

LETTER FROM THE SCENE OF BLOOD.

We have been very kindly permitted the liberty of making the subjoined extract from a letter addressed by O. F. Cook, of Rock Creek Mills, to his brother in this city. It is dated Rock Creek Mills, Butte County, June 28th. He says: "I don't know as I shall stay here, since the awful tragedy which has happened. My wife thinks that she cannot overcome her fright, so as to remain. You have undoubtedly heard that the Indians have murdered Wm. Hancock's Children, Ida, the girl that lived with us, her sister and brother and Tom Allen, teamster for Wm Keeler. They also shot Keeler's Indian boy in the arm; and Warty and another boy had barely escaped. They were out hunting on a hill just back of Hancock's. They saw the Indians and ran to Hancock's house, and told the inmates; thence they went home, and from there to Mr. Gore's, and had just left the latter place when Mrs Hancock came running with two of her children, the two youngest, and Keeler's Indian boy, Tom, and said that the Indians had killed Tom Allen. I took my wife (who was sick) in my arms and we all went to the house of Mr. Gore. From there I sent a boy on a horse into the valley after men. They came, and upon search, found Allen killed and scalped. All his mules in the wagon were shot with arrows, and one of them died. Another was found dead up in the canon, and the horse that the children had ridden after black berries was also killed. The next morning they found Ida, naked, with an arrow through her breast and another through her back, and Mamma, shot with arrows and stabbed in the left temple with a knife. The little boy was not found, and it is likely the Indians carried him away as a captive."

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