

MAN MURDERED BY INDIANS.—On the 20th inst., a man named John Vandall was murdered, near the mouth of Klamath, by two Indians who had been employed by him at the Reservation, to act as guides to Crescent City. It appears that the Indians premeditated the murder before they left the Reservation, as they intentionally took the wrong trail which led them to the crossing of a small stream. When they arrived there they informed Vandall that the creek was too deep at that place to be forded, and that a better crossing could be found higher up. They went up the stream some two hundred yards where, it appears, they stopped to eat luncheon. At any rate, while there, one of the Indians got hold of Vandall's shot-gun and shot him with it. Vandall then drew his knife and plunged it into the Indian that shot him, killing him instantly. The other Indian, in the mean time had got possession of Vandall's pistol, with which he killed him; not however, until Vandall had severely wounded the Indian with his knife. The wounded Digger then made his way back to the Reservation, and informed the Agent that the party had been attacked by Indians and that the other Indian and white man were killed. Some movements on the part of the Indians caused the Agent to suspect the complicity of the guides, when the wounded Indian was brought up, and made to confess the whole transaction. He was taken back to the spot where the murder was committed and hung. Vandall's money was found in the possession of the mother of the Indian who killed him.

The Indians were young "bucks," and were familiarly known on the Reservation as "Chick" and "Pete."

This, we believe, is the first instance of a white man being murdered by Indians for his money in this section, but we do not expect it will be the last.

John Vandall was a Canadian Frenchman, and has lived in this county and Klamath for a number of years. He was on his way to Frazer River, when he was murdered.

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