

# THE HUMBOLDT TIMES.

## Proceedings of County Convention, for the Consideration of Indian Affairs.

At a meeting of the delegates from the several precincts in the county, appointed to attend a county convention to be held in the town of Eureka, on the 19th day of May, A. D., 1860, for the purpose of devising ways and means by which to secure assistance to the sufferers from Indian depredations; the following business was transacted:

On motion, S. G. Whipple was appointed Chairman; S. Cooper and B. Van Nest Secretaries.

On motion, it was decided that one delegate from each precinct form a committee on credentials.

After a recess of ten minutes, the committee reported the following delegates:

Union, Whaley and Whipple; Eureka, Barson, Ryan, Sevier, Cooper and Monroe; Bucksport, Hagan and Edgar; Table Bluff, Olyde; El river, De Haven; Yager Creek, Bell; Hydeville, Wright; Mattole, Van Nest, by proxy; Pacific, C. M'Allister; Bear river, Kinman.

The meeting was then declared by the Chairman to be open for the discussion of the subject-matter before it. The subject was then discussed at length by Ryan, Sevier and others.

On motion of Col. Hagan, a committee of seven was appointed to examine resolutions and statistics furnished by the several precincts, and to report accordingly.

On motion, meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

At 8 o'clock P. M., meeting called pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were read by the Chairman of the committee:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed to report such facts with reference to the existing Indian difficulties as may be in possession of the convention, and such resolu-

report:

That, by reason of the hostilities of the Indians in our county, the amount of injury done our citizens is \$30,000 and upwards, within the last twelve months, and we believe that if we had statistics from all the precincts in the county, they would swell the amount to \$75,000 or more. We report that this estimate is composed of estimates made in the precincts of Yager Creek, Hydesville and Eel river; that in many of the precincts they knew not what steps to take upon the vague notice given them; and in consequence thereof, failed to give us any account of the mischief done; that the Indians have committed depredations from one end of the county to the other; that, by reason of such hostilities many of the settlers of our county have been compelled to leave the homes which they have purchased from government, and remove their stock to the more thickly settled portions of the county, and that at this time the Indians are—to all intents and purposes—in possession of the Bald Hill country, which includes the most desirable portion of our county for grazing purposes; that many of our citizens have lost nearly all they possessed; that there was a small Volunteer Company—under the command of Capt. Wright—in the field for about three months, during which time, but little mischief was done by the Indians, that this company being unable to support itself longer, was compelled to disband; that its place was supplied by a company of Federal troops, and since the troops took the field, the Indians appear to have become emboldened, inasmuch as their depredations have been greater than they were before the troops went into service, and as one company has been ordered away from our county, there will remain not more than fifty soldiers in the county; from the resolutions adopted in the several precincts, it appears a fact, that the Federal troops in our county, under the present management, are a curse and not a benefit; that the citizens naturally expect some protection from them, but finding the sympathies of the commander to be with the Indian and not the white man, they feel unwilling to trust longer

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white man. they feel unwilling to trust longer in him for protection, and ask that an INDEPENDENT company of VOLUNTEERS may immediately be called into service.

Resolved, That W. B. Hagan is hereby appointed delegate by the people of this county, to represent to the Governor of the State of California, the continued hostilities of the Indians, and the imminent necessity which exists for the presence of a volunteer force.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention, the Federal troops in this county, under their present management, are of no benefit, so far as affording the slightest protection to the lives and property of our citizens.

Resolved, That past experience has proved that volunteer companies, composed of citizens who have an interest in the county, are effective in quelling Indian disturbances, and therefore, be it farther.

Resolved, That Governor Downey is most respectfully requested to master into the service of the State the volunteer company now organized, for the protection of the citizens of this county.

Resolved, That the Indians of this county should be immediately removed to some remote Federal Reservation, as the only guarantee of future peace.

Signed:

HAGAN,  
SEVIER,  
BE. L.  
WRIGHT,  
DE HAVEN,  
VAN NEST.

On motion, the above report was adopted by the convention.

On motion, that a central committee of nine be appointed for the purpose of accumulating further statistics, and attending to all business having a tendency to further the object for which this meeting was called, the following named persons were elected members of said committee:

B. Van Nest, Chairman, Eureka; S. G. Whipple, Union; Jacob De Haven, Eol river; Col. Hagan, Bucksport; Wm. White, Yager Creek; W. Van Dyke, Eureka; J. T. Ryan, Eureka; E. L. Davis, Hydenville; James Fruit, Molokai.

On motion, It was decided that four of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the papers of this county.

On motion, the meeting was declared adjourned, until called together by order of the central committee.

S. G. WHIPPLE, Chairman,  
B. VAN NEST,  
S. COOPER, Secretary.

