

~~TROUBLE WITH THE INDIANS IN MATTOLE.~~

About two weeks since, a man named Thornton was murdered in upper Mattole Valley, by Indians. After he was killed his body was horribly mutilated. His limbs were unjointed, his head cut off, and every species of barbarity belonging to the savage race, practiced upon him. Since then, the settlers in the Valley have been waging a general war against the Indians, and from the best information we can gather concerning the result, we think that some fifteen or twenty Indians have been killed.

The Mendocino Reservation takes in a portion of Mattole Valley, and an Agency is established there, under the management of a man by the name of Cunningham. Like all other "institutions" of the kind, in this Northern section, this Reservation has, so far, been a nuisance. It robs this county of some valuable land, which was settled upon by some of our citizens before the Reservation was established. The Agent and his few assistants have been unable to control the Indians, and unwilling for the settlers to take the matter in their own hands, to protect themselves. When such outrages occur as the one above mentioned, we think the settlers are perfectly right in taking the matter in their own hands.

