

~~PROBABLE MURDER OF ALL THE INHABITANTS IN  
PITT RIVER VALLEY.—Two gentlemen—Whit-  
man 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. Boles, Z. R. 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  
alacrity that made them suspect that he would  
turn them overboard; as it is reported they did  
Freaner and his party. They got into the can-  
oe, and as the old Indian got in, Whitman took  
the paddle from him, at the same time present-  
ed 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 Boles'  
house had been burned, and keeping the Indi-  
ans at bay, built a fire, as it was late in the eve-  
ning. About dusk they discovered all the In-  
dians 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. R. Rogers.  
Capt. Judah, who started for Benecia, to lay the  
matter before Gen. Wool, is of the opinion that  
at the present time nothing can be done on ac-  
count of the depth of snow. We are indebted  
for the above information to the Shasta Repub-  
lican.~~

