

~~Indians vs. Mail.~~

In our last issue we gave an account of an attack made by the Indians upon a mail station at Spruce Grove. The consequence was a delay of the mail for a number of days. It is now fifteen days since we have had any news from San Francisco. Two mails are overdue, one three days, the other a week. The only way we can account for this delay is upon the supposition that the Indians have again attacked either the mail carrier or some station. A detachment of the Humboldt Home Guards, under Lieut. Brown, have gone out on the route, and we hope soon to hear that these savages have been taught a lesson which they may not soon forget. We hear also, that the Indians have robbed a number of houses and cabins at Oushoush, and succeeded in getting a number of guns. We are sorry to hear of this, for without guns they are comparatively harmless. But they have many of them become expert in the use of fire arms. And they are getting to be a very formidable enemy for any equal number of soldiers. Captain Werk with one or two men were out scouting the other day, when they were saluted by the whistling of a ball close to the Captain's head. They soon got sight of a few savages, and fired upon them, but they were at such a distance as to render the shot harmless.

Meantime, it seems to be a necessity that the community make some stir in regard to an increase of mail facilities. There are petitions now in circulation for a semi-monthly ocean mail. Unless something of that kind can be accomplished, we shall probably get but a small portion of our mail matter through the coming winter.

We hope that those petitions will be numerously signed that they may be forwarded in season for action, before winter sets in. It behoves us to be stirring in this matter, for Providence only helps those who help themselves.

