

## CONCERNING INDIANS.

We have just had the pleasure of a long talk with Captain Breckenridge, of the independent company of volunteers from this county, raised for the purpose of chastising the Indians in the mountains, in the eastern boundary of our county.

There never has been a company of volunteers in the State that has performed the work, and done as much good in the same length of time, laboring, as they were, under so many disadvantages, as the little Spartan band under Breckenridge. In two months they succeeded in almost entirely clearing the eastern portion of this county and part of Butte, of the hostile Indians that have so long infested the mountains to the east of us, and for years been a terror to the inhabitants living in the range of their incursions. The company only consisted of about nine, but during their short campaign they killed twenty-nine Indians, wounded about twenty more, a great portion of them severely. Among the killed and wounded there were only three or four women and children, and they would have been spared could the men have killed the bucks without hurting them. They also took thirteen women and children to the Reservation.

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— So many lying reports have been raised by certain parties at the Forks of Butte, against this company, we are at a loss to know where to commence, to make them recoil on the heads of the half-breed scoundrels who were base enough to originate them. Captain Breckenridge, and several members of his company (a portion of whom we have been well and intimately acquainted for six years) desire us to say, that the statement made in the *Butte Record* and *Sacramento Union*, that the company were blacked when they made their attack on the Rancharia in the neighborhood of the Forks of Butte, is a falsehood, as can be proved by its good men as live in Tehama County or on Butte Creek either—men whose word would be taken by any respectable person quicker than the oath of the *squaw-colored* clerk in Lovelock's store. This *squaw-man*, Wallace, told several of Breckenridge's company that he would have six white men killed for every Indian killed by them.

A writer in the *Marysville Express* says he challenges any person to produce a single instance of a white man living with a squaw at the Forks of Butte, or in the neighborhood, and further says, that the name of "*Butte Creek squaw men*" does not apply to the inhabitants of "The Forks." Now, we have every reason to believe this *amalgamation* clerk, Wallace, was the author of the article in the *Express*. It is not only known that he is a squaw man of the lowest stripe, but he has two half-breed Indian children, and that he has upheld the Indians of his rancharia in their depredations against the whites in this neighborhood.

AGAINST THE WHITES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.  
But, poor fellow! he has lost the object of  
his affections; his dusky mate and the  
pretty little Wallaces are safely under charge  
of a detachment of Gen. Kibbe's command  
on their way to the Mendocino Reservation.  
He is a poor cowardly wretch, or he would  
have followed the example of one of his  
friends and neighbors, who could not give  
up his three sweet little babies, so he took  
their grasshopper-eating mother before a  
justice of the peace, and they were made  
bone of one bone and flesh of one flesh.  
We are informed by a gentleman whose ve-  
racity would not be contradicted by any  
white (when we say white, we mean white)  
man, that this same man Wallace made the  
threat that the Reservation could not re-  
move the Indians from that place unless  
they came sufficiently strong to take all the  
miners in that immediate locality. We  
presume this excitement will soon die off  
on Butte, as the head and front of it, this  
man Wallace, will have to take a trip to  
Mendocino Reservation, in order to be pre-  
sent at the birth of his third child.

There was another independent volunteer  
company raised a short time since in the  
northern part of Butte, under the command  
of Coon Garner. Gen. Kibbe ordered them  
to go to a rancheria in the neighborhood of  
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At present we leave this matter, but will return to it at any time that it becomes necessary to vindicate the cause of Captain Breckenridge and men, or their course. The people of this county are satisfied with him, and we think the members of the next Legislature will also be.

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