

Fight with Indians.—One Man Killed and one Wounded.

The trouble with Indians in this section at present bids fair to be lasting, and of a very aggravated nature. Since Stevens was killed in Bell's party on the 16th ult., nothing of importance had transpired up to Monday last. The company, however, had not disbanded, and, receiving some recruits from Trinity, they started again on Thursday last, in search of the Indians. A portion of the company, sixteen in number, under command of Mr. Winslet, of Burnt Ranch, fell in with a party of warriors, on last Monday, near the Three Creeks, about two miles from Lack's trail, leading to the head of Hoopa Valley. In trailing the Indians they were fired upon by them from an ambush, shooting Mr. Winslet through the thigh. He immediately gave the order to charge, himself leading the fight, notwithstanding he was severely wounded. The Indians made a running fight, keeping out of sight as much as possible, firing in all, some twenty shots. After they had been chased some two or three hundred yards, Winslet's party collected together, and not until then was it known, only to himself, who was wounded. About this time John Skilling and Chauncey Miller stepped off a little way from the party, when they were fired upon by three Indians, and Miller fell dead at Skilling's feet, having his brain pierced by a yager ball. Skilling stood his ground, and although the Indians had several fair shots at him, he was untouched.

Miller was carried about two miles from where he was shot, and left until the party could take care of Winslet. He was brought to Pardee's old place, where he remained until Wednesday evening, when he was able to ride over to Angels Ranch. Dr. Baldwin went out to see him, and he informs us that the wound is very severe, though not dangerous. Mr. Skilling is confident they killed some Indians, though he does not know how many. The brush was very thick, and the Indians never showed themselves when it could be avoided. They appear to have adopted the natural mode of Indian warfare, and by this method they have a great advantage over the whites.

