## HORRID CALAMITY. FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE BY FIRE TWO WOMEN & FIVE CHILDREN BURNT TO DEATH

As stated in our Extra of Thursday his one of the most appailing and heart-rend ing tragedies was enacted, on that morn ing some three miles below this place, or the opposite bank of the river, that it has ever fullen to the lot of man to schrönicle How like a barbed arrow dipped in gall, the intelligence must have sned through the hearts of the bereaved, and what a thick cloud of gloom is has enused to hang like a pall over the entire community, we will not attempt to describe. Suffice it to says that on the morning of Thursday, the 12th inst. the dwelling house of Col. E. A. Stevenson of Antelope township, was entirely des troved by fire, and with it, the lives of seven human beings, to wit: Mrs. Harriet L Stovenson and her three children Frank aged 5 years, Emma, aged 3 years, and Wilmoly need 4 - months; and Mrs. Catherine Grank and har enochildren kumrillar aged Sypars and Edward, aged 6 months.

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The reader will four from the followin digest of the testinopy taken before the Coroner's jury of inquest held over the re mains of the deceased, on the day of the disaster, all the cicimstances immediately connected with the burning.

J. M. Marcy swonn about daylight, Mr. Cronk came out of the bouse and came to where I was electing in the granary cried, "O, our wives and Children gone!' . I jumped up and attempted to go around the house, but the house was in flames, and drove me back. If went over the river to Wm. Myers to get him to come fover. The dwelling was all in a flame. think it was the Indian hoy, Tone, that se Art on hre. He had one horse saddled, and I had left when Tgot lip. The Indian boy was alast seen by me about eight o'clock las night, when I went to bed. The boy is about ten rears old.

JOHN MARCY

<sup>·</sup> Wm. Myers sworn: says that he lives o osite Col. Stevenson's rancho. About olclock this morning I was a walked by Scanned by KJD - 2009 of the Marcy boys dalling us to

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has been an Indian turking about the premises for several days.

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The Coroner's Jary give as their verdict, that one Indian boy, of the Pitt river tribe of Indians, known by the name of Tom, Theretofore living-in-the family of Col. E. A. Stevenson, assisted by other Pitt River Indians, unknown to the jury, did, on or plomet 4 o'clack, A. M., of said 12th day of May, A. D. 1859, at the County aforesaid. (then and there, feloniously, violently, and with their malice aforethought, set lire to the dwelling house of said Col. E. A. Ste-B Wenson, and being the same building in which the deceased persons were sleeping. <del>hinl that the said bersons came</del> to their death by burning in said, building at the ntime, place and manner aforesaid.

The writer of this article arrived on the ground about eight o'clook in the morning, and there belield a spectacle that beggars all description. No hinguage could avail to portray the horror that harrowed up the hearts, and was depicted in the countenances of those who looked upon that terrible scene. There, upon the ground, within a low feet of each other, lay all that remained of the bodies of seven of our fellow beings that, a few bours before, were full of life and health and vigor; now blackened and charred and shapeless-the unfortunate victims to the treachery of a young fiend in human shape with scarcely feeling enough to realize the atrocity of the crime he has commilted

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Mry. d. bhd esemped from her bed-room in to a front parlor, which communicated with the kitchen by a door that was reldon locked, and through which it is believed the boy had enfered the front room and taken the key from the lock of the front door, in order to present the unfortunate indy from escaping with her two children. tho remains of whom were found nearly shose of their mother. We are induced to this belief from the fact that the lock of the cont door was found with the bolt sprung and no key in it and that it was the habit gof the family to leave the kers in the locks. Their oldest child, Frank, was eleeping None in a crib, and from the position in which his romains were found, it is supposed that he did not awake in time to leave his bed before he fell a victim to the flames. Mrs. Cronk appears not to have had time to more than leave her bod a few feet, as her remains, together with those of her two children, were found near the spot designated as that where their had stood i Mr. Crenk, who occupied the same apartmont, did not terako until every roum in the house was in a flame of Arc. Mr. O. made lils escape through the during room and, in so doing, was so badly burnt as to navo Been despaired of by his physicians we understand, however, that he is in a tain marsto recover. They boy, four was ingraved by R. B. Loomis, Rsq., and caplettered a chort distable beyond the Prairie Brush some twelgs mil a horth of this, on life way to Pitt error, and have been laying in fail ever since, about the the setton withhe eritenties dit burgwuis in chains to the matter were not cobsidered coluble until atter ha was inken tollka ground biskol Sand audit oded rightly when he gave the and acknowledged that he set the house ou fire in order to facilitate his ascupe. An account of the imposing ecremonies Rablemwararcises roporated with the

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