

## More Murders by Indians!

### ATTACK NEAR HYDESVILLE!

From Albert De Lasaux, just arrived from Hydesville, we gather the following alarming intelligence:

This morning about eight o'clock Mr. George D. Cooper, of the firm of Cooper Bros., and a man named Tinkle, were at work at the saw and flouring mill of Cooper Bros., when an attack was made by a band of Indians, which resulted in the immediate death of Mr. Cooper. At the moment of the attack Mr. Cooper was approaching the saw-mill from a short distance, having been preparing to haul a log up, and was met at the log-way by Mr. Tinkle; the first intimation of the proximity of Indians was the discharge of firearms. Mr. Cooper fell pierced with three bullets. At the crack of the rifles Mr. Tinkle turned and saw a large band of armed Indians emerging from the brush but a few paces distant. With the rapidity of thought he sprung from the mill toward the house—fifty yards from

the infant child of the murdered man. As he ran he cried "Indians! Indians!" at the top of his voice to attract the attention of Mrs. Cooper. Instinctively she caught her child in her arms and rushed from the house, when, being joined by Mr. Tinkle, who took the child, together they escaped to the farm of J. W. Cooper, distant about one-fourth of a mile. Several men were at work here who as soon as they were informed of the tragedy armed themselves with such weapons as were at hand and hastened to the scene of the murder.

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The body was found lying near where it fell. No doubt but the poor victim expired immediately from the effects of the first volley, as each of the bullets had hit a vital part, but the incarnate devils were not satisfied;—the body was stripped entirely naked and bore marks of having been horribly beaten by an iron mill bar.

A small Indian boy, a servant in the family, unable to keep up with Finkle and Mrs. Cooper when they were escaping, was also killed but a short distance from the house.

The Indians plundered the dwelling of everything portable, destroying such articles as they could not carry off. From every indication there must have been from twenty to thirty Indians in the band.

A party of citizens assembled and gave chase as soon as possible, but there is little prospect that they can come up with them in the mountain fastnesses to which they have retreated.

Upon being informed of the affair, Capt. Lovell, of Fort Humboldt, sent out a detachment of twelve men under Lieut. Lynn, to the scene of the tragedy.

Deceased was one of the most peaceable, industrious, and enterprising citizens of California. A most painful reflection in his death is the fact that he is the third brother who has been foully murdered by Indians in this county. In 1851 five brothers and two sisters of this family settled in the county. One brother died a natural death and three have fallen victims to the blood-thirsty savages. One brother and the sisters yet remain to weep over the untimely fate of their brethren.

Meeting of the People of Humboldt Co.  
at the Court-house in Eureka, Wednes-

