

FALSE ALARM.—On Sunday, evening, last the citizens of Union were thrown into a tremendous uproar, under the following circumstances: About 10 o'clock in the evening, some Mad River Indians came running into town, frightened out of what little sense they ever did possess, and reported that the Hoopa and Redwood Indians—seventy-five in number—were at their ranches, only two miles from town, murdering their women and children.—At any other time, perhaps, such a report would have been laughed at; but coming at a time, when the Indians are so hostile, and so soon after a murder so near town, people were prepared to believe almost anything. The alarm spread like wild fire, and in a short time nearly all of the women and children were collected together, and placed in Jacoby's fire-proof building for protection. The town was ransacked for fire-arms, and, after a sufficient quantity had been gathered to make a stand, a party of citizens accompanied the Mad River Indians to their ranches to ascertain how many of their number had been murdered, and how many of the hostile Indians they would have to contend against. Arriving at their ranches they found all peace and quiet, and on enquiring for the warriors, and how many they numbered, were informed by the Indians that they had not seen their enemy, but they heard them in the brush, and they judged from the noise they made that there must have been about seventy-five of them. Thus ended the excitement. Between twelve o'clock and daylight, the women and children all ventured to their homes, to dream of "injins" during the small hours of morning.

Query—Did the Mad River Indians bring in this report to frighten the people, or were they frightened themselves?

