

INDIAN DEPRIDATIONS.—The Indians are again manifesting a hostile disposition in the vicinity of Kneeland's Prairie, Big Bend of Mad river, Redwood, and through to the Trinity. Several head of cattle have been killed by them in this district within the past ten days. They are yet fearful that the troops may be about, consequently have not openly entered upon their murderous expeditions, but fire from the brush upon the travelers and settlers when thought to be alone and unarmed. They are becoming 'brave' as they find no force to oppose them, and we expect soon to be obliged to chronicle tragical news of their performances. The following incident will serve to show their bloodthirsty proclivities: Mr. Joseph Sumption, of Arcata, has been for some time stopping at Long Prairie (Baynton's) for a few days at a time, taking care of stock. On Monday twenty bucks visited the ranch upon coercion bent. They commenced by killing a number of hogs and a riding mule.—Gaining courage by these deeds of daring they attacked Mr. Sumption, their first greeting being a volley of buckshot and arrows. Mr. S. was wounded at the first discharge in the arm by an arrow, slightly, and had his hat and clothing riddled with buckshot. The old gentleman fired upon the enemy, at the same time retreating slowly and in "good order." He was fortunate enough to kill two of them and wound three others. This rebuff made the Indians keep out of range and gave Mr. S. a chance to leave for town, of which he availed himself.

