

## Atrocities by White Men on Indians in Humboldt County-Record of a Baby-Killer.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN:—Having lately arrived here from Humboldt Bay, I take the opportunity to inform the public, through your columns, of a few of the recent instances of shameful and horrible crime committed upon the Indians in Humboldt county by white men.

Some time in February last, a man named L—, who has a stock ranch on Van Dusen river, had an Indian boy, whose family lived within half a mile of his place. L—'s boy would occasionally run off to visit his relations. This incensed L— so much, that he went down one morning and slaughtered the whole family—of about six persons—boy and all. He then made a rude raft of logs, put the victims on it, marked it to W. H. Mills—who was known to be opposed to indiscriminate slaughter of the Indians—and started the bodies down the river.

Messrs. Neil and Hood, two good men, who have a stock ranch on the outside and adjoining L—, had about their premises, for the last two years, an old Indian called Ukilaboy. He acted as a faithful guardian to the ranch, always giving timely warning of the approach of thieving Indians, and always being ready to assist in tracking them up, while he was ready to assist about the place, to the best of his abilities. Well, about the 26th of April last, the old Indian, feeling perfectly secure, paid L— a friendly visit, and was immediately tied up and shot in cold blood without any explanation. This so incensed Mr. Neil, that he drove off his cattle to the Matole, leaving L— on the outside; since which time the Indians have literally feasted on L—'s cattle.

Some time about the 18th March last, three desperate ruffians, armed with hatchets, entered the hotel at Hydesville, and demanded of the proprietor by what authority he had written a letter to Lieut. Hardcastle, of the U. S. A., at Fort Humboldt; and if he had not convinced said ruffians that the letter was strictly private, and had no allusion to Indian affairs, and no communications for the *Bulletin*, he would have been assassinated on the spot. The names of these ruffians I shall withhold for the present.

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Society is completely demoralized on Eel river; and the Thugs are largely in the majority, led on by Wiley of the Humboldt *Times*, and by Van Nest the Sheriff. Young men talk and think of nothing else but hanging and killing young Diggers and their mothers. The pulpit is silent, and the preachers say not a word. In fact, they dare not. It finally amounts to this—that where the Indians killed a "beef" occasionally, before the late grand massacre at Eureka, they now kill ten. All of the bucks who formerly lived around Eureka with their families, having ties that bound them to the bay and the settlements here, have dispersed to the mountains, and are now seeking vengeance as thieves, for their kindred slain. It will cost not less than half a million dollars to dislodge the 300 thieving Indians from the Bald Hills. Men who detest and abhor the thugging system, from circumstances which surround them, are silent. Two or three men who were on the last Grand Jury which sat at Eureka, were Thugs.

The man L—— is the same person who boasted of having killed *sixty infants* with his own hatchet at the different slaughter grounds. This is the same man who peddled whisky to the United States soldiers and the Indians not 18 months ago, and on the same ground that is now annoyed by the thieving savages. The Indians, since the recent grand massacre at Eureka, have done damage to L—— of not less than \$1,000; in fact, he will be compelled to leave for some other range for his stock.

I append my name, privately, to this record of some of the atrocious deeds that have recently been perpetrated in Humboldt county. I have left that quarter for good; but as I have a few friends in the place, I do not wish that they should be molested for any doings of mine, and you had better, therefore, not communicate my name, except under such circumstances as you may consider necessary or proper for the public good. \* \* \*

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