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On Monday morning last, in company  
with Col. Whipple and Lieut. Watson,  
Company C, we started across the Bay,  
for Arcata. When we arrived at the end  
of the wharf we were informed by Mr.  
Daby that the Indians had made their  
appearance in the edge of town, and that  
Samuel Minor had just been murdered  
as he left town. Col. Whipple turned  
about immediately and returned to Fort  
Humboldt by the same boat we went up  
on, to send up a detachment as soon as  
possible, not knowing how large a body  
of Indians had made their appearance,  
or to what extent the lives of the women  
and children might be endangered. When  
the car got up to town the inhabitants  
were in a great state of excitement. Wo-  
men and children were gathering at Ja-  
coby's fire-proof store for protection, the  
Arcata Guards had turned out with their  
arms, citizens who did not belong to the  
Guards were armed with shot-guns, rifles  
and such side arms as could be got hold  
of, and all possible speed was made to  
resist a general attack which all antici-  
pated would be made upon the north side  
of town, the shooting of Minor down on  
the bottom being very properly regarded  
as a feint, to draw the attention of the  
people to that quarter, when the main  
body of Indians, if such had been their  
plan, could rush in from the north side,  
and accomplish their object. It turned  
out, however, very fortunately too, that  
there had been no general attack planned,  
and that a small party of Indians, not  
more than three or four, had murdered  
Minor and created all the excitement.  
~~The particulars of the murder are as~~  
follows: Isaac Minor and his brother  
Samuel were logging in the redwoods, a  
few hundred yards southeast of town,  
and about 200 yards from Mr. Phillips'  
house. They went out to work as usual,  
on Monday morning, Isaac returning to  
town shortly after on business, with the  
intention of not going again to work till  
after dinner. About 11 o'clock, just af-  
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the team, had left with his third log, he  
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after dinner. About 11 o'clock, just after Wesley Sumption, who was driving the team, had left with his third log he heard Minor halloo, and thinking he had cut his foot, or had a log roll upon him, he ran back and found him wolvering in his blood. He had been shot with a ball, which entered his back, passed through one lung and out. This, of course, bro't him to the ground, after which three Indians rushed upon him to complete their atrocious work. One of them drew an arrow over his bow and drove it into Minor's prostrate form, near where the ball had entered, it passing through the body and the point rested upon the breast-bone. Another Indian took Minor's axe and struck him a powerful blow on the back of the neck, and left him for dead. Sumption saw the Indians when he ran back, and found the patch of the bullet still burning near where Minor lay, though he did not hear the report of the gun. Minor was removed, after the shock of the first excitement had passed, to the house of his brother, where he lingered, in the most intense agony till half past seven in the evening. Drs. Miller and Gras dressed his wounds but knew there was no chance for his recovery. He was perfectly conscious up to the moment of his death, and was well aware that he had but a few hours to live. He stated all the circumstances connected with his murder, and was confident that he recognized one of the diggers as a Redwood Indian.

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Samuel Minor was from Unionville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, aged twenty-six years. He was a young man whose character was above reproach, and who died, so far as we know, without an enemy. He was buried on Tuesday afternoon. Thus ends another chapter of Indian tragedies in Humboldt county.

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