

Indian Difficulties.

There exists at the present, in Mendocino County, considerable disturbance in regard to the Coast Range Indians. A large band recently made an incursion into Long and Round Valleys, and stole a large number of horses and cattle. Some thirty-five head of horses, the property of Mr. Chard, of this County, and in charge of John Owens, were taken. A party of thirteen white men well armed, eighty Reservation Indians, armed with bows and arrows, started in pursuit of the marauders, and discovered them in a canyon busily engaged in jerking the beef which they had stolen. The Indians who accompanied the whites, hastily adorning their countenances with paint in order to distinguish themselves from the enemy, with a terrific war whoop, leaped down a precipice about seventeen feet high, into the midst of the unexpecting savages and commenced an indiscriminate slaughter of men, women and children. The whites, who closely followed with their rifles, rapidly picked off the retreating scoundrels, as they endeavored to make their escape up the sides of the mountains. About one hundred were slain on the spot, while the attacking party lost none of their number, and only two wounded. It was estimated that there were nearly a thousand altogether, previous to the attack. Among the slain, was found a Mexican, whose head reached half way to his knees. Another Mexican was observed upon the side of the mountain, in possession of a mule belonging to one of the members of the party.

The slaughter would have been much greater, had not the ammunition of the whites given out, and the friendly Indians shot away all their arrows.

The Indians who accompanied the party, exhibited great bravery and daring. They were the captives brought down from Hat Creek and Pitt River, by the Kibbe Rangers. A few days after, another party discovered the hostile Indians at the battle ground, engaged in burying their dead, and killed about forty more. The settlers are determined to exterminate them, root and branch, if possible.

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