"Mattole Correspondence." Weekly Humboldt Times, July 23, 1864: p. 3, col. 3.

Mattole Correspondence.

Mattole, July 16, 1864.

Ed. Times—As Mr. Chas. Cook goes up to-morrow I embrace the opportunity to send you the very encouraging and satisfactory account of an engagement Lieut. W. W. Frazier's detachment had with the "Gun" party of Indians, (as they are called) the same band that has committed so many depredations on our settlement.

Corporal Riding, on the morning of the 8th, came on the Indian camp, which was on a very high point about five miles from the settlement in-this-valley .- - Theboys charged upon it, but as the country was open the Indians escaped, leaving all their plunder—53 baskets, 500 pounds of beef, two pieces of new calico dress. patterns, knives, tin\_cups, gun-caps, and other property. The boys took their trail and on the 11th came up with them again. Sergt. Harris and party spied the Indians coming toward his men, on the trail between Boil creek and Rainbow ridge, and concealed themselves, and vas the Indians came up, succeeded in killing one buck and severely wounding another.

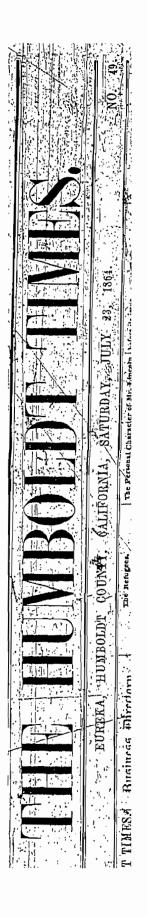
It is supposed there are but one buck and six squaws left of this "Gun" party. Our citizens are highly pleased with the success of the boys. When the detachment came into camp they were nearly all bare-footed, and their clothing all in rags, running through the brush.

Lieut. K. N. Geer-lins arrived with his detachment, and will operate with Lieut.

Yesterday morning Corporal Smith of Lieut. Geer's command, with two of Lieut. Frazier's, left with two Indian boys brought from Fort Humboldt, to see if they could not induce the remainder of the band to come in and give themselves up. We have strong hopes that their mission will prove a success. If so, it will nearly wind up our part of the Indian war. In my opinion the day at last begins to break for Humboldt county. We have all suffered. Now the good day for us all is at hand. Let us ever remember our brave Mountaineers with respect and love.

Yours, etc.,

M. J. CONKLIN.



Scanned by KJD - 2009 2 of 2