

Indian Hostilities—Volunteer Company.

By a letter in another column, from Hydesville, it will be seen that the Indians have about taken possession of the Bald Hill country. They go in broad day-light, in sight of the owners, and drive away cattle and kill them at their leisure. At last accounts the settlers were trying to drive their stock together, for better protection, but the Indians succeeded in keeping the cattle well scattered. It is a shame, and a disgrace to those whose duty it is to afford us protection, that some of the best sections of our county must be placed beyond the reach of the hardy frontiersmen by a few bands of miserable diggers. We have a county unequalled for grazing or agricultural purposes in California, but its finest resources have been and are still undeveloped in consequence of our not having received that protection to which we are entitled, and for which we have often asked and entreated.—

Two volunteer companies, of ten or twelve men each, armed and provisioned at private expense, have been in the Bald Hills most of the winter, and a small detachment of U. S. troops were out for a few days. All these have proved insufficient to quiet the Indians, but preparations are being made to send a sufficient force of volunteers in the field to put a stop to their depredations.—

A full company of volunteers have enrolled themselves at Hydesville, and will be organized this evening, under the superintendence of Hon. E. L. Davis, appointed by the County Judge for that purpose, according

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County Judge for that purpose, according
to the statute, in such cases made and pro-
vided. Under the extreme demand which
exists for their immediate action, they will
take the field at once, trusting to the justice
of their cause, and the wants of the people
for a recognition of their acts, and recom-
pense for their services at the hands of the
State authorities.

In some parts of the State there seems
to exist an erroneous opinion in regard to the
result of the campaign in this county, in '58
and '59. There appears to be a prevailing
impression that the Indians who have been
troubling us for the past year, and the ones
which we are now at war with, are the same
that were captured and removed by Gen.
Kibbe, in the campaign above referred to.—
This is incorrect; they are not the same In-
dians, neither do they inhabit the same
range of country. The impression that any
considerable number of the Indians removed
by Gen. Kibbe have returned to their
former homes, is also incorrect. We believe
that a few—very few—have returned. But
in the Redwood country, where Gen. Kibbe
operated, and where the Indians had been
notoriously bad, no depredations have been
committed since the termination of that
campaign, nor any hostile intention shown
by the Indians except in one instance, where
a gun was snapped at two persons passing
the trail. That campaign has been regarded
by people in this county as a successful one,
and incalculable benefits to our citizens
have resulted from it.

We want another expedition under the
same authority, and conducted on the same
economical and effective principle. The men
are ready to take the field, and we hope the
Governor will not hesitate to clothe them
with proper authority. Will our members
at Sacramento look to it?

