

The California Spirit of the Times recently published an article in which it boldly advocates extermination as the only security against the Indians on this coast. We do not indorse the plan suggested, but the article contains much good sense and presents a great contrast to the sentimental trash and mock sympathy for the "poor Indian" which characterize the style of most of the city papers in their treatment of this subject.

We believe that if the government will take hold of the matter in earnest the Indians can be removed to Reservations and kept there. But that the country at present infected by them must be relieved of their presence, by some means, admits of no doubt.

It is a present necessity and cannot be altered nor avoided by discussions of abstract questions of right or wrong, as between the two races. We must take things as they are not as they should be, according to our standard, if we would have a correct basis on which to predicate public measures.

It is as impossible for the white man and the wild Indian to live quietly together as it is to unite oil and water, and if the country is ever to be settled and developed by our own race the Indians must give way.

Which condition of things do our city friends prefer? If you want the country to remain in its wild condition and continue the abode only of this miserable race of diggers, come out boldly and advocate it. On the contrary, if you want to see the country improved—that towns and villages should spring up, and fields of glorious grain and luscious fruit deck the face of the land, and that the herds and flocks of the husbandman should feed on our hills and in our valleys unmolested; in fact if you desire to see the trade and business of your own city prosper and the whole State increase in wealth and importance, then you must advocate our side of this question. Temporizing will not longer do. In our present extremity you must take sides, and be either for us and against our enemy, or the opposite. Which do you choose?—that is the question.

