

Apprenticing Indians.

From time to time we have endeavored to point out the evils attending, and which must inevitably result from the system of apprenticing Indians, which was authorized by the Legislature of 1860. It is not proposed to repeat them here, but simply to call the attention of the people's representatives to the matter, and ask them to obey the wishes of their constituents. Of course no legislation will interfere with the rights of any persons to the services of Indians indentured under the law referred to, but it is time a stop was put to the traffic. A petition was forwarded from this county to the Legislature of last year for the amendment of the law, but as it was late in the session no action was taken: should any amendment be proposed this year, let it be to strike out all after the enacting clause. We believe we truly reflect the wishes of a large majority of the people of this section of the State, when we ask a repeal of this law.

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EUREKA, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1862.

<p>12. East of Phe- rid Ta- Ship OTEL</p>	<p>[From the Boston Evening Gazette.] The Dying Soldier. [A subscriber sends us the following adaptation of the metre of Mrs. Norton's "Bingen on the Rhine" to a theme of the day—descriptive, very nearly, so the one who contributes it tells us, of the fate of a young New York volunteer, as "brave a fellow as the war has produced." A soldier of the army lay dying at Bull Run. Oh, the "cast of death" was dreadful in that hot and burning sun.</p>	<p>The Legion of Honor. "Are you willing he should go?" "And why not?" answered the young wife, enthusiastically. "I should despise myself, Adele, if I were not willing to give my husband to my country. France needs all her sons in this extremity. I thank God I have Henri to offer on her altar." Her sister snuggled her shoulders. "You always were romantic, my dear," she said. "For my part, if I had a hand-</p>	<p>their arms, replied, "The Guard die but never surrender," Henri de Tankerville fighting longest almost of all, sank under a dozen wounds. Did his wife regret what she had done? "No, no," she cried in answer to the cruel reproaches of her sister, "I would send him forth again if I could. I would rather be a widow a thousand times over." She added with flashing eyes, "Of a soldier who died for his country, than the wretched wife of one who had fallen France</p>	<p>ANECDOTE OF DR. EMMONS.—There was a physician in the neighborhood of Franklin, where Dr. Emmons preached for seventy-one years, who was corrupting the minds of men by his pantheism. The physician being called to a sick family in the Franklin parish, met the Franklin minister at the house of affliction. It was no place for a dispute. It was no place for any unbecoming familiarity with the minister. It was no place for a physician to inquire into the avo of the minister's</p>	<p>An Indian lish journal Blondin's p- perfect soul touch and a beneath his and fire in him. He is always abor When, there deprived of his—which</p>
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