

### The Body of Van Aernam Found.

J. T. Denny, mail contractor between Arcata and Weaverville, returned to Arcata on Wednesday night, having found and buried the body of Van Aernam, the mail rider, who was murdered by Indians some three weeks ago. Not having seen Mr. Denny we publish particulars, as we received them from Neely, writing from Fort Gaston. Under date of Oct. 6th, he says:

Mr. Denny arrived here in safety at 1 o'clock night before last, on his return trip from Weaverville. On his way down he found the remains of Wallace Van Aernam. He had walked but about forty steps from where he left the note. He certainly could have lived but a few moments after having left his mule. He was shot in the pit of the stomach; it was also probable that he was shot through the body from the right, for in the left side pocket of his coat a bullet was found imbedded in a tin watch box. He was found lying upon his back as if he had died undisturbed. His watch, pistol, and the greater part of his money were taken. The note about which there seems to have been some misunderstanding, reads plainly as follows: "Shot by Indians 8 o'clock back at the river, this morning, W. S. Van Aernam." Mr. Denny had the remains carefully buried, near where he died, and made arrangements for his future removal for re-interment.

Wallace Van Aernam came to this county from the State of New York but a few years ago, he being then a boy. His father, John Van Aernam, who died about two years since, was among our oldest and best citizens. After his death Wallace was thrown upon his own resources. He has lived since that time in this town and vicinity until about three months ago, when he entered upon the service which resulted in his death. No young man in this county enjoys a better reputation for morality and integrity than did Wallace Van Aernam; and, horrible as his death must have been, it is consolation to his relatives and friends to know that his body was not mutilated by the savages, and that his grave will always be known.

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