

Horrible Massacre of Indians at Humboldt Bay.

The S. F. *Telegram* of Tuesday last has the following particulars relative to a massacre of Indians in and near the vicinity of Humboldt Bay:

It appears that a party of farmers and graziers residing around the bay, annoyed at the frequent instances of running off stock by the Indians, formed a secret society for their extermination.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 26th between 3 and 4 A. M., a party of about thirty men from Bel river crossed over to Indian Island, and massacred some forty Indians, men women and children—butchering them with axes and knives. Indian Island is situated in the bay opposite Eureka, and is about a quarter of a mile from the latter place. Eight or ten Indians escaped the massacre, and made their way to Eureka, where they placed themselves under the protection of the citizens. A party of the latter immediately proceeded to the island, where they found thirty-six butchered in cold blood—among them several infants only a few weeks old. No trace of the murderers could be found, except the remains of their victims.

At about the same hour of the above massacre, another party of white men attacked an Indian camp at Table Bluff, a few miles below the entrance to Humboldt Bay, where they slaughtered about forty men, women and children.

It is thought by the citizens that, at the same time, the Indian encampments on Bel River, Bear River, and in Mattole Valley, were attacked; it being generally supposed that the massacre was preconcerted and simultaneous throughout the country.

The citizens of Eureka and around the bay were bitter in their feelings toward those engaged in this slaughter, and were anxious to bring them to punishment.

