

Fort Humboldt - The Volunteers - That "Additional Company."

Most of our county people, and particularly these pecuniarily interested, will remember the organization, under the statute, of a volunteer company, in this county in February last. The object for which this volunteer company was organized was well understood throughout the county. The daily slaughter of stock in almost every grazing district in our county demanded it, and the assurance received from those who were supposed to be "posted," that the Governor would call out the company, justified it. A history of the Indian outrages which led to the organization of this volunteer company would be uninteresting to our readers in this county, for it is well known. It is well known that stock have been killed by Indians in this county every week for the past year; it is well known that we have a military post in our midst, the commander of which has manifested, on all occasions, more sympathy for the diggers than he has for our citizens; it is well known that when the murder of a white man, or too great a slaughter of stock has induced Maj. Raines to send out a detachment, that they have gone out in charge of an officer, very frequently non-commissioned, with their hands tied down by orders from Major Raines so that they dare not kill an Indian unless they knew him to be guilty of something; it is well known that the Indians readily distinguish U. S. troops from volunteers, and that while they dread the latter they recognize the former as their friends; it is well known that an Indian in the mountains does not

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the Indians have killed more soldiers than
the soldiers have Indians; it is well known
that the citizens have long since abandoned
all hope of any genuine assistance from the
Federal troops; and it is well known that
there are not ten men in Humboldt county
not pecuniarily interested in Fort Humboldt
but what would sign a document declaring
it a general nuisance and pray for its abate-
ment.

To persons living at a distance this may
sound like "loud talk." It may be said that
the hands of Major Raines are fastened down
by instructions from Gen. Clarke, or General
somebody else. It may be said that we en-
tertain a prejudice against the officers be-
cause we have not been well used by them.
Of all these subjects our people must judge
for themselves, but we will here take occa-
sion to say, in justice to those whom it is
our intention not to misrepresent, that the
subordinate officers of Fort Humboldt are
not at the bottom of any of the faults of
which we have made mention, nor can we
say that we have ever been misused by them.
Our charges are made on the ground that
the troops have wholly failed to perform the
object for which they were sent, and on the
ground that, under the present management
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But how is it when the Governor is called upon to order them out under State authority? When the news is first imparted to him that the company is organized and have taken the field under the impression that he cannot fail to sanction their action, he shields himself by saying "I must have certain petitions and affidavits from citizens of your county before I can call out the troops. I must have certain vouchers to present to the Legislature for my action in this matter." This news comes back; petitions are put in circulation praying his Excellency to call out the company, backed by twenty-six affidavits by respectable and responsible citizens of our county to the effect that the Indians have been killing stock for the past year, and setting forth in broad terms the utter worthlessness of the Federal troops at Fort Humboldt. These petitions were forwarded to Senator Ryan, and the volunteer company under Capt. Wright renewed their energies to catch Indians, under the full belief that the return steamer would bring the Governor's sanction for what they had al-

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long vainly looked for from the Federal
troops.

Very much to the surprise of all, however,
all the news that reached us was that our
Senator had received the petitions and affi-
davits but not one syllable as to whether
they had been presented to the Governor or
his action thereon. The next steamer bro't
no further news and the company, not being
able to supply themselves and lose their time
any longer, disbanded. The third steamer
after the petitions went down brings the in-
teresting news from Hon. L. M. Burson, to
whom the petitions were not sent, and who
was not consulted in the matter, that the
Governor had received the petitions and in

answer thereto had called on Gen. Clark and requested him to send up an additional company which the General had agreed to do. This was an end to the petitions. The company arrived and went out. Since then the Indians have killed more cattle, perhaps, than in the same length of time before they came. From Mud River to Bear river embracing a range upon which several thousand head of cattle are herded, we hear of the slaughter of stock daily. Cave Brothers, on Mad river, Col. Hagens, Hon. E. L. Davis, Mr. Linley, Larabee & Co. and others on Ysger Creek, and Kinman, on Bear river, are among the recent sufferers.

Under all the circumstances which we have enumerated, in which we have endeavored to speak truth, what protection can we expect from the Federal troops? In a word, they are placed here to protect us and do not do it.

