

~~Another Word About our Indian Affairs.~~

In our article of last week upon this subject we used language which may be misconstrued by those who live remote from the scenes of the Indian war with which we have been cursed for years past. It is for the purpose of preventing any misconception that we now allude to that article. We said: "It is with unfeigned pleasure that we are enabled to announce the beginning of the end of the exhausting and destructive Indian war that has hung like an incubus," etc. We were then speaking of only one portion of the field embraced within the district occupied by the enemy, and which has witnessed the scenes of their murderous depredations—Hoopa valley and the country lying between there and the north end of Humboldt Bay. Beside this, however, there is a vast extent of country lying south and south-east of the bay, embracing by far the best portion of our agricultural and grazing lands, which has been for a long time, and still is infested with bands of Indians, the number of which is unknown, the very meanest of their race. Although the Mountaineers and other troops that have been stationed in this region of country, have done good service and have sent many of those Copperhead cut-throats to a final reservation, yet much remains to be done. There are many Indians still on the war track, who must be either captured or killed before peace and security can ever return to our people. And while our military authorities have captured and brought in most, if not all, of the Indians in the immediate vicinity of Hoopa valley, and who through the exertions of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs have been disarmed, we call the attention of those same authorities to the fact, that in the southern part of our county the Indians are still upon their missions of death and destruction, laying waste the country and destroying the property of citizens. And in justice to the people of this county and Military District, we say that not one particle of vigilance can be relaxed, nor one soldier removed from here until these last named Indians are disposed of so that they will give us no further trouble, without a total disregard for our future safety, welfare and prosperity.

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