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Mr. Editor—The forces engaged in the Indian war in this vicinity, are still in the field. On Thursday last, Major Rodgers crossed the South Fork with 300 men, intending to dislodge the Indians from the strong position which they had hitherto held so successfully. The Indians, however, had not thought proper to abide the event of a battle in that place, and had retired beyond a small stream called the Silver Fork. The position which they had abandoned was immediately taken possession of by our troops, and was found to be much stronger than it had previously been supposed to be. If they had chosen to defend it, they could not have been dislodged without much difficulty and loss on our side. Maj. Rodgers immediately ordered their defences in that place to be destroyed, and marched in pursuit.—During the march many wigwams were found and destroyed, and also a considerable quantity of acorns, which had been collected for food. As our men approached the Silver Fork, they discovered the enemy strongly posted on the other side of the stream. An attempt was made to cross the stream, and bring on an engagement, but owing to the mountainous nature of the country, this could not be done without great difficulty, and the certain loss of many of our men. In view of the circumstances, Maj. Rodgers determined to leave 100 men to watch the motions of the enemy, and with the remainder
view of the circumstances, Maj. Rodgers determined to leave 100 men to watch the motions of the enemy, and with the remainder to make a considerable circuit, and come upon them from the opposite side, consequently some 200 men are now in full march for Georgetown, from which side it is said, the Indians can be approached without difficulty. A decisive engagement is expected in three or four days. The Indians are said to have among them a good many horses and considerable stock.

The mines in this vicinity continue to pay well. I saw to-day over $500 in one pan, taken from 15 loads of earth. The coyote diggings are paying well.

The Whig nominations lately made at San Francisco have given great satisfaction in this place. There are not, in the Whig ranks, men who would be more cheerfully supported. Maj. Reading is an especial favorite of the miners, and in fact of all classes in this vicinity. We were well pleased to see the name of Tod Robinson on the ticket, for during the short time he was on the bench in this county, he won for himself a high reputation as a jurist and a gentleman. The people of El Dorado County will take pleasure in aiding to elect him to the office for which he is now a candidate. We hope to give a strong vote for the ticket in this County. I remain very truly, yours, II.