

The Indian Troubles.

Some time since we expressed it as our opinion, that the Indians of the Sierra Nevada were in a general state of hostility against the whites. The war broke out in El Dorado county, and from day to day we gave intelligence from the seat of difficulties. The body of the press of California treated the matter with lightness, and thought that the position which we assumed was wrong. But, however the press might have prated, the people of El Dorado county felt the sternness of the fact that their citizens were daily being shot down, their ranches plundered, and the worn down immigrants that were entering the State by way of Placerville, were suffering from the outrages of the Indians.

Sheriff Rogers raised a force, and notwithstanding some of the bravest and noblest of men fell under his command, the press were still incredulous. He at last effectually cleaned the Indians from his county and depredations for a time ceased in that quarter. We stated that the Mountain Indians had gone South, and immediately we heard of depredations in Calaveras county. We predicted that the miners farther to the South must suffer, since the Indians far from being conquered were but exasperated.

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An Indian war carried on in the mountains cannot fail to be most expensive.— Our State cannot afford to bear the entire cost. There are government troops here, and as while the Indian disturbances were going on in El Dorado county, we stated that it would be a far better disposition of the National forces, for them to occupy posts in the Sierra "than to lie moulting in inglorious inactivity among the sunny vineyards of the Sonoma valley," so now do we earnestly call on Gen. Smith to come to the rescue and protect our citizens, who can by no means afford to protect themselves. California has already shown a disposition to raise \$300,000, but affairs have come to such a pass that it is the duty of the United States forces to take charge of this thing themselves.