

**★ DON'T MENTION IT.**—The Humboldt papers which came to hand yesterday say nothing about the Indian atrocities or the state of war said to exist in Mendocino county. As the seat of war is near Humboldt county, it is likely, if the danger is great, that the people in that county would have heard something of the alleged massacres. Some young men of our acquaintance left this city in September last on a hunting expedition. They were absent three months, and spent their time in Round valley, Long valley, Gravelly valley, and other points in Mendocino county, near or immediately on the ground where these Indian outrages are said to have been committed. They saw no Indians, and heard of none, except a tribe not many miles from where they were camped; which, it was rumored, Captain Jarboe's men were going to attack. A gentleman, well acquainted in that region of the State, informs us that the territory in which it is claimed these Indian difficulties have occurred consists of a strip of country varying in width, but which is nearly a hundred and fifty miles in length. It is a section made up of valleys and high hills, which are mostly covered with wild oats and grass. As a range for cattle it is, therefore, inviting; and, hence, owners of stock, for two or three years past, have been driving their stock into that region. Of course, they have crowded upon the Indians, who had hardly ever before seen a white man. The old story followed; the whites pushed the Indians back; disputes arose; collisions followed, and lives were taken on both sides. We hear of the whites killed by the Indians, for they are missed by their friends; but we never hear of the Indians shot by whites in those lawless encounters. If an Indian is

in those lawless encounters. If an Indian is killed, to revenge his death is the religion of his tribe, and they sacrifice the first white man they meet, because he belongs to the race of him who slew the Indian. This is the Indian character. Of course the whites retaliate, and an Indian war follows.

Unquestionably, the stock range in the country occupied by the Indians in Mendocino is desired by stock raisers, and to enable them to enjoy it in peace, they would like to have the Indians shot or driven away at the expense of the State. But, so far as these Mendocino Indians are concerned, we understand that a man from that section has proposed that for a specified amount to be paid him he will capture all those Indians without killing man, woman or child, and deliver them at any point the State will name. This is certainly a humane proposition, and if an expedition is to be fitted out, we move that his offer be accepted. But does not this proposition show conclusively that the Indians there are a harmless, peaceful race, from whom no danger is to be apprehended, provided the whites do not deprive them of all means of living? Give them something to eat, and they will not disturb the white settlers. These Indians are evidently more sinned against than sinning.

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**PROTECT THE SQUAWS.**—The *Petaluma Argus*, referring to the bill authorizing the levying of a company to protect the citizens of Mendocino from Indian outrages, says: "We believe there is no necessity existing for such a company—no outbreak among the Indians sufficient to justify the measure. On the other hand, if one-half we hear from that region be true, the ones who really need protection are the squaws."

# SACRAMENTO DAILY

SACRAMENTO, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 25

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The SPEAKER [mounting the platform]—The gentleman  
of El Dorado will give way for a moment, while the  
he receives a message from the Senate.  
The message from the Senate was duly announced and  
read, after which Mr. Fairchild continued:

whether the gentleman from El Dorado is to speak in  
order or out of order?

Mr. FAIRCHILD—I give notice—

The CHAIR—If the gentleman desires to insist upon his  
point of order—

Mr. GWINN—My point of order is that the gentleman  
is speaking to about everything else except the question

bill introduced by Mr. Ballou, which con-  
provisions as this with a few exceptions.

Further reading dispensed with, and I  
time by title.

Mr. BEACR—I move the bill be refer-  
mittee on Education, and that the  
could be ordered printed.