

### Our Indian Affairs.— We Need a Change.

We have no doubt but people in other parts of the State, who have been accustomed in years gone by to read of Indian murders in Humboldt county, are now resting under the impression that since a Military District has been established on this coast, with its headquarters at Ft. Humboldt, and with Col. Lippitt as commander, that everything is safe. It is true that so much of interest concerning the affairs of our nation has transpired in the past year that we have scarcely realized our own deplorable condition and it is also true that a lukewarmness has spread over many of our best citizens, not personally interested, on account of our Eastern troubles. But this state of things cannot much longer exist. Either the Indians must be removed to some distant point, or they must be exterminated. Otherwise the habitable part of our county must be confined to Humboldt Bay, where we may huddle together and protect ourselves. We are heartily sick of complaining of the neglect we have suffered at the hands of a Government that our people have always been proud to own and ready to support. It has become irksome to us, and likewise recalls unpleasant recollections, to be continually harping upon the ruthless murders committed upon our citizens, and the wanton destruction of property which has taken place in the very eyes of the military authorities of this district since Col. Lippitt first assumed command. We admit that last spring and summer, some disposition was evinced on the part of the Colonel to catch or exterminate the Indians. On the south of Mad Riv-

Colonel to catch or exterminate the Indians. On the south of Mad River or many were caught, while on the north side, although the troops at Fort Anderson did all that men could do, under the circumstances, nothing was accomplished. In the meanwhile all the property on the north side of Mad River, save two houses was destroyed and the settlers who survived the massacres driven off. Recently the commanding officer of the district has concentrated all his forces at three points, and left this entire section of country, save in the immediate vicinity of Forts Gaston and Baker at the mercy of the savages. So little confidence is felt by the settlers south of Mad River in the ability of the military commander to protect them that they are already moving their stock and families to avert the deplorable fate which has befallen their neighbors on the north of Mad River in the past few months.

Now the question naturally arises, what is to be done? All our citizens with one voice say something must be done. A county second to none in California for grazing and agricultural purposes must not be sacrificed at the shrine of military favoritism, or green-tape discipline. In a word, Gen. Wright must be given to understand by the voice of our people that a change must be made either in the command of this district, or in the manner of conducting the war, and the Government must be given to understand that the policy of the Indian Superintendent in this district, either through ignorance or mismanagement, is a notorious humbug. The Indians, whites and Government would have been better off if no such system had ever been undertaken. Under the management of former Superintendents that which was given by

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ken. Under the management of former Superintendents that which was given by the Government for the benefit of the Indians went into the pockets of the Superintendents, while under the present it would seem that his "humane" policy only gives the Indians confidence in their ability to deceive the whites, thereby increasing their hostility. We mention this right here because Mr. Hanson has proposed to co-operate with Col. Lippitt in removing the Indians, for our mutual benefit, while we think, and we know that we represent the sentiments of nine-tenths of the citizens and sufferers of Humboldt county when we say that there is a better way to end our troubles—remove them.

In conclusion we have only to say that we make these criticisms upon Col. Lippitt's ability to command in a position like the present one with no ill-feelings toward him, whatever. We are aware that he has labored under many disadvantages and we will do him the justice to say that he has been attentive to his business, and would, no doubt, make a very good commander where strict discipline and military system were all that is required. In this respect he is much the same as the former commander of Ft. Humboldt, Maj. Raines, and we all know that he was perfectly wrapt up in Indian sympathies. We want no such a man in command here as either Col. Lippitt or Lieut. Col. Olney. They are too slow. We want a man of more action and less system. We want a man of the stamp of Maj. Curtis, who thinks there is a better way to fight Indians than has heretofore been adopted. Without some such man we can scarcely hope to see our mountain settlers and stock raisers resume their homes and business again, unless the State Government will do something in our behalf in the shape of calling out a few companies of our own citizens. More on this subject by and by.

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## Directory.

ATTORNEY,  
J. S. LIQUORIS, No. East  
Street.  
He has two of the

(Written for the Daily Times.)  
**The Ape vs. The Man.**

BY G. H. WILLIAMS.

In early spring of 'sixty one,  
Young Robin Hood met Mary Dale;

**The Response to California's Donation.**  
The following letter has been received  
by Hon. H. F. Trachtenacker, Chairman  
of the Patriotic Fund Commission in San  
Francisco, from Rev. H. W. Bellows, Chair-

**A Rebel Son of Gen. D. Prentice Killed  
at Augusta, Kentucky—Lament of the  
Father.**

The Louisville Journal of the 2d con-  
tains a brief editorial, with black head  
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**The Federal Tax Excise Law.**  
The following are some recent  
actions of the Commissioner of the Int-  
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ury Department, in respect to the war-