MURDERED BY INDIANS. — It is our painful duty to record the murder of Mr. C. H. Person by the Indians, on Friday, June 23. Mr. Person left here a week or so since to engage in mining operations on the North Fork, in company with several friends. At the time of his unfortunate death, he was returning from the Mountain House to his claim, with tools and provisions, in company with an Indian boy whom he had employed to carry his provisions to camp, when they were met by a party of unfriendly Indians and were both murdered. The boy was apparently killed while drinking at a little stream. The body of Mr. Person was found about a hundred yards from that of the boy, pierced by ten arrows in the breast and side. He was but a short distance from the road leading to the American Valley, and which he had evidently attempted to regain after he had been attacked. His body was found on Sunday and brought to Butte, and was buried the following day. What seems a little singular is the fact that, while the bodies were deprived of their arms and their pockets rifled of their contents, their provisions remained untouched.

Mr. Person had long been a resident of this place, and was universally respected as an excellent citizen, and his untimely and unfortunate death is mourned by a large circle of friends. We learn that his brothers were expecting to join him here in the course of the ensuing month. But alas! the sustaining hope of their long journey is never to be realized.

As to the tribe to which the perpetrators of this crime belong, is known, about thirty men started from the Mountain House and this place on Monday, to demand the surrender of the culprits. A portion of them have since returned, who report that the Indians who perpetrated the deed are known, and cannot possibly escape.
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