

The Indian Campaign.

The *San Francisco Herald* is a paper which generally, we are pleased to observe, manifests a spirit of candor and fairness. The gentleman who at present presides over the editorial columns of that daily, we are satisfied would not willfully misrepresent the people of this country upon a subject of so much importance as is the present Indian war. The *Herald*, however takes occasion to remark upon a letter which appeared in our columns on the 15th inst., from one of the volunteers, and from the tone of that letter alone, concludes that the present campaign has been "characterized by unnecessary brutality." The writer of the *Herald* article seems to arrive at this opinion with the letter the cause of the war was not given, with a list of outrages perpetrated by the Indians, which would justify the troops in making war upon them. The cause of the war and the imperative necessity for the present campaign has been repeatedly set forth in our columns; in petitions to the Governor of the State and Military officers, and by every means at the command of a suffering people. Month after month have we been obliged to publish the details of the hellish deeds of the wild Indians in this portion of the State. Hundreds of cattle and horses have been driven off and slaughtered, houses have been robbed and burned, settlers and travelers have been murdered by these wretches, whose unhappy fate is now so much commiserated by people who dwell far removed from these scenes of violence.

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They know of the depredations these In-
dians have committed and the best plan
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paign has been carried on with vigor,
but with no more severity than circum-
stances required.

That "some Christian plan might be
adopted by the Government to put an
end to these wild and horrible transac-
tions" is the sincere wish of every white
inhabitant in this county. We trust the
Herald will use its powerful influence
toward the establishment of a military
post in the midst of these hostile sava-
ges, the effect of which would be to give
protection to the pioneer settlers, and at
the same time prevent unauthorized at-
tacks upon the Indians.

