

Caution Against Indians.

MOUNTAIN (CORRAOIE, Redwood Creek,)
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HUMBOLDT TIMES: I think it would be right to inform the public that might wish to pass through these mountains, of the present excitement among the Indians in this vicinity. The cause of their excitement is, they say, that on last Wednesday there was an Indian killed, by some white man, on the old Trinity trail, about four or five miles above this place. This Indian was in company with two squaws and one little Indian boy, gathering some grass seeds near the trail. The boy says the man was concealed among the rocks, and when he shot the Indian he ran. The boy describes the man as being tall, wearing a grey over-shirt and white hat, and the pistol with which the Indian was killed, to be one of Colt's largest size revolvers. The Indians seem determined to kill one man at least, and I think some innocent stranger will be killed as he is passing alone in these mountains, unconscious of danger.

I suppose those fellows that delight in skulking amongst the rocks to shoot Indians, and to abuse them in their ranches, never once think they are the murderers of innocent men traveling alone on the trails, or of women and children living exposed in the mountains.

Yours, truly,

J. D. FERRILL.

We understand that Mr. Ferrill has been misinformed in regard to the shooting of the Indian; he was shot by another Indian in the employ of Madden & Hardin, of South Fork, and belongs to the Trinity at or above that point. He was with their train at the time, and when he shot the Indian he left for up country. In view of the feeling manifested by the Indians on Redwood Creek, it would be well, however, for parties passing over the trails to Hoopa or the Trinity, to be on their guard for the present. It would also be well if a small detachment of troops, from Fort Humboldt, could be sent out on the trails for a few weeks until the excitement blows over a little—it might save the life of some traveler. As for permanent safety for straggling white men on these trails, we never need look for it until these Diggers are removed from every hiding place between the coast and the Trinity, and our people should never let the matter rest till this is accomplished.

