

### Letter from Humboldt Bay.

ARCATA, July 10, 1863.

EDITOR TRINITY JOURNAL:—Your county, once mine, ~~top~~, joins ours, and between us there are common and district interests, united as against a common enemy; separated only in the differences of our vocations. Your people, as a class, seek for that hidden treasure of the earth that yields a "golden harvest," though planted not by them in seed time. Ours reap only where they have sown. My reading of your valuable paper is quite regular, always pleasurable, but your items from Humboldt Bay are limited, and generally credited to our good county paper, the *Times*. Don't you want a "regular correspondent" from these parts? Such attachés you know are very fashionable now a days. Everybody printing a newspaper has all of such institutions that 'tis possible to endure, and this being an important locality to hear from, I imagine you desire for a contributor, and herewith offer my attention to your columns at a reasonable rate. I can't give you the "latest" from our armies, for we are dependent upon *your* "extras" for that, but I will drop for your perusal, our "locals" as they occur, noting our progress from this forward, till I stop, in political, commercial, agricultural, religious, and Digger-killing interests, which last is by no means the least of our mutual concerns, is now quite the controlling element in the way of our progress in all the others, and we have not only suffered from the red villians direct but from the constant and long protracted mismanagement of our Indian war, by the Colonel in command of the regiment of Volunteers in our district, who, with his Lieut. Colonel understands much better about "red-tape," "circumlocution," and office campaigning, than overtaking and chastising an enemy native to the Redwoods. But thanks to Gen. Wright, a wholesome change is being effected, and our "Mountaineers" are soon to have a hand in these affairs, and we are waiting patiently and hopefully for the Trinity company to be full, of which there is now a detachment in our suburbs doing duty as guard against any immediate attack or "raid" upon our town, which is feared by some. We anticipate good service from the braves of Trinity, for we recollect Capt.

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Messic and his command in the campaign of '58  
and '59, and their courageous stand, on the  
morning of the 8th inst. against the enemy at  
Redwoods entitles them to our confidence.—  
Eighteen of them were acting as escorts to a  
pack train, and were on their way from Hoopa  
to Arcata. Early in the morning, while in camp,  
and about to saddle the mules, a volley from the  
Indians was the first salutation they received,  
and four wounded was the result of their fire.—  
Following this came the "yells" indicating the  
presence of warriors all around them. The In-  
dians had the timber, and thus all the advantage

of ground. The boys of Company C, and the  
packers, Shear Fort and John Moffit, and W. H.  
Wall, of Company B, were on an open flat just  
below the site where Minor's house was. There  
was no chance for retreating to cover without  
breaking through the enemy's line and abandon-  
ing their wounded comrades who were now help-  
less. In this dilemma their alternative was to  
"stand their ground," and well they did it. For  
hours the fighting continued; once they made a  
"charge" upon the Diggers, but ineffectually,  
as they were followed up in the rear by others  
of the redskins. Finally the Indians withdrew,  
leaving the volunteers victors, but with ten of  
their number wounded—three it is feared mor-  
tally. The damage done the Diggers could not  
be correctly ascertained, owing to their being  
among the trees, but four is known of. As soon  
as night came on, two men proceeded to Fort  
Gaston for assistance, and Capt. Ousley sent all  
the men he could spare, and the Surgeon of the  
Post. As soon as the news reached here, a party  
of citizens and some of Company C's men, and  
Drs. Spencer and Miller started to the battle  
ground. The wounded will be brought here and  
properly cared for, and as soon as it can be done  
I will procure list of their names and condition,  
and send you. This is the bravest fighting the  
Diggers have ever done in these parts. Verily  
or "redskins" must have the counties of Hum-  
boldt, Trinity and Klamath.

With Col. Whipple at the head, the Battalion  
now being raised, of which the companies of  
Captains Long, Ousley and Miller are, we hope,  
samples of those to come, creates "great expec-  
tations" among our people. The plenty and  
prosperity of other days is expected to follow in  
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the train of this service, and a lasting peace established. Such only will re-populate our now desolate mountain farm sites; nearly every one of which has associated with it a victim of Indian atrocity, and cause the jingle of the bell horse in the lead of loaded trains to be heard again continually upon our mountain trails, and a re-occupation of the ferries, trading posts, mining grounds and ranches now abandoned in the lower part of your county, the present evacuation of which seriously effects individual prosperity, and depletes town, county, State and National treasuries.

Politically, our town is so overwhelmingly for Union and the exercising of every force constitutionally within the power of our Government to put forth, to preserve and perpetuate inviolate the heritage of our Fathers, and to put down and punish treason and rebellion, in one, or many, that all persons, clans or cliques, in any degree opposed thereto, can have no abiding place among us in power or authority. And as is Arcata, so is Humboldt county from the beginning, and now, and thenceforth to be, full of earnest desire for the success of our National arms over all enemies. For the fall election, the various candidates are already preparing for the "primaries," an institution of much leverage, heretofore quite unknown among the people. I prognosticate the nominees of the Union County Convention, to assemble in Eureka, about the 22d, will hold the various offices in the gift of the people of this county after election day.

Our celebration of the Fourth—America's great day, was some different from the programme made out previous to the rain of three days preceding the jubilee. But we had a good time, and enjoyed the day. Our exercises consisted of patriotic singing, prayer, reading of the immortal Declaration, declamations by "Young Americas" of our Public Schools, most all of whom were born on the soil of Arcata, and a pithy speech by Judge Wyman. From the Presbyterian Church all repaired to the Town Hall, and gorged themselves with the "good things" gratuitously furnished by the good housewives of our village. All in all, the day was joyously spent, and all honor given to the patriot sires, whose genius, courage and perseverance, gave us this day of days.

Of various other matters I had thought to write, but my present-dottings are too numerous for more at this time.

Faithfully yours,  
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