

## LETTER FROM MENDOCINO.

UKIAH CITY, April 15th, 1860.

ED. JOURNAL:—As your paper circulates to considerable extent in this vicinity, I deem it the proper medium, through which the outer world should become acquainted with matters of interest occurring hereabouts, as well as of the resources and general importance of the place.

The Indian depredations committed upon our citizens and property, in the north-western portion of this county the past two years, and more particularly within the past six months, has been a very serious drawback, and tended materially towards preventing the settlement of those rich, numerous and extensive valleys, with which our mountains are dotted in almost every direction in the Coast Range. These Indian annoyances have now become so serious a matter that many of our substantial citizen stock-growers, are apprehensive that in order to save themselves from total ruin, they will be compelled to remove from this section, in search of a more secure, if not so productive a region, but where stock and human life is safe from the attacks of Digger Indians. The revenue of our county will be reduced, our population decreased, and immense injury the inevitable result, if some speedy and effective measures are not taken to arrest this long-borne, and sorely annoying grievance. The late Jarboe expedition was of great service, and for the time the company were in the field, the effect upon the hostile savages was very beneficial, as it kept them in check, and our remote settlers felt a degree of safety in their homes and possession of their property, that had not been their lot since they came to this region. This temporary quiet, however, was followed by deeds of violence. Hostilities were renewed with increased vigor and savage barbarity. As soon as that company was withdrawn, the Indians knowing full well when their enemies left them in undisturbed possession of the field where they had committed so many outrages. It is proposed by the citizens who have stock in the Eel River country, to employ, arm and equip, a force at their own expense, sufficient to protect life and property. This is their only alternative, since our wise and economical Legislature has refused to go further than to make a niggardly appropriation toward paying the expense incurred by the late volunteer company, which was authorized by the Governor, and was carried on in the most economical manner. Had it not been that our Representative, Mr. Lamar, was most untiring in his zealous advocacy of our cause, the payment to that company of this

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cause, the payment to that company of this  
paltry, but hard earned sum, would have  
been repudiated altogether. It is a pity that  
those members who, for buncombe, opposed  
the passage of that Bill, could not be made to  
perform similar service, to wit: To camp in  
the rugged and almost impassible mountains,  
with rations of blue venison and shorts, often  
no coffee or sugar, and having to keep a sharp  
lookout to save their own scalps, while pur-  
suing the redskins from steepest mountain to  
rocky canon. I say it is a great pity that  
this gallant band of patriotic Assemblymen  
above mentioned, could not be mustered into  
the Indian service, with the classic and talent-  
ed descendent of Pocahontas, John Conness,  
at their head. I think that they would have  
"kivered" themselves quite over with glory  
and scars on small capital, and at little or no  
expense to the State. This pittance, so  
grudgingly doled out as payment to that com-  
pany, and those who furnished it with pro-  
visions, animals, etc., puts a quietus on future  
operations of that kind; forces private individ-  
uals to band themselves together for mutual  
protection, and the inevitable result will be  
an indiscriminate slaughter of the Indians, of  
the males at least. However cruel it may be,  
nothing short of total annihilation is now the  
certain doom of this poor, and miserably un-  
fortunate, savage race.

Our county, even with all these draw-backs,  
I am able to say is in a prosperous condition.  
Roads are being laid out and improved; a fer-  
ry is to be established on Eel River; the route  
is to be opened, and an express started  
thither; and various other improvements of a  
local character, but which are calculated to  
advance the interests of this county, and de-  
velop its resources in every respect. We  
have, as you are doubtless aware, an elegant  
and commodious Court House, and prepara-  
tions are being made by our enterprising  
townsman, Rathbun, to erect several brick  
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\* \* \* \* \* Budd seeks to be witty, and pays some of our county officials, as well as our town, several doubtful compliments.

The late immense rains have nearly inundated our valleys, but will be of great benefit to agriculture. Two men were drowned on South Eel River, one day last week. Their names were Bird and Miller. Both had families, and lived in Potter Valley.

I am told the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, J. Y. McDuffie, passed here, en route to and from Round Valley, and in accordance with instructions of Secretary of Interior, will purchase the settlers' rights, and devote the entire valley to an Indian Reservation, abandoning Noms Lackee, in Tehama Co. This is thought to be an advantageous move for this section.

There is a gentleman here who speaks of establishing a paper soon. A party of four miners are preparing to work with sluices, ground on South Eel River, which they have prospected, and yields from three to five cents to the pan, regularly, and appears to be extensive.

Ever yours,  
JOHN S. MARTIN.

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**OUR FARMERS**

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sense of the word, and faithlessness debar  
from the ~~base~~ respectability. In spite of  
seductive opportunities, they never steal in-  
struments nor articles from whine which touch

**THE PRIED RING.**

THE BENICIA BOY AS A LETTER-WAITER.—In  
*Porter's Spirit* we find a copy of a private

**SKATING TRIED.**

One of the editors of the *Milwaukee News*  
thus gives his experience of this much-talked-

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*North American J*