

Latest from Shasta.

Street Fight.—Indian Depredation.—Expedition against the Pitt River Indians.—Thirty killed and Twenty-five Rancherias Burned.

We are indebted to W. G. Moody, Esq., the late Whig candidate for Assembly, in this county, for the following highly interesting intelligence from the upper country.

SHASTA, Feb. 7th.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—This afternoon a street fight came off here between one Dr. Slack, a gambler, recently a co-proprietor of the El Dorado, and a Mr. McCarty, a trader; the difficulty is reported to have grown out of a game of cards. Slack, seeing McCarty in the street, got behind a pillar in front of the El Dorado, drew a revolver, and told McCarty to defend himself, and commences firing; McC. returns the compliment, both sides of the street being filled with people. No one was injured. Both were arrested, examined before Justice Roup, and bound over. They will probably be tried to-morrow.

*Difficulties with the Indians here are so frequent, and of so serious a character, that they *must* be noticed by Government. There was never a more mistaken idea of a people, than that entertained by the Heads of Department at Washington with respect to the Indians in California, especially in the northern part. Treachery is the only *faith* they know; gratitude is a thing almost entirely unknown in the race; their most approved way of obtaining a subsistence is by theft and robbery. I will give you a *few* of the many facts in proof.

About three days since Wood & Co.'s ranch was cleared of every animal upon it, excepting the cows; within ten days, in the Cañon, eight miles below here, a pack train was robbed of twenty-seven mules; about the same time, a little below, on the Sacramento, two trains were robbed of forty-two mules; within the past month, on the opposite side of the Sacramento, in the neighborhood of Churn and Cow Creeks, hundreds of animals have been stolen, not a ranch has escaped, some have lost all; the miners could not keep an animal: tents and

Creeks, hundreds of animals have been stolen, not a ranch has escaped, some have lost all; the miners could not keep an animal; tents and houses robbed, and every thing taken that the Indians could lay their hands upon. On the Shasta Valley trail, above here, a few weeks since, a house was attacked, entered, the two inmates, Dr. McGee and companion, killed, the house plundered and fired, destroying all they could not carry off. Farther up on the trail, near the Back-bone, a mining company lost all their animals, numbering, twenty-seven, also their provisions and blankets, and three days since it was known that two trains were fighting their way in the same neighborhood; being surrounded by Indians.

On the Trinity trail, two days since, within eighteen miles of here, I passed two trains, encamped, which had lost, four days before, forty mules, seven only of which had been recovered; and three others found dead, filled with arrows; within six miles of here, on the same trail, fifteen were taken at one time, seven at another, and four at another, and on the other side of the mountain, on the Trinity, two men (Gormans) were killed by some Indians whom they had been feeding for some days, whilst traveling, and to whom they had given blankets and clothes; the bodies of the Germans were found filled with arrows, names unknown; two animals were shot on the trail, under their riders, the one being a female and the other a Mexican. Throughout that whole region the trains are robbed, the miners plundered, and citizens murdered until the extermination of the one or the other race must be effected. Near this place, within a few days, an unknown body was found, pierced with arrows, and all these things are perpetrated by the same Indians whom our Government had a short time previous feasted, clothed, and made treaties with, a thing which the Indians look upon simply as a means of more easily obtaining something to eat and wear; *good faith* they cannot comprehend.

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left Churn Creek a short time since to chastise
the Indians on Pitt River; they were gone two
weeks, killed about thirty Buck Indians, burnt
and destroyed twenty-five rancherias, and
brought in seventeen prisoners; they attempted
to punish them for the murder of McGee, to no
effect, as they are a roving, predatory race.

Now what shall be done? Will Government
still sit with folded hands, and flatter itself that
the Indians here are a peaceful, inoffensive
race, and all is well? Are we not to have a
single man of our own forces to defend *our*
frontiers, as well as the frontiers of the Mexi-
can? Are our citizens to be still robbed,
plundered, and murdered, unknown and un-
cared for? Will Government still furnish com-
missioners and means to feed and treat with
this race of robbers, who commence anew their
depredations as soon as the Commissioners'
backs are turned, and the troops are all with-
drawn?

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