

Indian Agents.

Under this head, the *Crescent City Herald* of the 13th Inst., takes up the task for denouncing Indian Agents, and Indian Reservations, and, with its usual eagle-eyed sagacity, attributes our denunciations of the frauds and impositions which have been heaped upon us by the Indian Department to our hostility to the Administration. The editor of the *Herald* may have added a Federal feather to his cap in "standing by" to white-wash the acts of incompetent or dishonest office holders, and it is by no means surprising, considering all the circumstances connected with that paper, that he should do so.

The correspondence between Col. Buel and Wm. L. Reed, which the *Herald* publishes as proof that our complaints arise from hostility to the Administration, was published in our paper before it was in the *Herald*, since which time we have heard nothing farther from the Reservation. We have no quarrel with Col. Buel, for he has been on the Reservation but a short time, and is, in a measure, untried. We have found fault with the appointment of men to Indian agencies who were strangers to the Indians with whom they would have to deal, and to any man with an idea above a mud-turtle, the utter absurdity of such appointments is apparent. But if it is your intention to clear the skirts of the different Agents who have been in charge of that Reservation, Mr. *Herald*, why decline to speak of the acts of "previous Agents in charge of the Klamath Reservation." Why not inform us in what manner, and to what extent either the Indians or citizens were benefitted by the immediate predecessor of Col. Buel? Why not point us to the valuable services rendered our country, by that worthy patriot, Mr. Patterson; and tell us also, something of the character and habits of this recipient of such distinguished honors. And if you are posted in matters pertaining to the Indian Department, Mr. *Herald*, please to tell us how long the citizens of Mattole Valley, in this county, are to be dilly-dallied with, concerning that por-

tinguished honors. And if you are posted in matters pertaining to the Indian Department, Mr. Herald, please to tell us how long the citizens of Mattole Valley, in this county, are to be dilly-dallied with, concerning that portion of the Valley over which the Indian Department claims to have spread its protecting wings. Tell us how this so called Reservation has been established, and if by an Act of Congress, please point it out to us. We have never been able to arrive at any correct answers to the above inquiries, and we fear our "hostility to the Administration" will be the means of keeping us still longer in the dark.

Our "hostility to the Administration" has had nothing whatever to do with the expositions which have been made from time to time through the columns of this paper, for it would seem by an item elsewhere in this issue, that the Department at Washington has not been able to get any reports from its agents here, for several months, and are consequently at a loss for a basis of action.

As to the complaints we have made, the facts are before the people of this section and speak for themselves. We have previously shown that our coast between the two Reservations is lined with Indians, and that no attempt has ever been made to remove them. We are now at war with the surrounding tribes in the mountains; men have been murdered, property destroyed, travel stopped, trade retarded, without a step being taken by the Indian Department to render assistance.

—Herein lies the ground of our complaint, and that our cause is just no one acquainted with the circumstances can deny. We base our issue upon the palpable wrongs which we have suffered at the hands of the Indian Department, without "hostility" to any man or men except those who have committed them.

Col. Buel has the reputation of being an experienced man, and we have no doubt that he will do his duty, though it must necessarily take him sometime to become sufficiently acquainted with the Indians to manage them judiciously.

