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*Resolved*—That while our warmest sympathies are due to and held by the people of Humboldt County in the present Indian war that wages within her boundaries, yet we entirely deprecate and enter this our public protest against the invasion of Klamath County by any of the citizens of Humboldt County, or any military command stationed therein, for the purpose of killing peaceable Indians;—that such an act will only bring upon us all the horrors of an Indian war.

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I submit to your readers if there was anything in these proceedings to merit the Chinese broadside which has been poured in upon us.

Further, Lieut. Flynn, after the interview with the committee, expressed regret at the affair, acknowledged that he had been laboring under erroneous impressions, and in view of the representations of the committee stated, to use his own language, "that for the time he would stay his hand, although by so doing he might be exposing himself to censure for disobedience of orders."

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A messenger came to town bringing this statement, and the further information that the Lieut. was then on his way to Trinidad to do likewise. Hence the public meeting, the committee to wait on Genl. Flynn, and the resolutions to induce a modification of orders. I think an intelligent public will fail to discover in the action of the meeting anything like a disposition to "set at defiance a lawful order of Government." We have not to learn that the base is such, and American citizens may not more and respectfully protest against measures which

they believe calculated to place their lives and property in unnecessary jeopardy. The people of Trinidad will not believe it, until they are told by higher authority than captains of companies.

Reluctantly I allude to the statement that Neal "recognized the wounded Indian as one who committed the murder at Blackburn's Ferry, and another at Bloody Camp. As the first occurred eleven years ago and the second ten, I fear the Captain has extended the range of his business further than the people of Trinidad have a right to traverse. Reliable men, who have known the said Indian for eleven years, aver that at that time he could not have been over seven years of age.

For all that I know the arrows may have been poisoned. But those who, by having lived long among them, and ought to know something of their customs, cry humbug, and are certain that they know no more of the powers of extracting poison, than they do of the science of astronomy; and that they are as much strangers to the use of it for infecting weapons, as they are to the construction of lightning rods.

As to the killing of the "poor old squaw," (a strangely *feeling* remark for the Captain,) because her son acted as Guide, we had not heard of it until by his letter

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The insinuation that I have ever belonged to that number whom the Indians themselves have regarded as "of their own family," or the whites have suspected as belonging to that class, I pronounce a base calumny, without the faintest shadow of a foundation in truth.

I leave to your readers to form their own estimate of the worthiness of that man who makes such public attacks as that to which I have been subjected, against one whom he never saw, and of whom he knows nothing, save what he may have opened a willing ear to receive from interested and unprincipled tale-bearers.

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Uncle Rifle.

friend I ever know,

Into the Sunshine.

"I wish father would come home."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin, or Life Among the Lowly."

Ten or twelve years ago, Mr. Bailey,

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