

The Legislature has enacted a law authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt county to levy a special tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars, the present year, to be applied as additional pay to the volunteers of Was county. — This, with five dollars per month extra pay for all California volunteers, with a land warrant at the expiration of the service makes the remuneration respectable, and considering the urgent necessity for putting an end to Indian hostilities in this section, we can see no reason why the companies should not at once be filed up and take the field. Again, there is a certainty that this State will be soon called upon for her quota of troops for service in the East, which will no doubt have to be raised by draft. The volunteers raised for this special Indian service, we have the Governor's assurance will be received as a portion of the quota, and the counties from which the battalion is raised will thus be relieved from draft and their troops allowed to stay at home. The steamer Panama will arrive some time next week and will bring an officer, most likely Capt. Stewart, to muster in volunteers, whom they will at once be furnished with quarters and rations, and made ready for service. The arms will be U. S. rifles, which will also be up on the steamer.

The press of San Francisco speaks well for the movement on foot for the suppression of Indian hostilities in this section and seem to think the plan adopted is just the thing. The Morning Call, one of the most influential papers of San Francisco, in its issue of the 26th ult., says:

A BATTALION FOR INDIAN SERVICE.
By the Sierra Nevada, to-day, assurance will be conveyed to the people of Humboldt, that a California-battalion, consisting of six companies, will be raised in the Northern counties, to proceed against the Indians of that district, and restore peace and safety to the distressed inhabitants. The Captains, we learn, have all been commissioned, and will raise their companies in the following counties: one in Siskiyou, one in Trinity, one in Multnomah, one in Klamath and DeJ Norte, and two in Humboldt. The forces will be mustered into the United States service, and guaranteed that they will only be required to operate against the Northern Indians, and be dismissed when the special service of their enlistment shall have been performed. They will receive the same pay as United States soldiers, and in all respects, excepting the conditions of enlistment made above, the volunteers will be under the control of the head of the military department. We look upon this plan for completely repressing hostile Indians in the North, as the wisest and most judicious that could have been adopted. The volunteers will be raised alone from among settlers who are posted in the habit and haunts of the Indians; who understand their mode of fighting, and who are habituated to the rugged life indispensable to a successful Indian campaign. With such a battalion, there is no reason why the troublesome Indians of the northern counties should not be completely subdued, and that speedily.

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Letter from the Rev. Mr. Hunt

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