

### ~~What Our Neighbors Think.~~

~~The Trinity Journal, of last Saturday,~~  
submits some remarks on the subject  
of our Indian difficulties and the manner  
in which we have been treated on the  
part of the Government, from which we  
copy below. Our neighbor is in error,  
however, in regard to locality. Case-  
beer was murdered on the Island near  
the mouth of Eel river, and his murder-  
ers were hung at this place—Eureka—  
and not at Arcata.

That paper, after giving extracts from  
our article on the popular execution of  
the diggers, adds :

That is sound, worthy reasoning, and  
as little as could possibly be said in ref-  
erence to the affair. For our part, we  
consider the punishment an hundred  
times more justifiable than the summary  
and wholesale murder of women and  
children which took place at the Bay  
several months ago. In fact we doubt  
whether there is a community in the  
State which would not, under similar  
circumstances, and with like opportuni-  
ties of rescue, have done just as the peo-  
ple of Arcata did. The self-acknowledg-  
ed murderer, with no other excuse than  
hatred of the whites, was in their midst,  
and sooner than give him an opportunity  
to escape from his unsafe place of con-  
finement, they chose to administer the  
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as a general thing, but if there is a community in the State of California that may be justified in such proceeding, it is the one where this summary execution occurred. It is the duty of men everywhere to protect their lives and property, and punish the murderer. For near ten years the people of Humboldt county have suffered such grievances as the one above narrated, and we cannot wonder that forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. The people who did this deed are not as guilty as the source from which they reasonably believe they should look for and receive protection. The history of that county since its first settlement, is a continuous recital of massacre, pillaged homes, desolated farms and infernal barbarity and waste at the hands of these same offenders. Even at this late day, though under the very nose of the power to whom it should look for protection, Humboldt county is not as well protected as most of the settlements on the extreme outskirts of civilization. That is a truth which cannot be denied. Last spring the Indians of the Bay country were gathered up and taken to the Klamath reserve, and now the local paper announces the return of nearly all again. Of course the Reservation agent is not to blame; like escapades from Government Reserves are winked at now-a-days. The Times has learned that on account of the small appropriation made by Congress for the Indian service on this coast, the agent is unable to subsist the Indians there any longer. Nobody will have the temerity to urge that the people of Humboldt can reasonably blame Congress or General Government for so trifling a matter.

