and blind-taking their Scanned by KJD 2009 the subsistence at the expense of

martial arr in the former place. Subsequently Gen. Wright saw the error he had committed and withdrow the order Now, in the figood all the facts not one linif of which have been told, we submit if we are not warranted in surmising that there is something "rottenin Denmark?" In a private letter to us Mr. Hanson says that he could not do botter, as he had no power to remove the Indians out of his district; and admits in the same epistle that he had only made a "conditional" bargain for the Smith-Rivor Reservation. That was well known to us before hence the reason why our citizens-insisted that the Indians-be-kopt on the Poninsula. We think fit was the 'conditions' of that bargain which work: ed such a serious injury to our people, and we think the "conditions" of that burgain induced him to show Mr. Sargent the beauties of the Reservation system at Smith river, and point out to him the superior advantages of that locality over all others for a Reserve. We wait to see if Mr. Sargent will recommend it.

The Mass Meeting.

What of the Indians -romaining upon the reservation at this time-old; decrep-"Remove Him." Weekly Humboldt __id, Jame halt and blind-taking their Times, January 10, 1863: p. 2, col. 1chances for subsistence at the expense of mount yere removed to Smith Riv cr Valley, and the Reservation abundaned, much to the gratification of the Klamath Indians. Mr. Hanson selected -this place, in the emergency, for the accommodation of the Indians above alluded to and made a conditional bargain with the settlers for their farms, when -the purchase should-be confirmed by _Congress_ When Mr. Hanson-intimated his ih tention to remove our Indian prisoners to Smith River, a unanimous and indignant protestation was offered, both by the citizens of this and Dal Norte countion 'A petition was cent from the latter county to Gen. Wright asking his interfarence in their behulf, and even athieatoning that, so palpable was the 'outrage, resistance-would-lie-made to-the landing of the diggers at Croscont City. Ool. Lippitt corresponded with General Wright on the subject, laying the matter calmly and clearly before him, naking him on the part of the citizens, of this county, to prevent it possible, the - removal of the prisoners to Smith River ofer-the tery obvious reason and well known fact that they would return when -they pleased, and bo-much-worse-than-_over. This correspondence was in the hands of the Committee who drafted the resolutions published in to-day's paper, -and had weight with that body in the _passago of the resolution asking the Saperintendent's removel. It was appar-Si ent to the Committee that he had removed these Indians to, Smith River against gi the well known wishes of the citizens of the two counties, interested, and against -the earnest solicitation of not only Col. Lippitt but Con. Wright himself. Our people as a last resort, even requested the commanding officer not to deliver "them over to the Superintendent. In the face of all this Col. Lippitt was 'informed that he (Gen., Wright,) had no diserction in the matter and that the Indiand must be delivered to the Superintendont or-his order." Mr. Hanson was appealed to, likewise, in the strongest terms and asked to see how well the Indians were satisfied on the pobinsula, and how. much less was the expense of feeding and guarding thom there than at Smith Rigver, from which place the Superintendent. was assured they would return to their -old haunts whenever they wished. But -all of no nvail. The Indians were romoved to Smith River-remained there a fow wooks and commenced leaving in: small bands, and now most of them are back and worse than ever. One-word more for Mr. Hanson. . He succeeded in "bamboosling" Constal Wright and inducing that usually cautious officer to recommend the abandonment of all the Reservations save Round Valley and Smith river, and to declare

made in the organization and equipment of such force, the Indians would have time enough to finish what remains to be done of their devastating work. This, Lippitt can avert if he will only word the mondate the debug photos tonths of them would profer to be than cooped up in Fort Humboldt or any other post. We believe, also, that the Colenel is mistaken as to the disposition of his troops to hunt Indians. Ilo_lins_an idea that, as they onlisted to go East, they feel no interest, in common with us in the subjugation of these savages. We have seen different detachments going out upon Indian hunts and returning from them, and have never yet heard any complaints, or any dissatisfaction expressed except as to the dilhitory mannor of conducting the campuign, and the overdrayen importance of system and disoipling in a mode of warfare accordary in an emergency like ours. Uncle George Hanson did not fare so well, Wo have heldom known-feelings of a stronger recontment against any public officer manifested than were entertainod and expressed by this meeting against him: Hence the resolution asking for his immediate removal, which we trust Wild believe will pervail. The renounce assigned for this step are set forth in the preamble. Numiby the action of this mass meeting much has been left for our members in the Legislatura to parform. They have been lest to dovice in some enses and her in others. They are filly aware of what will be expected at their hands and are well-posted as to our wants. Let thom take lived and act accordingly; Turingia Suore to Six form



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