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The party who went in pursuit of the Indians who murdered Mr. Person, returned to this place on Sunday last. A party of the Kimsheew Indians accompanied them, and succeeded in tracking them through a desolate and barren country, to the Coyote tribe of Indians in the vicinity of Oak Grove, Sierra County. They succeeded in capturing two of the six who committed the murder, and a third whom they had captured, lost his life in attempting to escape from them, having been overtaken and despatched by the Kimsheews. The Chief of the tribe to which this murderous gang belonged, has promised to deliver up the remaining four as soon as they could be found, and a committee of settlers and miners of that vicinity have taken the matter in hand and will not permit them to escape. The company in pursuit had a long and tedious tramp, having been absent seven days. They could never have succeeded in finding them, had not the Kimsheews tracked them from the scene of the murder to their tribe. A gold pen belonging to Mr. Person was found in the possession of one of the Indians, as was also his revolver. The Indians confessed the murder, and stated that they first discharged their arrows into his breast, which probably did not injure him materially, as he then drew his revolver, which contained but one charge, and fired. The Indian avoided his fire by falling down. Person then turned and fled when he was killed by a rifle shot, which entered between his shoulders and passing above the region of the heart, came out in front. The numerous arrows with which his body was pierced, must have been discharged into his body after he had fallen. These particulars were gathered from the two Indians who paid the penalty for their crime by dangling at the end of a rope thrown over the projecting limb of a tree.

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After the return of the company to this place, a meeting of the citizens was called, for the purpose of adopting measures to secure the four remaining murderers, and to assist in defraying the expenses of the expedition. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Pierson, or, as he is familiarly known, "Arkansaw" of the Mountain Spring House, at which point the pursuing company met and organized. — The Doctor has the appearance of a veteran, iron-sided mountaineer, and addressed the meeting in an eloquent and spirited speech, stating its object, and giving a full and succinct account of their trip, and the course pursued by the party under his command.

A committee consisting of P. H. Harris, T. Enslow, Oliver Toms, J. B. Barker, and Peter Spear, was appointed by the meeting to correspond with the committee at Oak Grove, concerning the capture of the remaining four Indians.

The meeting then appointed a financial committee consisting of T. Wells, Esq., Capt. Thompson and Russell Johnson, for the purpose of raising money by subscription to defray the expenses of the party.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to those composing the party.

The financial committee collected one hundred and sixty-five dollars.

The Indians who committed this murder are said to be the very worst of a bad tribe of Indians. They had wandered something like a hundred miles from their tribe, to which they fled immediately after perpetrating the crime. They would never have been caught had not the Kimshews taken their trail and followed them home. Should the remaining four be caught, as we earnestly hope they may, we trust it will have the effect to teach them that they cannot make excursions into the territory of a neighboring tribe, there commit depredations, and thus bring unjust punishment upon their enemies.

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BIG WIND.
The wind, wild and free,

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Since a half withered flower to a little
child, I wonder that

Here, you may sit down on that cor-

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