

EXTERMINATION

The most sensible view of Indian matters we have seen taken for a long time, is contained in an article under the above caption, in the *San Francisco Spirit of the Times*. The editor takes the ground that extermination is the only remedy to stop the depredations of the warlike savages that infest the eastern border of California. It is well known to every intelligent reader in our State that hundreds of valuable lives and thousands of dollars worth of property is annually destroyed by those thieving and blood-thirsty devils. They have been treated with pity and cajoled, until those who have practised these mild measures have come to the conclusion "that forbearance has ceased to be a virtue." They have failed in their endeavors to inculcate honest or even humane principles in their breasts. Who is there who is well acquainted with the mountain diggers of California, that will not agree with us in saying that they are most awfully treacherous, have no gratitude, and that no dependence can be put on their friendship? What then is to be done with them? Must they be allowed to go on in their high-handed outrages against the lives and property of those living on the frontiers? Or must they again be taken to such places as *Nome-Lackee* or *Mendocino*? Better turn them loose right among us! Gen. Kibbe, a more humane man or better officer for an expedition against Indians, than whom never lived, at great trouble and expense, cleaned the country from Oroville to Pit River almost entirely of Indians; last fall and transported them safely to such Reservations as the Superintendent directed him. But owing either to the want of means,

every one of those taken to Nome-Lackee and quite a number of the worst of the Pit Rivers that were taken to Mendocino, have returned to their old homes, and will be ten times as bad now as they ever were before in their depredations. Mr. Boruck very sensibly remarks that it is all very well for these editors who live in large cities, surrounded with every comfort, entirely out of harm's way, and secure in their homes and business, to hold up their hands in horror when one of these blood-thirsty wretches is caught in the act of stealing stock, or perchance in the attempt of murdering some innocent human being, and made to pay the penalty of his crimes with his life. We only wish every one of these sympathizing spirits was compelled to live in the mountains, 30 miles east of Red Bluff, for one year. It is more than probable they would change their tune long before the year had expired. Yes, Mr. Boruck, we agree with you that diplomacy with Indians is getting out of date. Big talks, and sending delegations to their Great Father in Washington, to inspire them with awe, is played out, and presents of beads, gewgaws, and trinkets find no more favor in their eyes. There is but one way to settle the matter, and that is to gather together the squaws and their children in some safe and convenient place, where they can be properly taken care of, under strict surveillance, and putting to death the males of all degrees. Your views on this matter will find a hearty response in the breasts of every patriotic citizen living on the frontiers, or in the SUTTER WARDEN CHARGE in the neighborhood of hostile Indians. It is the sentiment of every patriot that the life of one such

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life of one such man as Henry Meredith, or
of Major Grimsby, is worth more than all the
Indian tribes in California put together,
with their white sympathisers in the bar-
gain. And in addition, if public opinion
cannot induce the disgusting white beasts
who cohabit with and have children by
squaws, to give up their heathenish loves,
we are in favor of inflicting the heaviest
penalty known to the law, upon those who
thus lose their manhood and partake of the
character of the wild beasts of the forests.
Extermination is the only cure, and we
hope soon to hear of its being put in radi-
cal effect.

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