

Indian Agent's Report.

To the Citizens of Butte County:

I was appointed by the Mass meeting held by you, at Pence's Rancho, on the 28th ultimo, as your Special Agent, to visit Gen. Wright, of the Department of the Pacific, in regard to the late Indian troubles, and their removal from our county. I was instructed by said meeting to report the result of my interview and efforts, through the columns of the county newspapers. I herewith submit it. I was unavoidably prevented from going forward on my mission as soon as promised — a delay of five days occurred, but it caused really no delay in what was accomplished.

I arrived in San Francisco on the 9th inst., and obtained an interview with Col. Drum, on the 10th, when I laid the whole subject before him, he being fully in charge and authorized to act, in the absence of Gen. Wright, who was on a tour to Nevada Territory. On the 11th, I succeeded in getting a joint consultation with Col. Drum and Maj. Hanson, Indian Agent, etc., when the following understanding and arrangement was concluded upon, to-wit: The citizens are to collect *all* the Indians of this county together at Chico; the soldiers there under Major Hooker are to receive and forward them to the Reservation, and Major Hanson's Receivers are to receive them there. If, in the places where Indians are harbored by bad white men, the citizens meet with their resistance, they are to capture and deliver them, with the Indians, to Maj. Hooker, at Chico, to be held and dealt with as "prisoners of war."

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Fellow-citizens, in conclusion, I congratulate you on the fact that a better day is dawning upon us of old Butte. I, with many of you, have beheld with pungent sorrow the frequent recurrence of Indian outrages in our midst for over twelve years past—the untimely fall of many of our hardy, industrious sons of toil; the diabolical massacre of *females* in the vigor

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cut off in a moment of fancied security, when
nobly endeavoring to ascend the fane of
knowledge and the sphere of usefulness; the
wife—helpless, defenseless, hopeless—savagely
butchered before her husband's eyes, and the
natural protector of the wife and children torn
by ruthless forest fiends from their embrace,
and suddenly sent to "that bourne whence no
traveler returns!" All this — and then, too,
waste and desolation have followed the tread
of the red man all over our fertile valleys and
golden hills!

These are all to cease. Immunity is guar-
anteed to us from a reliable source against
savage theft, incendiarism and murder. Let
us rejoice, and thank an over-ruling Providence
that the day is breaking upon us when we may
live in peace and security, and *enjoy* the fruits
of the labors of our hands.

I cannot *justly* conclude without tendering
your thanks to Hon. J. W. McCorkle for valu-
able assistance rendered me in San Francisco.

Respectfully, your ob't servant,

THOS. WELLS, Special Agent.

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<p>HOTELS.</p> <p>ATIONAL HOTEL</p>	<p>Curiosities of Exemption.</p> <p>The Philadelphia North American of August 14th gives the following sketch of the curiosities of exemption:</p> <p>The daily scenes at the offices of the Provost Marshal are extremely bizarre and interesting.</p>	<p>In the Gas office, appeared on Tuesday before the Board of Enrollment, and, on being asked his business, said he had reported according to a notice served upon him. He was asked if he wished to commute or procure a substitute, to which he replied that he would do neither.</p> <p>Capt. Lehman then said it became his duty to admit him to the service of the United States.</p>	<p>Heathenism in New Orleans.</p> <p>The New Orleans Era of August 1st presents the following picture of a strange phase of life in the Crescent City:</p> <p>Last night, a descent was made by the police force upon a house in Maguin street, where a</p>	<p>Brutal Treatment of</p> <p>We have received a letter from a correspondent in Richmond, Kentucky, who has been taken prisoner by the rebels. He speaks of the capture of that place. He speaks of the inhuman treatment of the prisoners.</p>
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