

~~REMOVAL OF THE INDIANS. Only the best ar-~~
~~guments— one that is unimpeachable— in favor of~~
~~the removal of the Indians, to a "reservation"~~
~~away from the whites, is presented in the present~~
~~difficulties. The war, if it can be properly so~~
~~termed, was brought on by the whites and under~~
~~the most aggravated circumstances. The facts are~~
~~as we are informed, that about the 10th of Decem-~~
~~ber a Russian in attempting to commit an outrage~~
~~upon the person of an Indian woman, who was~~
~~accompanied by an Indian boy, the woman being~~
~~to the boy and the white man drew his revolver~~
~~and shot the boy down, who afterwards died from~~
~~the wound; the man after bullying around for some~~
~~time left for parts unknown. The Indians think-~~
~~ing to get revenge, killed an ox that had formerly~~
~~belonged to this man, but learning that he had~~
~~sold it, they offered to pay the present owner the~~
~~value of the steer, which was refused. The Indians~~
~~became frightened, and by their conduct filled the~~
~~minds of the miners with suspicion, they attempted~~
~~to disarm them without paying the value of the~~
~~arms, and upon the Indians refusing to surrender~~
~~them, the miners proceeded to burn the Indian~~
~~Ranches, with their winter's supply of provisions,~~
~~which they defended by killing the whites engaged~~
~~in so doing. Blood has now been spilt, and to~~
~~destroy the confidence the Indians have in them-~~
~~selves, there is no other alternative than to severely~~
~~retaliate upon them. A peace must be conquered~~
~~if for no other reason than to protect the Indians~~
~~who have surrendered their arms, and who are now~~
~~acting with the whites.~~

~~We learn that Mr. Harris and his friends are~~
~~indignant at the article. If Mr. Harris is the party~~
~~alluded to, it was more than we knew at the time~~
~~of writing, though we have since learnt from his~~
~~friends and others that he is the one. If Mr. Har-~~
~~ris is innocent, no one would take greater pleasure~~
~~than we would in publishing to the world evidences~~
~~of the falsity of the charge. Mr. Harris has many~~
~~friends here, who previous to the occurrence of the~~
~~killing, spoke in high terms of him, and all regretted~~
~~the difficulty as all believed that the statements~~
~~made here were correct. We have learnt the facts~~
~~as published from at least a half a dozen, and in~~
~~addition find that similar statements have been~~

as published from at least a dozen, and in
addition, find that similar statements have been
published throughout this state as will be seen by
the following from the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

"The difficulty grow out of the lawless acts of
certain persons who were in the habit of forcing
the squaws. Sam Harris a few weeks ago shot an
Indian for attempting to prevent him from ravi-
shing a squaw claimed by the Indian.

Such men deserve the rope. But as innocent
men are made to suffer, the Indians must be sub-
dued."—*Extra-Yreka Herald*.

It is singular that the same statements should
go forth from different quarters, and still more
singular that the party charged should make
threats against us instead of taking the trouble to
disprove the charges, which if false, it is easy to
do, as there were several persons present and
knowing to the whole transaction. If the transac-
tion be as stated Mr. Harris should swing, but if
on the other hand, he be innocent, he should
obtain the necessary evidences to disprove the
charge, not only for himself, but for the sake of
his friends, some of whom are and have ever been
our warmest friends. If Mr. Harris will furnish
us with the proofs of the falsity we will publish
them.

We know that the advocacy of the removal of
the Indians does not meet with favor among a
large portion of the miners, but that any respecta-
ble or honest man objects to the following para-
graph we do not believe

If the Indians are not whipped out soon, the
volunteers now in the field should compel all the
"Squaw Men," who are said to be giving informa-
tion, aid and encouragement to the Indians, to
vamos, even if they join their father and brother-
in-laws. And as a measure of future protection,
the miners should form themselves into a body as
"Regulators" and swing every man convicted of
selling fire arms or ammunition to an Indian.
One or two summary inflictions of that punish-
ment, would suppress the trade.

If we pleased everybody, which, by the bye, we
did not start out to do—our paper would soon be-
come a wishy-washy worthless affair.

