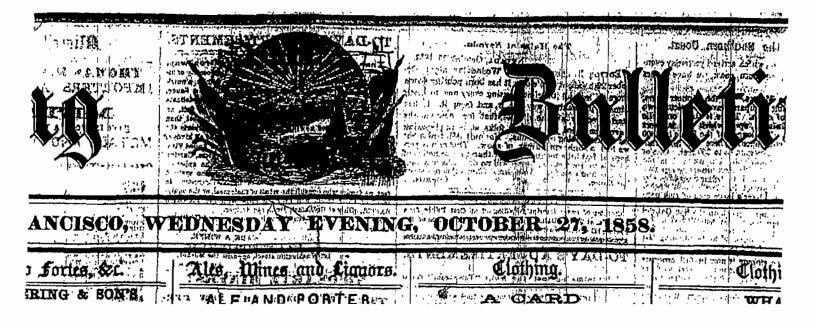
Indians in Shasta and Scott Valleys .- George W. Taylor writes a letter to the Yreka Union, complaining of the manner in which the remnant of the Shasta and Scott Indians has been treated by the Government. He says that these Indians sometime ago assembled at Fort Jones, Scott Valley, and gave up their arms, on a promise from the United States of protection and support. From that time till about three months ago, these Indians have remained peaceable and quiet; and have been regularly supplied with food from the fort, as per agreement. About three months ago, this fort was abandoned; and some sixty or seventy Indians are thus left entirely distitute of adequate means of subsistence. They have no resource except hunting, picking berries, fishing and stealing. Mr. Tyler thus exposse the meaure nature of these resources:

As to hunting, if they had arms and ammunition they could obtain but a meagre supply, as nearly all the game has been driven off their hunting grounds by the whites, and they are too weak to prespass with impunity upon the hunting grounds of their neighbors. As to fishing, owing to the obstructions in the rivers, for which the Indians are not accountable, but few fish have made their appearance this high up the stream; and as for berries suitable for the food of man, they are like "angel's visits" as far as this region is concerned. The winter is at band, and then the poor Indian has no other resource than to beg, steal, or starte; and who doubts or can blame them for the result, if driven to extremities. We all know they will steal, and murder too, if necessary, to supply the wants of nature; and will they not be justified in so doing? Necessity knows no law, and was a maxim in jurisprudence, as long ago as the days of Solon and Lycurgue, and it is one of the few rules to which there is no exception.

I am informed that the U.S. officers at Fort Crook, in Pitt river valley, are issuing four hundred rations daily to the Pitt river Indians, and they have certainly far less claims upon the government for aid and support, than have the Indians of Shasta and Scott valleys.

It is suggested to call a meeting of the citizens of Yreka to petition the Indian Agent to extend some kind of relief to these starving sayages.



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