

A REMINISCENCE OF AN INDIAN MASSACRE ON
THE TRINITY RIVER.—An incident occurred
in 1852, in Trinity county, a short distance
from the natural bridge on the Hay Fork of
the Trinity river, which has given the district
historical importance. A correspondent of
the *Christian Advocate* thus relates the cir-
cumstances.

The Trinity Indians had become bold, and
the murder of several men had filled the set-
tlers and travelers in these mountains with
terror. They had collected to the number of
one hundred and thirty. Capt. Dixon,
then Sheriff of Trinity county, raised a small
company of men, thirty-four in all. Learning
the position of the Indians, he planned a mode
of attack, by stationing divisions of his band
at three several points so as to cut off the es-
cape of the savages. One division, at break
of day and at a given signal, was to march
upon them and fire, and the other divisions
were to meet them in their flight. The
scheme was most successful. At the first dis-
charge they fled in one direction, and were
met by a volley from the men in it; they rush-
ed to the other avenue of retreat, and the well-
aimed fire of a dozen men drove them to their
camp. The three divisions now joined in a
charge, and one hundred and twenty three of
them lay dead upon the fatal field. Several
were taken prisoners, and only a few escaped
to report the slaughter of their brothers. The
Trinity Indians have since been quiet.

