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The Indians—their enemies.

We had hoped to hear no more of Indian butcheries in California. With the calendar of bloody deeds which last year closed it was our earnest wish that this species of iniquity had blotted the page of our history for a long, last time. That the murderous tomahawk had been buried, and the terrible rifle of the mountaineer laid aside; but our hopes have proved fallacious.

In another part of the paper we publish a communication from a friend residing at Sonoma detailing particulars of the recent outrage committed by a party of white miscreants in that neighborhood.

The victims upon whom the sins of criminals of their own color have been visited, were, as is usually the case, innocent of offence, and by their uniform quiet demeanor have thoroughly established a name throughout the portion of California inhabited by them, for tractability and usefulness. They were the Indian employees of the several settlers in Sonoma and Nappa Vallies, and for many years they have maintained a relationship of perfect amity with the whites. Definitely concerning the nature of their alleged evil doing, our correspondent does not speak; but we can readily imagine why the chivalrous "hounds" of the red woods have concentrated and commenced indiscriminate slaughter of the Indians.

Early last spring similar difficulties disturbed the tranquility of the miners on the American river, and the grounds of complaint against the Indians were sufficiently strong to arouse the whole mining population to arms and unite them in the work of extermination. The Indians com-

mitted several brutal murders, but they sought savage redress for outrages committed by the whites. The desperadoes of our people who went among the Indians to communicate with them through the muzzles of their rifles brought down the deadly vengeance of the various tribes around them, and the consequence was the shedding of much innocent blood. The Indians were mercilessly hunted down and order finally restored by the expulsion of the Indians from the grounds occupied by the miners. The cause of the recent aggressions in Sonoma valley on the part of the whites is said to be the murder of white men by the Indians last fall, and for which, it would appear the slaughter of whole tribes has not sufficiently atoned. We hope and trust the U. S. troops in California will prevent further violence, while the arm of the civil law will ferret out the perpetrators of these infamous crimes, and bring them to condign punishment.

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