

Our Indian War.

The prospects for a speedy termination of the Indian war in this county, which is now being conducted with so much vigor, do not appear so flattering to us now as they did one month ago. The mode of warfare which the Indians have adopted, is such as to render their final and entire subjugation an extremely difficult and hazardous task. That they are well armed and equipped, is now no longer a matter of doubt, and skilled as they are in the use of fire arms they are prepared to make this a protracted and laborious expedition. It is no part of their warfare to make a standing fight, neither do they keep their guns in their ranches where they would be likely to lose them if surprised. Their fire arms are either in their hands or hid out. This has been established by the fact that in all the ranches heretofore captured not one gun fit for use has been found. An Indian life is of no importance compared with saving his gun, and as they generally travel in small detachments, it is impossible to catch any considerable number of them at any one time or place. Their mode of fighting is to waylay, in parties of two, three and four, selecting deep cañons and thick brush, make a dead shot and then dodge off, which is generally the last of them until they turn up in the same manner from some other ambush. It was by this mode that Stephens was killed, and in the same manner, though guarded against by the utmost caution on the part of the whites, Chauncey Miller lost his life, and Winslett was wounded; and the battle last week furnishes still farther evidence that to preserve their guns is the first and most important consideration with them.

The capture of over one hundred of their women and children which are now on board the bark Fanny Major, en-route for the Mendocino Reservation, will also relieve the war.

docono Reservation, will also relieve the warriors from looking out for them and will scarcely have a tendency to make them less hostile towards us.

We have every confidence that the companies now in the field are fully competent to the task they have undertaken and although we most sincerely hope, not only for the benefit of this section of our State, but that the wary volunteers may be relieved from their hardships, that the expedition may soon be brought to a close, but that such will be the case, or that the Indians will stand and fight, we confess we are not very sanguine.

