PROBABLE MURDER OF ALL THE INHABITANTS IN
PITT RIVER VALLEY.—Two gentlemen—Whitman
and Fowler—left Shasta on the 25th ult.,
and arrived in Pitt River Valley the Sunday
following. They found all the houses burned,
and after looking in vain for their inhabitants,
were forced to the conclusion that all the valley
had been murdered by the Indians. A majority
of the settlers, fortunately, had left the valley,
with the intention of returning in the spring.
H. A. Lockhart, A. Bales, Z. P. Rogers, Daniel
Bryant, and a German who had charge of the
ferry, are believed to have been murdered. The
two gentlemen, finding the ferry-boat burnt,
constructed a raft and crossed the river, when
the ruins of houses, and the remnants of slaugh-
tered cattle, told the story. Eight Indians made
their appearance, and the men retreated to their
raft, but found it destroyed; they then started
down the river, keeping the Indians at bay with
their rifles. By the time they reached the Falls
the savages numbered fifteen. Here they found
an old Indian, and asked him to ferry them
across in an old canoe. He consented with an
anxiety that made them suspect that he would
turn them overboard; as it is reported they did
Treasor and his party. They got into the canoe,
and as the old Indian got in, Whitman took
the paddle from him, at the same time presented
his revolver to his breast, and commanded
him to sit still, and while in this position Fowler
paddled the canoe across; the fifteen Indians
still pursuing them, crossed over also. They
stopped at the place where Rogers and Bales'
house had been burned, and keeping the Indi-
ians bay,2 nailed in her, it was late in the even-
ing. About dusk they discovered all the bivouac,
going in the direction of an Indian ran-
cheria some distance off. They then slipped
down the bank of the river and crawled along
up the margin of the stream, escaped the vigi-
lance of the Indians and saw nothing more of
them. During the seven days they were absent,
they had nothing to eat but a dog, which they
killed. Frank Rogers, formerly of the express
firm of Crum, Rogers & Co., with a small party,
had left Yreka on snow shoes, for the purpose
of finding the body of his father, Z. P. Rogers.
Capt. Judah, who started for Benecia, to lay the
matter before Gov. Wool, is of the opinion that
at the present time nothing can be done in ac-
count of the depth of snow. He was directed
for the above information to the Shasta Republic.