

BY TELEGRAPH!

OVER THE NORTHERN LINE.

Shocking Calamity near Red Bluff.

SEVEN PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH!

Supposed-Indian Incendiarles.

RED BLUFFS, May 12.

The following particulars are compiled from the *Beacon*, extra:

Mr. Myers, who has just arrived, gives the particulars of the most heart-rending calamity we have ever been obliged to record.

The residence of Col. E. A. Stevenson, three miles from this place, on the opposite side of the river, was burned last night, consuming his wife and three children, and Mrs. Kronk and two children. Mr. Kronk, Col. Stevenson's overseer, was in the house, but by some means managed to escape, though so badly burned that recovery is doubtful. Col. Stevenson, formerly Indian Agent at Nome Lakee, was absent at Tehama. Mr. Kronk is in such agony that it is impossible to gain any information from him in regard to his escape. Two brothers of Mrs. Stevenson were sleeping in a granary, some distance from the house, which was also burned, but from which they made their escape, not, however, until the house was entirely consumed.

It is believed to be the work of Indians. An Indian boy who was sleeping in the house, is missing; whether he made his escape or not, is unknown. It is feared that if Indians were the perpetrators, that other settlers in the vicinity may have shared the same fate. Mr. Myers lives on this side of the river, opposite Col. Stevenson's, where he has removed Mr. Kronk. He thinks the family may have been murdered by Indians, who afterwards set fire to the house.

RED BLUFFS, May 13.

It is pretty satisfactorily settled that the Indian boy fired Col. Stevenson's premises. He left on one of Col. Stevenson's best horses, during the fire, was pursued and overtaken fifteen miles from this place, on the Shasta road. He has made several statements, one of which is that he assisted in firing the buildings, because five other Indians threatened to kill him if he did not. He belongs to the Pitt river tribe, and is only 12 yrs. old.

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