

RUNAWAY INDIANS.—On Thursday evening, Col. D. E. Buel, who is still in charge of the Klamath Reservation, arrived in town, with the intention of gathering the runaway Indians and again taking them to the reservation. He reports that from eighty to one hundred have escaped, and they are most probably all about their old haunts in this county. —

That the Indians which were removed from here last Spring should steal away from the reservation in small parties and seek to again live at their old homes is not strange, but those acquainted with Indian character knew it must be so. But if they are now taken back and re-assured by our citizens that they shall not again settle here, it will probably be the last trial they will make.

Col. Buel has not a dollar of government money which he can use in the removal of Indians, and must depend upon the assistance of the people of the county.

This will no doubt be cheerfully rendered by all. There certainly should be no hanging back in the matter, particularly by those who deplore the tragical affair of last Spring, and would guard against the recurrence of such scenes. If it was true—and it is the only argument we ever heard as an apology for the massacre—that these Indians were in communication with and giving aid to the mountain Indians, it is of the first importance that all classes should eagerly render all the aid possible for the immediate return of the runaways.

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Mr. Buel is active and energetic in the discharge of his official duties, and determined to do all in his power to keep the Indians where they belong. We sincerely trust that his efforts will be appreciated and promptly rewarded by the citizens of Humboldt county. In company with Sheriff Van Nest and others, Mr. Buel commenced the work of collecting the Indians yesterday morning.

