

The Mountaineers.

The complication of our Indian difficulties, and the extended operations of our army are beginning, at last, to excite the liveliest interest on the part of the good people of adjoining counties, who are just now beginning to feel the sting of Indian outrages, the like of which have been fearfully familiar to the people of this county for years past. The Trinity Journal, of Saturday last, still chafing with the excitement occasioned by the late outbreak on the lower Trinity, offers some advice in regard to the general management of the Mountaineers at present in service, and deals in some insinuations in regard to a disposition on the part of Col. Whipple to promote the interests of this county at the expense of Trinity, which we deem to be unjust, and which we are satisfied were thrown out either under the excitement of the moment, or through a wrong understanding on the part of our friend Gordon. The editor of the Journal must have observed that the same dissatisfaction exists in Mendocino county as in Trinity, and that the papers there are clamoring for the return of the company organized in that county, and preposterously claim, just as the Journal does, that the commanding officer of this district, who certainly is not governed in his movements by county lines, is using the volunteers raised in those two counties to drive the Indians from our county into theirs. At the time the battalion was called for and the organization began, it is well known that the theatre of Indian hostilities was in this county. In view of this, two companies of more than 80 men each were raised here, while Trinity and Mendocino, with a voting population, either of which is almost double that of ours, are represented in the battalion with one company from each county of not more than sixty men. We do not mention this to prove that they are less entitled to protection than we, but offer it as a reason why the people of Mendocino and Trinity should use forbearance in the matter, and try to convince them that they could better serve their interests by filling their companies to the standard of 100 men, than by complaining of bad management on the part of the command-

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A correspondent of the *Journal*, Mr. Peltrau, an old citizen of Trinity, and we believe a very good man, offers some remarks in regard to the general plan of the campaign. If he knows so much about what should be done, and how badly things have been managed, it is only to be regretted, he being so directly interested, that he had not offered his services instead of his advice.

But we have no room nor disposition to deal longer on this subject. We simply wish to say that we are not the apologist of Col. Whipple nor any other man, be he civil or military, but so long as he does what we deem to be his duty, particularly under the trying circumstances which have surrounded the organization of this battalion, we shall endeavor to deal fairly with him.

It is a well known fact that we must have more troops in this district. Col. Whipple knows this, and we know that he has asked for them. There is, besides, a petition now in circulation in this county asking the Governor to use his influence in this matter.

We trust that in future the *Journal* will guard against any spirit of rivalry or local prejudices among the counties composing the district, and also be a little careful about drawing invidious distinctions among the different commands of the battalion. So far as we have been able to judge they are all good men, and no benefit is to be derived from building up one officer, or company, at the expense of another.

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